



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2010**

The General Meeting's venue was the BoatUS® conference room, Alexandria, Virginia. Lt. Ed Phillips, AP provided refreshments. CDR George Nartsissov, AP called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs and led the Pledge of Allegiance. P/C Francis Williamson, AP read the Invocation written by P/C John Shivik, AP. A quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, CDR George Nartsissov, AP
Executive Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Education Officer, LT/C Richard E. Unis, JN
Secretary, Lt/C Sue Karjala, P
Treasurer, Lt/ Steven Hall, AP
Asst. Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

Members at Large:

P/C G. J. Nelson, AP
P/C Francis Williamson, AP
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S

Absent:

Bridge: All present

Members at Large:

Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN

Past Commanders Present:

P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Jay Nelson, AP; P/C Francis Williamson, AP; P/C Keith Segerson, P

Guests Present:

Patricia and Richard Daniels

Commander's Report: CDR George Nartsissov, AP, reported 10 NVSPS members attended the District 5 Summer Council and Rendezvous at Solomons, MD, in August. CDR Nartsissov spent one day during the event on the water doing maneuvers to pass the requirements for an Inland Navigation Boat Operator's Certification. That is part of a new three level certification program offered by National. Certification levels are Inland Navigation, Coastal Navigation, and Advanced Coastal Navigation. Classes, seminars, and on the water tests are required to earn a Certification. Members wishing to pursue these certifications should contact our Squadron Education Officer. National intends to have qualified certifiers at all squadrons.

- Commander Nartsissov announced that P/Lt/C Clara Blanding, past Squadron Secretary, passed away On Sunday, September 5th. He passed around a Sympathy Card for everyone to sign.
- New Member, Robyn Stewart, was sworn in to the Squadron and received her pin. Samuel Barr and Michael Cordes have earned their 25 year pins.

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C John Karjala, P, reminded everyone of the International Pot Luck to take place on October 16th at the Fairfax Yacht Club and to send in their reservation forms and checks to him. He is also working on application for a Civil Service Award for the Squadron and two candidates: P/C Keith Segerson, P, Chair, Wounded Warrior Cruise and the Public Relations Chair, Lt Frank Shults, S, for his writing and publication of numerous NVSPS articles and related efforts.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Steven Hall, AP, reported that we have 198 paid members but we still need more new members to meet our goals. Financially, we are still O.K.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Sue Karjala, P, thanked P/Lt/C. Cathleen Sheffield for taking the minutes at the July 14th meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved.

Education Officer: Lt/C Unis, JN, reported that he has scheduled several courses for the Fall and Winter to include a Marine Radar Seminar to be held on Saturday morning, Nov 6th at GMU Offices in Fairfax. He will post the schedule on the website. He also thanked his Seminars Chairman and Instructor, Lt Robert Cox, JN for his outstanding service and wished him well on his move to Florida.

Public Relations: Lt Frank Shults, S, reported that he has written and submitted articles to several publications on the Wounded Warrior Cruise. He would like leads to find local publications that would be interested in articles regarding upcoming courses.

Wounded Warrior Cruise: P/C Keith Segerson, P, thanked everyone who participated and related that the previous year we had 17 wounded warriors and guests from Walter Reed and 6 vessels participating. This year we had 44 wounded warriors and guests from Walter Reed and Ft. Belvoir with 11 vessels participating including one from Rockville and one from PAX River and the Sea Scouts. Box lunches and a barbecue dinner were provided. P/C Gale Alls, SN headed up the 11 member shore crew.

Holiday Party: P/C Richard Durgin, JN, announced that the Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on December 4th at the American Legion in Fairfax. Information will be in the newsletter and everyone will receive an invitation. Please submit your donations to the Flower Power Fund along with your holiday message to him by Nov. 12th.

There being no further business the general business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2015 hrs.

Guest Speaker: P/C Gale Alls, SN, introduced **Robin and Jim Roberts**, who live aboard their 49' DeFever and spent nine weeks cruising in the Bahamas. They presented a slide show and spoke to us on their trip, preparations, and lessons learned

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Karjala

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P

Secretary

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron