



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 11, 2012**

Boat US® Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access, security badges and snacks were handled by Norbert Hymel. Cdr John Karjala called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM. A quorum was present and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one small correction. The invocation was given by P/Cdr John Shivik. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C George Nartsissov. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 8:39 PM. Thereafter, a presentation was made by Mary Loose Deviney, Regional Coordinator for Boating Safety Education, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

BRIDGE Attendees:

Commander, Cdr John Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C Frank Shults, S
Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart
Squadron Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher
Secretary, Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S

ABSENT:

Administrative Officer, P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

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

ABSENT:

Steven Wanbaugh
Lt. Frederick Zugay, NJ

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:

Gale Alls
Alan Hart
Richard Durgin
John Shivik
Francis Williamson
George Nartsissov

Commander's Report

D5 Spring Conference will be held 3/30-4/1/2012 at Ocean City at the Princess Royale. Reservations are now being accepted, and forms were provided. We will have a hospitality suite. Last year, we won the award for "Best Hospitality Suite." A committee has been formed. If anyone wants to be on the Committee, please let Cdr know.

Baltimore Boat Show will be held in Baltimore Harbor, January 20-22, 2012. D5 is seeking volunteers to man their booth. Admission is free with service at the show. They are particularly looking for volunteers to man the booth the afternoons of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Executive Officer's Report

XO advised that the next issue of our newsletter will be a combined January/February issue and submissions will be due on 1/25/12.

We need volunteers for public relations, particularly to do a media write-up for the Change of Watch. XO asked for interested persons to contact him.

Nominating Committee

George Nartssisov reported: Ron Larson, Chair of the Nominations Committee, held all meetings via conference call. Members of the Committee were Tom Martin, Norbert Hymel, Frances Williamson, Dwight Bues, and himself. Our slate of recommendations for next bridge members and committee chairs has been submitted to the Executive Committee and was passed out to the membership at this meeting. A vote will take place at the March meeting before the Change of Watch. At that time, you can vote for the slate we recommended or you can submit changes. The Committee had a very difficult time coming up with the slate because of a lack of willingness on the part of members to commit themselves to a position. We tried to solicit newer members with little luck.

Commander

Cdr John Karjala reported on behalf of AO Jay Nelson, the Change of Watch will be held on 3/24/2012 from 1100 to 1330 hours at the American Legion Hall. XO Frank Shults will serve as emcee. It will be a luncheon, probably in the small room, where we held the Holiday Party. The room was perfect, made it an intimate gathering. The D5 commander and his wife attended and sent a lovely thank you note.

Cdr Karjala further advised that the commander of Dundalk Squadron has asked us to donate a raffle item for the D5 conference auction. We have decided to donate a basket of wine and spirits. Items are requested. If you do not wish to give alcohol, you can write a check to NVSPS if you'd like instead and give it to the Commander. Donations are tax deductible.

Inflatable life jackets—we cannot account for two of the inflatable life vests provided to us by D5 on behalf of the US Coast Guard. Check your bilges and the far corners of your boat to see if you might have one.

Squadron Education Officer's Report

CPR course is scheduled for January 14, 2012. There are three more slots open. Instructor was happy with the facilities.

Sea Scouts requested seamanship class; it has been set up for the 21st of January. In March there will be an ABC course at George Mason. A list of courses will be published on website and newsletter.

Arlene Karpas will hold an instructor development course and will certify and/or retrain instructors.

Cdr requested SEO to prepare a brief write up on procedure to sign up for courses to be published in newsletter and on the website.

Membership

Cdr Karjala reported on behalf of Lt. Fred Zugay: One new application has been sent to National. We have a new Sea Scout.

Ship's Store Committee Report

John Shivik reported the ship's store is well represented on the website. If you do not see something you want, John will try to get it. He has windbreakers (not on website), burgees, hats, etc.

Flower Power Fund Chair

Dick Durgin reported that \$715 was collected from holiday messages.

Special Events

George Nartsissov reported that donations of food and toys for Fisher House were delivered to Joint Base Andrews because the facilities at Walter Reed are closed.

Unfinished Business

P/C Francis Williamson: The Fairfax Boat Show will be held 3/8-11/12. Ed Phillips needs a helper to set up on the 8th. The contract is in place. It is unknown whether or not we will be charged a fee for the booth at this point. He also needs people to man the booths.

Norbert Hymel was presented with a Certificate of Educational Proficiency.

P/C Williamson asked that the website calendar be updated; it didn't go beyond December currently. Sean is addressing with Jay.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39. There was a presentation by Mary Loose Deviney, Regional Coordinator for Boating Safety Education, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. She presented an overview of her program and presented an Instructor award to Norbert Hymel. Instructor award for two absent members, JJ Fitzgerald and Robert Van Buskirk, were accepted of their behalf by SEO Sean Gallagher.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary