



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

BoatUS® Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, Virginia, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C John Karjala, P, and CDR George Nartsissov. NVSPS social time started at 7 P.M. Refreshments were provided P/C Dick and Jean Durgin along with pizza provided by the squadron. Twenty-six squadron members were in attendance. CDR George Nartsissov, AP, called the meeting to order at 1934 hrs. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C George Nartsissov. Invocation was given by P/C Gale Alls. The business meeting and election of officers followed. The business meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs. Thereafter, a presentation was made by guest speaker, Mr. Brian Kieb.

**In Attendance:**

Bridge:

Commander, CDR George Nartsissov, AP  
Executive Officer, Lt/C John Karjala, P  
Secretary, Lt/C Sue Karjala, P  
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP  
Education Officer, Lt/C Rich Unis, JN  
Asst. Education Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Sean Gallagher, AP

Members at Large:

P/C Francis Williamson, AP  
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP  
P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP

**Absent:**

Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN  
Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S  
Asst. Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

**Past Commanders Present:** P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Francis Williamson, AP; and P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP

**Commanders Report:**

- Commander Nartsissov thanked everyone for their support and participation, and stated that “we always wish for more participation!”
- He introduced new member, David Cohen.
- We have two upcoming events: The Change of Watch on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City commencing on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Officer’s Report:**

- EXO Lt/C John Karjala expanded details of the Change of Watch Dinner at the Fairfax American Legion. Presently, 45 members and guests have signed up. Reservations are available.
- He reminded everyone that there was still time to sign up for the D/5 Conference. Our hospitality suite is room 217 where refreshments will be available throughout the day for those Squadron members in attendance. The Commander’s Locker will be open. The D/5 Commander will also be hosting a cocktail party.

**Education Officer's Report:**

- Education Officer, Lt/C Rich Unis reported that several courses will be offered this year to include: the Basic Boating Course, Seamanship, Junior Navigation, Weather, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems, Sea Scout classes, Red Cross First Aid and CPR Training Course, and a Marine Radar Seminar.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall presented the budget for 2011. He noted that our membership has been in decline which accounts for a substantial portion of our income. We can balance the budget by cutting costs on some of our events, bringing in a larger profit from our education department, and recruiting more new members. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> L Sean Gallagher that we accept the budget and seconded by P/C Richard Durgin. Motion was carried

**Secretary's Report:**

- Lt/C Sue Karjala furnished copies of the minutes from the February 9, 2011, meeting and a motion was made by P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield to accept them as written and seconded by Lt/C Steven Hall. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Relations:** Frank Shults announced that he mailed out 154 survey forms and got 12 responses back. The purpose was to develop interest and get people involved in squadron activities.

**Boat Show:** Lt Ed Phillips announced that there was a sign up sheet on the back table for the Boat Show to be held March 11-13. He needs help with set-up and take-down. He reminded us that you get free admission to the show if you volunteer to work in our booth.

**Flower Power Fund:** P/C Richard Durgin reported that \$730 was donated to the Flower Power Fund this past year. The squadron is only allowed to spend the interest from the account and primarily for educational purposes. Contributions are tax deductible.

**Election of Officers:** Secretary, Sue Karjala, read the slate of officers that was presented by the Nominating Committee. Commander, George Nartsissov called for nominations from the floor. P/C Richard Durgin nominated P/C G. Jay Nelson for Administrative Officer and Lt/C Steven Hall for Assistant Treasurer. Motion was seconded and a vote was taken to accept the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 term. The slate as amended was approved.

**Guest Speaker:**

P/C Gale Alls introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Brian Kieb from Pettit Paint. Mr. Kieb discussed preparation procedures and various boat and bottom painting paint products. He gave out painting charts, tote bags and floating key chains to those in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Karjala*

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P

Secretary

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