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Monthly Newsletter

February 2019



RSPS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING!

Social Time Starts at 6:00PM and the meeting at 6:30PM.

MEETING LOCATION:

Crossroads Art Center, 2016 Staples Mill Road
Henrico, VA 23230

February 25, 2019 (mark your calendars) is the Squadron Annual Meeting and is one of the most important meetings of the squadron year!

Please make every effort to attend because a quorum of the membership is required to elect the new Bridge Officers and other committee members, for the 2019 - 2020 Bridge.

The Bridge

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The next Executive Committee meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019, 6PM.
Contact the Cdr for details.

Richmond Boat Show at RIR



The Richmond Boat Show at the Richmond Int'l Raceway, 600 East Laburnham Ave, Richmond, VA 23222.
February 15 thru 17. See more information starting on [page 8](#).

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The annual meeting is this month and that brings with it our most important job of electing the Bridge Officers and committee members for the next Squadron year. The list of Nominees ([page 6](#)) for the new bridge was published in last month's *Bullhorn* and read at the last meeting. There are still two open positions. We would like to fill these slots with nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Please inform the Secretary, or any bridge officer, know if you would like to serve on the bridge.

The new Bridge will continue to strive for new members by letting the community know what opportunities there are for boating education, social activities and civic service. Boating has changed over the last few years as it has become a little more expensive to operate and, in some cases to maintain. The younger generation of boaters doesn't usually gather in the same areas anymore and almost gone are the days of



rendezvous with lots of boats and people. When they gather, they don't eat and drink as much as much as in earlier generations. However, they do want to get together with friends and acquaintances and have a good time. Boating is certainly a central theme that draws people together. Remember, "we come for the education, we stay for the friends".

Education is one of our core strengths and we are trying to find out what these folks really want. When it comes to boating education and activities, we have it, "in spades. Please take a look at the survey starting on [page 12](#) to see the results of the survey that Bill Simpson, our Educational Officer, put together late last year.

Information on the Boat Show starts on [page 7](#) and this is the perfect place to ask boaters about what they are looking for in boating and have them check into America's Boating Club and the Richmond Sail & Power Squadron.
-Cdr Fred Eddowes



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Ahoy Members,
Member Educational Survey:
As I mentioned in the January Bullhorn, the results of the 2018 Educational Survey ([page 12](#)) is being send out to members in this edition. Here is a summary of some significant findings:

- 41% of members have been members for 5 years or less.
- Members rank their interests in RSPS as Education, Boating and Social in that order.
- 72% of members own a vessel (63% Power and 38% Sail).
- 50% of members said they plan to take a course in the near future and 50% said they would not.
- 46% of members said they liked classroom presentations over on-line or home study.
- Interest in subjects for the near future was spread over the entire spectrum of possible courses (see the graph for the last question).

The Educational Survey was closed out with approximately 60% of families responding. I want to thank all members who participated in the survey. This survey will help us determine the squadron's educational profile and what the membership determines to be important in future planned courses.

Classes:

Part 2 of the Junior Navigation (JN) Course will resume on March 19th.

We have five students attending with Charlie Gills (SN) instructing and Mark Swearengen and Bob Palmer assisting.

Upcoming Events:

Richmond Boat Show February 15- 17

Along with the Squadron booth, our squadron will be participating in the Richmond Boat Show at RIR by presenting a series of 20 minute seminars throughout the show. On [page 8](#) in this edition, you will find a summary of the seminars to be presented and a short resume on each instructor. An updated copy of the seminar schedule is also enclosed for your planning if you have an interest in attending. We hope to see you there.

Deltaville Yachting Center (DYC):

Our Squadron will present a Safety Seminar series for DYC's education program on Saturday, May 18, 2019. These seminars will be USPS seminars and I am seeking instructors to assist in the event. Let me know if you have an interest.

Also, we have plans to offer another Boater's Boot Camp on June 22-23. This has been a very popular course for new boaters and potential boat owners. More to come on this later.

- Lt/C Bill Simpson



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It won't be long now... the time we have been waiting for! It's almost 70 degrees this weekend so now is the time to begin getting your boating gear ready for cruising into the new boating season. After sitting idle through this cold winter season, be sure all your batteries are fully charged. Double check - you don't want any surprises on your first day out.

Also, check your life jackets to make sure they are ready for use should you ever need them. If you venture out early on the various rivers and areas, be aware of trash and tree limbs that have been released due to the ice and high water. *-Lt/C Mike Jezierski*



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A great gathering at the Annual Wine & Cheese party & meeting. The business conducted was the report on our charitable contributions and the filling of some RSPS booth slots for the upcoming boat show. Your secretary will be offering five trailering seminars there.

Our upcoming annual meeting is this month – please make a special effort to attend so that we are sure to have a quorum for the election of bridge officers. Please contact me if you are interested in either of the two open positions.

- Lt/C Dave Childress



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Here we are in February. This is a busy month and we sure hope you will attend all of the RSPS events and meeting.

On February 25 we will have the Annual Election for the next Bridge. We need a quorum so please come to the Crossroads Art Center, 2016 Staples Mill Rd, Henrico, VA 23230. Refreshments

will begin at 6:00PM and the meeting will begin at 6:30PM. We'll start a little early so we can end early and you can get an early start home. Call my cell if you need help with directions 804-338-7416

March 23 will be the Change of Watch ceremony with the pledging in of the new Bridge and Committee members and thanking our Commander, and many others, for their help and service during the last squadron year. Dress for this event is your blazer uniform, or a coat and tie, and appropriate dress for the ladies. Squadron nametags should be worn, if available. Registration will be required and will be in the March *Bullhorn* along with place and time.

Thank You and it has been a pleasure to be your Administrative Officer this past year.

- Lt/C Mary Palmer



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Details of the Squadron's budget and financial status are available from the Treasurer or any Bridge Officer. You may contact us directly or catch us at one of the meetings and we'll be happy to share the financial statements.

-Lt/C Michael Silvay

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Calendar of Events

February

- 11- Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00PM.
- 15 - 17 - Richmond Boat Show at RIR
- 19-24 - USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 25 - RSPS Annual Meeting and Elections

March

- 11 - Joint Executive Committee Meeting
- 23 - Annual Change of Watch
- 28-31 - Annual District 5 Conference - Ocean City, MD
[\(Click here for the D/5 Reservation Form\)](#)

April

- 8 - Executive Committee Meeting

Crossing the Bar

It is with great sadness that we mourn with Michael and Rebecca Silway over the sudden death of their son, Oscar Jonathan Silway. Oscar was just 17 when God called him to be an angel on January 9, 2019.

Oscar was best known as a Color Guard for the JROTC. He enjoyed music, physical fitness and spending time with his family and friends. He was often an extra pair of hands helping with squadron projects. Oscar will be missed by all who knew him.

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to Mike and Rebecca and to their families during these sad days.

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Article 11, section 11.1 of the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron Bylaws, the following members of the Squadron are recommended for election by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting of the Squadron in February 2019.

Members to serve in the office indicated, term as prescribed, during the Squadron year 2019–2020 or as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Bridge Officers and Assistants:

Commander: Mary H. Palmer, P

Executive Officer: OPEN

Educational Officer: William A. Simpson, AP

Asst. Educational Officer: P/C David R. Teets, AP

Administrative Officer: David R. Duros, AP

Secretary: Irene Chamberlin, P

Treasurer: Michael Silvay, AP

Executive Committee Members-at-Large:

Mary Lynn Tischer, S

David G. Childress, P

OPEN

Auditing Committee:

P/C Frank H. Timpano, SN-IN (ending 2020)

Marlene K. Zeigler (ending 2021)

P/C Ernie Burnett, AP-IN (Ending 2022)

Rules Committee:

P/C James A. Hall, AP (ending 2020)

P/C Robert R. Palmer, SN-IN (ending 2021)

P/R/C George, A. Bruner, Jr., AP (ending 2022)

Nominating Committee – Additional Members to be Nominated and Elected at the Annual Meeting

As provided for in the Bylaws of the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron, Article 11, Section 11.1, additional candidates for any of the above positions may be nominated by petition in writing, signed by at least five (5) active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the election during the Squadron Annual Meeting in February 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

P/C James P. Ziegler, SN-IN

P/C Robert R. Palmer, SN-IN

UPCOMING SQUADRON ACTIVITY

Richmond Boat Show

February 15 - 17 at the Richmond International Raceway



Volunteers are needed to cover various shifts at our booth and help with some "at-the-show" brief seminars! Please contact Fred Eddowes, Bill Simpson or Jim Zeigler (jim@jpzeigler.com) 804-347-5239 for details.

Volunteers receive free admission.

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Richmond Boat Show Seminars and Presenters

Captain Jim Zeigler: Jim has been boating for 50 years in both power and sailing vessels on mid-west lakes, on the Chesapeake Bay and on the waters off the Southeast Coast. Jim has navigated the Intracoastal Waterway and off-shore to Bermuda and The Bahamas. As a Richmond Sail and Power Squadron Instructor, Jim teaches classroom and on-the-water from Basic Boat Handling to Advanced Navigation.

Seminar: **VHF/DSC (Digital Selective Calling)**. Getting immediate help on the water for you and your family is always your first concern. Jim will show you how to use the DSC function on your VHF radio which has the ability to transmit your position coordinates to all DSC equipped vessels and the USCG. He will also compare the advantages of the VHF radio over the use of cell phones and demonstrate the distress feature of the DSC equipped radio.

Seminar: **Tying Up Your Vessel**. Jim will explain how to dock like a pro and prevent damage to your boat or injury to your crew by combining wind, current, vessel capability and dock lines in concert to safely dock or depart. Also, considering tides and weather, he will review how to secure your vessel during longer stays at your destination.

Seminar: **Distress Signals**. This is boating knowledge you need but never want to use. Jim will cover what the federal and state laws require of you concerning distress signals. He will help you understand what kind of distress signals are available and how you safely use them. In addition, Jim will give you some ideas on what to do if you have no signals readily available.

Captain Mike Silvay: Mike is an avid boater who cruises extensively around the Chesapeake Bay. Mike is an Advance Pilot in the US Power Squadron and also functions as a certified Vessel Safety Examiner. In addition, Mike is a member of the James River Advisory Council.

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Seminar: **Boating Apps for the Recreational Boater**. Boating apps are becoming increasingly available for download into smartphones. Mike Silvay offers a high-level overview of several popular apps that provide recreational boaters additional tools for trip planning and obtaining other beneficial information while on the water.

Captain Dave Childress: Dave, a retired US Navy Commander, has been boating since he was ten years old when he built his first boat. Dave is a boating instructor for the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the US Sea Scouts. Dave has owned many trailered boats and currently owns three.

Seminar: **Trailer Your Vessel**. Dave will cover the essentials of trailering your vessel from storage to the launching ramp. Subjects begin with the tow vehicle and hitch considerations and continues with trailer selection, equipment and maintenance. Dave will talk about the process of hitching, towing, launching and recovering. If you trailer your vessel, this seminar is a must for you.

Captain Bill Simpson: With over 40 years of boating experience, Bill holds a USCG Master rating of 50 Tons both power and sail in inland waters. He is an instructor with the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron, the American Sailing Association and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Bill teaches classroom and on-the-water subjects such as Boat Handling, Coastal Navigation, Sailing, Cruising, and Docking.

Seminar: **Anchoring**. Bill will cover the essentials of anchoring your boat whether it is a short lunch stop or an overnight stay with possible weather. He will discuss the types of anchors, the rodes (anchor lines/chain) and how much rode to use (scope). Next, Bill will cover the basic process of anchoring and the retrieval techniques when it's time to get underway. Lastly, he will offer some tips that will help make the anchoring experience as pleasant as possible.

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Seminar: **Basic Navigation Rules**. The Navigation Rules, by law, apply to all vessels on the Inland Waters and International Waters. Bill will begin with a brief explanation of your responsibilities and basic definitions. He will then present the basic rules that each recreational boater must know to safely navigation his/her vessel in and around other vessels. Bill will cover rules for lookout, safe speed, collision avoidance maneuver, meeting-crossing-overtaking rules and sound signal requirements. If sailors are in attendance, basic sailing rules will be reviewed.

Seminar: **Person Overboard**. If someone falls or is ejected overboard from your vessel, will you be prepared? Bill will present some of the things you can do to reduce the risk of someone unintentionally going overboard. In addition, he will discuss your first response actions and plans for a quick recovery of the person in the water. Bill will talk about what basic recovery gear you should have on board and more important, training your crew on how to make a safe recovery.

Captain Dave Teets: Dave has been boating for over 50 years on the Chesapeake Bay and its main tributaries. He is a boating instructor in the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron and with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Dave is a certified Vessel Safety Examiner and has provided this free boating safety check for hundreds of Virginia Boaters.

Seminar: **USCG Safety Equipment**. If you are fairly new to boating, you need to be aware that there is mandatory equipment required by federal and state laws based on the type of vessel, passenger capacity and its length. Dave will review these required and suggested safety items to ensure your vessel conforms to the law and that you are prepared for a safe and fun day on the water.

Seminar: **All About Vessel Safety Checks**. What a deal! How often can you get something of great value for free by just asking? Dave, who is a highly experienced VSC examiner, will discuss the program and how it has continually improved the safety and seaworthiness of recreational vessels. He will review how the VSC is performed and what items are to be inspected. In addition, Dave will share the many suggestions that have been revealed during previous safety checks.

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Seminar: **All About Life Jackets**. Call them life preservers, or personal flotation devices (PFDs) or whatever, Dave will tell you everything you need to know about them. He will be discussing the many types and styles as well as the application of each. He will also cover the proper use of the life jacket and their proper storage while in port or underway. In addition, Dave will review the USCG “carry requirements” for all vessels on the water.

Boat Show Seminar Schedule

Friday 15th 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

1:00 - 1:20 **Teets, USCG Safety Equipment**
1:30 - 1:50 **Zeigler, VHF & DSC**
2:00 - 2:20 **Simpson, Anchoring**
2:30 - 2:50 **Childress, Trailering Your Vessel**
3:00 - 3:20 **Silvay, Boating APPS You Should Know**
3:30 - 3:50 **Teets, All About Vessel Safety Checks**
4:00 - 4:20 **Zeigler, Tying Up Your Vessel**
4:30 - 4:50 **Simpson, Basic Navigation Rules**
5:00 - 5:20 **Childress, Trailering Your Vessel**
End

Saturday 16th 11:00AM to 6:00 PM

11:00 - 11:20 **Silvay, Boating APPS You Should Know**
11:30 - 11:50 **Zeigler, Distress Signals**
12:00 - 12:20 **Simpson, Person Overboard**
12:30 - 12:50 **Teets, USCG Safety Equipment**
1:00 - 1:20 **Childress, Trailering Your Vessel**
1:30 - 1:50 **Teets, All About Vessel Safety Checks**
2:00 - 2:20 **Zeigler, Tying Up Your Vessel**
2:30 - 2:50 **Simpson, Anchoring**
3:00 - 3:20 **Silvay, Boating APPS You Should Know**
3:30 - 3:50 **Childress, Trailering Your Vessel**
4:00 - 4:20 **Teets, All About Life Jackets**
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5:00 - 5:20 **Simpson, Basic Navigation Rules**
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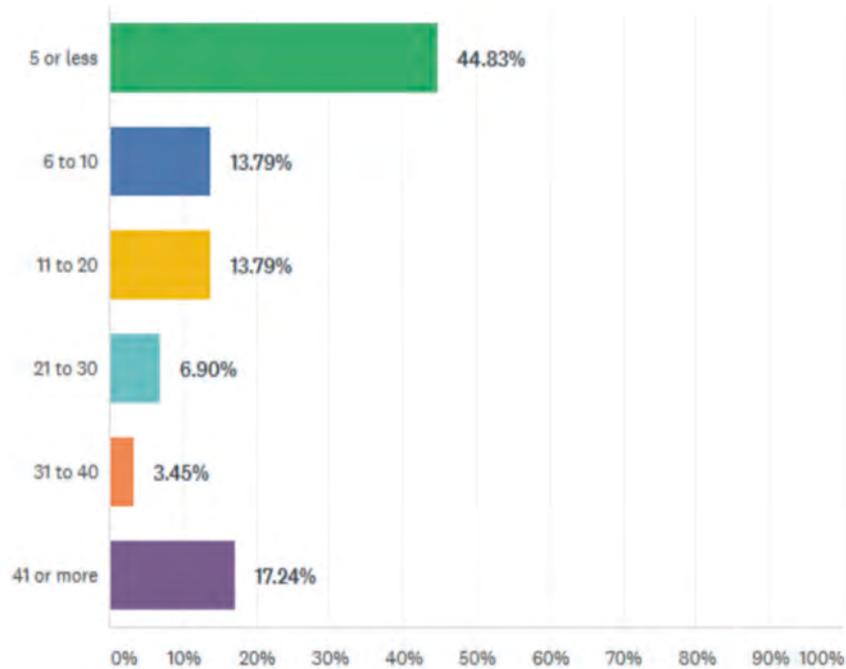
Sunday 17th 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

11:00 - 11:20 **Silvay, Boating APPS You Should Know**
11:30 - 11:50 **Childress, Trailering Your Vessel**
12:00 - 12:20 **Teets, All About Vessel Safety Checks**
12:30 - 12:50 **Zeigler, VHF & DSC**
1:00 - 1:20 **Simpson, Person Overboard**
1:30 - 1:50 **Zeigler, Distress Signals**
End

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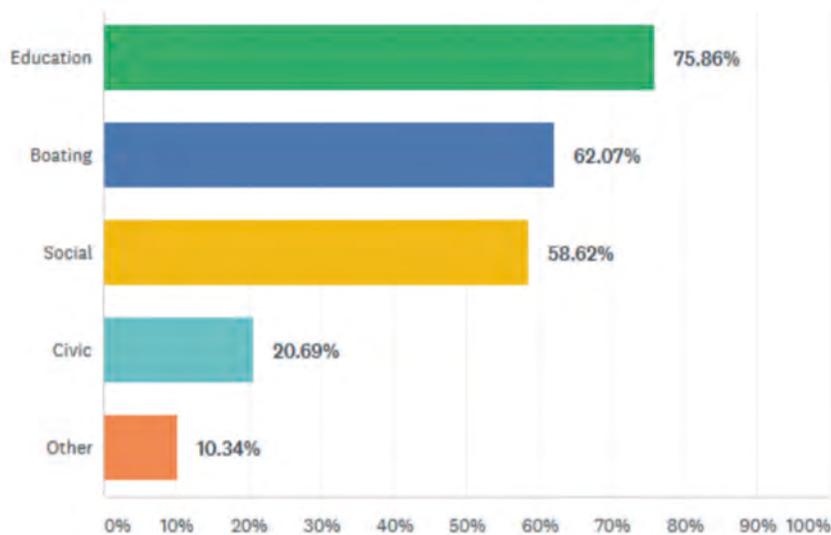
Years a member of RSPS:

Answered: 29 Skipped: 1



Interests in RSPS: (Choose 1 or more)

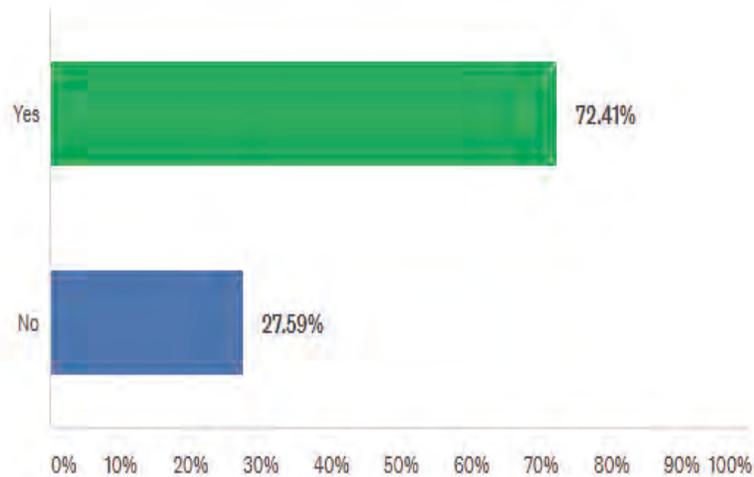
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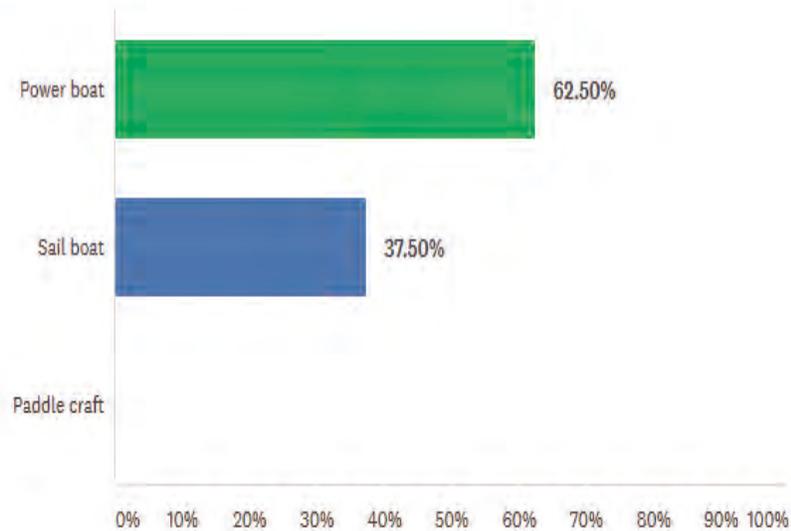
Do you own a vessel?

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If yes, type of primary vessel:

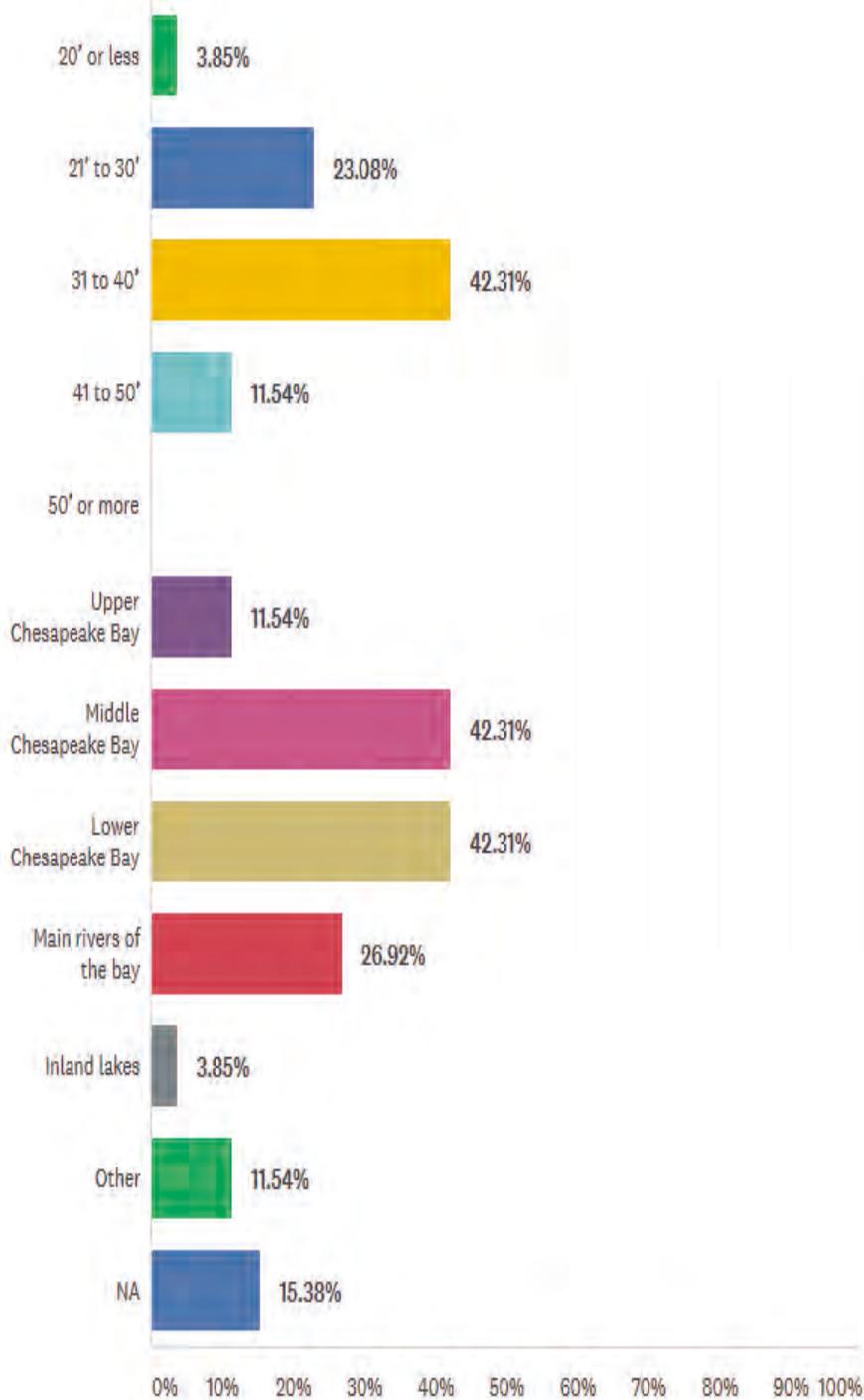
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Length of vessel and Where do you cruise? (Choose 1 or more)

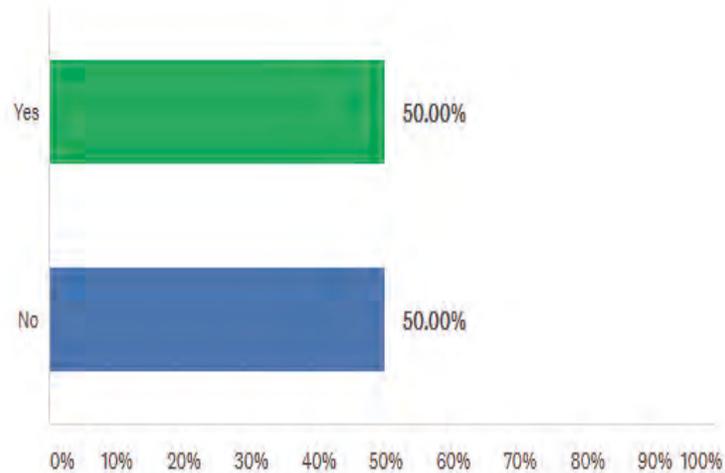
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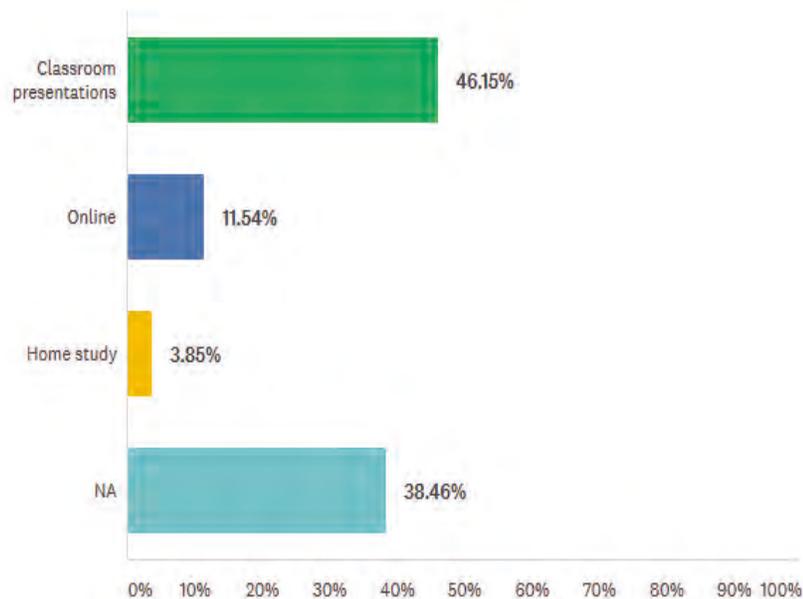
Do you or other family member plan to take any USPS courses in the near future?

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If yes, what education format do you like the best?

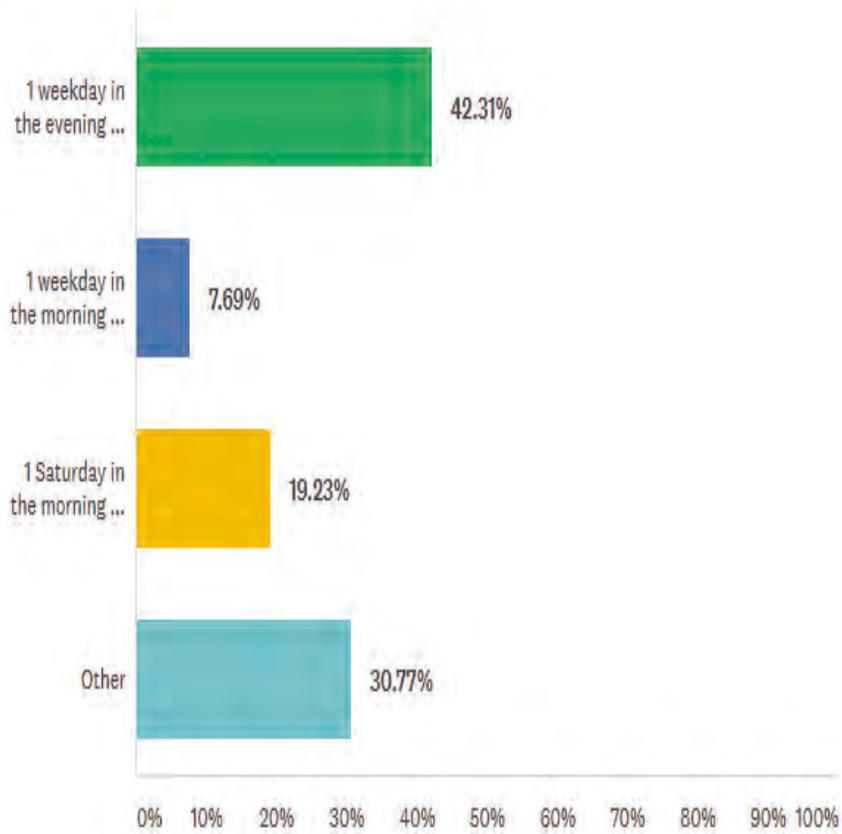
Answered: 26 Skipped: 4



2018 RSPS Educational Survey

For classroom presentations, do you prefer to attend classes:

Answered: 26 Skipped: 4



2018 RSPS Educational Survey

Which classroom USPS courses would you like to see presented in the near future? (Choose 1 or more)

Answered: 28 Skipped: 2





RESERVATION FORM
United States Power Squadrons® District 5 Spring Conference
28-31 March 2019
Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland



MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
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SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

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 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

MENU SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Lunch Sandwich Buffet: Sliced Meats and cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Home-Made Potato Chips # ___ @ \$23.00 = \$_____
 Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Beef Medallions & Mushrooms w/ Gravy over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # ___ @ \$37.00 = \$_____
 Seafood Newburg over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # ___ @ \$36.00 = \$_____
 (Scallops, Crab & Shrimp in a Sherry Cream Sauce)

Vegetarian / Gluten Free Vegetable Stir-Fry served over Rice # ___ @ \$27.00 = \$_____
 Selections served with: House Salad, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter and Chef's Selection of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea Stations

Children: Chicken Tender Platter with French Fries # ___ @ \$14.00 = \$_____

Dietary Restrictions: _____
 (Gluten Free Option Available)

Total Enclosed: \$_____

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**MEAL RESERVATIONS must
 be received by 10 March 2019**

Recommended Dress for Banquet: Uniform B with bowtie or suitable after 6 attire.

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/Pool View Suite: \$119.00 per night, Ocean Front Suite: \$165.00 per night,
 2BR Condo: \$254.00 per night, 3BR: \$284.00 per night
 (rates listed above do not include taxes)

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 7 MARCH 2019 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

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Next Squadron meeting will be February 25, 2019, Annual Meeting and Elections. We'll see you there!

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