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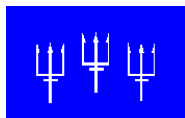
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Commander's Corner



Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP

Time sure does pass when you are having fun! I have really enjoyed my turn at being Commander and want to thank all the members of our Bridge; Bob Eure, Lilly Stone, and Mary Fisher as well as our Members at Large for all their support and help with all the year's projects.

As we look back over the year, it has been another success story for the history books. Our web site and news letter are among the very best, we have educated countless numbers of students and raised our own squadron's level of education. Another record for Vessel Safety Examinations with a current count of 182, and our squadron has grown with the addition of 10 new members. Finally, we have cruised, attended Daytrippers, and ate, ate, & ate. So as we look back our squadron has completed all the activities that are displayed in the triangle with Self Education, Civic Service, and the Fraternal Boating Club. A job well done and each and every one of you are to be commended.

Looking forward, it's a bright future. Our Incoming Bridge has prepared a year of cruising and fellowship that promises to meet everyone's expectations. Our Education Officer has already started the year with public classes and our squadron members continue to push forward with self education. We are currently waiting on the 2010 VSC decals and the public awaits our presence. Our National Safe Boating VSC day will be held at Bennett's Creek Park and that is a great facility for such an event. There should be plenty of activity and the perfect location for our cookout. So come on and support your new Bridge. Your continued

support is what is needed for that NRPS Magic. Together we will put another great year in the history book.

Our Change of Watch celebration is 13 March at The Cedar Point Country Club. Please come on out and join me in welcoming your new Bridge. It is a great time to socialize and have a fine dining experience. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Warm weather and spring boating is just around the corner...is your boat ready? Vessel safety checks are of utmost importance!



"There is NOTHING--absolutely nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

- Kenneth Grahame

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP



Flares for Life: ALERT to a major change! This event will be a one-day event on Saturday, 17 April, 10-5 with Sunday, 18 April, 12-5 being the rain date. This event location will be at the old Tidewater Community College campus at Pig's Point 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 call your new Commander at 488-6423 to sign up and serve as a squadron ambassador to the community for this event.

NRPS Annual Calendar: I passed out the 2010-2011 Calendar at the last General Meeting. I've been promised that it will also be published in this newsletter edition for those who did not attend. I have made this calendar a one-page design perfect for posting on the ol' fridge, in the office, and on the boat. As with the Flares for Life, be sure to mark the changes as they occur.

Change-of-Watch: If you haven't already paid, contact our AO or Treasurer to attend the annual Change-of-Watch. We welcome our new members attending for the first time. Existing members already know the great time this event will be as the current Bridge steps down and the new Bridge is installed.

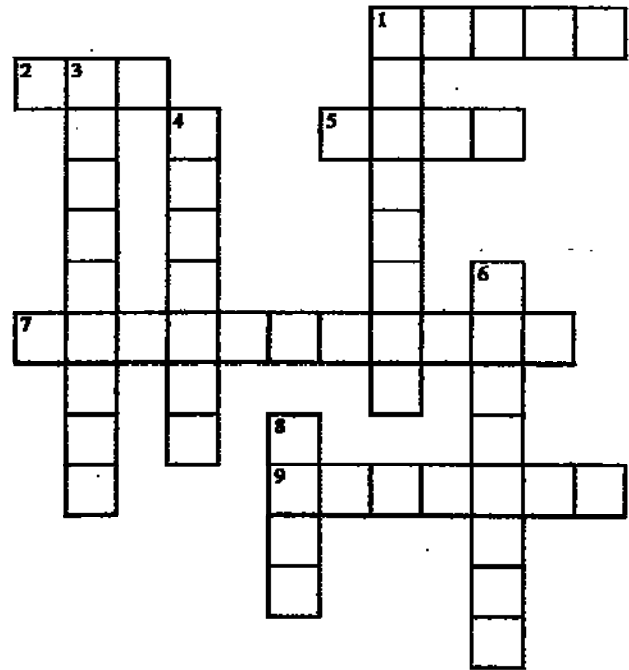
Year-End Closeout: Sounds like a sale. However, I just wanted to take this final opportunity as your Executive Officer to say how much I appreciate your help through the year in supporting me, the Executive Department activities, and your squadron. The NRPS Magic is alive and well! I hope to keep our great momentum going in the coming year.

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

"A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say 'How to Build a Boat' "

- Stephen Wright

Boating Terms Word Puzzle



ACROSS:

1. Minimum inch height of registration numbers
2. Direction toward stern of the boat
5. Maximum width of a boat is called this
7. What the "P" in GPS stand for
9. Direction toward the bow of the boat

DOWN:

1. What keeps your boat from shifting on a trailer
3. Distance from the water's surface to the lowest part of the gunwale or transom
4. Parking your boat is called this
6. How often should your boat be checked for safety
8. Personal flotation devices are also called this

(Solution on pg. 3)



View from D5 Spring Conference Hotel site — Ocean City, MD...hope to see you there!

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Fisher, P



Here we are at the end of another squadron year. How quickly the time has gone. Thanks go out to all of the members that helped with the cruises, setting up meetings and just getting the job done. I had fun as your Admin Officer and appreciate all of the help I received over the past 12 months.

I believe special thanks are due to our current Commanding Officer, Mr. Lin Hanbury. He has done an exceptional job this past year. He is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, not once but twice as our Commander since he has been a member. So let's all give him a large pat on the back for all he has done.

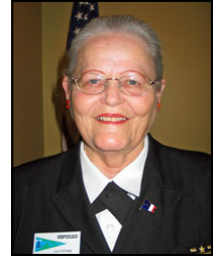
As for the coming year I thank you in advance for your support, assistance and even your patience as your new bridge takes the helm. See you at the Change of Watch on the 13th. The evening starts at 1800 hours for the social hour, with the dinner buffet opening at 1900 hours. I will be calling in the final number of guests on Friday, March 5th so if you haven't signed up yet and plan on attending, please contact either me or Gail Aikin by Thursday.

Solution to Word Puzzle, Page 2:



Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Lilly Stone, JN



CONGRATULATIONS to Frank Brown, Molly & John Duggan as they all passed the Piloting Exam. The Navigation class is still looking for a little warmer weather before going to the beach and find/shoot some stars.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 18 students who took the ABC Boating class at Troy Marine. Some are already members of Nansemond River Power Squadron (Susan Fautot, Susan Sanders, Mark & Jennifer Presson, and Ray Perry) and we hope more will sign up as members of our Squadron so we can have a nice size SEAMANSHIP Class.

CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2010:

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT *: Instructor: Frank Brown, P. Spring 2010, Paul D. Kamp Community College—Kenyon Road - Room 124 1900-2030 (7-8:30 PM) Cost \$25,00

SAFE BOATING CLASS: April 2010. TBD VA. Cert. Instructors

NAVIGATION: In Progress. Instructor: Tom Chapman, SN

MARINE ELECTRONICS: 2010. Instructor: Ron Murphy, AP. Location TBD

SEAMANSHIP: 2010. Art Aikin, JN & Brenda Wallace, JN

WEATHER: 2010. TBD

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

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

Put education and fun on your calendar.

"The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator."

- Edmund Gibbon

Safety Officer's Report

P/C Art Aikin, JN



Snowbound... and farewell

This is one of those safety articles that normally concern the safety officers of squadrons in places like Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but not Virginia. But this winter has changed everything as the attached picture indicates, (how is that climate warming thing working out for you folks?)!

Boats are not designed to carry large amounts



of additional weight above decks. They tend to keel and often sink in such conditions. All it takes is for one normally above the water line thru hull fitting to go under and the jig is usually up. What this means is that you have to remove the snow from your boat pronto when we get 7 to 10 inches like we did several weeks ago, especially if you own a boat with an open cockpit. It is also important to remove snow from canvas that is supported by metal frames since often the weight will bend or break the supports. A "normal snow" for Tidewater of 1 to 2 inches is not a concern and the best thing is to just allow it to melt, but you should check your scuppers to make sure they are not blocked by ice.

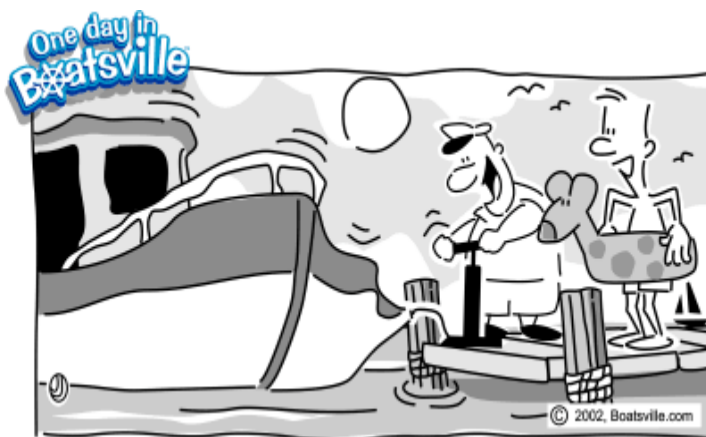
If you need to remove snow from the boat, use a broom or a small Plastic shovel or trowel. Do not use a metal snow shovel or anything that can damage the fiberglass or teak. Also remember you want to remove the majority of snow for weight purposes,

not necessarily clean the boat completely like you would your walk. If the snow has melted and re-frozen next to the deck, a not uncommon thing, then do not try to remove the ice, just scrape off the snow on top and let the ice melt naturally. If you try to chip off the ice, I can almost guarantee you will also chip the gel coat or crack the fiberglass itself. Remember, in freezing temperatures, fiberglass is not very flexible.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members who have supported my efforts as safety officer over the past year. Without your comments and stories about your boating experiences, this column would not have been possible. Our new commander, at my request, has found another member to take over this position so I can spend more time just enjoying the squadron activities. I have served the squadron in one position or the other for the past 8 years, including commander, and felt it was time to step back and let others step up. I know that Rana Weaver will bring her enthusiasm and fresh approach to this position. Again, thank you all for your support over these many years.

A sailor ran aground on a sandbar. A passing fisherman offered to tow the sailor's boat off for fifty dollars and the sailor agreed. After the was off the bar, the sailor joked that at \$50 a pop the fisherman could make a nice living pulling people off the sandbar day and night. "can't at night", replied the fisherman. "At night I haul sand."

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This IS my personal flotation device!!!

"Whenever your preparations for the sea are poor; the sea worms its way in and finds the problems."

- Francis Stokes

Trip Report from the Annual Meeting

P/D/C Drex Bradshaw

Trip report on the USPS Annual meeting in Orlando Florida 4-6 February, 2010 held at the Coronado Springs Resort, a part of Walt Disney World. When I say a part I mean just that in that Disney Property consists of many venues on 42 square miles of land. Cannot even start to address all of them but let me say that the transportation system is outstanding. We stayed at the Fort Wilderness RV Campground in which there are 1108 sites. In order to get to Coronado Springs I made my way by bike to the marina, then via boat to the Celebrity hotel, monorail to Magic Kingdom then bus to Coronado Springs. The total travel time was about 1 hour, which is not bad at all.

Thursday and Friday were a series of meetings covering all of the aspects of USPS. Just like a District meeting you cannot attend all of them so it's pick and choose which ones you are interested in. Marketing and Public Relations was lack luster as



usual with little or no good information coming out of it. There were lots of closed meetings during which the National Committees worked on ways to improve USPS. There was an EXPO and training aids display as well.

On Saturday (Annual Meeting day) it started at 0900 with the nominal introduction of guests from various organizations, Boat US, USCG Aux, Manufacturers that support USPS, Insurance Companies, and the Canadian Power and Sail bridge. Cooperative Charting (NOAA) was there with some awards mostly for District 21. (Note- D-5 use to be at the top of this list several years ago but is not even in the mentioned category now). There was a safety award presented to a couple from D-10 who helped save a crew who had fallen overboard (with life jackets).

In the area of Boat US awards Colonial Power and Sail Squadron was second. Congrats to our newest squadron and P/D/C Norma J. Parrish for her continued reporting on squadron

activities.

There were some 708 members in attendance at the meeting however due to anticipated low attendance they had produced only 500 seat packs so many of us were without but still we got the essentials.

There was a by-laws change that would not allow support contractors to participate in a squadron activity but with much discussion that was defeated and contractors are NOW allowed to participate.

The discussion of allowing all squadrons to teach all courses to the public passed to include "On the Water Training". All of which is covered by the USPS insurance policy. Note: (Any event must have a certificate of insurance issued by our insurance company which is easy to get. Just go to the USPS web site and click on insurance, fill in a short form, and e-mail it. You will hear from them within a day or two.)

It was also recommended that all squadrons be INC. This gives you more protection than is provided by USPS. Note (if UNINC members and groups can be held liable for accidents etc. USPS Investment fund now is at \$994,000. A return of 15% this year. Education/Century Fund is \$1,338,891, gained a return of 6.78% this year. Note: (the education fund supports many projects within USPS, \$558,000 thus far) and gets most of its money from the \$1.00 per member per year). I highly support this as has P/C Joe Bishop who has pushed this over the years. District will report on squadron participation at Spring Conference. District/Squadron funds Investment has been discontinued and funds distributed to those who were invested. Note (I assume District-5 should have received about \$40,000 from this?) Might be a good question at the upcoming Spring Conference. The Treasurer reported a loss of \$66,100 for the year of which \$10,000 was a penalty payment to hotel in Kansas City due to low room occupancy. & loss of 2700 members helped create the deficit.

The Admin officer reported a loss of 3233 Active members last year. Currently we have 35,101 Active, 4369 Family, and 146 Apprentice. Membership is V/C John Alter's primary emphasis for the next two years.

The Education Officer discussed new updated courses and more of a movement to the internet.

Additional notes of interest: USPS has lost 24 squadrons but has started 30 new ones. One member, Clark Stagg number A000506 from NY SPS (joined under Charles Chapman) has paid dues for 85 years was recognized as were 15 members who had earned 50 Merit Marks.

Safe Boating Class Scrapbook

NRPS conducts training at Troy Marine, 20 & 27 Feb



Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP covers fuel safety, an important part of the material needed to pass the course.



18 students completed the class and ALL of them passed the ABC and State examinations.



SEO Lilly Stone, JN shows Susan Faurot the basics of tying the bowline.



A great chance to learn how to tie the knots of the trade.



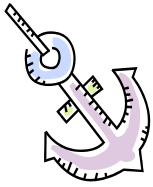
And here are our graduates! Special Thanks to our NRPS instructors Ron & Bonnie Murphy, Bob Eure, Lin Hanbury and Frank Brown plus SEO Lilly Stone and the good folks at Troy Marine.

Change of Watch Dinner

Cedar Point Country Club

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Cocktails at 1800 - Cash Bar * Dinner at 1900



MENU

Salad Bar with Rolls and Butter
 Roasted Potatoes * Country Style Green Beans
 Roast Beef * Baked Chicken



Nansemond River Power Squadron 2010-2011 Official Calendar

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|---------------------|------|--|------------------------|
| 13 March | 1800 | Change of Watch | Cedar Point CC |
| 26-28 March | 1900 | D5 Officer Training/Spring Conference* | Ocean City MD |
| 29 March | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 13 April | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 17 (18) April | | Flares for Life (Rain Date) | Suffolk VA |
| 25 April | 1400 | New Bridge Reception/Wine Social | Eure Residence |
| 26 April | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 30 April-2 May | | Co-Op Charting Workshop* | NOAA Norfolk |
| 11 May | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 14-16 May | | "Hometown Shakedown Cruise" | Suffolk VA |
| 22 May | | NaSaBoWeek VSC & Cookout | Bennett's Creek Park |
| 24 May | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 8 June | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 11-13 June | | "Norfolk Harborfest Cruise" | Portsmouth VA |
| 21 June | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 13 July | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 16-18 July | | "Across-the-Bay Cruise" | Cape Charles VA |
| 26 July | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 10 August | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 13-15 August | | Summer Council and Rendezvous* | Solomon's Island MD |
| 20-22 August | | "Town-and-Country Cruise" | Smithfield VA |
| 30 August | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 14 September | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 27 September | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 1-3 October | | "Port-of-Call Cruise" | Hampton VA |
| 16 October | | Fundraising Auction | Suffolk VA |
| 25 October | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 5-7 November | | Fall Conference* | Rockville MD |
| 9 November | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 29 November | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 12 December | | Holiday Party | TBD |
| 11 January 2011 | 1900 | Annual Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 24 January 2011 | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 31 Jan-5 Feb 2011 | | USPS® Annual Meeting** | Orlando FL |
| 8 February 2011 | 1900 | General Meeting | Suffolk VA |
| 21 February 2011 | 1900 | Executive Committee Meeting | Eure Residence |
| 12 March 2011 | | Change of Watch | Cedar Point CC |

* District 5 Event

** National USPS Event

Nansemond River Power Squadron

900 Gatling Pointe Parkway
Smithfield, Virginia 23430-2308

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NRPS Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 13 Mar10** **Change-of-Watch, Cedar Point Country Club, Suffolk**
- 25-28 Mar** **D5 Spring Conference, Maryland Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
(see website for details), Ocean City, MD**
- 29 March** **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 13 April** **General Meeting**
- 17 April** **Flares for Life (Rain Date 18 April)**

2009-2010 Bridge Officers

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Commander | Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP |
| Executive Officer | Lt/C Bob Eure, AP |
| Educational Officer | Lt/C Lilly Stone, JN |
| Administrative Officer | Lt/C Mary Fisher, P |
| Secretary | Lt/C Brenda Wallace, JN |
| Treasurer | Lt/C Gail Aikin, S |
| Safety Officer | P/C Art Aikin, JN |

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