

33rd Annual Coop Charting Workshop

The 2010 NOS-USPS Cooperative Charting workshop will be held at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA, on the weekend of **April 31 and May 1**. This will be the 33rd joint NOS and USPS annual workshop. Like last year, it will feature a dual track training approach wherein one track will emphasize the non-technical cooperative charting activities and the second track will emphasize depth surveys. Both tracks will cover planning an outing, data gathering requirements, data collection, and submission of a report using CCWeb (**C**ooperative **C**harting **W**eb**s**ite).

When asked about the value of USPS cooperative charting efforts, Douglas Harpine, Senior Cartographer, Nautical Chart Branch, NOAA responded saying that if we didn't do the work, the work would not get done." Cooperative Charting is an area where USPS can make a difference in the safety of all recreational boaters.

Plan on joining us Friday evening for the traditional kick-off reception at the Governor Dinwiddie Hotel located in downtown Portsmouth, VA. See attached registration form. Saturday morning we will gather at the NOS facility in Norfolk (a short drive across the river) to begin a day full of fun and learning.

For the traditional, non-technical, cooperative charting activities, the workshop will cover all the required updates to Coast Pilot books, nautical charts, small craft chart and facility updates. Emphasis will focus on entering your report into CCWeb.

For those wanting a more dedicated and hands-on experience in using Depthwiz and entering data into CCWeb, the Depthwiz track is designed for them. In this track, route planning, equipment set-up, running the route, and data preparation for submission will using CCWeb will be discussed.

Bring a friend or a new member. Cooperative charting is something you can do year-around and a squadron activities anyone can do immediately after becoming a member.

Steve Leishman
District 5 Coop Charting Chairman

The registration form is on the D/5 website (<http://www.uspsd5.org/>) and in the latest edition of the Mark 5. For further information contact the NVSPS Cooperative Charting Chairman, Ed Phillips at potter339@earthlink.net