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The NVSPS Christmas Tree with ornaments crafted by First Ladies for Past Holiday Parties

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November 2017

- 29 Executive Committee Meeting, 1930-2100
- 29-Dec 2 USPS Board of Directors Mtg, Raleigh, NC

December

- 2 Holiday Party, P.J. Skidoos, Fairfax, VA P.9

January 2018

- 10 General Membership Meeting, 1900-2100
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting, 1930-2100

February

- 14 General Membership Meeting, 1900-2100

- 18 USPS Annual Conference, Orlando, FL
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting, 1930-2100

March

- 9-11 National Capital Boat Show, Chantilly, VA
 - 14 General Membership Meeting, 1900-2100
 - 25 Change of Watch, Springfield Country Club, Springfield, VA
 - 28 Executive Committee Meeting, 1930-2100
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Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS™ HQ facility at 1900 on the **second Wed of each month** except for the months of Aug, and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs will be combined with other events. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron website.

BoatUS Headquarters meeting location:

880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA 22304

From Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn St exit # 173, towards Franconia. Turn left onto S. Van Dorn St / VA-613 North. Turn left onto S. Pickett St. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at first the BoatUS™ sign and go to the lighted parking lot in rear. Proceed to the entrance. Press buzzer on right to request entry.

Attention Ship's Store Shoppers!

Our online Ship's Store (<http://nvsp.qbstores.com>) now offers shirts, jackets, totebags and hats with our new 50th anniversary burgee logo. The new burgee has a gold band along the angled edges. So, watch for a sale and stock up on NVSPS shirts to wear onboard and in town, If you need a new nametag, order one from cpdean.com or 804-355-6588.

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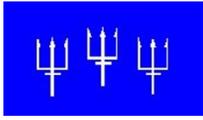
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Commander Sends...

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The Holidays are now upon us. Winter will arrive in a few weeks. Our boat is tucked away for its long winters rest. All the holiday parties will be looking for our attendance. I'd like to look back on the highlights of this past boating season.

In early October, Cindy and I attended her 40th High School Reunion (class of '77) in Southeastern Pennsylvania. We attended the same high school (I was class of '76) so for me this was not a case of not knowing anyone. We sat with a couple who are very good friends (they were both in our wedding). We had not seen them since the 30th reunion. Even though 10 years had gone by, we seemed to pick up right where we had left off. It was nice to be in their company and overall, it was a great reunion party. Upon saying our goodbyes, we said as we always do, "we need to get together more often," and to "come down to Virginia so we can take you out on our boat."

We say these things in good faith and hope they will happen, but as usual, life and work gets in the way. The next thing you know, too much time has gone by until you see them again. Needless to say, it was a pleasant surprise when they contacted us a few days later saying they were free the upcoming weekend and would like to come for a visit and take us up on the boat ride. We naturally said "yes" come on down.

The following Friday evening they arrived. We went out to a local restaurant for a nice dinner. Afterward we decided to drive them to the National Harbor complex in Maryland just south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Seeing all of the retail, commercial, and residential offerings along with the Tanger Outlets and MGM Casino was quite impressive as this area was all woodlands when we had moved here in 1993.

Saturday morning, we departed our marina on the Occoquan River with a destination of Georgetown in mind, 30 miles north on the Potomac River. Along the way we went into the small marked channel in front of Mount Vernon to get a good view of the mansion. We went by Fort Washington, Reagan International Airport, and under all of the bridges with views of the Jefferson, Washington, and Lincoln monuments on our way to the Georgetown City waterfront and the Key Bridge.

Once there, we observed the no wake zone and had a nice light lunch of crackers and cheeses, grapes and wine. I just drank my soda since I was driving the boat. We then reversed course and even spotted some eagles on the way back to our marina. All told it was a little over 5 hours round trip, with good weather and a calm river. It was one of our best boat trips in all of our 16 seasons of boating.

We then had an early dinner at a nice Chinese restaurant in the Springfield area. Afterwards we drove into our Nation's Capital with stops at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial and the National World War II Memorial along with views of the Capital and White House from the car. Our friends visit was one of the highlights of the year for us. We had such a good time together being out on the boat and having the time to catch up with our lives. We will definitely not let another 10 years go by before seeing them again.

So why did I decide to write about our friends visit? Basically to say, no matter how busy you are with work or life, take the time to reach out to an old friend, a family member, or a Squadron member that you have not seen in a long time. It does take some effort, but it can be very rewarding, like an early Christmas present.

As we close out the Squadron's 50th year, Cindy and I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. May your boating next year be enjoyable and safe.

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Message from the Educational Officer

Thanks to West Marine Alexandria and the four seminar instructors for 2017:

Norbert Hymel, AP

Lt/C Ed Phillips, AP

Lt Claire Wyngaard, P

P/C Rich Unis, JN

If you are interested in taking a CPR/First Aid class, please contact Ed Phillips and also contact info@nvsp.org.



Ed Phillips, instructor, Weather Forecasting, West Marine Seminar

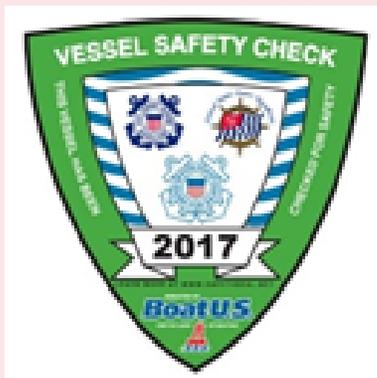
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**USPS District 5 Spring Educational Conference, April 5-8 , 2018,
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equipment is onboard and in
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Farewell to Martha Jane Dodd, P



If you were a member of NVSPS around the turn of the new century, you must have encountered the smiling face of Martha Jane Dodd who passed away on November 1, 2017 at the age of 91.

Martha Jane loved the squadron and worked as hard as anyone for its success. She and her husband Edwin Dodd were tireless recruiters for new members. In 1996 they received the Spirit of Flower Power award for generating membership participation. As Membership Chair Martha Jane organized recruitment crews for basic boating classes for several years. She won the Spirit of Flower Power award every year from 1998 to 2001 when the squadron decided she should keep it permanently.

When Ed became Commander in 1999 Martha Jane worked tirelessly at his side to make the year memorable for all members. Their D5 spring conference hospitality suite featured a navigation test performed on Etch-a-Sketch boards. Each summer they participated in the squadron cruise aboard their 36' sports fisherman *Martha Jane* which they kept at Fairfax Yacht Club. They also promoted the Cooperative Charting program by tromping around in the weeds searching for markers and interviewing marina owners for updated information. We miss you, Martha Jane.



40 Million Kidde Fire Extinguishers Recalled

More than 40 million Kidde fire extinguishers equipped with plastic handles, some on the market for more than 40 years, have been recalled. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), “The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.” The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean water is urging recreational boat owners to check their boats for the recalled extinguishers and get a free metal-handled replacement by going to the CPSC [recall website](#).

The recall affects both plastic-handle and push-button Pindicator Kidde fire extinguishers, including 134, ABC- or BC-rated models manufactured between January 1, 1973, and August 15, 2017. The extinguishers are red, white or silver and were sold in the US and Canada through a wide range of retailers from Montgomery Ward to Amazon. The CPSC [recall website](#) shows how to easily identify the affected extinguishers.



In the recall, Kidde also acknowledged the free replacement push-button extinguisher being sent to personal watercraft owners is similar in size to the recalled model but may not fit in the same location as the old fire extinguisher. “This may require a slightly different mounting orientation or location,” said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner.”

CPSC says there have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including one fatality; approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns; and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

Kidde may also be contacted toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. The company offers additional recall information online at kidde.com by selecting “Product Safety Recall.”

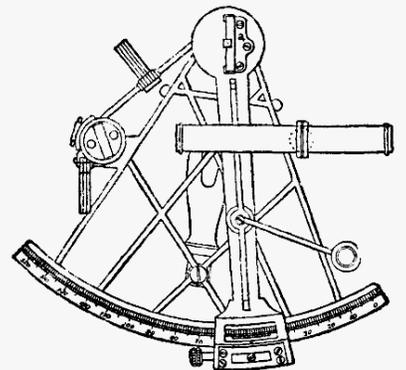
Read this BoatUS Press Release online at <https://goo.gl/FZjYfi>
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Introduction to the Marine Sextant

Age 9 to Adult class at Turner Farm Park and Observatory,
Great Falls, VA, Saturday March 10, 2018 at 10 am

One hour program \$8, Register online at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes
or 703-222-4664



Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year from
Texas Lady Cathy Sheffield
& Sammy the traveling bird

Merry Christmas to all!
Alan and Mary Hart

Happy Holidays & a
Healthy, Happy New Year!
John & Robie Shivik

Fair Winds & Safe Voyages
In the New Year!
Walt Lazear

NOEL!
From the "Kathy E!"
Bill & Kathy Eldridge

May the joy of the season
Be with you!
Jere & Nancy Dando

Joyous holidays &
Happy new year to all!
Dick & Jean Durgin



C Wyngaard

Happy Winter Holidays Fellow boaters!
It's time to plan our next boating adventure,
Get the Eldridge out with the charts,
Take courses and read books.
Claire Wyngaard

We enjoyed celebrating our squadron's 50th year.
Wishing you and your loved ones
a Merry Christmas and a happy 2018.
Fred & Cindy Zugay

Merry Christmas!
May Santa Claus bring you calm
seas and sunny days in 2018.
Gale & Evelyn Alls

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Sean, Susan & Maggie Gallagher
The Three G's



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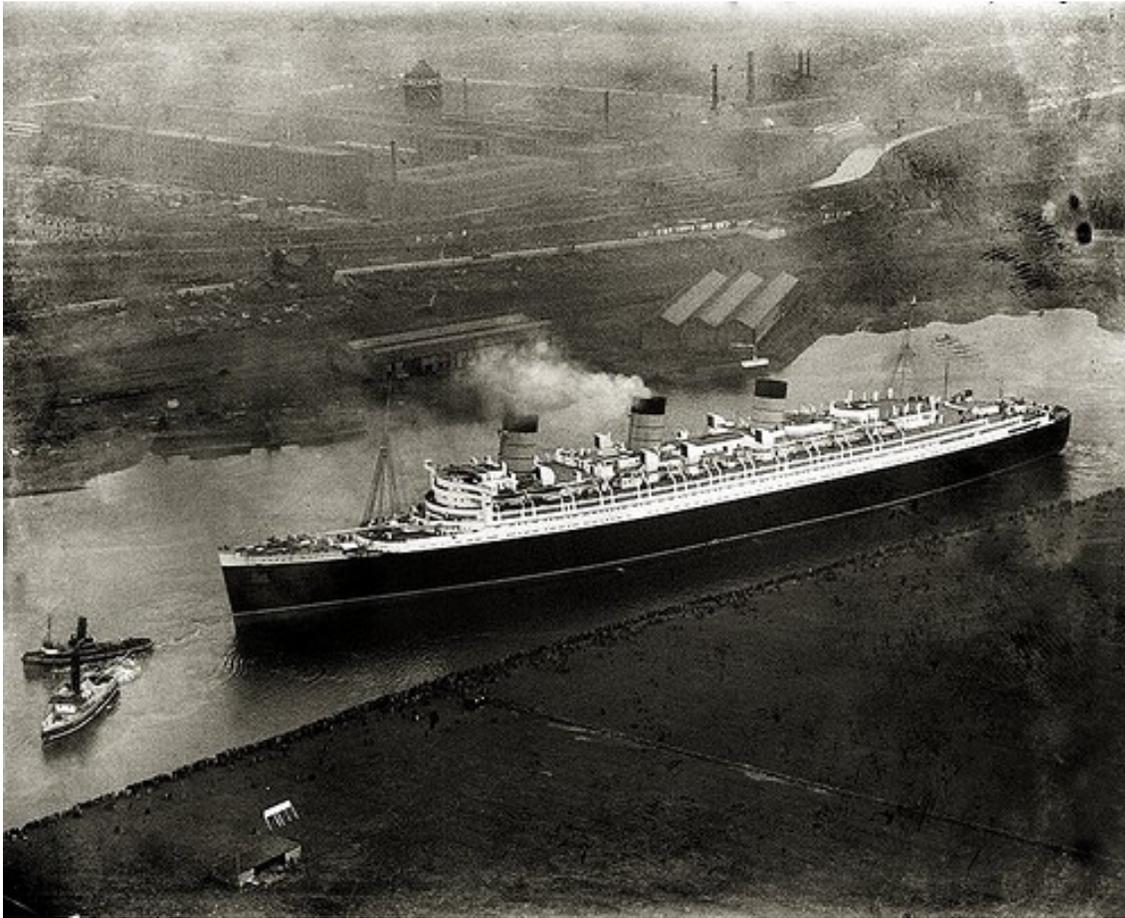


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RMS Queen
Mary,
Clydebank,
1936.

Thanks to Jay Nelson for an interesting presentation at the Nov. meeting about the

RMS Queen Mary. See more info at [And http://www.queenmary.com/](http://www.queenmary.com/)

<http://rmsqueenmary.homestead.com/QUEENMARYHOME.html>

Nominations Needed

Nominations are open for 2018 officers and committees. New positions would start at Change of Watch in March 2018.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chairman, P/C Alan Hart, AP with questions, suggestions, to volunteer or discuss positions at 1oldtar@gmail.com, 540-898-6002.



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50th Anniversary NVSPS Burgee

Orders for burgees will be delivered at a Squadron function.

If mailed, a \$5 charge per burgee will be added. Call for other sizes.

Size	Price
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14" X 21"	\$27.50 ea



Burgee size _____ number _____ X price _____ = _____

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E galeandev@aol.com , C 703-987-8421, or see Ship's Store at www.nvsp.org/stor.shtml

2017 Holiday Dinner Dance December 2

Come one and all to join in the festivities at our annual Holiday Party! Bring your family and friends to this holiday celebration which will be held from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017, in the Banquet Room at P.J. Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. <http://www.pjskidoos.com/>



Invitations have been mailed and are in the November newsletter. Reservations requested by Nov 26. Questions may be directed to Sue Karjala, skarjala@verizon.net, 703-818-8676



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- Securing the Boat



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