

NANSEMOND RIVER POWER SQUADRON
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NANSEMOND LIGHT

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Commander's Message

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to close out another year. In celebration of the holiday season, I hope you will join us for our Squadron Holiday Party. We will start at 1400 (2:00 PM) and party until 1800 (6:00 PM). The location is 2928 Old Wharf Road in the Bennett's Creek section of Suffolk. If you need directions, just give us a call at 484-7255.

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Ron and Bonnie Murphy are really busy these days. They are doing a lot for our squadron. First, let me tell you about the Daytripper at the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum followed by the great food at Margaret's and Ray's Restaurant. Ron and Bonnie will be hosting this event and have made arrangements for us to have a great Sunday afternoon, so mark your calendars for 24 January. There is a sign up sheet on line or you can call Ron at 647-6909. He needs a head count for both places so please make sure to call.

After that, Ron is full steam ahead on the Flares For Life project. This year it is going to be a two-day event. He isn't holding anything back with all sorts of support from local businesses and some of the national big boys. Ron can't do it alone, so please jump in and be a part of the largest flare shoot off in history.

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for 13 March at the Cedar Point Country Club. Mark your calendars to attend this great time and welcome your new Bridge.

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Speaking of the new Bridge, they are already talking summer cruises. A lot of ideas are flying around about where to go. If you have an idea for a fun squadron cruise, give Bob Eure a call and put your suggestion into the mix. It shouldn't be long before the plans will have been made.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on 12 January at Plaza Azteca so mark your calendars.

Hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party and from our home to yours — May you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and may 2010 be the best of all your years!

Cdr Lin Hanbury, AP

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Nansemond River Power Squadron Newsletter

Nansemond Light

Submit articles for January newsletter by 28 December
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Executive Officer's Report

Flares for Life: This event will be on 17 and 18 April at the old TCC Campus at Pig's Point. Please mark your calendars and let me know how you would like to participate.

Safety: Be sure to read Art's safety article. He'll tell you how to prepare for the next Nor-easter.

National Event: The **USPS Annual Meeting 2010** will take place at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Disney World in Orlando, FL. Be sure to mark your calendars for 1-6 February 2010 for this exciting location and event. If you ever needed a good reason to go to Disney World, this would be it!

Preparing for 2010: The NRPS Bridge has approved taking a membership survey to use to plan 2010 events. The survey has proven to be effective to increase member participation at our past events. Please complete the survey in the newsletter and bring to the Holiday Party or to the January Annual Meeting to turn it in to me. The survey is open until the end of the annual meeting. See you at the Holiday Party!

Happy Boating starts with Safety!

Lt/C Bob Eure, AP

Nansemond Light—Change of Editor

I have enjoyed serving as your Editor for the past 3 1/2 years; however, it is time to turn this responsibility over to someone else. Grace Brown has graciously agreed to assume the position of "Editor" starting with the January 2010 newsletter. As you know, Frank Brown is now the Webmaster for Nansemond River Power Squadron and I'm sure he and Grace will make a terrific team to keep us informed on Squadron, District and National issues.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of NRPS for entrusting me with this position and supporting me with information and ideas. The present Bridge Officers and the previous Bridge Officers deserve a big "Thank You" for their reports each month. Without their input, of course, there would not have been any newsletters.

Donna Eure, Editor



Squadron Educational Officer's Report

WE WON, WE WON, WE WON the PRINCE HENRY AWARD!!!!!!!!!! The PRINCE HENRY the NAVIGATOR AWARD is presented annually by most Districts for educational performance by a squadron, with emphasis on celestial navigation. THANK YOU to our navigational instructors: Fletcher Beadles and Tom Chapman. See the brief history of the award at www.usps.org.

INSTRUCTORS — PLEASE CHECK when your licenses expire.**

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010:

Navigation	In Progress	Instructor: Tom Chapman
Piloting	In Progress	Instructor: Fletcher Beadles
Instructor Development*	After New Year* Mondays 1900-2030 (7:00 PM-8:30 PM)	Instructor: Frank Brown Paul D. Kamp Community College Kenyon Road—Room 124 Cost: \$25.00
Weather	TBD 2009	I have one volunteer and Need one more
Marine Electronics	JAN 2010	Instructor: Ron Murphy Location TBD
Seamanship	TBD	Instructors: Art Aikin and Brenda Wallace
Instructor Re-Certification**	As Needed	Instructor: Lilly Stone NO COST (about 2 hours)
Advanced Piloting	Fall 2010	Instructor: Fletcher Beadles Main Street Methodist Church Suffolk, VA 23434

Put education and fun on your calendar!

Lt/C Lilly T. Stone, JN



What Part of 40-50mph Did You Not Understand

Well, the “Idaeaster” is history and, unfortunately, so are some boats. It is not, I believe, a coincidence that none of our members suffered any major damage beyond some torn canvas and missing dock boxes. But for those who were lucky this time, I thought I would cover some of the basics when severe weather is predicted since I am sure we have not seen our last nor’easter of the season.

Lines: Be sure you have the correct size line for your boat. If in doubt, look in your Chapman’s or on the back of the package the line comes in and you will find a guide to the correct size line based on the length and weight of your vessel. Do not buy line at the hardware store for your marine use. It may look the same, but is often made of inferior fiber and, in the case of the braided Samson line, has a solid core that, once the outer braid is broken, has no holding strength whatsoever. When foul weather is predicted, double all of your lines and place additional lines where appropriate.

Fenders: Make sure all fenders are inflated to their correct pressure and secured in such a manner as to give maximum protection. If at all possible, do not secure them to a hand rail or the bow rail, but instead use a cleat. If you must use a rail, be sure it is at a point where there is adequate support for the additional pull exerted by the fender. If possible, avoid having the boat rest against a fender, but rather tie the vessel so it is in the middle of the slip or shed and use the fenders for additional safety in case a line fails or rising water shifts the boat.

Shore Power: Normally, you want the shore power on to keep the batteries charged for the bilge pumps, but, if there is a chance that the electrical post will be compromised by flood waters, you may want to disconnect the power to prevent damage to the electrical system of the boat. In most cases, the bilge pumps will have enough power for three days without the batteries being recharged as long as they are the only drain on the power grid.

Canvas: If possible, remove or secure all cockpit shades, window sun canvas and non enclosed bimini tops, as wind can either damage them or blow them overboard. Be sure all canvas enclosed areas are zipped up tight and secured with all fasteners. If this is not possible, I recommend removing the enclosure all together.

Finally: Remove all loose objects from deck or exposed areas and **CHECK ON THE BOAT DAILY AS THE STORM PROGRESSES!** I was amazed at how few folks came by the marina where I am docked and checked on their boats during the storm. This is really important in a prolonged storm like the one we just experienced, especially if accompanied by flooding tides.

Lt Art Aikin, JN
Safety Officer



2010 Slate of Officers

On behalf of the 2009 Nominating Committee, I wish to present to you the Nominees for the 2010 Nansemond River Power Squadron. These individuals were presented at the last general meeting and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January.

Commander	Bob Eure
Executive Officer	Mary Fisher
Education Officer	Lilly Stone
Assistant EO	Frank Brown
Administrative Officer	Mark Presson
Secretary	Brenda Wallace
Treasurer	Gail Aikin
Member at large	Bob Wallace
Member at large	Kim Schulze
Member at large	Matt Schulze

Respectfully,

P/C Norman Fisher, P

NRPS Magic



2010 Squadron Activities Planning Survey

Name: _____

Check One Per Question.

1. Will you be an Officer of the Day (OD) during the 2010 boating season?

- Yes
- No

2. How many Weekend/Overnight Cruises would you like planned?

- 4
- 5
- 6

3. Should we count Harborfest as an Overnight Cruise?

- Yes
- No

4. Should we count Mile Marker Zero as an Overnight Cruise?

- Yes
- No

5. Do you prefer that Overnight Cruises be planned where lodging is available?

- Yes
- No

6. How many events would you like to have with other local squadrons?

- 0
- 1
- 2 or more

7. Do you like programs to be presented at general meetings?

- Yes
- No

8. If yes to programs, what program topics would you like?

List:

9. Do you prefer that we continue planning Daytrippers?

- Yes
- No

Check All That Apply.

10. What Daytripper activities would you like to see planned?

- Luncheons
- Dinners
- Saturday Breakfasts
- Wine & Cheese Socials
- Happy Hour at Bar (No meal)
- Other _____

11. What Marinas would you like to visit during the 2010 boating season?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Bluewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Constant's Wharf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coinjock | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton City Piers | <input type="checkbox"/> Edenton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynnhaven | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Onancock | <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers Rest | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingsmill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverwalk Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Ponds | <input type="checkbox"/> Manteo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smithfield Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Urbanna | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> York River Yacht Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



