

Tides 'n Tidings

"Cruising sailors make lists like stagnant water makes mosquitoes." – Reese Palley

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State of the Marina

This month brings numerous changes and improvements to the Marina and Sailing Center. We now have a Marine Mechanic on staff, Nicholas Alley, who joined us late in June. Nicholas has already been very busy with both scheduled and unscheduled maintenance to our rental fleet of powerboats and sailboats alike. Check out the back page where he's contributed an article to this month's newsletter.

We also welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Ashley Sanchez, who will be a great help in keeping the day to day operations running smoothly. We are currently recruiting to fill two remaining seasonal positions in the near term and are also accepting applications for the Sales Clerk and Dock Attendant summer jobs.

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Summer Hours
May 1 to September 30
Monday through Sunday
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Winter Hours
October 1 through April 29
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(State of the Marina continued...)

As for our continued efforts in marina improvements, I'm happy to report that five new security gates have been installed at the entrance to our new floating piers.

Additionally, the MWR Maintenance crews have been busy running new wiring and plumbing to our fixed piers. The new power pedestals that will complete this project have just arrived and will soon be installed.

The transformer needed for the permanent electrical tie in to the new piers on the east side of the marina is still on order. For the time being electrical service will continue to be provided courtesy of MWR's whisper quiet 'studio' generator.

Once MWR completes the utilities upgrades on the fixed piers, attention will be turned to J dock, which will soon be home to a dual station pump-out system.

Have an idea or suggestion for us to improve the Sailing Center or Marina? Stop by the office and tell us what it is. We'd love to hear from you.

--Patrick Curry, *Marina Manager*

Norfolk Naval

Sailing Association

"Where Navy Sailing Began"

Based out of the Norfolk Naval Sailing Center and Marina, the NNSA is located at the confluence James River, Elizabeth River and the Chesapeake Bay. The NNSA meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. At the Norfolk Naval Sailing Center, Building LAG-77.

The NNSA objectives are to:

- 1. Encourage recreational and competitive sailing.**
- 2. Promote seamanship, piloting, navigation and water safety.**
- 3. Arrange with local authorities to provide berthing, launching storage and repair facilities for member's yachts and other armed forces activities.**
- 4. Organize opportunities for members to take part in all forms of yachting.**
- 5. Sponsor group activities within the scope of the association.**
- 6. Encourage liaison between members and any other military and civilian recreational organizations.**
- 7. Support activities and encourage the continued development of the U.S. Naval Sailing Association.**

Yearly dues for membership are \$25. If you have questions about membership, please email Dick McCrillis at

dick.mccrillis@norfolknavalesailing.org or ask

NNSC staff for more information.

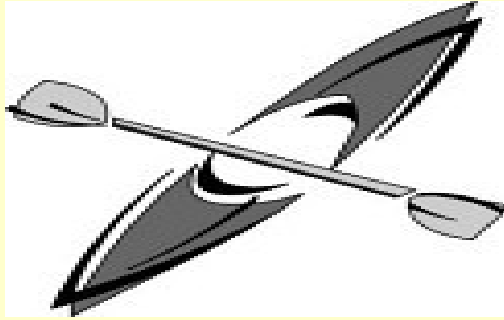
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BEAT THE HEAT!

Single Kayaks from \$5 per hour

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**Weekend and Weekly Rentals
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Some thoughts

Being a good neighbor plays an important part in keeping a marina ship shape. If you notice another slip holder's vessel in need of better securing, or other deficiencies related to a moored boat or even the docks themselves, please make a report to the marina office so that we can take the steps to correct the problem.

Marina action forms are available at the front desk. For your convenience, a drop box is provided next to the front door of the Sailing Center building for reporting deficiencies after working hours.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Dinghy Races : Every Wednesday Night 6-7 pm with cookout after the event!

Adv Motor Boat : Two day Safety Power Boating Course 3-7 pm, Monday and Wednesday, 4 hrs each evening.

Basic Sail : Adult Basic Sailing, Weekend course from 9-5, with private sailing lesson the week before class begins.

Sailing Intr 1 : Adult Intermediate Sailing I, two day course for smaller keel boat sailing vessels.

Sailing Intr 2 : Adult Intermediate Sailing II, two day course for midsized cruising sailing vessels.

Advance Sail : Adult Advanced Sailing, two day course for our largest cruising sailboat.

Commodore's Corner

by Dick McCrillis, Commodore NNSA

The Association very much appreciated our Town Hall meeting with Captain Johnson at our May meeting. He outlined for us in some detail his vision for our marina, and did not hold back on identifying many of the organizational and contracting issues that have stymied progress. But as we can all see, much has happened since then, and I am confident our marina will become one of the real gems of the lower Chesapeake Bay. Please be mentally prepared for some more disruption later this Fall when demolition and construction begins on the new building; it will only hurt for a while, and there will be temporary facilities set up across the channel next to the new maintenance building.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Patrick Curry and his staff for reinforcing the positive transitions that are occurring in our marina infrastructure. The place is looking increasingly professional, which is all to the good. BZ.

Reminder to all that NNSA meets at the Sailing Center on the last Tuesday of every month. Potluck dinner starts at 1830, business meeting at 1900, and we work hard to have everything finished by 2000. Last month's meeting went a little long, but it was worth it to hear from two of our members, John Bouma and John Peterson, about their offshore adventures: a journey to and from Bermuda and a delivery transit from Port Canaveral to Norfolk. They lived the dream; it can be done.

Cheers – Dick McCrillis, *NNSA Commodore*

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT RACES!



DINGY RACES:

**COME AND RACE IN
ONE OF OUR BOATS**

FOR JUST \$10

THEN JOIN US FOR

THE COOKOUT

AFTERWARDS FOR

JUST \$7

RACES FROM 6-7 pm

COOKOUT FROM 7-8 pm

Boating Safety Course

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased in over several years and applies to all personal water craft (PWC) operators and operators of motor boats of 10 hp and greater. The Naval Station Norfolk Sailing Center and Marina requires all renters to complete the requirement and a two-hour powerboat orientation course on the Marina vessels. As a convenience, we provide the Virginia Boating Safety Course in an eight-hour course broken into four-hour sessions running from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Call or stop by the Sailing Center for more info!

Dock Boxes



Dock boxes will soon be available for purchase and installation to your renewed slip. We are currently taking pre-orders now; all orders are processed immediately. Dock boxes are priced at \$545 which includes installation by your marina staff. See marina sales clerks for more details!

"What binds my sheets!"

By Chris Peterson, NNSC Sailing Instructor

After 10 years of sailing, this youthful-hearted sailor has witnessed a few incidents on the water. Incidents that could bind an individuals sheets into a furious mental capsizes. Thus being said, I'm pleased to present my "humor in mind" rant column; "Bind my sheets". Keep in mind this does not address members of our marina but all boaters from numerous berths. Thus said...

You know what's been really binding my sheets? Radio Chatter! Individuals hailing on 16, then continuing on with their conversations as I'm trying to trying to hail the sailing center on 16 as well. Come on people, hail your individual then continue to another channel (68 or 72 for example). Everyone in the world can hear you on 16, I wouldn't recommend discussing where your next marina beer run will be. So remember hail 16, chatter else.

Keep on cruising fellow boaters and remember; look at the winds ahead and let go of what has already blown over.

“Don't use silicone!”

From The Boat Shop

It has often been said that electricity and water don't mix, however everyday we tempt fate and use the magic power to run all kinds of goodies on our boats. Over the years I have tried to track down the gremlins that let out the magic smoke that runs our equipment, and have found that once it smokes it is usually done for. Most electrical problems can be traced to corrosion and bad connections. Seawater is highly corrosive and attacks everything on a boat. Keeping things greased, covered and out of the spray will greatly increase their life span.

When diagnosing electrical problems turn the power off and check the easy things first. Most problems occur at the fuses, switches and connections at the instrument or the main panel. Tighten any loose connections and clean any contacts that show corrosion (green, red, or white dust) by scraping, sanding or wire brushing until shiny. Cover with a non conducting Teflon® grease or other “goo” that will keep the salt air away. ***Don't use silicone as it is corrosive!***

Heat in a wire or connection is another sign of a bad contact, especially in high load applications (shore power cords, starters, drive motors, etc) and will often heat up enough to melt the insulation or burn up the connector, so keep those power cords clean. Oh, one more thing, one of the best tools for trouble shooting is to read the manual and call the 1-800-number. Good luck out there!

--Nicholas Alley, *Marine Technician*

Sailing Center and Marina Staff

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