

**JOINT DINNER MEETING**  
**SNAME SD-5 PANEL AND**  
**INTERNATIONAL HYDROFOIL SOCIETY**

**Thursday, 16 October 2014**  
**Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA**

**5:30 to 6:30 Cash Bar - 6:30 to 7:30 Dinner - 7:30 to 8:30 Program**

**Deli Buffet: Hot Soup; Mix of Breads & Rolls; Sliced Beef, Ham & Turkey;  
Cheeses; Pasta, Potato & Green Salads; Brownies & Cookies; Coffee & Tea**

**Price: \$30.00**

To pay online, by 10 October, go to [www.foils.org/meeting.htm](http://www.foils.org/meeting.htm)

Make reservations by noon Friday, 10 October  
with Allen Ford at [allenford@verizon.net](mailto:allenford@verizon.net) or Bill Hockberger at [w.hockberger@verizon.net](mailto:w.hockberger@verizon.net)

Please honor reservations. No-shows may be requested to cover costs incurred.

**50 Years of Hovercraft in the USA**  
**Put into Perspective**

**Warwick Jacobs**  
**Trustee, the Hovercraft Museum**

Although the hovercraft was officially invented in the UK back in 1955, the US has had a long association with it and has now seen half a century of activity and contributions to it. From GEMs (Ground Effect Machines) to ACVs (Air Cushion Vehicles) to SES (Surface Effect Ships), the “hover craft” has had a presence in the US, and Warwick will discuss both its military and civilian roles and explain the successes and failures. From the San Francisco ferries and Vietnam conflict in the 1960s to the dream of a 100-knot Navy to present day giant military craft worldwide, he will trace the rich diversity of hovercraft and what the future may hold. He'll touch on today's hovercraft sporting and cruising clubs and their great differences from the UK.

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Warwick Jacobs is a trustee of the Hovercraft Museum in England and one of its founders. The Museum now has over 70 full-size craft, including the SR.N4, the largest civilian hovercraft ever built. He has been a hovercraft enthusiast from the age of four and has seen (and now acquired) many of them. He knew Sir Christopher Cockerell, the hovercraft inventor, and was even commissioned to paint his portrait (he's also a professional painter). Earlier he worked with the ferry operator Hovertravel and cofounded and ran the company HoverHire. In 2012 he helped HoverAid in southern Madagascar with their Hovering Doctor service.

Warwick's University of London degree specialized in transport geography, his thesis being “The Hovercraft and the Difficulty in Finding a Modal Role.” He was for 15 years the honorary Secretary of the Hovercraft Society.