



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
14 September 2011**

The General Meeting of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron was convened at BoatUS Headquarters, Alexandria, VA. Building access, security badges and refreshments were handled by G. Jay Nelson. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hours. Twenty two members were present. Cdr. John Karjala called the meeting to order at 1935 hours. A quorum was present. The minutes of the July 2011 meeting were accepted as modified. The invocation was given by P/C George Nartsissov. 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, AP

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT

P/C George Nartsissov, AP
P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/C Gale Alls, AP
P/C Alan Hart, AP
P/C Francis Williamson, AP

MEMBERS AT LARGE ABSENT:

Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S
Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

P/C George Nartsissov, AP
P/C Fran Williamson, AP

Executive Officer's Report: X/O Frank Shults is preparing the Distinguished Civic Service Award application. He thanked everyone for responding to his request for data. This is a very good way for the squadron to get recognition for all that it does throughout the year. He also announced that the Conowingo Dam at the mouth of the Susquehanna River was opened on September 9. As a result there is a large debris field in the Chesapeake. Great caution is advised when navigating these waters. Finally, he announced that he is working to schedule a training session with Dr. Alan Karpas for him to present his CPR/ First Aid for Recreational Boaters course. Cost is \$75 per student. Details to follow.

Administrative Officer's Report: A/O G. Jay Nelson announced that the October general meeting will take place at the Fairfax Yacht Club on 10/15/2011 as part of the annual OktoberFest. He also announced that the holiday party will be held on 12/10/11 at the American Legion Hall.

Education Officer's Report: SEO Sean Gallagher discussed various courses that he has scheduled for the next few months, beginning with the ABC course to be held at the McLean Community Center. The course at Accotink has been canceled due to insufficient student enrollment.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robyn Stewart reported that two CD's had been cashed in. There is a \$500 budget for awards. The budget for the wounded warrior cruise is \$1500.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Commander's Report: Cdr John Karjala reported there has been a request from the Trawler Fest for volunteers who will be paid with free admission to the Trawler Fest in Baltimore. He also reported that Keith Segerson said the wounded warrior cruise will be held on 10/9/11 at Calvert Marina. The agenda and operation plan are complete. Details on funding and catering will be made at the next ExCom meeting.

Vessel Safety Examination (VSE) Chair Report: P/C George Nartsissov reported that 133 vessel safety checks have now been accomplished for the year at several venues.

Public Relations Chair Report: PRO Frank Shults said the Labor Day Rendezvous to Chesapeake Yacht Club on the West River was a fabulous success and thanked Marge and P/C George Degnon for their work in organizing such a terrific event. He has submitted a story and photos to our media distribution list.

Flower Power Fund Report: P/C Richard Durgin explained that Dr. & Mrs. Hazel gave \$5,000 to start the Flower Power Fund. There is now \$24,390.56 in the Fund, however, of that amount only the interest (\$4,491.06) may be spent. P/C Durgin solicited donations for the "Holiday Messages" section of the December newsletter.

Merit Mark Chair Report: P/C Richard Durgin, on behalf of Chair Jean Durgin, said the Merit Mark recommendations must be submitted to the Chair by October 15. Every NVSPS member may make recommendations for Merit Marks.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Cdr Karjala described the correction of administrative error in the nominations process that was the subject of a letter to the membership. Nominations were closed. A vote was taken and the correction was affirmed. The Nominating Committee for 2011-12 consists of: Thomas Martin (1 year); Norbert Hymel (1 year); Ronald Larson (2 years); Dwight Bues (2 years); Francis Williamson (3 years); George Nartsissov (3 years).

Cdr Karjala announced that Nanette Lazear, AP, and Dan Benedetto, AP will both get a 25 year pin.

Cdr Karjala swore in new member, Peter Browne.

Newsletter Editor Report: Editor Frank Shults described a story in the September issue of the newsletter about the Hebda siblings. For the first time in Squadron history, four siblings have earned Sea Scouting's highest rank of "Quartermaster Sea Scout". He encouraged everyone to read all about it in the newsletter.

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

XO Frank Shults introduced the guest speakers, NVSPS members Russ Waters and Peggy Arnold, who gave a presentation on "On-Board Cuisine".

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary