



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 8, 2012**

BoatUS Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access, security badges and snacks were handled by Evelyn and Gale Alls. Cdr John Karjala called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. A quorum was not present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without correction. The invocation was given by Richard Unis, J/N. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C George Nartsissov. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 8:53 PM. Thereafter, a presentation was made by Captain Steve Chaconas.

BRIDGE Attendees:

Commander, Cdr John Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C Frank Shults, S
Secretary, Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

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

ABSENT:

Administrative Officer, P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart
Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher

ABSENT:

Steven Wanbaugh
Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:

Gale Alls
Francis Williamson
George Nartsissov

Commander's Report

Our donation of a wine basket to the Dunkirk's auction at the D5 conference is coming along. We have several bottles of wine, but we can always use more. The D5 Spring Conference will be held in Ocean City, MD; reservation forms were provided at the meeting and are also available at the D5 website. We will have a hospitality suite. The Commander encouraged all members to attend the conference.

Administrative Officer's Report (given by Cdr Karjala)

Change of Watch will be held at the American Legion Hall in Fairfax on 3/24/12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be a fun time. It will be a scripted event and awards will be given out, along with a luncheon, which costs \$25 each. Cdr urged everyone to attend. There is a reservation blank in the January/February issue "of Tars & Terns." In addition, Jay Nelson is accepting telephone reservations and checks via mail.

Copies of the 2012 Virginia Fishing and Watercraft Guide were provided.

Executive Officer's Report

Cooperative Charting Workshop will be held 5/4-6/12. A sign-up sheet was circulated. If you are able to participate, contact Chair Ed Phillip.

Our application to the BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award was not successful. We put together a good application but it wasn't enough to satisfy their requirements. The top award recipient had 50 articles published. D5 once again won the top district, so our application contributed to the success of the District.

XO Shults thanked Evelyn and Gale Alls for bringing snacks and for handling BoatUS security badges.

Squadron Education Officer (given by Cdr Karjala)

Weather and piloting courses are underway. First drafts of seminars are being prepped for Singles on Sailboats.

Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee's proposed bridge and other positions are posted in the January/February issue "*of Tars & Terns.*" Positions can also be filed from the floor if they are vacant or a name can be proposed with 5% of membership, along with the nominations of the committee.

Vessel Safety Check Chair

How to become a vessel safety examiner is described in the January/February issue "*of Tars and Terns.*" Let P/C George Nartsissov know because he has to submit names to National.

Membership Committee (given by Cdr Karjala)

A new application was recently received and sent forward for a Sea Scout membership. Another membership application was received from a person who took the ABC course.

Boat Show Chair

P/C Francis Williamson has two vacancies on Saturday and one on Sunday. We have a booth, and anyone who serves will get free admittance.

Commander

Cdr announced the next general membership meeting is the annual meeting. To encourage attendance, there will be pizza and a valuable raffle prize.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary