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Squadron Calendar

February

- 12 Monthly meeting - Election of Officers
- ExCom meeting

March

- 7 Change of Watch
- ExCom meeting



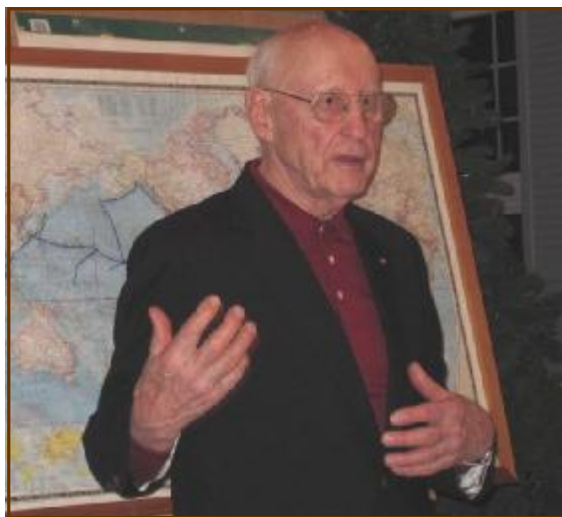
April Deadline

Please submit all articles for the April 2010 *Lighthouse* to Dick Horn, rhornva@yahoo.com, by 16 March. All members may contribute relevant material. Photos of squadron activities are especially welcome.



"Following the Sun" with Ray Winkel

Twenty-six NNSPS members and guests enjoyed a balmy evening together on 15 January at Wicomico Church Parish Hall. Following another fine meal catered by Willaby's, participants learned of Ray Winkel's experiences "Following the Sun" on a 36 city,



108 day Holland America cruise that he took in early 2006. The cruise afforded Ray the opportunity to explore numerous cultures as the ship went south from Fort Lauderdale along the South American coast to Antarctica and across to Cape Town, up the east coast of Africa, over to

India, and returned via the Red Sea, Suez Canal, Mediterranean Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean to complete the loop.

Thanks to Ray for sharing this fabulous experience. Our only disappointment was in not having Anna Roelofsen and Ray, meeting managers for the evening, demonstrate the tango that Ray saw performed so skillfully and athletically in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

NNSPS Change of Watch

7 March, 1300, Holiday Inn Express, Kilmarnock, VA

Entrees include sliced beef tenderloin and whole poached salmon. Meal cost is \$20.00 per attendee.

If you will be joining us for the meal on 7 March, please send in your RSVP by **27 February** to Paula Reuter, 804-453-3642, or reuters@northernneck.com, and mail your \$20 check to her at: 44 Marina Point Road, Reedville, VA 22539.

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From the Helm Looking forward

It seems appropriate at this time of year that we reflect on the past events of 2009. Although we have not been able to present our ***Boating Safety for Kids*** program for this school year as yet due to flu and strep outbreaks, we will be offering the students the opportunity to participate in the Boating Safety Poster contest. We have had another good year attending conferences, rendezvous, serving the boating community through classes, vessel safety checks, and manning several safety booths in Kilmarnock, Reedville, and Solomons Island, MD. We had a record year for donations and awards totaling \$10,576, made possible by the Kiwanis Club of Kilmarnock, \$500; St. Andrew's Congregation \$300; the Lula & Mason Cole Trust \$9,376; and, the Membership Involvement & Retention Award \$400.

It is also important to begin looking at the future and all the possibilities in the year ahead. Our Educational Officer is planning new approaches to presenting courses and seminars, our Marketing Committee is planning a campaign to tell the great NNSPS story and what a great team to join, our Administrative Officer and meeting managers have great events planned, and our Safety Officer is checking out local events for our safety booths.

It's never too early to begin preparing for this year's upcoming events: **ABC** courses scheduled during April/May; a great February meeting; the 7 March Change of Watch; the D/5 Change of Watch and Squadron Officer training 25-28 March in Ocean City; 17 April Colonial Sail & Power Squadron Poker Run at Salt Ponds Marina; 22 May NNSPS season kickoff rendezvous; June & September activities; 26 July - 4 Aug USPS Activities Tent at the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill; 6-15 August D/5 Cruise & Summer Council; Vessel Safety Checks; St. Andrews Nail & Sail program; and, opportunities for NNSPS to share our boating safety message with our community at local farmers markets and community fairs. Be sure to check the squadron's website (www.nnsps.org) for detailed information on these and other district/squadron activities.

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Executive Officer

Above and beyond

I want to thank each and every one of you for going above and beyond in participation and support of Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron's Executive Department this year.

The Safety Committee, chaired by Dick Whittaker, accomplished more than I ever thought possible. By my count, over 1,000 people passed by and talked boating safety with NNSPS members. We sold educational material for the first time at a community event. SEO, Twy Williams, reports the folks came to class prepared and easily passed the test. I hope this tradition continues.

Ron and I attended the *Cooperative Charting* class in May and helped with the District Hospitality Suite the first night. The air conditioning was out for most of the day – giving new meaning to having a “Hot time in the Old Town (Portsmouth) tonight.

Ray Reuter worked his magic in Public Relations and Marketing this year, gaining recognition for NNSPS every chance he could.

The Vessel Safety Examiners were kept busy this year, helped by taking public requests for inspections at the various community events where we participated.

Please know that I recognize that everyone gave everything they had to make this year possible and I appreciate your giving up your weekends and evenings. NNSPS is a phenomenal team!

As our squadron holds its Change of Watch, I count my blessings for 2009. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to work with such a tremendous group of professionals. My prayer for you all is a happy, healthy, productive, and prosperous 2010 Program Year.

Lt/C Bonnie Brown-Murphy, AP



12 February meeting

Mark your calendars for our next meeting on **12 February** at the Wicomico Church Parish Hall. Willaby's will be catering the function.

This is an important meeting where we will vote on the slate of officers proposed for 2010-2011. The slate was published in the January 2010 *Lighthouse* and may also be found on our Web site, www.nnsps.org.

Come also for an interesting program about Bareboat Chartering in the Grenadines. Mervin Withers and his friend, Warren Haynie, will give a slide presentation about their experiences chartering with the Mooring Company. The Withers and the Haynies have gone on several cruises together and have lots of interesting experiences and slides to share. Meeting Managers are Edie and Mervin Withers and Nancy and Twy Williams.



Come join us for a fun relaxing cruise on the Caribbean with the Withers and Haynies.

If you will be joining us for dinner, please send in your RSVP by **6 February** to Paula Reuter, and mail your \$15.00 check to her at the address shown on page 1.

Lt/C Norm Tadlock, P, Administrative Officer

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Educational Officer

Step up, jump right in

As I complete my term as SEO, I want to thank all those who got me started and supported our educational efforts by teaching, assisting, taking courses, advertising and rewarding our students. You have rewarded me “no end.”

Our squadron was formed with the understanding that it was to be focused on providing safe boating education to the public and its members. The fun would come from the shared experiences of that effort. The vision included much more than classroom activity. Safety booths, charting, floats, posters, advertising of all sorts, cruises, rendezvous, membership drives, district and national conferences added a variety of experience and opportunities for service to all members. Importantly, those activities brought us together.

We began with a small enthusiastic group and over the years we grew to over 60 members. We have been recognized for our educational efforts and growth. But we need more people to step up to active participation. None of our courses are beyond our abilities, though some may require considerable time. We have excellent course materials and support for teaching. There are many opportunities for assisting, planning, advertising, administering and recording our classes. So, jump right in.

Active participation is the key to enjoying the benefits of our membership. While teaching or assisting with a class, setting up a meeting, serving as an officer, manning a safety booth, or taking a course, you get to know your fellow members and share their experiences. In short, it enriches your membership and boating knowledge.

So I hope that we will continue to advertise our squadron by every member being active and out front in our efforts. Our first Commander, Dave Cook, has agreed to be our Squadron Educational Officer. Dave has been active in planning, supporting and teaching our courses from the beginning. He has been nominated by District Five for the prestigious Chapman Award for teaching. He will bring new energy to our education programs. I hope you will join him and encourage others to join in continued growth of our squadron.

Lt/C Twy Williams, SN

Looking Forward *Continued from page 2*

Our annual Change of Watch is fast approaching and I'm excited about the new Bridge coming in. I want to encourage members to get involved. Your talents, abilities, and ideas are what make us a great squadron. I'm looking for-

ward to working with all of you to bring in new members who want to be an intricate part of a great power squadron. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the USPS mission in safe boating through education, civic service, and having fun on the water.

Cdr Helen Kelley, P

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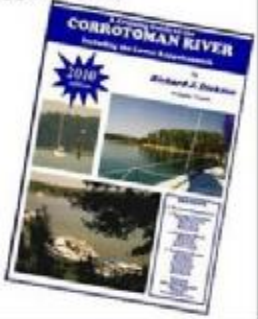
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Secretary

ExCom meeting news

The last ExCom meeting was held on 15 January, attended by Cdr Kelley, Bonnie Brown-Murphy, Judy and Dave Cook, Twy Williams, Paula Reuter, Norm Tadlock, Dick Horn, and me. Agenda items not covered in detail elsewhere in this issue include:

- 65 Vessel Safety Checks were completed by our examiners in 2009.
- **Weather** and **Cruise Planning** courses will not be held due to lack of enrollments.
- National is considering discounts for courses and memberships for West Marine employees.

- A motion was carried to provide supplies to the Lancaster and Northumberland Middle Schools for use by the students who enter the Poster Contest.
- The possibility of opening up Advanced courses to the public was discussed.
- A Marketing Committee under the Executive Officer is being formed. Norm Tadlock and Barnaby Roberts are members.

The next ExCom meeting will be on 12 February, prior to the monthly meeting.

Lt/C Angie Crown, P



D/5 Spring Conference
and Officer Training

25-28 March 2010
Ocean City, MD

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