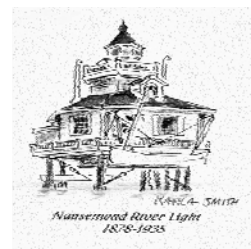


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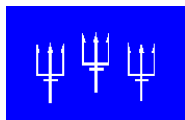
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Commander's Corner



Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP

Can you believe that January is already gone ? Spring will be here before you know it so I hope everybody has their to-do list up to date and are beginning to get these boats ready.

Let me tell you, your Squadron has already prepared the whole year. As soon as the voting was over, this new Bridge went right to work and they are ready to get this new year going. I just have to hold them off until March !! Hopefully they will have a copy of the new year's schedule ready to hand out at February's meeting.

On January 31st, we are having our January Daytripper. With Ron & Bonnie Murphy as our Host, we will be meeting at 1:00 at the Virginia Beach Military Museum. From what I hear, it is really a neat place and has something for everyone. So if you have already signed up, then we look forward to seeing you there, if you would like to be added to the list or have a conflict, then just let Ron or myself know. On the drawing board is a late February Daytripper. Bob Eure will have some more information about that at the meeting.

The Change of Watch is scheduled for 13 March at the Cedar Point Country Club. We need all of you to sign up as soon as possible. There are sign up sheets on line, we will have some at our next meeting, or you can give Gail Aikin, Mary Fisher, or myself a call. The evening is \$30.00 per person and needs to be collected in advance. So come on out. It always is a nice affair.

Flares For Life is alive and well ! Ron Murphy is as busy as can be getting all the permits and needed items lined up. This is a great opportunity

to get involved in a community event. Tell everyone you know to please come on out and shoot a flare and eat a hot dog. Everybody has old, out dated flares.

This month's speaker is not a stranger to some of us. Jimmy Reynolds with Salty Creek Marine Service is going to talk to us about water intrusion. Not from the bottom of your boat but from the top. Rain and wash water getting in your boat from around hatches, leaky windows, or poor or outdated caulking is a silent killer. There are signs of this intrusion that can be detected early on and remedies that can help us avoid major repair cost.

See you at our next general meeting, on 9 February, 1830, Plaza Azteca.

**Happy
Valentines
Day
Everyone!**



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the tradewinds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover" - Mark Twain

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP



Flares for Life: This event will be on 17 and 18 April at the old TCC Campus at Pig's Point. This is at the James River end of College Drive. Please mark your calendars to keep these dates clear because your participation will be critical to a successful event and we will really need your help. Please sign up to help and serve as a squadron ambassador to the community.

Safety: Lt Rana Weaver, AP will be taking over as Safety Officer for the 2010-2011 term.

VSC: Lt Larry Rountree, AP will be taking the VSC Chair another year. Thank you Rana and Larry:

Activities Planning Survey Results: First, thank for participating in the survey. Eight indicated they would be ODs for the coming year. Perhaps we could pair senior with newer members to co-OD this year. The majority indicated that you would like to have five cruises this year. You also indicated that you would like Mile Marker Zero to be one of them. Most of you indicated that you would like to have one or more joint events with other local squadrons. An overwhelming majority would like programs at the general meetings and to continue daytrippers. For the daytrippers, most wanted luncheons followed by wine and cheese socials and happy hours. The most desired marinas to visit were Constant's Wharf, Bay Creek, Hampton City Piers and tied next were Smithfield and Manteo. A scouting trip to Manteo revealed that facilities were lacking, so a Smithfield cruise was planned. Since R-MMZ was to be one of the five cruises, we have planned to go to Constant's Wharf, Bay Creek (Cape Charles), Smithfield, R-MMZ (Portsmouth), and Hampton City Piers, respectively. Our first day-tripper will be a wine and cheese social on 25 April at the new Commander's residence so the membership can "receive the new Bridge Officers." An annual calendar will be provided next month. You asked for it and your new Bridge delivers.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Word Search Puzzle

Marlinspike, knot to be forgotten

Knots and line terminology are important to all of us boaters. In this search puzzle, locate the terms below and circle the entire word. Make sure to look horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards too! Have Fun and if you get stuck, the solution is on page 5.

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"Only 289,751 payments to go, and she's all mine!"

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Fisher, P



As I sit and write this the TV weathermen are actually predicting snow so I guess that means we are in the winter doldrums. I don't know about you'll but I am ready for spring and summer weather. So with that being said I will let you know that we are hard at work setting up this year's boating calendar. We analyzed the survey results and chose locations based on the majority vote. We will give more information on the cruises after the change of watch.

Speaking of the change of watch, please make sure you sign up (on the website!) and get your dinner paid for by March 6. You can send me an e-mail (nmfisher@charter.net), go online to NRPS website and sign up through the events page or sign up at the next meeting. We are looking for a full house in attendance. As a reminder the menu is chicken and roast beef with all the fixings plus dessert. The cash bar opens at 1800 with dinner being served at 1900. Please make your check out to NRPS and give it to me or our treasurer, Gail Aikin.

The next meeting is on February 9 at 1830. See you there!

Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Lilly Stone, JN



For All Instructors and prospective instructors I have included our regions Winter 2010 State Instructor Workshop & Certification date. The purpose of the Boating Instructor Workshop & Certification, is to certify and refresh the instructors on state procedures, available material, etc. plus the implementation procedures relating to the boating education law. USPS® members who is in training to be instructors is urged to attend and receive credit for the workshop – allowing them to be eligible for state certification as soon as they complete the USPS® Instructor Qualifications.

The Piloting Class have done their final exam and the Navigation Class are getting ready to go out and "Shoot" some stars – cold weather or not.
CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2009-10

STATE WORKSHOP: Feb 11 NO COST
Hoffman Beverage Company
5464 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach
1830-2100 (6:30-9:00 PM)

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT*: Cost \$25.00
Instructor: Frank Brown
After New Year
Paul D. Kamp Community College
Kenyon Road - Room 124
1900-2030 (7-8:30 PM)



ABC SAFE BOATING: Feb.20&27 Cost: \$30.00
TROY Marine
(2 half days)
15727 Carrollton Blvd (Rte. 17) Carrollton, 23314
0900 to 1330 (9AM to 1:30PM)

WEATHER: TBD 2010
I have 1 volunteer and
need 1 more Instructor

MARINE ELECTRONICS: 2010
Instructor: Ron Murphy
Location TBD

SEAMANSHIP: 2010
Art Aikin & Brenda Wallace

INSTRUCTOR RE-CERTIFICATION **
Instructor: Lilly Stone
As needed NO COST (about 2 Hours)

ADVANCED PILOTING: Sept. 2010
Instructor: Fletcher Beadles
Main Street Methodist Church
Suffolk, Va. 23434

Put education and fun on your calendar.
lilly.stone@gte.net or (757) 335-2558 or 399-0051

Safety Officer's Report

P/C Art Aikin, JN



Too Hot To Touch

Our Executive officer recently mentioned the use of heaters on boats and the necessity of making sure they do not come in contact with flammable materials. So I thought it might be appropriate to briefly talk about the right ...and wrong, types of heaters for boats during winter lay up.

I know many of you use ceramic type heaters to heat the living space on your boats. These usually consist of one or more ceramic elements behind a screen and come equipped with a "safety switch" which is supposed to cut them off in the event they tip over. Note the word "supposed". These types of heaters should not be employed on a boat unless you are on board to watch them! They can cause fires by 1) coming in contact with flammable material as just mentioned, 2) tipping over and the safety switch failing to shut the unit off(This is very common), and 3) sudden failure of the ceramic element in which case hot ceramic can be forced out past the protective screen and come in contact with flammable material on the boat. Under no circumstances should these be used in an engine room! In the event of a fuel leak they can cause explosions and fire, not to mention the problems listed above.

I am going to assume none of our members would think of using a propane heater on their boat, attended or otherwise. If I am wrong here, please don't tell me...just stop using the heater immediately Why? Because this is akin to sitting in a paper house and warming yourself with a blow torch! Some people leave their heating units running with the thermostat turned down, similar to what you would do if you were going to be away from your house for awhile. This can pose two potential problems. First, you are pumping water onto your boat with no one around. If a hose breaks or a sea cock fails, chances are the boat's bilge pumps will become overwhelmed and the boat will sink before anybody notices a problem. The second problem is that these units are not designed to run continually over long periods of time and can overheat , and or develop electrical fires. This happened recently on

45 ft Oceans at Tidewater Marina. Luckily the woke up and put out the fire before major damage occurred.

So, what should you use to heat your boat during the winter months when you are not around on a daily basis? First, for the engine room, I recommend a block heater if you have diesel engines or an engine room heater (available from West Marine and Boater's Co-OP) if you have gas engines. While the latter are expensive compared to ceramic, they heat only to the necessary temperature and have shut off systems designed for boats. They are also encased in metal housings for added safety. For the salon area, I recommend one of the oil filled radiator type heaters. These look similar to the hot water radiators many of us grew up with in our homes, but these are filled with oil which is heated by an enclosed element and then "radiates" the heat from the metal housing. I use one of these on my boat and it works very well to heat the entire living area. Finally, regardless of how you heat and protect your boat during the winter, CHECK IT FREQUENTLY!



"I got about 30 miles out before I realized I forgot you. Sorry about that."

"The person who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare. The sure-thing boat never gets far from the shore."

-Dale Carnegie

Pictures from
Our Last Meeting.



Above—Lin Hanbury, AP presents the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching to Tom Chapman, SN as our outstanding educator for 2009.



Above—Our evening's program presenter, Rita Debrito and her son Orrin. Rita did a presentation entitled *First Aid on a Personal Level*



Above—Lin Hanbury, AP inducts Susan Sander, Susan Faurot, Mac and Rebecca McBride at our January 12 meeting.

Special note to all members: The Flares for Life Event (see page 7) needs volunteers to sign up and help during the day. Shifts will be set up according to your availability. Go to the website and sign up today, or call Ron Murphy 757-495-2688.

Puzzle Solution from page 2

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Understanding the USPS® Merit Mark Program

A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded by the chief commander of a power squadron to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS®, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts.

Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued, and a special insigne may be worn on USPS® uniforms.

Congratulations go out to all of our members who have received this coveted award during the past year.

(A little history lesson for us all to better explain the background of Prince Henry the Navigator Award and why we are so proud to have received it!)

The Story of Prince Henry the Navigator

In the early 15th century Prince Henry started a school of navigation in Sagres, Portugal to advance the science of navigation. Prince Henry, like other European mariners, wanted to find an alternative to the passage to the lucrative trade in the Orient. The obvious passage was through the Mediterranean, but hostile Islamic powers and the equally hostile Venetian empire made it difficult to follow this route. So Henry proposed to go south around Africa to reach the Orient. A minor problem however was that in those days the coast of Africa had not been charted and no one knew how far south the African continent extended. Unlike other navigators of the day, such as the Vikings and Spaniards that basically sailed east and west, the Portuguese needed to sail south if they were to round the tip of Africa. To do this they needed to be able to find their position through Celestial Navigation. As a result much advancement in Celestial Navigation took place. Henry began to send Portuguese sailors south to chart the coast of Africa. These sailors came back to Portugal and increased the data base at the Prince Henry School of Navigation. Henry did not live long enough to see his dream accomplished. He died in 1468 and the Portuguese did not reach the tip of Africa until 1488.¹

In the early 1960s the government of Portugal, at the embassy in Washington D.C., discussed creating an award in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator commemorating the 500th year of his death. In 1965, P/R/C James D. Paris, SN, then commander of District 4, was approached by the Portuguese agency in New York. Ultimately the Portuguese government awarded an alabaster replica of Prince Henry to each of the Districts of USPS®. After presenting the Award to District 4, Commander Jose Cabral, representing the Portuguese government, accompanied Jim to present the award to 20 USPS® districts at their conferences. The deed of gift gave each district the authority to establish its own criteria for earning the award.

In 1965, Jim Paris led an expedition of 65 members and their wives to the Prince Henry School of Navigation in Sagres, Portugal. While there, the government made Jim a commander in the order of

Prince Henry the Navigator. The secretary of the Navy placed a gold cross with a colorful ribbon around Jim's neck. For many years, Jim entertained the winners of the previous year's award at a luncheon at the Portuguese Embassy in Washington, DC. In 1985 Jim led another group of 200 USPS® members to the Portuguese School of Navigation where they were received by the President of Portugal. Jim was presented with a swallow tailed Ensign® for his meritorious service to USPS®.²

¹ Excerpt from Sandusky PS *Lookout* 3/95.

² Information obtained from an interview with Jim Paris in 1998 by P/C Michael J. Frigano SN



LtC Lilly Stone receiving the coveted Prince Henry the Navigator award on behalf of the Nansmond River Power Squadron at the District 5 Fall Conference in Rockville, MD.



The beautiful and elegant actual statue, showing off with pride in its temporary new home with the Hanbury's.

Change of Watch Dinner

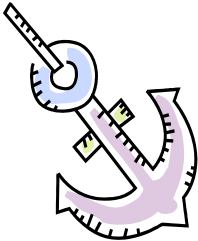
Cedar Point Country Club

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Cocktails at 1800 - Cash Bar * Dinner at 1900 * \$30.00@ person

MENU

Salad Bar with Rolls and Butter
Roasted Potatoes * Country Style Green Beans
Roast Beef * Baked Chicken
Apple Brown Betty with Vanilla Ice Cream
Iced Tea and Coffee



*Please mail or give your check, made out to NRPS, to
Gail Aikin, Treasurer or Mary Fisher, Admin Officer NLT March 6, 2010*

NRPS Sponsors Flares for Life Event

By Donnie Weaver, AP, Past Commander

On Saturday and Sunday afternoon, April 17th & 18th from 12 to 4 pm, the *Nansemond River Power Squadron* will hold its 2nd annual "Flares for Life" event at the old Suffolk Campus of Tidewater Community College. Flares for Life 2010 will once again make it possible for the public to safely and legally dispose of their outdated flares and fire extinguishers. This event will also allow them valuable hands-on experience in the safe operation and proper use of these devices.

Most people own at least one fire extinguisher. Many have flares in their cars and most certainly their boats. How many individuals would know how to use either one properly in the event of an actual emergency? Orion Safety Products, manufacturer of aerial pyrotechnics, will have representatives on hand to assist with proper firing and disposal of outdated flares. Orion personnel will also be demonstrating their latest red parachute, orange smoke and solace flares. Personnel from the Suffolk Fire Department will assist with the proper use of fire extinguishers.

The first Flares for Life event was held in February of 2009 at Bennett's Creek Park and was a resounding success, even in the cold and rainy weather. Information and articles showcasing last year's event may be found at www.nrpowersquadron.com. From our Home Page, click on Event Photos, and then select Flares for Life Photos. The new location at TCC well as a safer, wider area to shoot flares.

promises more parking and a larger event area as well as a safer, wider area to shoot flares.

As an added bonus, trailer boaters that want to get a safe, early start on the 2010 boating season can get a Vessel Safety Check performed by certified inspectors from NRPS. This is much like the annual automobile inspections required by the state, however these boat inspections are voluntary and free. If the boat meets or exceeds all of the minimum government requirements, owners may affix a sticker to their boat denoting their vessel is compliant. If the craft fails, the owner will be provided a list of discrepancies to be addressed to bring the boat back into conformance. Vessel Safety Checks are highly recommended. Owners of boats that are inspected by authorities at sea and found non-compliant may be subject to expensive fines.

NRPS will have the United States Power Squadron (USPS®) Mobile Safety trailer on site for citizens to walk through and learn about safe boating. Information on what membership in a Power Squadron has to offer will be provided as well. SeaVester, the robotic mascot of the USPS®, will be present to keep the kids entertained. There will be raffle prizes as well as hot dogs, sides and drinks for a small donation.

Flares for Life 2010 Corporate sponsors include Volvo Penta of the Americas, The Vinning Marine, Marine Concepts Orion Corporation, Full Throttle Marine (located at Tidewater Yacht, Portsmouth) and Chip Jennings Nationwide Insurance Inc.

To become a sponsor of this event or for further information, contact Ron Murphy @ 647-6909 or Lin Hanbury @ 576-8700.

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NRPS Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 9 Feb 10 Monthly Meeting, Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Suffolk
 18:30**
- 13 Mar10 Change-of-Watch, Cedar Point Country Club, Suffolk**
- 25-28 Mar D5 Spring Conference, Maryland Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
 (see website for details)**
- 29 March Executive Committee Meeting**
- 13 April General Meeting
 Flares for Life**

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