



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
09 May 2012**

BoatUS® Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, Virginia, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hrs. Refreshments were provided by Dave and Mary-Jane Hinkins. 17 squadron members were in attendance. A quorum was present. The business meeting followed. G. Jay Nelson, AP, called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were lead by the Cdr. The business meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs. Thereafter, a presentation was made given by Pat Piper, *BoatU.S. Trailing magazine, editor, on trailer boats.*

In Attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, Cdr G. Jay Nelson, AP
Executive Officer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP,
Secretary, Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins
Treasurer, Lt./C Anne Nartsissov, P
Assistant Treasurer, 1/Lt. Dave Hinkins, S
Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP absent
Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP

Members at Large:

P/C John G. Karjala, P
P/C George Narsissov, AP
P/C Francis Williamson, AP
Lt Frederick Zugay, JN absent
P/C Keith Segerson, P, absent

Past Commanders Present: P/C R.J. Durgin, JN; P/C Francis Williamson, AP;
P/C John G. Karjala, P

Reports:

Lt/Cdr Steve Hall was in attendance at the D5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Md. He reported that fifteen members were in attendance. 30 of the 33 D5 squadrons were represented. We are reported to be the largest squadron with 176 members followed by Annapolis with 170 members, and Richmond with 167. There are a total of 2917 D5 members. Our members were awarded several awards.

D/Lt Walter D. Lazear, AP 25 year Award and Life Member Plaque

Dwight Bues – 25year Award and Life Member Plague

A second place award was received for VSC for the squadron-good job to P /C George Narsissov,
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Also awarded was the *Do It Right Certificate* for social media and network

Website Distinctive communicator Performance Award – 2011Certificate

A certificate for the *of Tars and Terns*. .

Good job to P/C John Karjala, AP and Sue Karjala, AP and their committee for the hospitality suite with the environmental focus, which included sludge punch a big hit which was part Kailua and vodka

Jean Durgin for the great posters

Commanders Report:

Cdr G. Jay Nelson, AP, discussed on the water training possibilities, the water power skills, Classes on the website. Coast guard and other professionals get a standardized skills test but with no charts He reiterated the important of advanced classes, charging and rules of the road and nav aids all driven by the US Sailing and power boating organization.

Vessel safety checks – Was reported by P/C George Nartsissov, There have been 44 Vessel Safety Checks so far. Next scheduled event is at the Fairfax yacht club on May 19th

The boating environment needs us and we need more Vessel Examiners. Smith Mtn. Lake has the most fatalities yet they do the most VSC. Even more Safety checks could save lives.

Administrative Officer's Report:

Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathy Sheffield, AP, reported that the potluck is on for the 19th of May at the Fairfax Yacht Club, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Sign up today or send here an email with what you will be bringing. Also any planned events she will need to know about to place on the events calendar, which is on line. She also asked for assistance in picking up the badges. It would help to have a substitute... P/C John Karjala discussed how to pick them up.

Richard Durgin – Margret referred us to the security officer, Mike Smith is retired.

We need a new contact. We were given two by email and they can be contacted by a Board member for late pickup of badges.

Ms. Mirna Escobar at 1-800-395-2628 ext. 3495, mescobar@boatus.com .

Ms. Tevault at 1-800-395-2628 ext. 2628, CTevault@boatUS.com .

Education Officer's Report was presented by Sean Gallaher; Course Schedule is on the National site Schedule. He reported that he had to cancel several classes. Right now classes are slow but we expect more for the fall

He reported that they are also losing instructors; Also He is still working with Carlton Phillips at Prince Williams and Brunswick for on the water boater training

Brunswick's boats made a deal for courses, but there are no details. Handed out radio check cards

Treasurer Report:

- Treasurer, Lt/C Anne Narsissov, P, - bills are paid deposits are in on track – \$2500 in bank
- She will have the budget expenses and income next meeting

Secretary's Report:

- Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins presented the minutes from the April 25, 2012 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and it was seconded.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations: Frank Shults, S was absent

Boat Show: Lt Ed Phillips, AP – no report.

New Business: Cdr. G. Jay Nelson, AP, stated that the Bridge had approved the purchasing of a new laptop for the Treasurer.

Old Business:

The Cdr reported that the D5 basket of 8 bottles of fine wine was raffled off, and Susan Bues sent thank you from the District for contributing.

Jim and Mary Ellen Colson – thanked us for the munches and all as well.

The Audit Committee – P/C Francis Williamson, AP, reported that the audit was still a work in progress but we are close. Just need to get the committee together

State of MD E-15 gas topic was reported by Cdr. *Seaworthy* has details about what it does to the marine engine. Please get a hold of your rep to make your feelings known. Ethanol dissolves fiberglass resin. Lawn mowers and jet skis are having issues with them. Anything with a plastic tank which is usually any small engine will have an adverse affect. It also costs More to produce ethonal then to produce gas.

Jay wrote a letter to his state senator in the matter of the effectiveness of clean air act. And Polluting the Bay HR4153 337 cheasepeak program reauthorization and improvement act

The bill would stop the EPA from pursuing the folks who are polluting the bay.

He presented his report from the excom meeting. The need to improve membership base by obtaining new and retention of old members. How to make members more active, Improving our training programs. He discussed b budget reduction. Please read Jays article in Of Tars and Terns.

The bridge working on the issues, but would like input from the general membership.

Thoughts on how to increase the membership base and reduce expenses

We are hoping to do a customized Survey

See the excom minutes for what is involved.

Send your thoughts to Cdr.Nelson. He also sent a general invitation that anyone can come to the excom meetings

Dick Durgin warned of unnecessary draw bridge opening fines, and the need have a folding mast, or a foldable structure, or to wait for the bridges scheduled opening.

The case was made that has been in effect for a long time

Do not ask that a bridge be open if you can lay down your antennas, mast, or radar. It is not explained

May 19 – 25 safe boating week – particiage in their activities... teach a class, host a boating safe event call Mary at d-5 training booth and room to be used. See Jay if you are interested.

Sue Karjala, AP handed out bilge pillows, thermometers, and first aid cards.

Guest Speaker:

Presentation on the Costa Concordia Incident by Cdr. G. Jay Nelson, AP, followed the general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins

Secretary

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron