

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB Nansemond River

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### Commander's Corner



Cdr H. J.  
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### AHOY MATES!



My turn has arrived as Commander of the Nansemond River Power Squadron, or America's Boating Club Nansemond River (as we are now trading as!). I look forward to an exciting year as we move forward with the goals of the squadron and of course as we look forward to fun times. I'm excited to work together with the wonderful Bridge that the nominating committee put together for us.

The Change of Watch was a very nice evening with good food and good fellowship. It was impressive to see the amount of effort that our members put into the squadron over the course of a year. Under P/C Butch Baxter S's leadership, we achieved great things and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication that Butch displayed during his command. Our sincere thanks, Butch!

I must apologize in advance and let you know that, sadly, my newsletter articles will never hold a candle to those of Commander Butch. It has been said (believe it or not) that I am more of a talker than a writer! With that being said, I am honored to be your Commander and look forward to the year ahead.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 757-284-1432 or email me at [hjsouth@outlook.com](mailto:hjsouth@outlook.com).

*"I keep sailing on in this middle passage. I am sailing into the wind and the dark. But I am doing my best to keep my boat steady and my sails full."*

Arthur Ashe

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## Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Art Aikin SN



Wow, hard to believe that it has been 14 years since I last served as your Exec. Officer. While a lot has changed in all of those years, the one constant has been the fun and great times we have whenever we get together. We may be a very diverse group with different views shaped by our life experiences, but we manage to come together and have fun by celebrating our common love of the water and all things boating. Think about it, the sound heard most at our gatherings

is laughter, and smiles are our common expression. We all need to treasure and remember what we share and how rare it is today.

For those of you new to the bridge or the squadron, I highly recommend you make the District 5 Spring Conference at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Md., 27-29 March. It's getting late, but I am sure some rooms are still available. This is a great opportunity to learn more about District 5 and the workings of the district and squadrons. (See registration form and hotel information on page 8 of this publication!)

Speaking of sharing, several of our members will be sharing their knowledge of boating with the Sea Scouts on 2 May during our shakedown cruise at Blue Water Marina in Hampton. The Sea Scout event takes place just around the corner at Ft Monroe. Mark will have more on this and the cruise in his article I am sure. If you are interested in helping with the Sea Scouts, contact Lt Susan Fautot S or L/C Carl Smith SN.

Mark your calendars for 23 May, when we will have a tent and pavilion at Bennett's Creek Park in Suffolk to celebrate the end of Safe Boating Week. We will cook up hot dogs and hamburgers while handing our literature and other information on our squadron. In addition, our VSEs will be on hand to inspect boats and talk about safety on the water.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at George's Steakhouse on 14 April, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns call me (757)681-5897 or email: [agaenterprises1@gmail.com](mailto:agaenterprises1@gmail.com).



*Princess Royale in Ocean City MD*



### Mark Your Calendars... District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous

Smith Mt. Lake, Virginia  
Monday 20 July through Sunday 26 July.

**FOR MORE INFO.** Call or email P/D/C Randy Stow, AP at 540-588-0270 or [sml-stow@gmail.com](mailto:sml-stow@gmail.com).

### Waterfront Happenings Of Interest :

#### 4-13 March Tall Ship Visit at Waterside

The **STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL**, Norwegian Tall Ship will be docked at Town Point Park in Norfolk

Admission is FREE!





## Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Mark Barnes



What an honor it is to have the opportunity to serve on the Bridge of America's Boating Club Nansemond River Power Squadron. My largest concern is to fill huge shoes placed before me; I will try my best to fill these shoes. When I was reviewing the past Administrative Officers, Oh boy what a list! I will not repeat the names here, but you all know them well.

We have an exciting year ahead with the 6 cruises planned, the marinas have been contacted and they are waiting to hear from you to confirm your dockage

(see list below for dates and locations). I can hardly wait for the gatherings that are in the capable hands of ours Officers of the Day. I'm sure they would like to hear from you see if there is anything you could do to ensure the success of every event (You did sign up, didn't you?) I'm sure more details are forth coming as each cruise date approaches.

I hope all are aware of the America's Boating Club Coastal Virginia (the old Va. Beach Sail and Power Squadron) has been in discussions with your Bridge and discussing meeting us at Bluewater in May. They also are interested in a check-out cruise before the season really begins. I think we should welcome them into our cruise schedule. Just maybe with a little discussion we could find some firm common ground and support each other as watermen have done since the first raft was launched.

Imagine America's Boating Club Nansemond River, Va. Beach Sail and Power, Hampton Power Squadron, and Colonial Sail and Power Squadron showing up at any of the areas water events in force!

Maybe not to dock, but just fly the colors! I can hear the folks now on the dock "Who are all these people flying their flags and pennants on their boats?"

*If you have any question or concerns please email me at: [a6nascar@gmail.com](mailto:a6nascar@gmail.com), or call me at 904-742-6683.*

### Current Cruise Schedule for 2020:

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| • 1-3 May          | Shakedown Cruise-Bluewater Marina, Hampton            |
| • 5-7 June         | Harbor Fest Cruise-Tidewater Yacht Marina, Portsmouth |
| • 3-6 July         | Kings Creek Marina, Cape Charles                      |
| • 31 July-2 August | Norfolk Yacht Club, Norfolk                           |
| • 4-8 September    | York River Yacht Haven, Yorktown                      |
| • 9-11 October     | Smithfield Station, Smithfield                        |



## United States Power Squadrons® Member News

February 2020

### Member Services Committee

When you need quick access to your squadron's roster just copy and paste this link into your URL bar <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/tools/roster/list.cgi>. From this link, you can create an email list, check your current roster or add an associate member on the spot. Member Services would like to thank Susan Ryan for letting us know about this short cut. Susan says squadrons should promote associate membership because these members can be a big plus to your club. They do not add an additional expense or revenue to our treasury, but they can add a wealth of enthusiasm to squadron events and activities. Having information at your fingertips is important, and Member Services is here to help. Keeping your roster current helps your squadron stay in touch with its members. Commanders and bridge members, check your roster often, and set this New Year's resolution into motion: Contact every member at least once this year! Just a quick reminder: A few forms are due soon. Use this link for OD1 and OD2 forms: <https://www.usps.org/php/hqforms/>. Fill out your ED1 using this link: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/pages.cgi?tools/SEO/assignments:Y:ltemplate>.



## Members Corner



### March Birthdays

Mary Ann Eure	11 March
Sarah Curling S	16 March
Kevin Curling S	19 March
Kim Fino	23 March

## Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Carl Smith, SN



Spring is not too far away and our thoughts must inevitably turn to dusting off our beloved boats and getting them ready to go for another season. It is often a good idea to read the manuals for the systems on our boats. This can be done in the privacy of our homes or cabins on board, so it is not embarrassing, like asking for directions would be.



You don't lose points on your man card for doing this.

Going back to basics can be quite instructive. Are you doing the proper maintenance at the correct intervals? Are you using the correct lubricants? In the proper amounts? Is there a zinc you may have overlooked? Is there another filter in the system you missed? These items are often, and should be, found in the manuals for the systems onboard. Is there a test procedure to verify the system is working properly? What are the normal operating ranges for temperature, or pressure, or voltage?

No manuals? The infernal Internet is a rich source of information. Google has some uses besides wasting time. I have found the Facebook group for Bristol owners is a treasure trove of information on everything on these boats. Someone, somewhere has dealt with your system before and got some things right and some things wrong. If you can find that person and draw on their knowledge and experience, then you can avoid repeating mistakes. Ecclesiastes says "there is nothing new under the sun." Someone else has done this before, so learn from them.

There is a great deal of experience among the members of Nansemond River Power Squadron, and the members are willing to share it with you for the asking.

There are several courses available on basic engine maintenance and basic electricity. If there is interest in these courses, let me know and we will set it up.

Any educational questions, concerns or ideas, please contact me [captcrs@cox.net](mailto:captcrs@cox.net) cell 757-672-5893. More Classes announcements coming soon!



## Mid Atlantic Boat Show, Virginia Beach... And Nansemond River was there!

The 7th through the 9th of February, with the chilled air all around saw our members bravely making their way to the Virginia Beach Convention Center at the ocean-front in Virginia Beach, to help man the booth for America's Boating Clubs

and the Power Squadron. Along with members from Virginia Beach (now America's Boating Club Coastal Virginia) our members answered to call to talk boating, membership and of course, boat safety throughout the time of the Boat Show. So a special thank you to all our members who filled in slots for the 3 days!



- *Life without a defined purpose is similar to a boat without a crew in the middle of the ocean. ...*
- *Water in the boat is the ruin of the boat, but water under the boat is its support. ...*
- *Boat is nothing without water and man without his dreams! ...*
- *A sail boat that sails backwards can never see the sun rise.*



# ABC Nansemond River 2020 Change-of-Watch

Cedar Point Country Club, Suffolk \* 1 March 2020





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Cedar Point Country Club, Suffolk \* 1 March 2020





## Safety Officer's Report

Lt Grace Brown, P



## Five Winter Boating Safety Tips You Need To Know



Winter is still here, which means the season for water recreation is just ahead. However, die-hard boaters and mariners often stay out on the water all year. This makes it important for these hobbyists to practice cold weather safety measures to ensure that they will make it home safe. Whether you are new to winter boating or a veteran, here are five tips to help keep you safe during the winter months:

1. **Wear a Lifejacket** – Though this may seem like common sense, it becomes even more important in the winter. If a person falls into cold water, he or she has a limited amount of time to get the situation under control. The cold water can disorient and trigger a gasping reflex that could draw water into the lungs. Any device that helps you find your way to the surface can give you the precious seconds you need to survive. A properly fitted lifejacket is one of those critical timesaving devices.
2. **Dress Properly** – Dressing for the cold air is what most people do in the winter, but do you also dress for the cold water? Bulky winter clothing and jackets can impede your movement in the water and weigh you down. This is especially dangerous since cold water can affect muscle movement and control. Clothing made of slimmer, waterproof materials that hold in heat can reduce this bulk and help you maneuver if you fall into the water.
3. **Have a Communications Device** – Everyone has a cellphone and keeping it with you out on the water is a good idea. However, cellphones often become more unreliable the further from the coast you get. A marine VHF radio and a GPS are more reliable, and the coast guard is always monitoring VHF channel 16 for distress calls. Keeping your devices in a Ziploc bag can also help ensure that water doesn't keep you from using them in an emergency.



4. **Maintain Your Vessel** – Winter can also affect the condition of your vessel. Lines and plumbing that are not properly flushed or plugged can crack if water freezes in them. This could cause your boat to take on water when you go out. Cold weather also drains batteries, so make sure you keep your battery on a trickle charger when docked and have an emergency jumper pack available.

### **AND ALWAYS REMEMBER...Don't Drink and Boat –**

This final tip is valid for the entire year, but winter weather can multiply the danger. Drinking while boating can affect your reaction time and cloud your situational awareness. Any resulting accident could expose passengers or fellow mariners to hypothermia and

death. Don't boat or work under the influence of alcohol.

From [www.lattianderson.com](http://www.lattianderson.com)

*An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.*

*After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"*

*The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"*



**RESERVATION FORM**  
**United States Power Squadrons D/5 Spring Conference**  
**26 - 29 March 2020**  
**Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland**



MEMBER: Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MENU SELECTIONS**

**SATURDAY LUNCH:**

Lunch Sandwich Buffet:

Sliced Meats to include Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, and Salami with American, Swiss and Provolone Cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Potato Chips Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations.

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:**

Beef Bourguignon with Red Wine, Mushrooms, Onions and Carrots  
 Served with Mashed Potatoes

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Marinated Salmon Filet served with a Lemon Dill Sauce and Rice Pilaf

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Vegetarian / Gluten Free Vegetable Stir-Fry served over Rice

# \_\_\_\_ @ 27.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Selections served with:

House Salad w/ choice of Dressings or a Spinach Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing, Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls & Butter and Chef's Selection of Desserts  
 Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea Stations

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Gluten Free Option Available)

Children: Chicken Tender and Fries

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: DSPS**  
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 Towson, MD 21286  
 E-mail: DouglasBRiley@outlook.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must  
 be received by 18 March 2020**

**Recommended Dress for Banquet:** Uniform A with bowtie or suitable civilian attire.  
 Dress Code for other portions of the Spring Conference will be published separately

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Dept. at 800-476-9253**  
**Use the Reservation ID Code: U.S. Power Squadron, District 5**  
**Princess Royale Hotel**  
 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland  
 Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis  
**Rates:** Ocean view/pool view Suite: \$121.00 per night Ocean Suite: \$167.00 per night  
 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo: \$259.00 per night, 3BR: \$289.00 per night  
 (Rates listed above do not include taxes)

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 15 MARCH 2020 TO ENSURE USPS RATES**



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## ABC Nansemond River Boating Experiences

### *Eek! Eels!*

As a young teenager, I helped Quincy Backus on his 45' boat, the *TIF-TER*. The *TIF-TER* was converted to a motor yacht from a former USN Air Sea Rescue Boat. Quincy bought her around 1960. She is one of six identical boats built at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in 1939. This boat had three eyelets built into the hull that were used to place her onboard a ship. She was designed that she could be dropped 50' into the water without damage. Powered by twin 12-cylinder Hall Scotts, she could attain a speed of 37 knots. She also carried two mounted anti-aircraft guns. Her mission was to get to a downed pilot. Being what this boat was, it did not have sea scuppers at any of the raw water inlets. It did have big old bronze sea strainers for the engines, but not for the toilet.



AUG 65

This is where this story begins. Janey was a widow in her late 60's or maybe 70. She drove an old lime green Rambler station wagon with her little pooch. The station wagon was always packed and ready to go camping and/or boating. Say the word, and she was ready. As you well know, heads on the smaller boats are not big and most used raw water to flush with back in the day. Well, one day Janey was using the head, while the owners were forward in the galley with friends, when they heard all this commotion aft. What was going on? Finally, the head door flies open and out comes Janey, (minus her drawers) screaming, "There is a snake in the toilet!" It was an eel that somehow managed to partially get in the toilet bowl, and it gave her quite the scare. No one wants to see an eel smiling up at you when you are taking care of business.

Going forward to 1970, after getting out of the Navy, I wound end up buying this boat to rebuild into a live-a-board (which I completed in 1972). There were things I did not know about big boats that I learned by personal experience; this is one of those experiences. After I got the *TIF-TER* running again, I was dating Debbie. We planned a trip with other boating friends to Pungo Ferry Marina for Memorial Day weekend. We attended a wedding Saturday and did not get underway till about super time. Everything was going great till Murphy showed up on the starboard engine. It started running hot, and I had to shut it down. We were off the N&W coal piers. Lifting the engine hatch, I had a crewman start trouble shooting for a stoppage at the raw water intake. We found there was no strainer inside the strainer assembly but did have water. Next, we disconnected the inlet hose to the pump, no water. I told him to take the flashlight and see what is stopping up the hose. He looked with the flashlight and jumped back. "There are eyes looking me!" We had sucked up an eel. I told him to disconnect the hose at the strainer, get a broom handle, and push the eel out over the side. We are still underway with the port engine as this was going on in Norfolk Harbor. When he disconnected the hose that was beside his leg, the eel slipped out down his leg and into the bilge. It scared him so much, I believe he could have jumped from the bilge to the deck. We all got a big laugh out of that. By time we got to the Gilmerton Bridge, I got the engine back online.

The picture is of the *TIF-TER* at Tidewater Boat Club in Norfolk, 1965. Janey standing in the doorway, Quincy preparing some boards to use for transferring old engines to shore.

*Another boating experience by, P/C Butch Baxter P*

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### ***The aircraft carrier captain saw a light...***

"Tell the signalman to warn that boat to turn to port to avoid a collision."

But the light flashes back **"\*YOU\* turn to port to avoid a collision."**

The captain, incensed, sends the message "This is a 200 kiloton aircraft carrier with 50 war planes, atomic bombs and cruise missiles! **\*YOU\* turn to the left to avoid a collision!"**

The light flashes back "This is a lighthouse. Your call."

# USPS® Member Benefits

by Lt Cheryl Hanbury



This month we've got some insurance member benefits for you!!!

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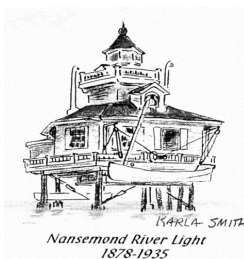
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**NOTE: You can log on to [usps.org](http://usps.org) and click on the member benefits button to learn more about these and other benefits!!**

## NRPS 2020 Calendar of Upcoming Events



10 March	General Meeting George's Steakhouse, Holland Rd., Suffolk
26-29 March	D5 Spring Conference, Princess Royale Hotel Ocean City Maryland
7 April	Bridge Meeting South Home, Old Wharf Rd., Suffolk
14 April	General Meeting George's Steakhouse, Holland Rd., Suffolk



### 2018-2019 Bridge Officers

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