



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 8, 2009**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1937. A quorum was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CDR Williamson. The Invocation was said by CDR Francis Williamson, 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

Commander's Report: CDR Williamson acknowledged Past Commanders present at the meeting: P/C Gale Alls, SN. There will be an Executive Committee meeting on July 22, 2009, at the George Mason University offices. We will select the two most important items from our Initiatives list. The topic of Membership will be included. The September "oT&T" will be dedicated to discussion of the initiatives. No new members were in attendance at this meeting.

Executive Officer's Report: To date we have collectively performed 65 Vessel safety Checks and others are in progress. The July 2009 issue of the "Spin Sheet", page 19, has an article on the Education Achievement Award presentation to Quartermaster Sea Scout Andrew Scheuerman and J. J. Fitzgerald, JN.

Treasurer Report: No report was provided.

Administrative Officer's Report: Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, reported that P/C George Degnon, P, is continuing work on the "Wounded Warrior" cruise for this summer. Membership: Two(2) family members and two(2) singles have submitted applications for a total of four(4). CDR Williamson indicated that the new boating safety course requirements are bringing in new applicants for classes. Lt/C Karjala encouraged those present to sign up for sponsoring refreshments for the future "All Hands" meetings.

CDR Williamson discussed and highlighted the following items: The Squadron Improvements Initiatives have been distributed. Our website has improvements. D/Lt. Walt Lazear, AP, has designed "banners" on the site that are links new features. We are planning to use the web site for communication and administrative storage. The September "oT&T" will be dedicated to the discussion of the initiatives. The District – 5 rendezvous will be to Cape Charles, July 23 – 26. Follow-ups are being continued to resolve the Squadron status of the By-Laws submission.

There is a proposal for a Boater's Operating Certificate which will be a "hands on" on the water evaluation and qualification. Commercial operators for boat rentals now have a check sheet that must be completed at dockside prior to release of boat.

Our Treasurer had an emergency gall bladder operation and is recovering.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 2005.

Guest Speaker: P/C Gale Alls, SN, introduced Mr. James Connolly, the Executive Director, of the Anacostia Society, who made a very informative presentation on measures being taken to improve the quality of the water in the Anacostia River.

Respectfully submitted

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