



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
2007-08 GENERAL MEETING  
March 12, 2008**

In attendance:

**BRIDGE:**

Commander, G. Jay Nelson, AP  
Administrative Officer, Lt/C John Shivik, AP  
Education Officer, Lt/C Rick Baker, AP  
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall

Assistant Education Officer, 1<sup>st</sup>Lt Rich Unis, P  
Assistant Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joel Bailey, AP  
Assistant Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Susan Sams-Grohoski

**MEMBERS AT LARGE:**

Lt George Degnon, P  
D/Lt Walter D. Lazear, AP  
Lt Francis Williamson, AP  
Lt Jay Karjala

The general meeting was held at BOAT US and called to order at 7:30 PM. Lt/C John Shivik, AP gave the invocation. CDR Jay Nelson, AP led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present. The minutes from last month will be posted to the web site this month for approval next.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST NVPS COMMANDERS:**

Commander Nelson, AP recognized Past Commanders present as follows:  
P/C Gale Ails, SN  
P/C Richard Durgin, JN  
P/C John A. Shivik, AP

**TREASURER REPORT:** Lt/C Steve Hall

End of physical year is end of March. Outstanding invoices need to be turned in for reimbursement by the end of the month to be booked into this year's business.

The outgoing and incoming excom met over the last couple months to go over budget projections based on estimated membership. April 2006 there were 284 members. We lost 23% or 65 people bringing member ship to 219 members as of April 1 2007; Since then, though, Boating courses, as the primary source of new members, brought in 71, bringing us up to 290 members. For budget purposes, Lt/C Hall maintained an estimated 23% non-renewal or 63 members as the basis for estimating new budget. He estimated 55 additional new members starting in April through boating courses as there are fewer boating courses scheduled this year than there were last. Therefore: Total actual income \$24,978 through 3/11/08. Proposed 2008-2009 total income \$26, 027. Excess of \$1000 from last years budget will be carried into the proposed budget. General Fund Expenses 2007-2008 actual total \$21,214 ; 2008-2009 proposed total \$25,655. Education fund is separate from the general fund expense. The 2007-2008 total income was \$18,562 and the 2008-2009 proposed income is \$16,881. Major changes in 2008-2009 spending are a reduction in course material expenses next year due to a large invoice and a large equipment maintenance necessity as many of our supplies, such as projector bulbs are reaching the end of their use. The total expenses for 2007-2008 are \$18,562 and anticipated for 2008-2009 at \$16,881. Net worth as of 3/31/07 \$50,369 and as of 3/31/08 \$54,312.

Approximately 15 copies of the budget slides were made available at the meeting. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Lt/C Steve Hall and requesting one. The budget was unanimously approved.

**COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:** CDR G. Jay Nelson, P

- Minutes from last meeting by George will be posted to the web site and approved next month by the general membership
- New members were introduced. Debbie and Brian Choate, Fairfax, have been boating since 1984. They keep their 28 foot Sea Ray Sundancer in Cambridge and boat on the Chesapeake almost every weekend. Brian has agreed to assist Bob Unis with the education program this year and accepted a position on next year's nominating committee. Joe Gaudiano, who recently took the Seamanship class was also welcomed as a new member.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

William M. Russell, SN, chair of the nominating committee conducted elections on behalf of the entire nominating committee consisting of Glenn Fahee, P, Alan Hart, AP, Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP, Joseph Jarocki, AP.

The following members are nominated for the bridge positions as indicated:

- George K Durgun, P, Commander
- Ronald H. Larson, P, Executive Officer
- Richard E Unis, AP, Education officer
- John G. Karjala, P, Administrative Officer
- Steven D. Hall, P, Treasurer
- Lewis Miller, AP Assistant Education Officer
- Joel P. Bailey, AP, Assistant Treasurer
- George Nartsissov, Secretary
- Assistant administrative officer and assistant secretary positions are still open.

The following members are nominated as Members at Large of the Executive Committee:

- Gale Alls, SN; Richard Durgin, JN; John A. Shivik, AP; Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP; Francis Williamson, AP. The immediate Past Commander, G. Jay Nelson, AP is automatically a Member at Large as specified in the By-Laws.

The following members are nominated for the Rules and Auditing Standing Committees:

- Yeuan-Ming Sheu, A); Rules Committee 5 year term
- William M. Russell, SN; Auditing Committee 3 year term

No comments, discussion or additional nominations from the floor. Nominations were seconded and unanimously accepted. The list is ratified. G. Jay Nelson, AP as the immediate past commander is automatically on the next years' nominating committee. P/C George Durgun, JN, recommended that the three past commanders present, P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C John A. Shivik, AP; and Paula Bailey (subject to agreement) be on the nominating committee. New member Brian Choate was also nominated. Motion carried.

Education Officer, Lt/C Rick Baker, AP:

- Rich Unis was introduced as the nominated SEO for next year.
- AP class going right now. Seminar tomorrow on weather. Later this month is a sailor workshop and another GPS meeting.
- First part, the in-house classroom portion of the Skipper saver program will be offered at next month's general meeting. Bring your "person who's going to save you" – your "sailing buddy" with whom you most often sail. April 9.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C John Shivik, P:

- Thursday, March 13, 2008, Weather course scheduled 21/2 hours scheduled. 1900-2130 at GMU Administration BLD. 4031 University Drive lower conference room. 50 people registered. Come early. Ed Phillips and John Shivik teaching.
- Change of Watch Saturday, Saturday March 15, 11 AM – 2 PM, American Legion Oak Street, Fairfax City. Brunch will be served. Not too late to sign up. \$18 per person. Founders Day awards will also be given out.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** P/C Gale Alls, SN introduced our guest speaker for the evening: Brian Kieb, research, development and sales for Pettit which develops and manufactures products to protect and maintain boat hulls handed out pamphlets and explained the variety of bottom paint available and the best way to treat one's hull for various boat speeds, usage and water types. He also kindly handed out a few quart size cans of various paint products, spray cans of Barnacle barrier and floating fish key chains to those present. Check the web site at [www.pettitpaint.com](http://www.pettitpaint.com) or call 800-221-4466 to reach a tech rep who can answer your individual questions.

**PRESENTATION:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lt. Susan Sams-Grohoski*

Lt/C Clara L. Blanding, P  
Secretary

Lt Susan Sams-Grohoski  
Assistant Secretary