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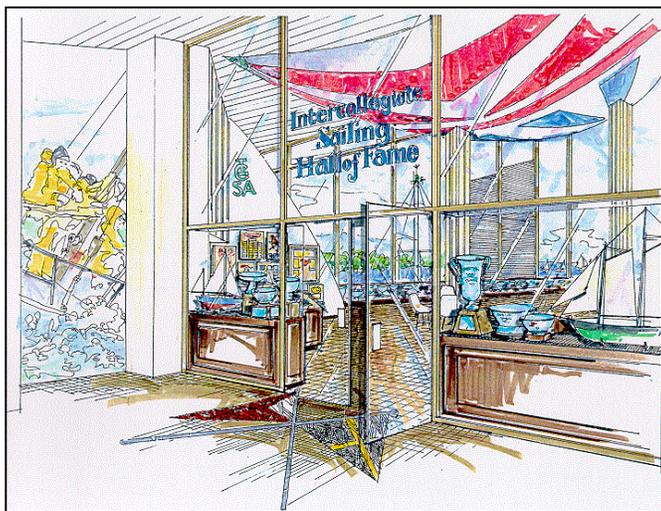
Spring 2005

Commodore's Comments

When I wrote in early January, I noted that the Navy Sailing Staff had been working hard to achieve the Superintendent's vision for a Renaissance in Naval Academy Sailing, but we still faced a number of significant challenges. The good news is we found ways to overcome many of the issues that confronted us, and I am happy to report that we are well on our way to once again making sailing a cornerstone of every midshipman's professional development. For example, by mid January, every midshipman in the Class of 2008 who did not qualify to skipper a Navy 26 during Plebe Summer completed the additional on-the-water training they needed and qualified. We also implemented a number of initiatives that allowed us to again double the number of midshipmen we will send to sea this summer in sail training craft. The Summer Cruise Program started on 11 May, and 8 midshipmen will serve as skippers and sail autonomously (without officer supervision) during their summer cruise block. We also have 75 midshipmen serving as XO's (Assistant Officers in Charge) aboard Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron (CSNTS)

sorties. We will embark 850 third class midshipmen in the CSNTS Program, and an additional 77 will participate in ocean races including the Marion to Bermuda and the Marblehead to Halifax

supporters from all over the country, dozens of collegiate sailors from across the nation attended since the Trux is the largest intersectional regatta of the spring season. We also dedicated the Interscholastic Sailing National Trophy Display during the America Trophy on 30 April. These are two fabulous additions to the recently renovated Robert Crown Center which should help us once again focus the attention of the nation's best high school sailors on the Naval Academy. Mr. Harry Anderson, a very long-time supporter of collegiate sailing and one of the original members of the Superintendent's Fales Committee, was the principal donor. We simply would not have been able to complete these important projects without his leadership and generosity, and we are grateful for his many contributions.



Races. In total, we will have 25 boats at sea for nearly 13 weeks, and over 1,000 midshipmen will train under sail this summer!

One of the highlights of the spring season was the rededication of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Hall of Fame on 19 March during the Truxtun-Ulmsted Regatta. In addition to many friends and

We have also had several dramatic changes in the staff over the last several months. In late January, Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST) Head Coach Brad Dellenbaugh resigned in order to take a new job as the Sailing

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Sailing Award Ceremonies Recognize Numerous Accomplishments

On 3 February NASS Commodore Captain Brian McCormack presided over an Awards Ceremony that recognized those who excelled under sail and achieved success on the water during the summer and fall 2004. The ceremony honored midshipmen from the Intercollegiate Dinghy Team, the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team, and the Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron and also recognized and thanked all the officers, civilian faculty members and volunteers who dedicated their time and talent to help ensure the Program's success. Captain McCormack also noted that we had just executed

the most aggressive Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program ever undertaken and then closed out the fall competitive season with a number of other notable successes. He also noted that these accomplishments were hard earned, and simply would not have happened without the leadership provided by the Navy Sailing staff and complemented by the dedicated efforts both of the Summer Cruise Program's *Afterguard* and the maintainers who worked tirelessly to ensure the sail training craft were up to the task.

Fall Award Ceremony awardees included:

The Lieutenant Robert D. Huntington Memorial Trophy, presented to the midshipman navigator whose professional skills and performance contributed most to the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team, was awarded to Midshipman 1/C John Coombs.

The Highland Light Trophy, presented to the midshipman skipper with the best overall finish in the Annapolis Yacht Club Race Week, was won by Midshipman 1/C Tom Bock.

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The Royono Trophy, presented to the midshipman skipper with the best combined finishing positions in the NASS Race to Oxford and the Tred Avon Yacht Club’s Hammond Memorial Race, was won by Midshipman 2/C Pat Collins. Pat also won the New York Yacht Club Award for achieving the best overall finishing position in the Annapolis Yacht Club’s Fall Series.

Six Senior Offshore Skipper Qualifications and 28 Cruising Skipper “D” Qualifications were earned, and LCDR Gregory Cotten and Ensign Miguel Camacho earned their Master Skipper – or “E” – Qualification. In addition to the prerequisites required for the “D” Qual, “E” qualification requires service as a skipper or watch captain in a minimum of two major ocean races or offshore passages, and logging at least 1,000 miles offshore.

The Commodore also took the opportunity to recognize the volunteers who fill a number of key roles in our Program - Many serve as Race Committee members during regattas, others organize and execute social events, more serve as safety officers during academic year regattas, and still others serve as Officers in Charge during the Summer Cruise Program. All selflessly share

their knowledge, expertise and wisdom with the midshipmen.

Jan Richardson, our Race Committee Chair, recognized those volunteers who support the Race Committee, and Joan Morin, our Social Committee Chair, recognized those who supported the Social Committee.

The evening culminated with the presentation of the four most prestigious midshipman awards which recognize the outstanding performers from last summer’s CSNTS and VOST programs.

The Frank Simpson Maintenance Award, presented to the second or third class midshipman who distinguished himself as the best engineer, was awarded to Midshipman 3/C Michael Carter from the CSNTS Program and Midshipman 3/C Gregory Nannig from the VOST Program.

RADM Robert W. McNitt presented the award named in his honor. The McNitt Award is presented to the first class midshipmen participating in the CSNTS Summer Cruise Program whose professional competence and demonstrated performance in seamanship, navigation, leadership, and sailing skill set them apart from their contemporar-

ies during their cruise block. Midshipman 1/C Samuel Mills, recommended by Commander Robert Proano, Midshipman 1/C Jarrod Rothman, recommended by David Kantor, and Midshipman 1/C Michael Giesecking, recommended by Timothy Miller received awards.

Captain Robert McWethy presented the LTGEN Taber award and the award named in his honor. The Taber Award, presented to the outstanding first class midshipman in the CSNTS Program, was awarded to Midshipman 1/C Matthew Seaman, who was recommended by Lieutenant Kenneth Mangano.

The McWethy Award, presented to the outstanding third class midshipmen in the CSNTS Program, was awarded to Midshipman 3/C Charles Meyer, who was recommended by David Kantor, and Midshipman 3/C Eric Marquardt, who was recommended by Rupert Knowles.

See page 10 for details on the Commissioning Week Awards Ceremony.

*CDR Gerard VandenBerg
Vice Commodore*

New Donated Boats Add Excitement to Spring Sailing Season

The Varsity Offshore Sailing Team started the spring season with several exciting new additions to their big-boat fleet. The full listing of recently donated sailboats follows:

LT Rob Almeida, USN

<u>Name</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Design</u>
<i>Mameluke (ex-Snow Lion)</i>	Mr. Lawrence Huntington	Nelson/Marek 50
<i>Hellcat (ex-Canvasback)</i>	Mr. Douglas Croker	Farr 49
<i>Javelin (not renamed)</i>	Mr. Lawrence Bulman	Farr 49
<i>Ramrod (to be named)</i>	Mr. Bert Jabin	Farr 47
<i>Barb (ex-Numbers 97)</i>	Mr. Daniel M. Meyers	Taylor 49



Mameluke (es-Snow Lion) underway on the Bay

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Director at the New York Yacht Club's Harbor Court facility in Newport, RI. Brad had served as the VOST assistant coach from 1992 to 1998 and relieved Jack Quinn as head coach upon Jack's retirement in December 1998. We presented Brad with the prestigious Captain Alexander G.B. Grosvenor Award for his significant role in advancing the Squadron's mission, and for the many milestones achieved by midshipmen during his tenure. We are currently conducting a national search for his replacement, and expect to make an announcement on this critical selection shortly.

Junior Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (JVOST) Coach Nancy Haberland also resigned at the end of the Spring Semester in order to pursue other interests. We hired Mr. Allan Terhune (Kings Point '01). Allen will be responsible for training all of the Plebes during Plebe Summer. During the Academic Year he will transition JVOST from a 40 midshipman, 10 J/24 boat program focused on racing to a new program which will teach basic mariner skills to over 100 midshipman in our new fleet of 30 Navy 26s (a ruggedized version of the commercially available Colgate 26). Program graduates who desire to race will transition to VOST, while those who want to pursue advanced sail training and skipper Navy 44s during Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program cruises will also gain the basic sailing skills required to do so successfully.

The impact of gapping these key leadership positions was mitigated by the organizational depth that our now fully integrated NASS team brings to bear on the issue. I asked Captain Dick Morin, MSC, USN (Ret) to assume duty as the Interim Director, VOST and he graciously agreed. As you know, Dick is currently serving as our Rear Commodore for Volunteer Support, and he is making a huge impact in his new role as Interim Director, VOST. He will serve in that capacity until relieved by the new Director, VOST.

We also developed a Sailing Cadre composed of second class midshipmen who will train the Plebes in the Class of 2009 in Navy 26s. This is a change from previous years to account for the fact that we have far fewer TAD Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants available this year than in previous summers since most graduates must now report directly to their first ship or unit. In order to better prepare the Mids for their instructor assignment this summer, we hired several US SAILING-certified Basic Keelboat Instructors to augment the staff. They have made a huge improvement in the quality of training the midshipmen receive, and are helping us achieve one of our goals - to have every midshipman proceed through and orderly training and qualification program.

Another busy summer is well underway, and we appreciate your continued support to help us achieve success.

*Brian McCormack
Captain, U.S. Navy*

Large Sail Training Craft Officer-In-Charge

How Do I Get There?

Ever wonder where that list of Officers In Charge (OIC) on the Navy Sailing web page comes from? Better yet, how does one get on it? If you're interested, here's a snapshot of how it's done.

The United States Naval Academy has always required that an OIC be aboard and in charge whenever a large sail training craft (a Navy 44 or a large donated boat) is underway. There is only one exception. D-Qualified individuals who are not designated as OICs are allowed to recreationally sail in the local area during daylight hours when it does not interfere with midshipman training. In all other circumstances, a designated OIC must be aboard and in charge whenever a boat is underway for training or racing.

Becoming an OIC for one of the big boats is not easy, nor should it be. You will ultimately be responsible for a valuable sail boat, and most importantly, its crew. At the same time, it is your role to teach and create the environment where midshipmen develop small unit leadership skills and teamwork in sometimes severe and difficult conditions.

Only NASS members will be designated, so keep your membership current. If you're a new member, your membership application will be reviewed by the Program Directors and Fleet Captains, and if approved for OIC development, a Volunteer Service Agreement (VSA) must be submitted.

The VSA is valid only if signed by the Commodore. There will be a background check and your sailing experience will be verified. Still interested? Here's what is required:

- Attain and maintain a D-Qual.
- Participate as an Assistant Officer in Charge on a previous cruise block.
- Pass a Rules of the Road (COLREGS) test annually.
- Racing OICs must pass a Racing Rules test annually.
- Attend a Safety-At-Sea Seminar at least once every 2 years.
- Have a current First Aid qualification.
- Have a current CPR qualification.
- Qualify as a second class swimmer.
- Pass a navigation practical exam once every three years.

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Dinghy Team Update

The Naval Academy's Intercollegiate Dinghy Team had a successful Spring Season and is looking forward to several even better years to come. Our team has come a long way this year. It is a young and ambitious team, led by dedicated upperclass and populated with talented underclass. In the front office, Navy coaches Molly O'Bryan (Hawaii '02) and LT Grant Garcia, USN (Navy '00) are led by Head Coach Gavin O'Hare (Navy '92).

In order to escape the Dark Ages, Navy dingy sailors practiced their art at venues more conducive to winter sailing. Over the Christmas break, Navy attended three regattas, finishing 4th at Tulane's Sugar Bowl Regatta, 2nd, 4th, and 7th at Hawaii's Rainbow Invite, and 7th at USC's massive Rose Bowl Regatta. The tans soon faded, however, as the inevitable breeze and cold of an Annapolis winter had crews bailing water in to the boats to melt the snow so they could then bail out the slush.

While the weather was rather brisk on the Severn in February and March, the action on the racecourse heated up right away. Navy announced its presence as a force in college sailing this season with a huge 2nd place finish at the Truxtun Umsted Regatta here at Navy on 19-20 March. Two days of light breezes yielded ten races in each of four divisions in 420s, FJs, Lasers, and Laser Radials. Garth Fasano ('08) and Kristen Sproat ('08) took 7th in a tight pack in A Division. Meanwhile, in B Division, skipper John Keith ('06) and crews Lauren Sutehall ('07) and Clay Magee ('07) led the way with a strong 2nd place showing, nearly twenty points ahead of 3rd. Team Captain Stephen Gay ('05) finished 13th in C Division's Lasers, while Chuck Fulmer ('06) took 3rd in Laser Radials in D Division. It was a strong showing in a regatta that tested teams' depth and consistency. Harvard won, a mere ten points ahead. MAISA rivals St. Mary's College, Hobart/William Smith, and Georgetown finished 3rd, 4th, and 6th respectively. The following week, Navy jumped to 9th in the Sailing World College Rankings.

Navy repeated its success at home when we reeled in a victory at the Atlantic Coast Monotype Championships sailed in Lasers at the Robert Crown Center on 26-27

March. Light to medium breezes out of the north kept the shifts coming. After 16 races, Stephen Gay ('05) was 1st, while Jeff Sharp ('07) and Kevin McGill ('08) finished 7th and 13th respectively.

The Navy team race squad led the Lynn Marchiando Team Race at MIT after Day 1, and finished 3rd of the ten teams at that regatta. The MASIA Team Race Championship was held at Hobart on 9-10 April in very little breeze. Navy was outsailed by the top teams, though the conditions made it frustrating, as only one round robin was completed. Hobart won, followed by Georgetown and St. Mary's. Navy was 5th.



At the America Trophy, the MAISA Co-ed District Championships and qualifier for Nationals, the Navy team stayed in the hunt until the end. After a fantastic start Saturday, 6 points out of 1st, the consistency of Hobart, St. Mary's, and Old Dominion proved to be too much. Those three teams finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively, and represented MASIA in at Nationals in Texas. Navy finished 6th. Representing Navy at the regatta in A Division were Garth Fasano ('08) and Kristen Sproat ('08), while B Division had John Keith ('07), Lauren Sutehall ('07), David Parker ('08), and John Applebaum ('06) all getting time on the water. The Navy team ran and sailed a great regatta and will be looking to improve next year, as the team returns every single competitor while many of the other top schools lose top sailors to graduation.

The Navy Women's Team proved this year that they still belong at the top of women's sailing. After taking 5th in both the Charleston Women's Intersectional (12-13 February) and the Navy Women's Spring Intersectional (5-6 March), the Navy Women's Team made dramatic improvements at the Duplin Women's Tro-

phy at Tufts on 2-3 April. The A Division team, skippered by Katie Whitman ('07) with crew Slava Haywas ('07) and Catherine Long ('07), finished in 4th, while the B Division squad, skippered by Charlotte Hill ('08) with crew Andrea White ('07) and Kristen Ullman ('07), tied for 1st with Charleston in the division to secure a 2nd place finish overall. The Navy women have been ranked as high as 5th and went into their district championship ranked 6th in the nation after a 3rd place showing at the Brown University Dellenbaugh Women's Regatta on 16-17 April. Then, on 23-24 April, the Navy women performed well at Georgetown, finishing 2nd and qualifying for the ISCA Women's Nationals hosted by the University of Texas and the Austin Yacht Club. Other MASIA qualifiers were St. Mary's (1st), Georgetown (3rd), Old Dominion (4th), and Hobart/William Smith (5th). The Women finished 10th at nationals.

The real strength of our team is in our young, motivated Plebe Class that constantly threatens the upperclass on the practice racecourse. Plebe skippers include David Parker, Ian Gill, Cullen Shaughnessy, Alexander Campbell, Maggie Reynolds, Charlotte Hill, Rob Ramirez, and Garth Fasano, while our Plebe crews consist of Kristen Sproat, Amanda Burney, John Leone, Mike Mullee, Kevin Peartree, Audrey Callahan, Sarah Shewmaker, Krysta Anthony, and Andrea Bosch. These sailors have already staked out their role on the team at many of our district events and a couple of intersectionals. More importantly, they bring a large, unified collection of talent with an innate understanding of teamwork and a great attitude to practice every day.

Leading from the front are Kristen Ullman, Lauren Sutehall, Katie Whitman, Slava Haywas, Andrea White, Danny Conley, Clay Magee, Jeff Sharp, Chuck Fulmer, John Applebaum, John Keith, and Stephen Gay. It is a great team, and one that can only improve on its current performance. Watch for them on the racecourses around the nation next Fall!

*Ensign Stephen Gay, USN
Team Captain, 2005 Intercollegiate Dinghy Team*

More Letters

CSNTS Training Rings True for Grad

Capt McCormack,

My name is LCDR John Kennard. I am the OIC of HSC-26 Det 3, currently aboard USS Trenton (LPD-14), operating in the Atlantic. We are a helicopter detachment consisting of 2 MH-60S helicopters. We participated in a rescue of an injured sailor over the weekend. Most of my initial planning for the mission was directly influenced by my CSTS (now CSNTS) experience.

I sailed with Capt. Ed Zurey in *Invincible* as a youngster in 1990 and then again as the navigator on a Navy 44 in 1992. The 1990 trip was especially memorable due to Capt Zurey's leadership and almost running into a hurricane on our way to Bermuda!

In planning on how to take an 80 year old man off a ketch at 0200 in bad weather and no moon, I used everything I learned on those two trips. I talked to the skipper of the sailboat and immediately knew that hoisting directly from the boat would have been impossible, since the mizzen mast would have been in the way. (After arriving on scene, we found that hoisting to a sloop would have been impossible as well - the seas were too rough.) I wanted him to turn around and close the ship, since we were a few hours away before we could launch. He didn't want to tack, since the injured man was laying down on the starboard side and I understood that if he tacked, the patient would have to move over to the port side. I wanted him to drop sails and use a sea anchor off the bow (he didn't have one), or turn on the motor and point into the wind. Since he was now sailing solo, he didn't seem too keen on dropping his storm jib and I knew that the sailboat would start bobbing more if the jib were dropped. (We had to fix a spreader on the mast once underway, and the memory of Capt Zurey being tossed from side to side 30 feet off the deck is still vivid in my mind.) Also, I didn't want my swimmer to have to worry about a turning propeller. Knowing that my rotor wash would have little impact on a storm jib, I directed him to keep it up, knowing he would have some slight headway. It took us two tries to get our swimmer in position to swim aboard, but it was a good call. I don't know what the Coast Guard is preaching at your Safety-at-Sea Seminars now, but this storm jib/no motor worked for us.

The following account goes into more detail, but I wanted to share with you how important CSTS was to me and how it still is paying dividends today. I have only sailed a few times since my midshipman days, but still feel like I could put in a double reef in a squall at midnight if I had too (and we did). I hope every midshipman, and not only a lucky few, get to experience at least a DEL-MARVA cruise. Nothing beats being on the big blue in a Navy 44 to teach seamanship. I would be happy to speak to or write a more in-depth article or do an interview if you think it would benefit the CSNTS program or the midshipmen.

Very Respectfully & Beat Army!!! John D. Kennard, LCDR, USN OIC HSC-26, Det 3 USNA '93
 To read the official details of LCDR Kennard's valiant rescue, go to: <http://www.usna.edu/Sailing/homepage.html>

Race Committee Report

During the NASS Spring Race, Principal Race Officer Maureen Mills was kept busy by fluky winds. One 14 mile race was held for the PHRF classes on Saturday, and two shorter races followed on Sunday for the One-Design racers. Winds were the topic of heated debate on both days, varying from 20-25 knots down to 6-10 knots, primarily from the south-southeast but.... "There were big shifts, as much as 100 degrees," one skipper said. "The committee did a really good job of resetting the course a bunch of times." Trophies were only awarded in classes that have sufficient number of boats racing to qualify: 1st for 5 boats, 1st & 2nd for 7, and 1st, 2nd & 3rd for 9 boats. Midshipman Second Class Dan Howard gave us a welcome hand on the Navy 44 that was originally designated as the Finish Boat, but ended up serving as both the Signal Boat and the Finish Boat.

The Race Committee was also fortunate to have three midshipmen aboard the signal boat for this year's Kennedy Cup Memorial Regatta. Midshipmen Ryan Field, Monica Mondloch, and Rebecca Islin assisted with wind readings, GPS timings, and general knowledge of race tactics. We thank them for volunteering, and would welcome them or any of their classmates aboard for the Fall races.

There is still time for you to become an active member of the Race Committee. Please check the schedule at right and make a commitment to support us during one or more of upcoming races. We will begin formulating the teams for the Riena Mercedes Regatta and the NASS Race to Oxford in mid July, so call now and sign on for one of these races.

You can contact Jan Richardson, the Race Committee Chair, at: 410-647-6744 or Janr609@aol.com

Marion Johnson, NASS Race Committee

NASS-Sponsored Regattas	
Aug 14	Reina Mercedes Regatta (Navy 26s)
Aug 19	Blakely Cup Regatta (Navy 26s)
Sept 17	NASS Race to Oxford
Sept 24-25	Shields Trophy (Navy 44s)
Oct 22-23	McMillan Cup (Navy 44s)
Oct 27-30	Lloyd Phoenix (Navy 44s)
Oct 31	Huntington Steele (Navy 44s)

Hails

LT Sara Howe, (USNA '01): Hails from Joliet, IL. She raced with the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team as a midshipman. Her first tour was in USS FLETCHER (DD-992) out of Pearl Harbor, HI where she served as the MP Division Officer. Her second tour was in USS WASP (LHD-1) out of Norfolk, VA as the Auxiliaries Officer. She is currently serving as the CSNTS Training Officer, and will serve as the Navy Sailing Training Officer until relieved by LCDR Hertzell in September of 2005.

LT Chris Perry, (USNA '99): Hails from Columbia, TN. He raced with the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team as a midshipman. Prior to reporting to USNA he served as a SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter pilot with HSL-48 in Jacksonville, FL. He completed 2 counter-narcotics deployments to Central and South America, and is currently serving as the VOST Operations and Training Officer.

LT Grant Garcia, (USNA '00): Hails from Miami, FL. He raced with the Intercollegiate Dinghy Team as a midshipman. Prior to USNA he served in USS BOISE (SSN 764), homeported in Norfolk, VA. He is currently assigned as Intercollegiate Dinghy Team Operations Officer.

LT Matt Williams, (USNA '99): Hails from Kansas City, MO. Prior to USNA, he served in USS EISENHOWER as the Reactor Training Officer. He relieved LT Jeremy Butler as the Navy Sailing Maintenance Officer. Matt and his wife Jenn have a one year old daughter, Leah.

QMCS(SW) Tony Bastidas: Hails from Houston, TX. Prior to USNA, he served in USS LASALLE, where he was the Assistant Fleet Scheduler for COMSIXTHFLT. He was originally assigned to NAVSTA, Annapolis as Craftmaster in YP 698. He was reassigned to serve in the Robert Crown Center in November 2004 due to his sailing experience. He is currently the CSNTS Assistant Training Officer.

Farewells

LCDR Neil Covington: From Navy Sailing Training Officer to Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Omaha NE.

LT Drew Kellogg: From Assistant VOST Coach. Resigned his commission, and currently works in Annapolis.

LT Judah Nyden: From CSNTS OPS. Resigned his commission, and currently work as a defense contractor in Washington, DC.

Nancy Haberland: From JVOST Coach. Will attend school full-time to pursue a Masters Degree in Education.



Brad Dellenbaugh Leaves Navy Sailing with The Grosvenor Trophy

A sailing coach and instructor for 30 years, Brad Dellenbaugh, was Head Coach of Navy's Varsity Offshore Sailing Team since 1998, after serving as Assistant Coach from 1992 to 1998. Brad left Navy Sailing this Spring to become the new Director of Sailing at the New York Yacht Club's Harbor Court Facility in Newport, RI.

At the NASS Awards Banquet, held in February, Brad was honored for his service to Navy Sailing by being awarded the Grosvenor Trophy, which is presented annually to a NASS mem-

ber who has contributed outstanding service to the organization. Prior to the Naval Academy, Dellenbaugh coached the intercollegiate sailing team at Brown from 1980 to 1990, where the women's team finished first or second in the nation seven years in a row, including winning three national championships. He also coached the U.S. Women's Team from 1984 to 1987.

An avid racer, Dellenbaugh has been involved in three Olympic campaigns in the Soling class, finishing 2nd and 3rd in the US Olympic Trials.

In addition, he has served as tactician or helmsman in numerous national, continental and world championships in a wide variety of one-design and offshore boats, including wins in one J/24 and two J/22 World Championships, as well as in the 1997 US SAILING Match Racing Nationals.

Dellenbaugh served as the rules advisor to the Young America Syndicate at the 2000 America's Cup and to the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team in Sydney, Australia. He is an international judge and umpire and served as an umpire at the 2003 America's Cup as well as a chief umpire at the 2003-04 Match Racing World Championship. Dellenbaugh graduated from Brown in 1976, where he was captain of the sailing team for two years. He majored in fine arts and has pursued this interest as a freelance artist, providing illustrations for a number of sailing magazines and books, including Dave Perry's Understanding the Racing Rules, Peter and JJ Isler's Sailing for Dummies and Gary Jobson's The Winner's Guide to Optimist Sailing. He is also a frequent contributor of articles to various sailing magazines and is co-author (with his brother Dave) of Sports Illustrated's Small Boat Sailing, which he also illustrated.

Courtesy of Navy Sports Information Staff

Annapolis Maritime Hall of Fame Inducts Former NASS Commodore

During the weekend-long Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival this year, four men were inducted into the Annapolis Maritime Hall of Fame. Founded in 2000, the Hall of Fame is dedicated to promoting the industry's heritage by recognizing people whose accomplishments, on the water or on shore, enhanced the city's character and strengthened its status as an international nautical center.

"We think the people in the Hall of Fame, and those who will be in it in the future, should be inspirational role models for our youth," said Buck Buchanan, president of the Annapolis Maritime Museum, where plaques of the individuals so honored hung before Tropical Storm Isabel flooded the Eastport building. The museum will re-open later this year with the plaques of new inductees hanging from the wall.

One of the inductees is well known to NASS members as a Navy captain who spent five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and returned to lead midshipmen to sailing glory.

Retired Navy Captain Edwin A. Shuman III, known to NASS members as *Ned*, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1954 with a passion for flying and sailing. He earned his wings a year later, and in 1960 was selected for U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. While flying a mission north of Hanoi off the USS Enterprise eight years later, he was shot down. For the next five years he was imprisoned in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. He spent 17 months of that time in solitary confinement interspersed with repeated torture.

Part of that time he dreamt of sailing. "The first thing I did after I got out was buy a boat," he said.

A few years after his 1973 release, he landed a dream assignment as Commanding Officer of the Naval Station in Annapolis - a job that came with the task of directing the academy sailing team.

And direct them he did.

In four years, the midshipmen won three consecutive Kennedy Cups, the intercollegiate big boat championship, and two consecutive McMillan Cup Regattas, the East Coast championship, plus seven dinghy championships and a sloop national title.

The two greatest feats were offshore. In 1979, the Naval Academy sloop Alliance won the Transatlantic Marblehead-to-Crosshaven, Ireland, race, beating an international fleet of ocean racers. He won the InterRegimental Service Trophy in that year's infamous Fastnet Race in the English Channel. He pulled the boat into port with no significant damage to the craft nor injury to the crew in a race where only 85 of 303 starters finished, five boats sank and 17 people died.

"He arrived here with his own boat. He let it be known he was a fighter pilot and liked to go fast. The mids liked that," said retired Rear Adm. Robert. W. McNitt, a Hall of Famer himself, who nominated Capt. Shuman. "When young people read about men and women they would probably say, 'I would like to be like him' ... Ned Shuman would be their role model."

*Courtesy of E.B. FURGURSON III,
Staff Writer, Annapolis Capital Newspaper*

NASS Well Represented in 2005 Annapolis to Newport Race

Of the 48 sailboats that sailed from Annapolis to Newport, RI around noon on Friday, 10 June, four were skippered by midshipmen and five others were NASS member-owned boats.

Midshipman 1/C Chris Canales skippered *Hellcat* (ex-*Canvasback*) to a 5th place finish and Midshipman 1/C Greg Storer skippered *Mameluke* (ex-*Snow Lion*) to a 7th place finish in the IRC I division. Midshipman 1/C Joe Dyckman skippered *Lively* to a 2nd in PHRF II, and Midshipman 1/C Jeff Parker skippered *American Promise* to a 6th in PHRF I.

NASS members Frank Kendall (*Razor's Edge*) and Richard Kinard (*Sabrina*) also competed in PHRF II under the NASS burgee, while NASS member RADM Henry Morgan skippered *Dolphin* to a first in class finish under under the New York Yacht Club burgee.

The 1st and 2nd place winners of IRC I division (*Sjambok*/Michael Brennan and *Yellow Jacket*/Larry Bulman) were both skippered by NASS members who were competing under the AYC burgee.

See a full color version of the Bullhorn at our new NASS website address:

<http://www.usna.edu/Sailing/homepage.html>

Please replace any old NASS website addresses in your web browser with this new one.

SPRING NAVY 44 RACING BRINGS APRIL SHOWERS – AND WIND – AND NO WIND

The annual big boat rites of Spring, the Intrepid and Kennedy Cups, brought chilly weather and just about every imaginable wind condition.

The Intrepid Regatta, meant to be an early season tune-up for the intercollegiate season, includes Navy 44 fleet racing on the first day and match racing in Navy 26s the second. But the wind hadn't gotten the message. Day 1 had the teams and the Race Committee with Gene Gibbons as the Principal Race Officer (PRO) scratching their heads trying to predict the wind. The first race saw a 35 knot squall line march through just prior to the team's final approach to the start line. The first team to sort out gear issues and trim first had a big lead, and that turned out to be Navy, who won that race.



Navy 44s at windward mark during K-Cup.

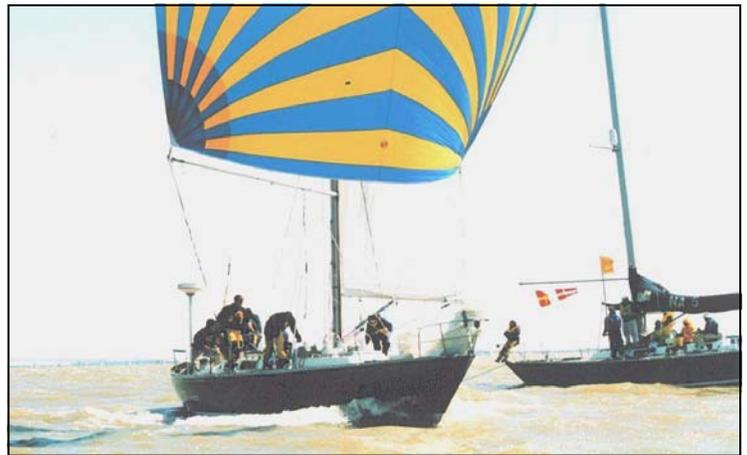
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Within an hour of the first start, a dead calm with heavy fog set in. No more racing that day....

Day two's match racing was scratched in favor of Navy 44 fleet racing because of the high wind predicted. The breeze was brisk and three more races were run on Sunday. Final standings had Navy in 1st with Skipper Tom Bock ('05) and helmsman Greg Storer ('06) in charge. Second and 3rd went to Mass. Maritime and Michigan State respectively.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Regatta, dedicated in 1965 in memory of President Kennedy, is the Spring Inter-Collegiate Big Boat Championship and is the highlight of spring big boat intercollegiate racing. Ten colleges were represented, from as far away as Texas A&M at Galveston and Cal Maritime.

In all, ten races were completed by PRO Taran Teague in brisk, spinnaker destroying winds on Day 1 and an hour delay waiting for wind on Day 3. Winds blew from 25 knots to a light 7-8 knots. This year's K-Cup was a terrific test of each team's ability to play the shifts and



Navy winning one of the K-Cup Races

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current and handle the boats in a variety of conditions.

First place went to King's Point, followed by Navy in 2nd. The University of Rhode Island finished 3rd.

Mike Brownlee, VOST Fleet Captain

Membership: Member Types Change — Renewal Letters have been mailed!

We restructured our membership categories to better help us meet Department of Defense requirements for the use of volunteers in our program. Today, instead of 'Regular' and 'Absentee' members, we now have 'Participating Members', 'Supporters' and 'Honorary Members.'

The Commodore agreed to cancel the requirement for participating members to pay dues since they actively participate in Squadron functions and give of their time and talent. Most other NASS members will become Supporters instead of the old regular or absentee classifications. Renewal letters for the 2005-2006 Academic Year were mailed earlier this month. Please answer the questionnaires so that we can help ensure our membership database is up to date.

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New NASS Members

We welcome the following new members since the last issue of the Bullhorn.

Participating Members

Greg Hryniewicz
Annapolis, MD

Supporters

Thom Bolick
Annapolis, MD

Bill Day
Chester, PA

George Durham
Annapolis, MD

Charlie Letourneau
Annapolis, MD

Mike Springer
Pasadena, MD

Carolyn Swiggart
Annapolis, MD

MAJ Gregory Trevarthen USMC (Ret)
Stafford, VA

- Be a mature role model capable of maintaining the required military bearing and standards required by the United States Naval Academy.

Normally, the first step in the process, getting a D-Qual, requires working through the progression of leadership positions (Offshore crewman, watch captain, etc) included in the personnel qualifications standards or "PQS" books. However, if you are an experienced big boat sailor, you may "challenge" the process and request direct designation as a D-Qual by submitting a request in writing which must include a sailing curriculum vitae, completing an on-the-water check ride and passing the written D-Qual exam. Once D-Qualified, you must also complete all of the proficiency items listed above.

The admissions process to the OIC development process and subsequent training is managed by the Navy Sailing Training Officer, so you will get to know LT Sara Howe very well.

To become an OIC after getting a D-Qual and completing the other requirements, you must be recommended by the appropriate Program Director (VOST or CSNTS) and Fleet Captain. The Program Directors and Fleet Captains will recommend you only if you have demonstrated the requisite judgment, role model qualities, skill and experience for the boats to be assigned and the waters to be sailed.

OICs are then designated in writing by the Commodore. The list is reviewed at least yearly, so keep your proficiency up to date. The list for the current year can be found at: <http://www.usna.edu/SailingTeam/dnasnote%203500.pdf>

While at first blush this seems like a difficult and lengthy process, the training and knowledge gained by qualifying is, by itself, well worth the effort. The Sailing Program continually needs an influx of new OICs. If you're interested, please give LT Howe a call and join the ranks. We just might see each other some day in Bermuda, Marblehead or even France or Great Britain.

Mike Brownlee, VOST Fleet Captain

In Memoriam

We bid farewell to our deceased members

CAPT Hayler, whose letter to the editor was published in the last issue of *Bullhorn*, passed away on December 19, 2004.

Richard von Doenhoff—Past Vice Commodore NASS: I am sorry that I have to bear very sad news to you all. Richard died this morning between 3 and 3:30. He was fine all day, but I guess his new lung just didn't want to work. Anyway, he is in a better place now and will be able to sail, do work on archives and talk to my dear Father whenever he wants. I will let you know the memorial "agenda" when it is worked out, but he will be cremated and we will hold services at Gawler's Funeral Home in Washington, DC (they were former neighbors and did everything for my parents and Richard's mother) and then with the help of Andy he will be put to sea in the NY harbor as was his wish. I just hope no one will use Fishing Off (a joke for the NYYC Race Committee) as you know that I may be a Navy brat, but my sea legs never developed. My best to you all, and I will be home and will try to reach you by phone if I can. If not feel free to call here. 301-229-7117 We will NOT be sad, but will celebrate his love of life and all of you. *Mrs. Richard von Doenhoff*

"One of our very good friends, **Captain Neil Eugene Berthier, USN (Ret)** died on 31 January 2005. Neil was Vice Commodore of the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron for a long period during the 1980s and he was a very active coach on Bay races and blue water races. Captain Berthier's coolness as a coach may have had its roots in his birthplace, Fordache, Louisiana. I can never remember Neil getting upset or losing his 'cool' during extremis situations. His calmness and his gentleness was manifest while coaching midshipmen. I remember one incident very clearly when a midshipman made a serious mistake during a gybe. After the foredeck was cleared with the boat on course and under control, Captain Berthier, at a later time, very quietly asked the midshipman to walk forward with him. They sat down and my guess is that Neil explained what went wrong and when he finished his explanation, he gently patted the midshipman on the back. He resisted the impulse to correct him in front of his shipmates. Captain Berthier was a model coach and my guess is that many midshipmen who sailed with Neil will long remember his depth of experience, his calmness 'under fire', but importantly, his humanity. Neil was living in France for a number of years before coming back to the US. He settled down in Lancaster, PA. He is survived by two sons and a daughter. In addition to being a member of NASS, he was also a member of the Annapolis Yacht Club and the New York Yacht Club."

Respectfully submitted,
Captain Leon J. Greenbaum, Jr. USN (Ret)

Sailing Season Culminates With Commissioning Week Awards Ceremony

VADM Rempt kicked off the 2005 Commissioning Week Sailing Awards Ceremony at 1000 on 25 May at the Robert Crown Center. He pointed out how important he felt the Sailing Program was to the education and training of the Brigade of Midshipmen, and noted that the ceremony would recognize those midshipmen who demonstrated commendable leadership and athletic prowess while representing the Naval Academy in intercollegiate sailing competition as well as while competing against some of the nation's best sailors in ocean racing venues. Other distinguished guests included Captain Joe Leidig, the Commandant of Midshipmen; Mr. Chet Gladchuk, the Director of Athletics; and RADM Robert McNitt, USN (Ret). RADM McNitt captained the Academy's 1st Intercollegiate Sailing Team and later earned two Silver Stars for gallantry in action while serving as Executive Officer in USS Barb during World War II.

The Superintendent presented the two most prestigious awards - the Dubose and the John Paul Jones Trophies. These trophies are presented to the midshipmen of the graduating class who contributed the most to the Varsity Offshore (Dubose) and Intercollegiate Dinghy Teams (Jones) through leadership, dedication to the team, and sailing skills. Midshipman 1/C John Coombs was awarded the Dubose Trophy, and Midshipman 1/C Stephen Gay was awarded the John Paul Jones Trophy.

The Athletic Director presented the Tony Bilotti Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the Captains of the Varsity Offshore and Intercollegiate Dinghy Teams, to Midshipmen 1/C Tom Bock and Stephen Gay.

The Commandant presented several awards to members of the Junior Varsity Offshore Sailing Team. Midshipman 3/C Adam Waters was awarded the Russ Gittings Trophy, which is given to the top midshipman helmsman, and Midshipman 4/C Joseph Gursky won the LCDR Robert S. Williams Seamanship Award, which is presented to the most improved novice member of the JV Team. Midshipman 4/C Tim Clarke was awarded the Rear Admiral James L. Holloway Jr. Trophy, which is awarded to the midshipman who contributed the most through leadership, dedication to the team, and sailing skills.

Midshipman 2/C Pat Collins was awarded the Avanti Trophy, which is presented to the skipper with the best finish in the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron's Spring Regatta.

Midshipman 1/C John Coombs won the Admiral Harry W. Hill Trophy, which is presented to the midshipman who demonstrated the greatest skill, leadership and teaching ability while serving as a sail trimmer on the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team.

Midshipman 1/C Erik Reynolds earned the Knickerbocker Yacht Club Award, which is awarded to the midshipman who demonstrated the greatest leadership and skill on the foredeck of an offshore boat.

Mr. Gladchuk also presented awards to the members of the Intercollegiate Dinghy Team. Midshipmen 4/C Cullen Shaughnessy and Krysta Anthony won the Anne Campbell Trophy, which is named in honor of Mrs. Anne Campbell, a very long-time friend of Naval Academy Sailing. Anne was present for the ceremony.

Midshipman 2/C John Applebaum and 3/C Gary Grimes won the Commissioning Week Regatta and received the Ulmer-Seelig Memorial Trophy.

Midshipman 4/C Kristen Sproat won the LCDR Robert S. Williams Award, which is presented to the most improved 4/C midshipman on the Intercollegiate Dinghy Team, and Midshipman 2/C John Applebaum won the Julia Babineau Memorial Trophy, which is presented to the Dinghy Team's best crewmember.

Midshipman 2/C Class John Keith won the Cornelius Shields Trophy, which is awarded to the midshipman who contributed the most to sloop sailing. John also won the Rusty Cavileer Trophy, which awarded to the midshipman who has contributed the most to double-handed sailing.

Midshipman 2/C Charles Fulmer won The Class of 1916 Trophy, which is awarded to the midshipman who has contributed the most to single-handed sailing.

Midshipman 4/C Charlotte Hill was awarded The Fair American Trophy, which is presented to the outstanding woman sailor of the Intercollegiate Dinghy Team.

Junior Varsity Offshore Sailing Team Report

The JVOST Spring Season got underway in early February this year. However, due to the particularly cold weather at the end of February and the beginning of March, the team did not get on the water until after Spring Break, on 14 March. Training focused on teaching midshipmen to handle all positions on the boat, whereas in the fall semester, they specialized in one job. By the end of the season, each team member had experience in helming, trimming, mast, and foredeck work.

JVOST also fielded two teams in the J/24 Intercollegiate Spring Invitational. Each four-person crew consisted only of fourth class midshipmen. JVOST had their best showing in several years. The A and B teams finish 3rd and 4th overall in the 10-boat fleet. This result was outstanding considering that many of the schools sent their dinghy team sailors to compete. The winning team was Miami of Ohio, with the experienced Virginia Tech team finishing in 2nd. Just two points out of 2nd was the Navy A team. Midshipmen

Evan Barnes and Joe Gursky helmed and led their crew's strong performances for the A and B teams respectively.

Nancy Haberland, JVOST Coach



Vice Commodore's Perspective

The Superintendent challenged us to develop a maritime continuum of training that will allow midshipmen to proceed through an orderly training and qualification program that will prepare many to skipper either a Navy 44 or a Yard Patrol Craft (YP) during the Summer Cruise Program without officer supervision. We are working closely with Director of Professional Development to iron out the details, but the notional construct proceeds as follows:

Timeframe	Sail Training Craft	Yard Patrol Craft
Plebe Summer	Navy 26 Skipper Qualification	YP Crewman
Youngster Cruise	Sail Training Cruise (Qualify as a Navy 44 Local-Area Skipper)	Grey Hull Cruise
Second Class Summer	Skipper/XO Training Cruise To Bermuda in Patriot (C&C 48)	YP Cruise (Qualify as a YP OOD)
Second Class Year	Navy 44 Skipper/XO Training	YP CO/XO/OPS Officer Training
First Class Summer	Serve as a Navy 44 Skipper/XO	Serve as a YP CO/XO/OPS Officer

Some of the details of the sail training program qualification milestones are listed below:

Navy 26 Skipper Qualification This qualification aligns with US SAILING's Basic Keelboat curriculum, and all fourth class midshipmen must complete it as a prerequisite for promotion to midshipman third class. Those who do not complete the qual during Plebe Summer will be remediated during the Fall Semester of their fourth class year.

Navy 44 Local Area Skipper Qualification Last summer we required all third class midshipmen who participated in the Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program (CSNTS or VOST) to complete their Offshore Watch Captain Qualification. Based on the limited amount of time available during CSNTS sorties (3 weeks), most were not able to do so. This summer we will execute 2-week vice 3-week CSNTS sorties, and the reduction in training time available forced us to revise our goal and develop a new qualification standard. This summer, all midshipmen should complete their Navy 44 Local-Area Skipper Qualification. Once qualified, midshipmen may sail a Navy 44 in a recreational context (sail with friends/family/guests) in the Local Operating Area during daylight hours. Those who do not qualify will probably have to complete a YP cruise during their second class summer and qualify as a YP Officer of the Deck (OOD).

Navy 44 Coastal Cruising Skipper Qualification Second class midshipmen in the Navy 44 Skipper and XO Training Program are working towards their Navy 44 Coastal Cruising Skipper Qualification in order to serve as XOs. Those exceptionally capable midshipmen who also demonstrate the requisite maturity and leadership may be designated in writing by the Commodore to serve as Skippers (Officers in Charge under Navy Regs) and sail on the ocean with all-midshipman crews without officer supervision.

Navy 44 Offshore Skipper Qualification This qualification is earned by those midshipmen with significant ocean sailing/racing experience. Similar to the Cruising Skipper qualification above, those exceptionally capable midshipmen who also demonstrate the requisite maturity and leadership may be designated in writing by the Commodore to serve as Skippers (Officers in Charge under Navy Regs) and race on the ocean with all-midshipman crews without officer supervision.

CDR Gerard VandenBerg, Vice Commodore

VOST 'Firsties' Wrap It Up

The time has come for the first class midshipmen of the Class of 2005 to bid the Naval Academy farewell. Many of the most lasting memories and friendships that have been forged throughout our four years by the Bay came from the afternoons and summers spent on the water with the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team. Though our original numbers have dwindled, we remain a tight-knit group, both on and off of the water.

Last summer [2004] was a very busy summer for the class of 2005. John Coombs and I remember skippering our boats, NA-10 *Lively* and NA-9 *Flirt* in the 2004 Newport-Bermuda Race. John took 1st in his class. While he was taking home silver in the warmer waters, MIDN 1/C Andy Warner and MIDN 1/C Erik Reynolds were trying to stay warm as they co-skippered *American Promise* trans-Atlantic to France. MIDN 1/C Kellen Mollahan led *American Promise's* relief crew to France and brought her back home to Santee Basin. Also during the summer, MIDN 1/C John Creegan skippered NA-11 *Swift* to a 1st in class in the Bermuda Ocean Race with MIDN 1/C Matt Uebel as XO. Also in that race, MIDN 1/C Chris Tate was XO in NA-12 *Vigilant*. Later that summer, MIDN 1/C John Pierczynski served as XO in NA-11 *Swift* for the New York Yacht Club's race week in Newport.

After the summer, the VOST team did not miss a beat. *Javelin*, the newly donated Farr-49, was skippered by MIDN 1/C Tom Bock. MIDN 1/C John Coombs, Erik Reynolds, and Ellen Cutrer provided the onboard upper-class leadership. MIDN 1/C Andy Warner skippered *Blue Angel* with MIDN 1/C John Creegan as his tactician. *Hornet* was skippered by MIDN 1/C Kellen Mollahan while MIDN 1/C Pierczynski helped to run the pit. Additionally, MIDN 1/C Chris Tate skippered NA-12 *Vigilant*.

As I look back on our Firstie Year, I would like to thank the VOST Class of 2005 for their hard work and dedication. New high-performance boats and coaching changes certainly challenged us, but the Firsties held things together. We wish the best of luck to the VOST Class of 2006 throughout their Firstie summer, fall and spring seasons.

Ensign Tom Bock
Captain, 2005 Varsity Offshore Sailing Team

Editors Note: All midshipmen mentioned in this article are now graduated and commissioned.



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Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Naval Academy Sailing Program is to prepare midshipmen to become professional officers in the Naval Service by:

- a. Developing their confidence in seamanship, navigation, watch standing, small boat handling, and safety at sea.
- b. Providing hands on leadership experience in the crucible of operating a small boat at sea.

The objectives of the Naval Academy Sailing Program are:

a. Qualifications and Leadership.

Midshipmen will proceed through an orderly training and qualification program that will enable them to:

- (1). Qualify to skipper a Navy 26 (Required prior to becoming a third class midshipman).
- (2). Complete a CSNTS Cruise, and qualify as a Navy 44 Local-Area Skipper.
- (3). Some midshipmen will be provided an opportunity to train and qualify as an Officer in Charge of a sail training craft.

b. Intercollegiate Competitive Sailing.

The Naval Academy will revitalize its competitive sailing program to become a leader in the nation. Specifically:

- (1). The Intercollegiate Dinghy Team will become nationally ranked, and strive to repeatedly win the Fowle Trophy.
- (2). The Varsity Offshore Sailing Team will strive to repeatedly win the Kennedy Cup Memorial Regatta.
- (3). More midshipmen will compete in offshore racing venues and strive to repeatedly win premier ocean racing events.