



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
2008-09 GENERAL METING
May 14, 2008**

In attendance:

BRIDGE:

Commander, CDR George K. Degnon, P	Administrative Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C Ronald H. Larson, P	Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP
Education Officer, Lt/C Richard E. Unis, JN	Secretary, Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

P/C G. J. Nelson, AP	P/C John A. Shivik, AP
P/C Gale Aills, SN	P/Lt/C Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP
P/C Richard J. Durgin, JN	

Absent: **Members At Large:** Lt Francis Williamson, AP

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1921. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was given by P/C John Shivik. Minutes from the April 9, 2008 meeting were previously posted on the Squadron web site. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Commander's Report: CDR George K. Degnon, P, introduced Brian Shuster as a new Squadron member. CDR Degnon also indicated that August 1 was the proposed date for hosting Walter Reed Wounded Warriors for boat rides. Transportation details are being worked on and more details will follow.

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Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C Ronald H. Larson, P, indicated that there will be Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) done at the Alexandria West Marine store parking lot on June 7. This will be for trailer boats. Last month over 100 boats were inspected at the Prince William marina. Also, there will be VSC performed at the Fairfax Yacht club at the Squadron picnic.

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Administrative Officer's Report: Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, discussed the following items:
Attendance at Anacostia Clean-up: The Squadron was represented at the Anacostia Clean-up and Earth Day festivities at the Seafarers Yacht Club on M Street, S.E., on the Anacostia River. We were invited by the Potomac River Power Squadron. Safe boating brochures were passed out and questions were answered. Approximately 800 people attended. Free food, hamburgers and hot dogs, were provided. Our, NVS&PS, brochures have an obsolete telephone number and some did not have the NVS&PS name on them.

E-mail Addresses and Mailing Addresses: A mailing was made to announce the May 17 picnic. There were 21-23 returns from the e-mail list (191 e-mail total). There were 212 mailing addresses. What is our Squadron present membership?

May 17 Squadron Picnic: The picnic will be held at the Fairfax Yacht Club from 1200 to 1700 hours. The food entrees will be Bar-B-Q pork and chicken. The picnic is free to the members.

May 24 and 25 Memorial Day Gathering: We have three boats set to gather at Mear's Yacht Marina in Oxford, MD, for the Memorial Day week end. Slips have been arranged.

Summer Cruise, 14-16 July: We are looking for interested participants for the July cruise and rendezvous in Baltimore with D5. Information is available on the D5 cruise 12-16 July with the rendezvous in Baltimore 17-20 July 08.

Christmas Party and Change of Watch: The party will be at the American Legion Post #177 in Fairfax City for both events. Deposits have been paid for both events. The Christmas party will be on 13 December and the Change of Watch will be on 14 March 2009.

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Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Richard E. Unis, JN, reported that a Boating Safety Class will be held tomorrow at the McLean Community Center. There is a GPS Seminar scheduled for May 20 at the George Mason University Building, 4031 University Drive, Fairfax and there are approximately 17 persons signed up. There may be a Seamanship seminar scheduled this summer. There are four(4) persons in a self study courses.

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Secretary Report: Lt/C George Nartsissov, P, reminded members that the minutes are being posted on the Squadron web site..

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Treasurer Report: Lt/C Steve Hall, AP, indicated that all should have received dues statements. 104 have already been returned. There are 293 members in all categories.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

Guest Speaker Presentations: P/C Gale Alls, SN, introduced three speakers that gave interesting and informative presentations on their boating experiences on and in the vicinity of Chesapeake Bay. Joel Bailey, AP, gave a presentation on the "Northern Bay, a Sailor's Perspective". P/C Dick Durgin, JN, gave a presentation on their experiences in "The Middle Bay – Power Boater". Glenn and Janet Fahey, P, presented "Trailer Boating" that also included their experiences on waters other than the bay.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary