



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
8 June 2011**

BoatUS Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access, security badges and refreshments were handled by P/C George Nartsissov. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hours. Fourteen (14) Squadron members were present. Cdr. John Karjala called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. A quorum was not present. P/C Jay Nelson moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted; motion passed. The invocation was given by P/C John Shivik. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C Robyn Stewart. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 2014 hours.

BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander, Cdr John Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C Frank Shults, S
Administrative Officer, P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
Secretary, Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart
Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT:

P/C George Nartsissov, AP

FOLLOWING MEMBERS AT LARGE

WERE ABSENT:

Lt. Steven Wanbaugh
Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield
P/C Fran Williamson

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:

P/C George Nartsissov, AP
P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/C G. Jay Nelson, APP/C
P/C John Shivik, AP

Executive Officer's Report: Ex/O Frank Shults reported that he had applied for a Membership Involvement and Retention Award (MIRA). These awards are presented at the D-5 Fall conference.

Administrative Officer's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Public Relations Officer's Report: Ex/O Shults reported that articles had been submitted to media contacts regarding our annual picnic at the Fairfax Yacht Club, our Oxford Memorial Weekend rendezvous, and the Vessel Safety Examination event held during the boatyard sale at Herrington Harbor North. The submitted articles were circulated for the members to review.

Education Officer's Report: SEO Sean Gallagher discussed the schedule of classes for the upcoming months, and he solicited volunteers for courses and seminars from the attendees, saying that preferences for time and venue could be flexible. The suggestion was made that we keep the ABC course running continuously. The SEO reported that he is working with the Potomac River Squadron to develop larger

classes with better participation. The SEO also reported that the marine electronics course had been completed, and the test results were being calculated.

Vessel Safety Examination (VSE) Committee Report: P/C George Nartsissov said there is an event scheduled Saturday, June 11th, at the Alexandria City Dock located at the foot of King Street. P/C Nartsissov reported that there is no lack of locations to hold VSEs; the problem is a lack of examiners, and he encouraged attendees to take the course offered on the National website. He reminded attendees that our mission includes community service, and the VSE program contributes to that mission.

Ship's Store Report: P/C John Shivik said that sales were going pretty well and suggested that anyone interested in purchasing such items as shirts, caps, tote bags, burgees, etc. email him.

Cruise Chair's Report: P/C Nartsissov reported on the success of the Memorial Day cruise to Oxford. Sixteen people participated on six boats. It was a good way to kick off the boating season. There were Happy Hours, a picnic, and a trip to a restaurant. P/C Nartsissov reiterated that one does not need a boat to participate in these cruises. D-5 will have a rendezvous at Crisfield the weekend of July 29-31, which will be sponsored by the Richmond Squadron. A flyer, the schedule, and an application can be found at the D-5 website. There will be a barbecue on Friday and an awards ceremony with a buffet on Saturday. Anyone interested in participating in a squadron group should contact Cdr. Karjala.

Wounded Warrior Cruise Report: Cdr. Karjala reported that Walter Reed will not be in operation and therefore cannot participate in the cruise. We will determine availability of residents of Ft. Belvoir.

Unfinished Business: Cdr. Karjala reported on the results of the telephone tree calling overdue members.

Cdr. Karjala adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 2014 hours.

After a short break, Lt./C Shults introduced Sue Karjala, who gave a talk on the NVSPS award-winning exhibit at the D-5 conference on updating maritime first aid kits.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary