



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010**

The General Meeting was held at the BoatUS® conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1932 hrs. A quorum was present. The Invocation was given by P/C John Shivik, AP. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance:

BRIDGE:

Commander, CDR George Nartsissov, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Education Officer, LT/C Richard E. Unis, JN
Secretary, Lt/C Sue Karjala, P
Assistant Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

Members at Large

P/C G. J. Nelson, AP
P/C Francis Williamson, AP

P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/Lt/C Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP

Absent:

BRIDGE: Treasurer, Lt/C Steven Hall, AP

Members at Large: none

This meeting was called to order at 1932 hrs a by CDR George Nartsissov, P. The following past commanders in attendance were recognized: P/C Jay Nelson, P/C Richard Durgin, P/C John Shivik, P/C Keith Segerson, P/C Francis Williamson, P/C Alan Hart, and P/C George Degnon.

Commander's Report: CDR George Nartsissov, P reported that the squadron received three awards at the D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City. They were: (1). Third place, large squadron, for Vessel Safety Checks, (2). A Website Award for Excellence, and (3). A National Publication's Committee Award for *of Tars & Terns*. We were reminded of the new BoatUS® procedure with the badges. Now one is to sign in and take a badge. At the conclusion, sign out and return your badge. All are reminded we still need an Administrative Officer. Let us know if you are interested. Minutes from last meeting were unavailable. We hope to have them at the next meeting.

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C John Karjala, P thanked Dick Durgin for chairing the D/5 Hospitality Suite in Ocean City which was well attended. . We still need volunteers and have slots that need to be filled. Contact me if you can help out. The Executive Officer also called on Tom Martin, Chair for the Legislative Committee, to keep us informed on the new Federal Requirement for saltwater fishing licenses.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Sue Karjala, P reminded everyone to keep her updated on changes to the calendar and to their contact information, and to remember to sign in and

sign out. Sue thanked everyone who attended the Pot Luck Luncheon in our Hospitality Suite in Ocean City on Saturday

Safety/Vessel Safety Check Chair: Lt John von Senden, AP, reported that there will be Vessel Safety Checks on May 1st at Herrington Harbor North, May 15th at West River Sailing Club in Galesville, MD, and on May 22-23 at the Prince William Marina. Flyers were provided to post in marinas to request VSC's. Flyers were also provided on USPS Boat Insurance as well as handouts on Virginia and Maryland State Requirements.

Education Officer: Lt/C Unis, JN, recognized Robert Van Buskirk for his support and hard work in assisting with the education program. Three boating courses: Engine Maintenance, Weather, and Piloting are just wrapping up. A Basic Boating course with 14 people is starting. He is hoping to offer a Saturday to Saturday course in the future. Let him know of any places where he might be able to hold courses. National is still working out the kinks in a Boat Operator's Certification Program which includes classroom and on the water instruction. We hope to be able to offer this program in the future.

Supply Officer/Ship's Store: P/C John Shivik, AP, displayed items from the Ship's Store. He has men's and women's shirts, duffel bags, caps, burgees, ensigns, name tags, and other merchandise. Contact John if you need anything.

New Business:

Spring Picnic: Members present, by show of hands, indicated that they would like to have a spring picnic at The Fairfax Yacht Club again. We will need someone to head up this event. There were no volunteers. Call the Commander if you can help.

Wounded Warrior Cruise: Pictures of the last cruise were passed around. We hope to conduct another cruise this summer. A tentative date of August 7th has been suggested at Patuxent Naval Air Station Marina again. The Patuxent Squadron also wants to participate. P/C Keith Segerson will be the Committee Chair for the 2010 cruise. We have several Captains that have already expressed desire to participate. We will also need a shore committee. Contact Keith Segerson or George Nartsissov if you would like to help.

There being no further business the general business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2006.

Guest Speaker: P/C Dick Durgin, introduced Mary Loose DeViney, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, who spoke on new regulations for mandatory boating education and how they affect everyone. After her presentation, she presented Richard Unis an Award of Excellence for the Safe Boating Classes he taught for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Karjala

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P
Secretary

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron