



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
13 February 2013**

BoatUS® Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, Virginia, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C Cathy Sheffield. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hrs. Refreshments were provided by Steve Hall. 20 squadron members were in attendance. CDR G. Jay Nelson, AP, called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs and a quorum was present. A program followed on 2011 boating safety accidents presented by CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP.

**In Attendance:**

**Bridge:**

Commander, CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP  
Secretary, Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins  
Treasurer, Lt/C Ann Nartsissov  
Assistant Treasurer, 1Lt Dave Hinkins, S  
Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathy Sheffield  
Executive Officer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP  
Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP

**Members at Large:**

P/C John G. Karjala, P  
P/C George Nartsissov, AP  
P/C Francis Williamson  
Lt Frederick Zugay, JN

**Past Commanders Present:**

P/C Richard Durgin, JN  
P/C Francis Williamson,  
P/C John G. Karjala

**Announcements:** USPS 100 year celebration in 2014, Leadership programs, Brunswick cooperation, training for new bridge, and Change of Watch. C/W will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the American Legion hall and D-5 conference will be April 11-14. . A brain storming session will be held Feb. 16 with both the new bridge and the old bridge.

**Commanders Report:** CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP asked for newsletter articles from the membership to be submitted to Richard Davis. A motion was made to not have a hospitality suite this year at D-5 Spring Conference in Ocean City. A discussion followed that we have participated in the D-5 Spring Conference for 47 years and most of those present did not want to have this year be any different. The cost for the suite would be approximately \$105. We could reserve it for just one night instead of two.. Arguments against was the limited cash coming in, lack of new membership. Arguments were also that right now we are financially solid. . A motion was made and seconded, to host a hospitality suite. The theme, minimal refreshments, and appetizers will be discussed at a committee meeting yet to be set. Request for contributions were made and Mr. Cohen would be willing to make a contribution. The motion to host the hospitality suite passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Vessel Safety Check Report:** PC George Nartsissov, AP, now has a paper test and date for a refresher course on the 16th of March or an evening around that time. The district sent fewer decals, but expects more vessel safety checks.

**Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathy Sheffield** reported on Change of Watch. Mail your reservation and check to her as soon as possible.. We will have ham instead of the beef and the cost will be less. A D-5 representative will attend this year.

**Wounded Warrior's,** P/C Francis Williamsonó Volunteers are needed for WW. There will be two ships of sea scouts. Also needed are shore party and crew. The date is 14 Sept. at NESAPAC at Solomons. Last year was great with lots of participation and was very rewarding.

The Commander stated that Sam Tilley ó Coast Guard Aux, called him regarding the boat show and their booth might be rented to paying exhibitors. He wanted to know if we had received the call as well. If we did lose our slot, he suggested that we go in together to get a both. Ed Phillips stated he has had no such call and we do have a signed contract. Many times at the last minute some paying exhibitors drop out. Ed will double check our status. It was noted that we did not have a schedule of classes at previous boat shows and we need this as well as the cost for membership. A discussion pursued on drawing for a seat and a book for Seamanship class. A motion was made two have a drawing for two seats a day in the class. A motion was made and seconded and passed.. This will promote our squadron.

**Boat Show – Ed Phillips** ó thanked all who have signed up for the Dulles Boat show March 8-10. Need more folks on Saturday. Friday is covered. Francis and Ed will be doing Sunday. When you volunteer you also receive free admission.

**Educational Officer:** Lt/C Sean P. Gallagher, AP reported Advanced Piloting will be held on February 28 with Jay Nelson. Our Seminars are not filling up, but classes are.

**Treasurer Report:** Lt/C Ann Nartsissov reported that budget is being drawn up. Expenditures are going up and we will review options for the storage space which has gone up again. She distributed her report.

**Secretary’s Report:** Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins provided the minutes from the January meeting and they were approved.

**Public Relations: No report**

**New Business:** none

Gail has provided magazines from BoatUS. Please take them home.

Our speaker’s husband took ill tonight, and she did not want to take the risk of spreading the Virus. We will reschedule her presentation. CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP, presented a boating report.

Meeting was adjourned at 1812 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary-Jane Hinkins*

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins

Secretary

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron