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Happy Holidays to All! Marge & George Degnon "Irish Ayes"

Merry Christmas & Joy to the World May God Bless our Troops From The Koops

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From the crew of the KIM Gale and Evelyn Alls

> Happy Holidays 2008 and Smooth Sailing in 2009 Dick & Jean Durgin

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to All! P/C Alan and Mary Hart

I wish you all wonderful boating! Helen Alberts

"NOEL"
From
Bill & Kathy Eldridge

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Ruth & Russ Grasso

Happy Holidays from the Crew of SERENITY Keith, Garrett & Mitchell Segerson

> Deck 'Dem Halls G. Jay Nelson[

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year John & Robie Shivik, Grey Eagle III Happy Holidays! Joel & Paula Bailey "Bay Leeway"

We send our warmest Holiday and Season's Greetings Irina and Richard Davis

Happy Holidays and Safe Voyages in the New Year "Lake Mates" Walt & Manette Lazear

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from "Texas Lady" Cathy Sheffield

We wish you all the best and Safe Boating in 2009 Hank & Lucille Trochesset

We miss you all! It's a short drive to Annapolis. Clara & Bill Blanding, "Sea Waltz"

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays To all our friends from "Tesoro" Frank Shults & Michelle Dufay

Merry Christmas to All! Norbert and Alice Mary Hymel

Merry Christmas from "Sea Glory" Georgia & Francis Williamson

> Happy Holidays & Safe Boating in the New Year Ron & Donna Larson





#### **BRIDGE OFFICERS**



**COMMANDER** Cdr George K. Degnon, P



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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** Lt/C John G. Karjala, P



**SECRETARY** Lt/C George Nartsissov, P



TREASURER Lt/C Steven Hall, AP

#### **Scheduled Meetings**

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS\* Headquarters facility at 1900. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron web site.

Headquarters BoatUS and meetina 880 South Pickett Street. location: Alexandria VA. From the Capital Beltway. take the VA-613/ Van Dorn Street exit, exit number 173 (aka exit 3), towards Franconia. Turn left onto South Van Dorn Street / VA-613 North. Turn left onto South Pickett Street. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at the BoatUS sign and go to the lighted parking lot in the rear. Proceed to the entrance.



Do you or one of your friends need a vessel checked? Or want to become an examiner yourself? J. Van Senden, John@Southerngirl.net



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From: NVSPS 2008-2009 Nominating Committee Subject: NVSPS Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Sections 6.8, 6.8.1, 6.8.2 and 11.1 of the NVSPS Bylaws, the following members of the Squadron are recommended for election by the General Membership at the March 11, 2009 annual meeting. The members listed below have agreed to serve their term as prescribed in the Bylaws for the year 2009-2010.

#### **BRIDGE MEMBERS**

Commander Francis Williamson, AP **Executive Officer** George Nartssissov, P **Educational Officer** Richard E. Unis, JN Administrative Officer John G. Karjala, P Treasurer Steven D. Hall, AP Secretary Ralph R. Young, AP Assistant Educational Officer J. J. FitzGerald, JN Assistant Administrative Officer Sue Karjala, P Joel P. Bailey, A **Assistant Treasurer** 

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G. Jay Nelson, AP 1 year
Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP 1 year
John A. Shivik, AP 1 year
Russell S. Grasso, P 1 year
Frederick D. Zugay, JN 1 year

#### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Evelyn S. Alls, P 1 year
Richard J. Weinberg 1 year
Douglas E. Layne, AP 2 years
Yeuan –Ming Sheu, AP 2 years
Richard J. Durgin, JN 3 years
Brian K. Choate 3 years

#### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Dwight Bues, AP 1 year William M. Russell, III, SN 2 years Michael E. Card, S 3 years

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

P/C George K. Degnon, P1 yearP/C Keith B. Segerson, P1 yearStf/C Richard P. Davis AP+2 yearsNorbert P. Hymel, AP2 yearsThomas J. Martin, AP3 yearsRonald H. Larson, P3 years

#### Respectfully submitted:

P/C Gale Alls, SN, Chairman Lt Brian K. Choate P/C Richard J. Durgin, JN P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP P/C John A. Shivik, AP





# Commander Sends . . .

Well, it is quite an honor to represent such a distinguished Squadron as Northern Virginia. Just consider the wonderful accolades bestowed upon NVSPS and some of our members this past month: First place for the District 5 Commanders Trophy for the greatest percentage increase in completion of Elective Courses (Weather, Sail, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, and Instructor Development); Second place for the District 5 Commanders recognition to the squadron showing successful teaching in Advance Grade Courses (Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation); The Charles Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to our squadron member Robert E Cox, Jr; we received a MIRA Award from the National Membership Committee in recognition of Jean Durgin's work on the Squadron History; our Website which has been recreated by Walt Lazear was recognized as one of the best in the District; and seven of our members (out of 31 from the entire District from the VA-NC Border up to mid Jersey) were honored by receiving the USPS Educational Proficiency Award: Paul Andrew Baartz, John J Fitzgerald, J Shawn Gregor, Peter Soballe, Andrew Scheuermann, Martin Suydam, and John VonSenden. Congratulations to all! Recently due to tremendous efforts by Jean Durgin preparing Merit Mark recommendations for the Squadron, word was just received from USPS Headquarters that 53 of our members have been awarded a Merit Marks for the extraordinary contribution of time and talent in building our Squadron. Work continues on submissions and two additional members are under consideration. The report I received back from USPS commended us for "an exceptional submittal," one of the best prepared reports, so thanks again, Jean

Most of these recognitions were presented at the recent District 5 fall conference at which we were well represented by John and Sue Karjala, Francis Williamson, Tom Ballew, JJ Fitzgerald, Rick Baker, and Marge Degnon and myself. I would urge all Squadron members to consider coming to a District Conference. The next one will be held this coming Spring in Ocean City on March 27-29. These are excellent educational meetings where some of the finest instructors help us keep abreast on boating safety, share educational developments and where folks really know how to have a great time once the classrooms sessions are complete each day. At the spring conference there is a wonderful hospitality program on Friday evening where each of the squadrons hosts an exhibit which again offers unique learning opportunities in the midst of some terrific foods and beverages served by the finest people in boating that you will ever meet. Do put that on your calendar, it's a great start to the boating season and I guarantee that if you attend one you will want to come back to additional conferences. It's a great perk for first mates too!

With winter almost upon us, do give a good look at our advanced classes and elective classes being offered this season, they are presented by some of the best instructors in the nation and you will be investing in your own capacity for safe and pleasurable boating experiences. Check out our Squadron website at our new location www.nvsps.org

With our boats on the hard or floating above the bubblers, our thoughts are now shifting to Christmas and the holiday season depending upon our cultural and religious backgrounds. Whatever our beliefs, at this time of year we all share in the wonderful spirit of the season. The unique bonds of our humanness are intensified through generous sharing among family members and friends. With the unique economic environment today, let's all perform at least one random act of reckless kindness to a lonely neighbor or a poor family in the community, lets extend ourselves a bit beyond our comfort zone this season to help in some way those less fortunate. "Pay it forward" as the young folks say! It is in giving that we will receive, and its long been my view that having peace on earth and goodwill among men will only be if it starts with those most close to us. So to each as it may be best received: Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, etc, etc! Peace and best wishes.

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### **Executive Officer - Ron Larson**

This past month has been administratively busy. The efforts to keep the Squadron on an even keel have had us all doing a lot of phone calls, emails and other efforts. Planning for 2009 is already underway and

it won't be long before the new bridge will be facing new and existing challenges. It would be great to have 100% participation.

The officers within the Executive Office have performed in an outstanding manner and have supported this office and NVSPS in accomplishing our mission of promoting boating education, safety, service and other boating related activities to the public.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a safe 2009 boating season.

Next year, my wife Donna and I will be traveling in our land yacht as many of you will be doing the same in your

sea yachts, but I will still be involved as much as time permits.

Best Wishes,

Lt/C Ronald H. Larson, P NVSPS Executive Officer

# It Can Happen to the Best of Us

Some of you may know that we're now cruising full-time aboard our 49' DeFever trawler ADVENTURES. Lately we've been cruising in waters where mistakes can have expensive consequences – fortunately we haven't experienced any problems this summer, but a number of other cruising boats have. Our intent with this article is to highlight common mistakes that happened to excellent, experienced boaters, and to help you understand the underlying causes so you can keep your days on the water safe and fun.

<u>Don't follow other boats</u>. Sometimes you are cruising with others who may be more experienced than you are, sometimes you just assume another boat is heading the same way you are, or sometimes you aren't even conscious of the fact that you've started following another boat. No matter what, you must choose your own course and resist the urge to follow others. Never let anyone else's decisions influence yours. If you're traveling with someone heading to the same place you are and they are taking an unusual course, contact them by radio to discuss it. Maybe there's a good reason or maybe you're saving them from a mistake! Sometimes you may be <u>unconsciously</u> following another boat – be aware of your surroundings and constantly verify that your course is what you intend.

Incident: Following a boat by mistake resulted in a damaged prop. The boater was very experienced, but the hour was early and he admitted (in hindsight) that he wasn't fully awake and alert. He attempted to "follow" some boats that were anchored, with a shoal in between. Continued on Page 11.



# Calendar of NVSPS Meetings and Events

#### December

- 10 EXCOM Meeting
- 13 Holiday Party
- 25 Christmas

#### 2009

#### January

- 01 New Years
- 14 All Hands Meeting & Founders Day
- 15 Inputs due to oT&T
- 28 EXCOM Meeting

# February

- 4 Founders Day
- 11 All Hands Meeting
- 15 Inputs due to oT&T
- 17 22 USPS Annual Meeting

#### March

- 11 All hands meeting
- 14 Change of Watch
- 15 Inputs to oT&T
- 25 EXCOM Meeting
- 26 29 District 5 Spring Conference



# SHIP's STORE



Need a new burgee for your boat? How about a tote bag or sports shirt?

Contact: Robie Shivik e-mail: JSHIVIK@VERIZON.NET

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#### Education Officer - Rich Unis, JN, SEO

Winter is a great time to hit the books and improve your boating knowledge. We have a nice array of Advanced and Elective courses arranged for you during the winter. Now it's up to you to take advantage of them!

The USPS just released a brand new, and much anticipated, Weather course. Don't miss this one which is being taught by our very own weather guru John Shivik, AP. It should be well worth your time and effort.

We have Piloting and Cruise Planning scheduled on Saturday's to accommodate the Sea Scouts and those who have difficulty making it to courses during the week.

Seamanship and Advanced Piloting will be scheduled for the spring.

Please tell your boating friends that we have many Squadron Boating Courses scheduled between January and April 2009. Send them to our website at <a href="https://www.nvsps.org">www.nvsps.org</a> for more info on those course offerings. If it has been a long time since someone has taken a safe boating course, it's a great idea to take a refresher! Make the suggestion.

Sign up now for the following courses:

Course: WEATHER (W) (~12 sessions, Mondays)

**Description:** This course teaches students how to make weather observations and predictions. Topics include awareness of weather phenomena, how to read weather maps and the sky, how to anticipate and understand weather developments, structure and characteristics of the atmosphere, factors considered in weather forecasting, sources and use of weather reports and forecasts and weather instruments. This is a newly designed course for 2009!

Start Date: 5 January 2009 Time: 7 – 9 PM

End Date: o/a 6 April 2009

Location: Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA

Instructor: John Shivik, AP

Register by: 10 December 2008. Contact: SEO Rich Unis at runis 320@yahoo.com or 703-777-8378.

Course: CRUISE PLANNING (CP) (Saturdays)

**Description:** Designed for members who plan to cruise for a day or a year – in a sail or power boat. This course covers topics such as planning and financing a voyage, managing commitments back home, equipping a cruising boat, selecting the crew, provisioning, managing a voyage, entering and clearing foreign ports, emergencies afloat and security measures. Cost is \$95; family members and significant others may share books for a discount.

Start Date: <u>17 January 2009</u> Time: <u>8 – 11:30 AM</u>

End Date: 21 February 2009

Location: St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington, VA

Instructor: Bill & Clara Blanding, AP and John Von Senden, AP

Register by: 19 December 2008 so books can be ordered! Contact SEO Rich Unis at

runis 320@yahoo.com or 703-777-8378.

Course: PILOTING (P) (Saturdays)

**Description:** Piloting is the first of a two-part series studying inland and coastal navigation. This course focuses on the fundamentals of piloting – keeping track of a boat's movement, determining your position at any time and laying out courses to planned destinations. Topics include charts and their use, aids to navigation, the mariner's compass, variation and deviation of the compass, plotting and steering courses, dead reckoning, plotting and labeling charts, and the use of electronic navigation including GPS and chart plotters. This course is an absolute must! Cost is \$95; family members and significant others may share books for a discount.

**Start Date: 17 January 2009** Time: 12 – 4 PM





#### Administrative Officer – John Karjala

Thanks all around for the interest, participation, and reservations made for the 13 December 2008 Annual Holiday Party at the American Legion 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax City. (If you have not placed your reservation and this *Tars & Terns* arrives before the festivities call me at (703) 818-8676 to find out if there is still room.)

It's not too early to think about the Change of Watch coming up in March 2009. Make your New Year's resolution now to attend more of the great NVSPS events.

Is it too early to think about the Annual Spring Picnic? Think Spring. Last year the Squadron annual picnic was held at the Fairfax Yacht Club on a sunny and warm Saturday 17 May 08. Bar-B-Que pork and chicken were the entrees. Sodas, water, beer, and wine were available. It's was free to the attendees. Compliments were received from the Fairfax Yacht Club Commodore regarding assisting turn-out for their Clean —up day and the Squadron's Vessel Safety Checks of the Yacht Club's ships.

# **Education Officer Report Continued:**

End Date: 21 February 2009

Location: St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington, VA

**Instructor**: JJ Fitzgerald, JN

Register by: 19 December 2008 so books can be ordered! Contact SEO Rich Unis at

runis 320@yahoo.com or 703-777-8378.

Course: NAVIGATION (N) (Tuesdays)

**Description:** Learn celestial navigation and piloting techniques suitable for offshore navigation anywhere in the world using the moon, planets, and stars. This course builds on the sun-sight technique learned in the new Junior Navigation (JN) course. Cost is \$125; family members and significant others may share books for a discount.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of USPS Junior Navigation (JN) Course

Start Date: 20 January 2009 Time: 7 – 9 PM

End Date: o/a 30 June 2009

Location: GMU Offices, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, VA

Instructor: Seminar Style – Each Participant Teaches At Least One Chapter

Class Leaders: SEO Rich Unis, JN and Rick Baker, JN

Register by: 31 December 2008 so books can be ordered! The new edition is scheduled for release in

early January. SEO Rich Unis at runis 320@yahoo.com or 703-777-8378.



The new Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron (NVSPS) website is now operational at <a href="https://www.nvsps.org">www.nvsps.org</a>. It can also be reached via the old address for a while, to allow pointers in printed material to still be relevant. At some point National will stop hosting our old stuff (including the redirection file) and we'll have just the new address (<a href="https://www.nvsps.org">www.nvsps.org</a>). But for now we're flexible.

# **Cooperative Charting**

As our seasoned members know and all of our newer members are finding out, there are many opportunities in the Power Squadron to help your fellow squadron members and boaters. More importantly, there are also opportunities that grow your own boating and navigation skills. In particular, one activity stands out as fun, challenging, skill building and is a public service to all boaters. Were you thinking of Vessel Safety Checks? VSC's are a vital way we serve the boating public. But there is another, less visible, way we can serve the boating public. That is cooperative charting or CoCh for short

What is CoCh? It consists of depth surveys, range line surveys, current surveys, small craft facility (marina) surveys and the Adopt a Chart program. Do you enjoy working with charts, charting information, applying your navigation skills and helping the boating community? If the answer is yes to any of the above, the CoCh program is an activity to consider getting involved in. Have a look at the National CoCh website located at <a href="http://www.usps.org/national/coch/index.htm">http://www.usps.org/national/coch/index.htm</a> and the District 5 CoCh website located at <a href="http://www.uspsd5.org/coch.html">http://www.uspsd5.org/coch.html</a> for more details on each part of the CoCh program.

As we look to 2009, is anyone interested in doing a depth survey? Or know of good candidate location? Perhaps the channel and surrounding waters to your marina haven't been surveyed in many years. Let me know what you would consider a worthy location for a depth survey and we'll plan a depth survey for the spring. We are also looking for a small (16-18'), maneuverable, shallow draft runabout to conduct the survey from.

The 2009 CoCh workshop will be held on May 1-2 at NOAA's Atlantic Marine Center in Norfolk, VA. The registration form with the information is posted on the District 5 website.

If you are interested in participating in the CoCh program, contact me at the address below.

I wish each of you and your family, a joyous Christmas Season.

Smooth seas and fair winds!

Ed Phillips, AP

CoCh Committee Chair

potter339@earthlink.net

#### COMPLETE UP TO DATE NOAA PAPER CHARTS

Here are two sources for the latest up to date paper NOAA charts. One from OceanGrafix is the latest Chart printed on demand (<a href="http://myboatsgear.com/mbg/product.asp?prodID=1485">http://myboatsgear.com/mbg/product.asp?prodID=1485</a>), not the one in the store that's been sitting for months. The second, a new initiative from NOAA (<a href="http://myboatsgear.com/mbg/product.asp?prodID=1490">http://myboatsgear.com/mbg/product.asp?prodID=1490</a>) allows the user to print the chart directly at home and for free. MyBoatsGear.com will help you find the best gear, by reviewing hundreds of boating products and bringing the best ones to you. Product information is easily accessed and organized into 200 plus categories.



#### Children and Life Jackets

Many adults believe themselves capable of diving into the water to rescue a child who falls overboard. This is a dangerous misconception. Adults may not notice a child falling overboard right away. Children who fall in may not surface immediately. It can be difficult to locate a child in the water—especially when the vessel is in motion. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign reports that drowning remains second only to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14. Between 1995 and 2001, 121 children under the age of 13 drowned while boating. Most of these deaths could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a properly fitting life jacket. Sadly, Virginia is the only coastal State in the Union that does not have a child life jacket regulation. However, where the State laws do not address life jacket regulations for children, the US Coast Guard regulations apply. There seems to be some confusion as to the US Coast Guard regulations concerning children and the wearing of life jackets. It is actually quite straightforward; the US Coast Guard published an Interim Rule that became effective on 22 December 2002, requiring that all children under 13 years of age wear US Coast Guard approved life jackets, while aboard recreational vessels underway, except when the children are below decks or in an enclosed cabin. Penalties for a boat operator who fails to have all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket are similar to those for failing to have life jackets on board. Penalties may be assessed up to a maximum of \$1,100 for each violation. Obviously, the child life jacket rule is an enhancement of the US Coast Guard rules for all life jackets (formerly referred to as Personal Floatation Devices (PFD)). Life jackets must be US Coast Guard approved, in good and serviceable condition, and the appropriate size for the intended user. They must be readily accessible, specifically meaning that you must be able to put them on in a reasonable amount of time in an emergency, and you must have one life jacket for each person onboard. It is the boat operator's responsibility to keep all passengers safe, and ensure that children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket while underway.

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This message is being sent to you by the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center to notify you that the USCG District Five Local Notice to Mariners <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/lnm05482008.pdf">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/lnm05482008.pdf</a>> (48-2008) is available for download.

In addition, the 2007 USCG Light List Volume Two <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm</a> is available for download and is updated to Local Notice (27-2007) as is a summary of corrections <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/Corrections/V2D05.pdf">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/Corrections/V2D05.pdf</a>.

<u>Don't just follow the course line</u>. Don't assume that a pre-plotted course line (or the ICW "magenta line") is the exact, correct course to follow (even if you're the one who plotted the line). Constantly examine your charts for hazards that may be in your path. Use binoculars to verify buoy numbers and remember that NAVAIDS may have been added or may be missing. Don't assume anything and try to reconcile information from your charts with what you see out the window.

Incident: Following a pre-plotted course without carefully considering hazards resulted in a cracked keel and significant damage to a stabilizer fin when a boater attempted to pass over a (charted) submerged rock.

<u>Maintain a weather-eye</u>. Check the forecasts, but also look out the window. Look at forecast information and re-check it as it is updated (several times/day). Take note of how the forecast may be changing to identify trends. Consider wind direction <u>and duration</u> to gauge wave height. Look at tides and currents (such as outflow of a large river) that will influence your travel and consider the prevailing wind direction. Remember that wind opposing current (or swell) can create steep, nasty waves. Be prepared for sudden summer storms that are common on the Chesapeake. <u>Never, never, never let a schedule dictate your plans when the weather or sea conditions are risky</u>. Sometimes, you are "stuck" someplace and you badly want or need to leave — this will often influence a bad decision to leave when you should stay put and wait for a good weather window to travel safely and comfortably.

Incident: A boater became very antsy about waiting for a weather window to cross from Nova Scotia to Maine – he was tired of waiting-waiting in a very small town. He left a day earlier than the forecasted window despite thorough analysis of the weather. He wanted to leave so he tended to downplay the data that indicated he should wait. He ended up experiencing a very miserable 12 hours, and he snagged a lobster pot because he timed his departure poorly – arriving before daylight in Maine's lobster pot clogged waters. 27 hours later the seas were glassy, and a slightly different departure hour insured daylight for an arrival in Maine waters.

**Beware of fatigue**. Fatigue often leads good boaters to make mistakes or bad decisions. Fatigue can be caused by lack of sleep, continual stress, or too many hours on watch – where the waves and boat's motion dull the senses. Regardless of the cause, boaters should take steps to minimize fatigue by using a sufficient number of qualified crew and by maintaining a watch standing schedule that allows for adequate rest. Be aware of the effect fatigue can have and take extra care with decision-making and performance – such as having to re-set a dragging anchor in the middle of the night.

Incident: An experienced boater arrived in port very tired after a long ocean crossing. He picked up a mooring and shut down his engine and electronics. The harbor master called to say that he had picked up the wrong mooring and asked him to move. The boater was tired, it was early morning, and there was patchy fog in the area. He fired up the engine to move, but didn't have his GPS running since he wasn't moving far. Unfortunately he ran hard aground on large submerged rocks that were well-charted, causing damage to the prop and rudder.

These are just a few examples from some unfortunate incidents that occurred this summer to a collection of superb, smart, skilled boaters. We're all human and we all make mistakes but it's important that we learn as much as we can from them.

Robin & Jim Roberts
MV ADVENTURES
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#### **CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION**

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." - Helen Keller



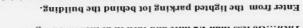
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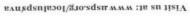
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MONTHLY ALL-HANDS MEETING



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