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Squadron Calendar

January

- 15 Monthly meeting
- ExCom meeting
- 24 Aviation Museum trip

February

- 12 Monthly meeting
- ExCom meeting
- TBD **Weather** course



Feb-Mar Deadline

Please submit all articles for the Feb-Mar 2010 *Lighthouse* to Dick Horn by 18 January, rhornva@yahoo.com. All members may contribute relevant material. Photos of squadron activities are especially welcome.

Festive Christmas Party

Thirty-seven NNSPS members and guests had a delightful time at the Christmas Party at Rappahannock-Westminster Canterbury on 12 December. Beautiful table centerpieces of poinsettias surrounded by magnolia and evergreens, arranged by Kathy Moeller and Daphne Montgomery, added to the enjoyment of the excellent buffet dinner provided by the chef and his staff at R-WC.



Kathy Moeller, left, served as meeting manager for the Christmas Party. Daphne Montgomery provided major help with making it a successful event. More photos on the Insert.

Lucky door prize winners were Dyan Warren and Norm Tadlock (inshore inflatable belt packs) and Bill Blocher and Nancy Williams (\$25 gift certificates to Anna's Pizza). Helen Kelley won the 50/50 drawing. Everyone was a winner by taking home a Christmas ornament that served also as a place card. Thanks to Kathy, ably assisted by Daphne, for taking on the responsibility again this year as meeting manager for the Christmas Party.

Lt/C Norm Tadlock, P



See page 5 for the slate of elected officer nominees for 2010-2011.

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From the Helm **A great year**

This past year has been a great year for the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron. I thank the squadron members for their support to the executive committee, the squadron and our community. I also thank all the bridge officers and committee members for their long hours and dedication in leading our squadron to our successes.


Our members have achieved Education Proficiency, won the District 5 Chapman Award, third place in the Trophy for Electives Courses, first place in the National Membership Involvement and Retention Award, and close to 75% of our members have earned merit marks. We have attended Spring and Fall Conferences and the Summer Council that were great. We also had great success with our safety booths and great support from the local newspapers.

The ***Boating Safety for Kids Program*** is strong and Nail & Sail a hit with the teenagers. Our award winning newsletter is the best in D/5, and our instructors make learning about boating safety interesting and fun. We were blessed with support from the Kilmarnock Kiwanis Club and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. As P/C Ron Sowers said in his message in 2008 "In March we will be installing new leadership - I challenge each of you to "RESOLVE" to support these new leaders as they take office, and to become even more involved than you are already. And if you are not yet a part of these award winning activities, now is the time for your "RESOLUTION."

I ask that you support the new bridge officers for the 2010-2011 year, and encourage each of you to bring your ideas, unique style and talent to our activities. This year, resolve to teach a class, invite a past member, invite a prospective member, and help at a safety booth.

To those of you that I may not see personally during this holiday season, John and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you, a great holiday season and a most rewarding New Year. Thank you for your dedication and support of NNSPS, the community, and living the USPS' mission of safe boating through education, civic service and having fun on the water.

Cdr Helen Kelley, P



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Executive Officer
The "U" in USPS

First, let me thank each and every person who worked so hard to make the Holiday Party such a joy for all who attended. The food was great and the company was a delight. Being with this squadron is the best Christmas gift and to visit with those we haven't seen in a while was the bow on the package. It was great to see you again. And, as my husband always says, "It's great to be seen on this side of the sod."

A big thank you to our very busy Vessel Safety Examiners for this year's efforts. As of last check, we had credited 5 more VSCs than last year. Next time you see Mike Warren, Dave Cook, Dyan Warren, Twy Williams, and Ray Reuter, shake their hands, pat them on the back, and tell them "thank you." The waters in and around the Chesapeake Bay are safer because of you. We sure could use a few more Examiners for next year.

Thanks for putting the "U" in USPS. You are the reason I drive two hours to Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron meetings and events.

Lt/C Bonnie Brown-Murphy, AP

New *Weather* course

John Mill informs me he will be ready to teach the new *Weather* course beginning in early February 2010. This is a challenging and rewarding course taught by a real pro. Expect about 10 two hour sessions including a single exam at the end of the course. We need at least four students to schedule the class. Register by 20 Jan 2010 to allow time to order materials. Cost is \$65 per student or \$90 for a couple sharing the text. Class dates/times/locations to be determined. Register and direct questions to me, 804-529-5093 or twynan@msn.com.

***Advanced Piloting* course**

Interested? Contact Dave Cook right away, 804-438-6069 or buckwheat@rivnet.net.

Lt/C Twy Williams, SN

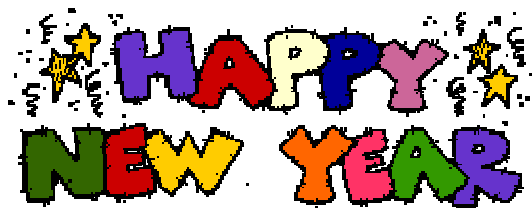
Daytripper

PLEASE PUT 24 JANUARY 2010 on your calendar. Then, join Nansemond River Power Squadron for a Daytripper to the Military Aviation Museum followed by great food at Margaret's and Ray's Restaurant. Ron and I will be hosting this event and we need a head count for both places so please make sure to call, 757-647-6909, or send an e-mail to ron@leisuretimeyacht.com.

The museum is located at 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact information: 757-721-7767, militaryaviationmuseum.org. This museum is home to one of the largest private collections of flying military airplanes, fighters and bombers from the first half of the last century. All of the planes flew during those wars and are restored to flying condition. World War II and Korean War era planes, including a P-51D Mustang, FG-1D Corsair, PBX Catalina, and B-25J are on display. Even I am old enough to remember newsreels before the start of the movies at theaters. They run continuously at the Museum.

The Museum admission is \$8 per person (group rate) and the meal will cost whatever you eat.

Lt/C Bonnie Brown-Murphy, AP



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Educational Officer

Reel them in

Starting the New Year I'm reminded of all the help I received during the past year. Thanks to faithful instructors, Dave Cook, Judy Cook, Jim Harris, Nancy Williams and Helen Kelley for being there when needed no matter the change in schedules or locations. Thanks to Ray Reuter for publicizing our courses and sending students to our classes. Thanks to Helen Kelley again for writing a note to each of our public course graduates offering congratulations and a free meal if they would attend one of our meetings and consider joining our squadron.

The latter reminds me of the importance of nurturing our potential and new members. Like fishing, you cannot just set the hook, you must carefully reel them in. No one should feel like a stranger at our meetings; that means we must make a point of introducing ourselves even at the risk of having done it before. Then tell them a bit about what you have been doing in and for the squadron. Perhaps they will hear something that catches their interest—taking a course, helping with the middle school boat safety for kids program, setting up tables for our meetings, agreeing to serve as one of our officers, helping to organize a rendezvous, a Christmas float, or a safety booth—the list goes on and on. Our squadron has a lot to offer. Let's sell it.

Nancy and I transferred to the squadron from the Northern Virginia Squadron where we had not been very active due to the long distance to most of their events. We remember how warmly we were welcomed and urged to participate in meetings, rendezvous and especially the educational programs. The Sowers, Wolskis, Cooks, Warrens, Moellers and Winkles and others showed us they knew how to make boating challenging, fun and rewarding and we were soon immersed in squadron activities. Our satisfaction level jumped way up!

To be a vital part of the squadron one needs to participate. With participation comes satisfaction and pride both of which are contagious. Are you feeling a little left out? Jump in and help. You will be glad you did.

Lt/C Twy Williams, SN

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for programs 'sure to please' on 15 January and 12 February at the Wicomico Church Parish Hall. At the January meeting, following a Willaby's catered meal, Ray Winkel will make a captivating presentation on "Visiting 36 cities by sea in 105 days."

If you will be joining us for dinner, please send in your RSVP by **9 January** to Paula Reuter, 804-453-3642, or reuters@northernneck.com, and mail your \$15 check to her at the following address: 44 Marina Point Road, Reedville, VA 22539.

On 12 February, the program is "Bareboat Chartering in the Grenadines." Mervin Withers and his friend, Warren Haynie, will give a slide presentation about their chartering experiences.

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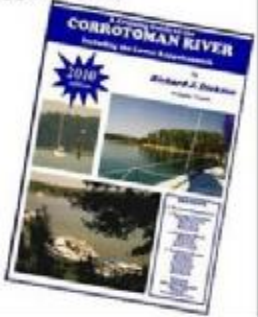
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Elective Position Nominees 2010-2011

The nominating committee has selected the following nominees for the squadron's elective positions for 2010-2011. Additional nominations may be made by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election which is at the monthly meeting 12 February 2010.

Bridge

Commander	Helen Kelley, P
Executive Officer	Mike Steele, AP
Educational Officer	Dave Cook, SN
Administrative Officer	Norman Tadlock, P
Secretary	Angie Crown, P
Treasurer	John Kelley, AP

Auditing Committee

Chair (1yr)	Jim Harris, N
Member (2yr)	Ray Winkel, JN
Member (3yr)	Barnaby Roberts, P

Nominating Committee

Chair (1yr)	Judy Cook, P
Member (2yr)	Dick Whittaker, AP
Member (3yr)	Dick Dickson, AP

Members-at-large

Member	Judy Cook, P
Member	Lou Wilcoxon, P
Member	Jim Harris, N
Member	Ron Sowers, JN

Rules Committee

Chair (1Yr)	Mervin Withers, AP
Member (2yr)	Ray Winkel, JN
Member (3yr)	Bonnie Brown-Murphy, AP

Elected Assistants

Asst. Educational Officer	Twy Williams, SN	Respectfully submitted, NNSPS Nominating Committee Ron Sowers, JN, Chair; John Kelley, AP Judy Cook, P
Asst. Admin Officer	Daphne Montgomery	
Asst. Secretary	Judy Cook, P	
Asst. Treasurer	Paula Reuter, S	

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2009 Christmas Party



Cdr Kelley presented Certificates of Achievement to Jim Harris, left, and John Mill, upper left. Dave Cook, upper right, received the Chapman Award and Ron Sowers, right, took home the Educational Achievement Award.



Kathy Moeller, Maya and Chris Wynkoop, and Barbara Hensler



Dyan Warren



Dave Cook, Dick Dickson and Mike Warren

Below, Joe Moeller, Ray Winkel and Bette Sowers



Above, Judy Cook and Bonnie Brown-Murphy

Below, P/D/C Dick Nitschke, Cdr Kelley and Ron Murphy

