



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

BoatUS Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by AO Jay Nelson. NVSPS social time started at 1915 hours. Refreshments were provided by XO Frank Shults. Cdr John Karjala called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. A quorum was present and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. The invocation was given by P/Cdr John Shivik. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by AO Jay Nelson. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 8:08 PM. Thereafter, a presentation was made by AO Nelson on winterization procedures.

BRIDGE:

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

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

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

ABSENT:

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

ABSENT: Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart

Executive Officer's Report

The November issue of *Prop Talk* has the Labor Day Rendezvous story. It will appear in Spin Sheet in December. It has also appears in an Alexandria publication.

The CPR course, which costs \$75 per person and which normally costs \$150 per person, will be held in January. It is a day long, Red-Cross certified course, and a person who completes the course will receive a two-year certification. Applications should be sent in directly to Alan Karpas. The training will be held at the George Mason Executive Training Center. George and Ann Nartsissov gave their enthusiastic endorsements of the course, which they had taken recently at the D5 conference. Non-members can attend, but at a higher fee. Francis Williamson said the procedures have changed significantly over the years.

Administrative Officer's Report

There are two upcoming events: The Holiday Party at the American Legion Hall for \$25 per person. There will be dining and dancing. On March 24, 2012, there will be the Change of Watch from 1100 to 1330 hours. George Nartsissov asked if we were going to be sending toys and food to Walter Reed this year as in the past and if we were still collecting for Fisher House. The Cdr said we looked forward to contributions of toys and food at the Holiday Party, as usual. Donations of food are for the food pantry at Fisher House.

Education Officer's Report

Training for Sea Scouts has started. There are five students. Other upcoming courses are ABC seamanship, cruise planning, and the weather course. There will also be seminars held at the Singles on Sailboats event in Annapolis in March.

Commanders Comments

John thanked the XO for providing the refreshments. The Commander attended the D5 Fall education conference in Gettysburg. He picked up a couple of awards at the conference, including the Membership Involvement and Retention Award which the XO had applied for.

Vessel Safety Check Committee Report

George Nartsissov said the season is over and there has been no activity since the previous report. We ended the year with 139 exams done by seven examiners. He is going to try to solicit and train additional examiners this winter.

Ship's Store Committee Report

The holiday season is a good time to shop for Squadron gear. Walt Lazear was instrumental in getting the Ship's Store up and running on the website. If you don't see something you want, just ask John Shivik. There will be a 10% discount on each item after Thanksgiving.

Boat Show/Cooperative Charting Committee Report

The Boat Show will be held March 9-11. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Ed Philips said he will hold a cooperative charting event on the West River when the weather breaks in the spring.

Flower Power Committee Report

The account has #24,039.10 in it. If anyone wants to donate, the slips must be in by the 12th. Provide the name and a note for the Tars and Terns.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee is soliciting people for Bridge chairmanships, hoping people will volunteer. They are still trying to fill two key positions.

SEO: Singles on Sailboats—any interest in manning a booth? This is an opportunity to get the name of the squadron out there. The date is 3/17/2012.

New Business:

Thomas J. Martin received an award at the Fall Conference called "Testimony of Appreciation for 50 Years of Membership." In addition, "Certification of Educational Proficiency" were awarded to George Nartsissov, Sean Gallagher, and Norbert Hymel.

There were two 25-year pins to present, one each for Manette Lazear and Don Benedetto, who were not at the meeting.

The D5 commander, Bernie Karpers, and his wife will attend the Squadron's Holiday Party.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

AO Jay Nelson provided a comprehensive discussion of winterization procedures.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary