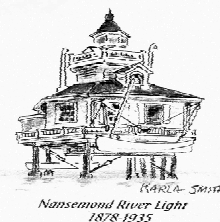


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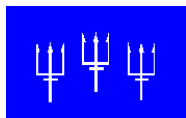
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Commander's Corner



Cdr Robert Eure, AP

Welcome: Welcome aboard new members Dawn Nichols, and Lanny and Janet Horn! Dawn, recently back from overseas duty, received the membership pledge during the January Annual Meeting. Lanny and Janet have recently moved to this area from Pennsylvania and have transferred their memberships to the NRPS. Please be sure to welcome them personally to our NRPS family.

General Meeting: We have a couple of things going on in February. Our general meeting will be Tuesday, 8 February with the social beginning at 1830 and the meeting beginning at 1900 in Plaza Azteca. Our Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mark Presson, S, is planning a program for this last general meeting before the Change of Watch.

Daytripper: As we wait for warmer weather in anticipation of the 2011 boating season, we still like to get together occasionally for fellowship. The second thing we have in February is a daytripper. We have arranged to meet at **Baron's Pub** on **Sunday, 27 February at 1400** for a no-host lunch and drinks. Baron's Pub is located at 185 N Main Street in Suffolk. Be sure to sign up at the February General Meeting or call 488-6423 to leave your name and head count by 20 February.

Change of Watch: With the elections behind us, we are looking forward to the Change of Watch at **Cedar Point Country Club**. For our new members, this is our annual grand affair where we install our new officers. This is our dress-up event of the year and members are welcome to invite guests and prospective members to this event. P/D/C Ralph Bernard will serve as the Installing Officer. To minimize risk to the NRPS treasury, we need your payment in advance for this event. You can pay at the February General Meeting, the Baron's Pub

daytripper, or mail the payment to our treasurer by 27 February. Our Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mark Presson, S, will have more details in this newsletter.

Award: We are still accepting nominations for the George Award to be presented at the Change of Watch in March. Please bring your nominations to the February General Meeting and pass them to me.

Boat safe and

Keep the  **NRPS Magic** Alive!

**Come see the
Newly Elected Officers for 2011-2012
Nansemond River Power Squadron
At their Installation**

**Change of Watch Banquet
12 March**

*Details on page 3 in Admin Officer's report,
along with Registration form*

Commander	Mary Fisher P
Executive Officer	Mark Presson S
Administrative Officer	Matt Schulze P
Education Officer	Frank Brown P
Treasurer	Gail Aikin S
Secretary	Jennifer Presson S
Members at Large	Rana Weaver AP
	Bob Wallace JN
	Doug Fisher

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Fisher, P



So here I am again, trying to write an article outlining local events for y'all. So after an hour of research online you can take my word for it - while we are in the "dark days" of winter there isn't much of anything going on. Maybe everyone has the same plan I have. I call it hibernation. I absolutely dread cold winter days so I plan on just staying inside as much as possible until warmer days arrive.

Now for those of you with cabin fever who want to venture out there is the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in February. The dates are 11-13 February with hours of 1200 – 2100 on Friday, 1000 – 2000 on Saturday and 1200 – 1700 on Sunday. Regular admission is \$8.00 but there is an opportunity for a \$2.00 off coupon. Go to the website www.vaboatshow.com and fill out a short survey. Once you submit the survey you will get a "\$2.00 off" coupon for you to print.

For those who love good food while not having to work hard for it Restaurant Week is coming. The week of 20-26 March participating restaurants will offer a 3 course meal for one price. The list of participating restaurants will be listed online sometime near the end of February on the Suffolk event calendar.

So while winter trudges on keep thinkin spring. Maybe it will arrive early.

See you at the meeting.

Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Lilly Stone, JN



The Advanced Piloting Class submitted their tests and are now waiting for the results. CONGRATULATIONS to Gene Monroe on passing the SEAMANSHIP test. Our new Piloting Class began and has 8 members.

What is next for you? Sign up early - call 335-2558 or e-mail to lilly.stone@gte.net.

CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2011

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT:

Instructor: Frank Brown & Lilly Stone
PBC, 20 Elm Ave, Portsmouth
Mondays . Cost: \$25.00

ABC-SAFE BOATING CLASS:

Instructors: Lilly Stone, Frank Brown,
John Holland, Bob Eure & Others
Cost: \$30.00 (ABC book)
26 Feb & 5 Mar, 2011

Gatling Pointe Yacht Club, Smithfield

INSTRUCTOR RE-CERTIFICATION:

Instructor: Lilly Stone
NO COST.

Scheduled when needed (2hours)

PILOTING: in process

Instructor: Fletcher Beadles
Cost: \$60.00
26 January

Main Street United Methodist Church
202 N. Main St, Suffolk, Va. 23434

SAILING:

Instructor: Lilly Stone m.fl.
PBC, 20 Elm Ave, Portsmouth
Cost: 45.00
Mondays – March/April 2011

Put education and fun on your calendar.

SEO Lilly T. Stone, JN

Lilly.stone@gte.net or 399-0051 or 335-2558



"When I said stack 'em in I meant beside each other."

caption submitted by: Steve Lizotte, Bowmanville, ON

From www.boatsville.com

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

- Mark Twain

Safety Officer's Report

Lt. Rana Weaver, AP



Have you ever been involved in a boating accident? Have you ever seen a boat accident occur? Boat accidents are not just boats hitting other boats. They are classified as boats hitting people and other objects as well. Hundreds of boating accidents occur in the United States every year. Only 5 to 10 percent of these accidents are reported to authorities. Virginia law requires a



boating accident report to be filed if damages over \$2000 to a vessel or its equipment occur, if injury requiring more than first aid or loss of life occur, or the disappearance of a person on board a vessel occurs. Failure to report a boating accident in Virginia is punishable as a Class 4 Misdemeanor. If you boat in states other than Virginia you will want to check their laws because boating laws vary from state to state.

When should you report a boating accident? Reports of missing persons or loss of life should be made to local authorities as soon as possible or within 48 hours. Reports of boat or property damage in excess of \$2000 should be reported within 10 days. Boat accident report forms can be obtained on the internet or thru the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries by calling 804-367-1000. Accident report forms should be filled out by the boat operator or owner unless they are unable to do so.

What are boating accident reports used for? Information that you report is compiled and shared with other boaters in hopes to save someone else from injury or loss of life. When applicable, information is shared with boat and equipment manufacturers so they can be made aware of potential hazards. These facts can also help manufacturers to make their products safer for consumers.

If you are involved in an accident should you stop and help the other boaters involved? Of course, if you do not stop you may be breaking the law! If death or serious injury occurs during an accident and the boater who is at fault does not stop and try to render assistance, he or she could be guilty of a Class 6 Felony in Virginia. Accidents resulting in property damage only may be punished as a Class 1 Misdemeanor if the party involved in the accident does not stop and notify the property owner.

Remember safety on the water starts with you!

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Mark Presson, S



Be sure to mark your calendar for the squadron's Change of Watch scheduled on 12 March. This annual event that ushers in our new officers and celebrates a successful season will be held at Cedar Point Country Club in Suffolk. The social hour will begin at 1800 and dinner at 1900. The evening's menu includes an extended salad bar, prime rib, baked salmon, roasted red potatoes, southern green beans, and apple cobbler with vanilla ice cream. Dinner will be \$32 per person and guests are welcome to attend. A cash bar will also be available. Members will have an opportunity to pay at the February general meeting and day tripper planned for the end of February.

Our next general meeting is on 8 February. The meeting will be at Plaza Azteca with the social hour starting at 1830 and the meeting at 1900. If you have ideas for an upcoming program for the "off-season" send me your ideas at markapd@hotmail.com

Register Now for the



Change of Watch Banquet

12 March, 2011

Clip this handy form out and mail with your check to our
Treasurer, Gail Aikin,
1310 Old Coach Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23322-9064

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Total Cost (@\$32.00 per person): _____



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NRPS Calendar of Upcoming

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
27 February 2011	1400	Daytripper to Baron's Pub	Suffolk VA
12 March 2011	1800	Change of Watch	Cedar Point CC
			Suffolk VA

2010-2011 Bridge Officers

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