



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
9 February 2011**

The General Meeting was held at the BoatUS® conference room, at BoatUS Headquarters, Alexandria, VA. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C John Karjala, P. NVSPS Social time started at 7 P.M. Refreshments were provided by Commander George Nartsissov and his wife, Ann. Twenty squadron members were in attendance. CDR George Nartsissov, AP, closed the social time and called the meeting to order at 1935 hrs. 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. Our guest speakers gave their presentation first because of inclement weather. The meeting followed with approval of the minutes from the 12 January 2011 meeting, recognition of past commanders present, and Officer and Committee reports. The meeting was adjourned at 2114 hrs.

In attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, CDR George Nartsissov, AP
Executive Officer, Lt/C John Karjala, P
Secretary, Lt/C Sue Karjala, P
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP
Education Officer, Lt/C Rich Unis, JN
Asst. Education Officer, 1st Lt Sean Gallagher, AP
Asst. Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

Members at Large:

P/C Francis Williamson, AP
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP

Absent:

Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN
Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S
P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP

Past Commanders Present: P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Francis Williamson, AP; P/C John Shivik, AP; P/C Alan Hart, AP, and P/C George Degnon, P.

Commanders Report: Commander Nartsissov announced that our squadron was one of 19 to be recognized by National USPS to receive an award for our outstanding newsletter and website. The award has been renamed the "Distinctive Communication Award".

Executive Officer's Report: EXO, John Karjala, announced that he was passing around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the meetings starting with April 2011.

Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Richard Unis reported that the Weather Class had to be canceled due to lack of students. An On Board Weather Forecasting Seminar will be offered this spring in its place. The JN course ended and the students are reviewing for the exam. He is hoping to offer an Electronics Course in the spring this year followed by a Marine Communications course next year. The Navigation course will also be starting up. He is presently working on scheduling some Basic Boating Courses for the spring. The Education

Department will also be offering courses at Prince William Marina in conjunction with the Mid-Potomac Squadron.

Rich also reminded us that all courses are open to anyone; however, we give discounts to NVSPS members.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Steven Hall, reported that National has dropped the \$25.00 initial fee for new members.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Sue Karjala asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Frank Shults made a motion to accept them as written. Motion was seconded by Keith Segerson. The motion carried. She also reminded everyone that election of the new officers would take place at the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations: Frank Shults announced that he is sending out a letter to ask people to come forward and get involved in the squadron. The letter contains a survey which he is asking everyone to fill out and return.

Boat Show: Lt Ed Phillips announced that there was a sign up sheet on the back table for the Boat Show to be held March 11-13. He needs help with set-up and take-down. He reminded us of the NOAA Co-Op Charting Workshop to be held in Norfolk 29 April to 1 May 2011.

Change of Watch: Lt/C John Karjala reported that a phone tree had been set up in order to get a good turn out for this event and Robyn Stewart would Email a list of the people to be called to those participating. Our guest will be the D/5 Commander and his wife. He urged everyone to attend and bring family and friends.

D/5 Spring Conference: Lt/C Sue Karjala reported that the committee was busy at work on the decorations and theme for our Hospitality Suite. She volunteered to host the suite and will have a "Happy Hour" from 4:00-6:30 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. eve. Everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer. She will also host a continental breakfast from 8:00.-10:00 a.m. on Sat. and Sun. morning. The suite will be open throughout the conference so that our members can come and have snacks and refreshments and socialize.

Guest Speaker Next Meeting: P/C Gale Alls announced that the speaker for the next meeting will be from Petit Paints. They have many new products out so plan to attend.

Guest Speakers:

CDR George Nartsissov introduced the guest speakers for the evening, LCDR Mark Turner and L.T. Adolfo Viezea from the Office of Search and Rescue, The United States Coast Guard. They gave a very interesting presentation on Search and Rescue Operations. The Commander presented them with NVSPS caps and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Karjala

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P

Secretary

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