



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 10, 2009**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1942. A quorum was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by CDR Williamson. The Invocation was said by P/CDR John Shivik, AP.

In attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, CDR Francis Williamson, AP Administrative Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

Absent:

Bridge: Education Officer, Lt/C Richard E Unis, JN Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP
Secretary, Lt/C Ralph R. Young, AP

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the past meeting were not available.

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C Nartsissov, P, encouraged members to consider becoming a Vessel Safety Check officer. Study material and an examination are available on line at the Power Squadron web site.

Treasurer Report: No report was provided.

Administrative Officer's Report: Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, provided a report on the Spring Picnic held on May 16, at the Fairfax Yacht Club. A sign-up sheet for providing refreshments at future General Membership meetings was passed around.

Education Officer's Report: No report was provided, however, CDR Williamson indicated that three Basic Boating Course have been completed. A new Virginia regulation will require that ALL boat rental facilities will be required to have a check list completed by the renter at the pier prior to taking the boat out.

Commander's Report: CDR Francis Williamson, P, summarized the "Improvements Initiative" that the Secretary, Lt/C Ralph Young, AP, is developing. One of the major items in this initiative is the revitalization of the Squadron membership process that includes recruiting new members and encouraging existing members to continue their membership.

The Commander reminded everyone that the "oT&T articles are due by 15 June.

The District – 5 Summer Rendezvous will be at Cape Charles (details available on the web site).

Vessel Safety Checks: Lt. John von Senden reported, by message, that a total of 63 Vessel Safety Check have been completed by the Squadron examiners through May 26.

Flower Power Fund: P/Cdr. Richard Durgin, JN, reported that the fund has approximately \$24,000 of which approximately \$19,000 can not be spent. However, the remainder monies could be used to

supplement the Education Budget.

Public Relations Officer: Lt. Frank Shults, S, reported on the "Excellence in Community Service Award" in the "Prop Talk" magazine. The article referred to the Squadron Wounded Warrior program. Two Squadron members, Andrew Shurman and -----, received the Excellence in Education Award". The Wounded Warrior cruise is in the planning stage and is a possible item for publicity. Advertisements have been placed in the various boating magazines' calendar sections for the Squadron training classes.

CDR Williamson passed out the Squadron History Report. We are planning to have a Squadron Bridge Officers section on our web site. This would be accessible by password.

A donation to a Hospice has been sent in memory of Russ Grasso.

Seven new member certificates have been received.

The National data base, DB 2000, shows 303 personnel records for the Squadron, 242 are shown as active.

A business will re-galvanize anchors; these can be processed in a batch (500 lb. min.) costing approximately \$0.90/lb.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 2011.

Guest Speaker Presentations: P/C Gale Alls, SN, introduced Mr. Brandon Peloquin, Senior Forecaster at the Baltimore/Washington Weather Forecasting Office, Brandon presented a very informative program on the functions of the forecasting center and the services available to boaters.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph R. Young

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