



2024 Spring Luncheon at Fairfax Yacht Club

On 18 May 2024, we had our annual Spring Luncheon at the beautifully redecorated and scenic Fairfax Yacht Club. This year, we had the pleasure of having our food catered by Dixie Bones BBQ. The menu selections were delicious and plentiful. For dessert, we enjoyed a custom decorated cake. Special thanks to Secretary Evelyn Alls, P, and Sue Karjala, P, for making the arrangements for the food.

Our examiners were hard at work providing vessel safety checks at the marina. We really appreciate all the tireless effort by Gale Alls, SN, and Richard E. Unis, JN to help boat owners meet US Coast Guard safety requirements. For further details concerning vessel safety checks, please contact Vessel Safety Checks Chair, Doug Craig at dcraig48@comcast.net or call 703-447-4706.

Commander Alan R. Hart, AP, conducted our General Membership Meeting during the luncheon. We had a quorum and were able to address both new and old business for the good of the Squadron. A wonderful time was had by all! We hope to see you at our next event.



Fairfax Yacht Club—Lorton, VA



Cake and photo courtesy of Sue and John Karjala

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REMINDER:

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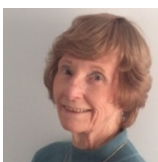
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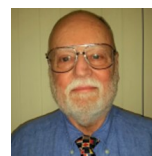
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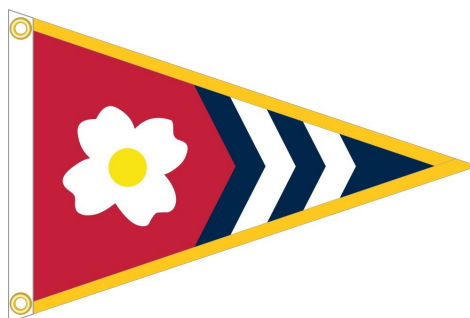
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Meeting Information

If you do not receive an email notification of our meetings, please contact a Bridge Officer for up-to-date information.

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 1930 hours, with the following exceptions:

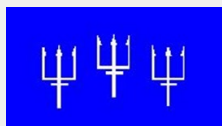
May meeting held during Spring Luncheon; October meeting held during Fall Luncheon—Zoom not available

No meetings in August and December

As an accommodation, General Membership Meetings will be held via Zoom beginning at 1930 hours. Login information will be provided via email and available from Bridge Officers.

Executive Committee Meetings (when deemed necessary):

4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 1900 hours



Commander's Message



June 2024

Hello Fellow Members:

SEO P/C Denise Robinson and I attended the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City the weekend of 21—24 March, at the Holiday Inn, which I thought was a big improvement over the Princess Royale. It was a fun and interesting weekend and here are a few highlights.



Denise was installed as District Assistant Administrative Officer. She participated and conducted herself as well as any experienced Bridge Officer and we should all be very proud of her. Northern Virginia received two awards for the past year (2023): an Honor Roll Award for 100 percent participation in the USPS Educational Fund for the 21st time, and the Distinctive Communicator Award for our squadron website. Our former member, P/D/C Bill Eldridge, now of Annapolis, was recognized for performing 162 vessel safety checks.

Many squadrons are having the same problems that we are. Four squadrons in District 5 have recently dissolved and three more are likely, so the District is down to half its former size.

In order to retain our charter, we MUST offer the ABC3 course at least once per year. If we spend at least \$600 to advertise the ABC3 course, we may be reimbursed up to \$300.

The 2024 Summer Rendezvous and Council Meeting will be held in Solomons, MD. Three marinas will be used, including Spring Cove and Zahnhisers. The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express in Hollywood, MD. The former Holiday Inn in Solomons, next to Spring Cove, is closed. There will be a navigation contest and a sail regatta, as well as other events.

The Snyder Award, given to squadron newsletters by D5, has been discontinued.

The minimum number of people on a squadron bridge is 3; a Commander, a Squadron Educational Officer and a Secretary/Treasurer. One person may serve as Secretary and Treasurer.

New benefits have been added to the Member Benefits page on the USPS website. TechSoup at www.techsoup.org offers computer programs, etc., to nonprofit groups such as USPS and NVSPS.

On a sad note, Past Chief Commander Bernie Marshburn recently passed away.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Squadron gathering in July at the Electric Palm Restaurant in Woodbridge, VA. You will be emailed more details under separate cover.

Cdr Alan R. Hart, AP



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* NVSPS Member Birthdays *



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Ben Fulton, AP

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Keeping Ties

P/D/C Bill Eldridge, freshly returned from Florida, joined P/C Gale Alls, SN, Lt/C Evelyn Alls, P and Cdr Alan R. Hart, AP, for lunch in Springfield, VA, on Wednesday, 13 March. Bill is now a member of Annapolis but was a Charter Member of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron. Gale and Alan are the only two Charter Members who still remain in Northern Virginia.



(Photo courtesy of Cdr Alan R. Hart, AP)

—Cdr Alan R. Hart, AP

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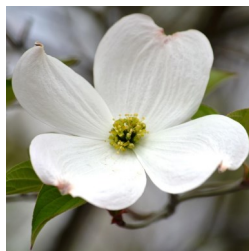
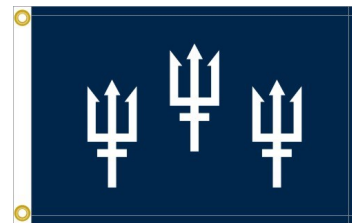
In Memoriam: P/C Frederick Zugay, JN

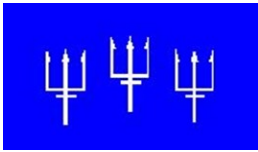
Past Commander Frederick Zugay, JN, passed away on 31 October 2023, at age 65. Fred joined the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) in 2002 and served as Commander of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron from 2016 to 2018. He presided over the Squadron's 50th anniversary celebration on 7 May 2017, when 14 Past Commanders present were recognized for their service. At the District 5 Spring Conference that year, the theme for our hospitality suite was "Nifty, Nifty, Look Who's Fifty." Fred's wife Cindy worked at his side to make all Squadron events special.

Fred and Cindy cruised the Potomac River in their 27-foot Sea Ray Sun Deck named "Potomac Pleasure." Before taking delivery of their new boat in 2001, they took the USPS boating course at South Lakes High School. For fun, they decided that the one who scored highest on the test would be the captain and the other would be first mate. Luckily, their scores tied and they became co-captains.

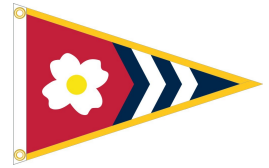
Fred and Cindy loved taking cruises and exploring new places. They graciously shared photos and stories of their many adventures with Squadron members upon their return.

In 2018, after his two terms as Commander, Fred became Squadron treasurer, a position he filled faithfully and exceptionally until his final days.



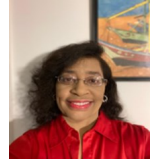


Educational Officer's Message



June 2024

Hello Squadron Members:



As Commander Hart already shared with you, we had the opportunity to attend this year's D5 Spring Conference in Ocean City. It was my first conference since becoming our Squadron's Educational Officer (SEO), so there was plenty to learn from the SEO seminar—much of which I will share with you throughout my tenure.

I also had the honor of being sworn in as the D5 Assistant Administrative Officer. Commander Hart took some great pictures which you can view on page 8. Many thanks to Commander Hart for acting as my photographer.

Our Squadron has the privilege of conducting the 2024 Summer Rendezvous Scavenger Hunt. It would be much appreciated if you could offer suggestions for items to be included on the list. Thanks to those of you who have already submitted items. I would like to especially thank Jean Durgin, AP, who has provided me with some suggested items along with complete instructions for how to conduct the scavenger hunt. Jean's help has been invaluable. I hope you all will attend the Summer Rendezvous if your circumstances allow.

This summer, I plan to host a webinar on boating weather in conjunction with the Patuxent Sail and Power Squadron. You will be provided with more details here soon. Thank you to our Treasurer Charles P. Hurley, JN, for helping me obtain the seminar materials.

Since we conduct our meetings via Zoom, I am looking into getting our Squadron a paid account so we will no longer be confined to a 40-minute time limit. That should prove to be helpful when we need more time to handle business without interruption.

Fair winds and following seas,

P/C Denise Robinson, S

Next ABC Northern Virginia General Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, 9 July 2024 at 1930 hours via Zoom

You will be emailed the link to join the meeting.



D5 2024 Spring Conference

