



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2008**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1935. A quorum was present. The Invocation was given by Lt. Francis Williamson. The minutes from the previous meeting, July 9, 2008, were approved.

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

Members at Large:

P/C Gale Alls, SN P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/C Keith Segerson, P/C G. J. Nelson
P/Lt/C Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP

Absent:

BRIDGE: CDR George Degnon
Education Officer, Lt/C Richard E Unis, JN
Secretary, Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

Members at Large: P/C John A. Shivik, AP

P/C Richard Durgin discussed Merit Marks and the upcoming cut off date is October 1, 2008. Please get the information to Jean Durgin. Also, send in your Holiday greeting, to be published in the December of Tars & Terns, and a check to the Flower Power Fund. Your message can be three(3) lines.

Lt/C Ronald Larson lead the meeting and talked about the Fall Boat Show in Chantilly, VA, October 3 – 5, 2008, in the South Hall. At this time there are no free spaces and if we got a booth it would cost \$400. He stated that a lot of people are asking about classes.

The Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, indicated that we are over budget for renewal of memberships and under budget for new members.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C John Karjala, provide the following report:

International Pot Luck: The International Pot Luck Dinner, also known as the Squadron Oktoberfest, is set for Wednesday, 8 October, 2008. The Fairfax Yacht Club has graciously allowed us to use their facility. Doors open at 1845 and we will be starting at 1900. Reservations are \$5.00 per couple, \$2.50 for singles. The fees will support the purchase of wine and German beer on the menu. Sign up now, save e-mailings and postage, and please list the dish you will bring.

Christmas Party: This is a reminder to put the Christmas Party on your calendar now. It is on Saturday, 13 December, 2008, starting at 1830, at American Legion Post #144, 3943 Oak Street, Fairfax City. The menu will be similar to last year, two entrees (prime rib and baked chicken breast). Kevin & Melanie, the DJ's, will play your favorite songs and the Commander's liquor locker will be

open. Beer and wine and setups will be available from the American Legion. Rumor has it that Santa might attend with Ms. Clause. Details will follow in a mailing.

Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Richard Unis sent me the following report and asked that I relay the information. He indicated since it is his Anniversary, he will not make the meeting. Our upcoming classes are posted on the Squadron web site. Also, there are two slots open for the Marine Electronics class starting Thursday night at the GMU offices (second floor conference room). The next Boating Class will start Thursday evening, September 18, at Annandale High School. This has been a delayed start from September 4 to allow more students to sign up. People can sign up through the Fairfax Park Authority (Parktakes) or they can call me.

P/C Gale Alls discussed the changes to the bylaws.

The formal meeting adjourned at 2003.

A presentation by Hank Chalkley followed on sailboat racing.

Respectfully submitted

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Recording Secretary
(For this Meeting)

George Nartsissov
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Secretary
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