



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 11, 2009**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1935. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Lt/C George Nartsissov. Invocation was given by P/C John Shivik.

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

Past Commanders Present: P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
P/C Alan R. Hart, AP; P/C Jere D. Dendo, AP

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 9, 2009, meeting were presented. A motion was made by P/C Durgin and seconded by P/C Alls to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C Nartsissov, P, provided a summary of the Wounded Warrior (WW) Cruise held on October 10 at the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS). Seventeen WW came by bus from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The staging area for the event was the Patuxent West Basin Marina. We had four power boats, three from our Squadron and one from the Patuxent River Squadron, and two sailboats sponsored by our Sea Scout Ship 1942. Lunch and evening/late afternoon meals were catered by a club on the NAS. This was a great event and the WW enthusiastically expressed their appreciation.

Treasurer Report: There was no report.

Administrative Officer's Report: Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, provided a report on the International Pot Luck evening of Wednesday, 14 October, held at the Fairfax Yacht Club. 33 guests attended the event. The Holiday Party is scheduled to be held at the American Legion Post 144 in Fairfax on 5 December.

Education Officer's Report: 1st Lt. J.J. Fitzgerald, Assistant Education Officer, provided the report. Several members of the Education Committee attended the D-5 Fall Education Conference. The next ABC3 class will be at Lake Accotink in January. Piloting and Seamanship courses, for the Sea Scouts, begin this Saturday. Please sign up for the Weather Course starting in January at the Fairfax HS. The Piloting Course is finishing. Navigator Class is in progress.

Commander's Report: CDR Francis Williamson, AP, reported as follows: Ed Phillips, AP, will chair the Spring Boat Show for 2010. The Fall D-5 Conference was attended by five Squadron members. The total D-5 membership is at 3100, which is down from previous total. There is no redistricting planned in D-5. The D-5 rendezvous is planned for Cambridge, MD. Our Squadron Operations Training will be in January, 2010. Starting in January, ALL communications in the Power Squadron will be through "Sail Angle". This promises to be complex. Our "oT&T" went back to publisher and will be out in the next several days. Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on 18 November. There will be NO ExComm.

In December. The Spring D-5 Conference will be at a different hotel. We need ideas for the theme of the conference Squadron "Hospitality Suite".

P/C Richard Durgin, JN, reminded all that there is still time to submit your "Holiday Greeting", for inclusion in the "oT&T", for a donation to the "Flower Power Fund". The fund has provided monies to the Squadron for the purchase of a sextant for the education department.

Guest Speaker Presentations: P/C Gale Alls, SN, introduced CDR, and MD, Dr. Karl Hellinger, a former NVSPS, and present Commander at Smith Mountain Lake, who made a presentation on medical safety considerations while boating.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

Lt/C George Nartsissov, P
Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Officer and Recorder

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