



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
2007-08 GENERAL MEETING
July 11, 2007**

In attendance:

BRIDGE:

Commander, G. Jay Nelson, AP
Executive Officer, Lt/C William Blanding, AP
Administrative Officer, Lt/C John Shivik, AP
Secretary, Lt/C Clara L. Blanding, AP

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

P/C Keith Segerson, P
Lt Francis Williamson, AP

The general meeting was held at BOAT US and called to order at 7:35 pm. CDR Jay Nelson, AP led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was not present. The minutes from the last meeting had been posted on our website and no changes were noted.

RECOGNITION OF PAST NVPS COMMANDERS:

Past Commanders of the NVSPS were present as follows:

P/C Gale Alls, SN

P/C Richard Durgin, JN

P/C Edwin Dodd, JN

P/C Keith Segerson, P

P/C John A. Shivik, AP

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer was not present to give a report.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: Cdr G. Jay Nelson, AP

- In view of the light attendance at tonight's meeting, and lack of a quorum, the business portion of the meeting will be kept brief.
- Please remember that we do not hold meetings in the month of August so the next General Meeting will be in September. Hopefully everyone is having a fun boating summer.
- Tonight is the last regular squadron meeting for long standing members Jim and Robin Roberts. They are making their boating dreams a reality and sailing off into the sunset. We appreciate all the help and strong support they have given the squadron over their many years of membership and wish them the best in their future travels.
- Many thanks to Joe and Gail Jarocki for providing the evenings refreshments.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chair, Martha Jane Dodd, AP

The following new members were sworn in:

- Chris Watson

Chris is joining our squadron with her two children, who are not present this evening. She is new to this area, recently moving from Kansas. She has a sailboat and keeps it at the Belle Haven Marina on the Potomac. Welcome to Chris and her family.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commander, CDR G. Jay Nelson, AP:

- The September meeting will be a "Let's Talk About Boats" evening. Since the summer boating season will be winding down, the topic will be a discussion on "Winterization of Boats". We need a few knowledgeable volunteers to participate in presenting this program.

- We currently have a storage locker for squadron supplies on the corner of Van Dorn and Pickett St. The rates are going up and we are going to move to a less expensive facility. We need volunteers to help move the supplies to the new facility. Anyone with a truck would be much appreciated. Please contact Jay to coordinate the move and date if you can help out with a few hours of your time.

Executive Officer, Lt/C William Blanding, AP:

- We have 3 guests with us this evening. Linda Daniels and Matt Dye, friends of Gail and Joe Jarocki are visiting this evening. Lee Baumann, Clara Blanding's father, is also visiting this evening. Welcome to all our guests.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C John Shivik, AP:

- On Wednesday, October 10th we will be holding our annual International Pot Luck evening. This will be held at Fairfax Yacht Club on the Occoquan River in place of our normal meeting at Boat US. There will be a nominal charge to attend and each member is asked to bring a dish to share, keeping in mind our theme of International Foods. The evening will start at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. We will have a raffle that evening of several cruising guides. Watch the newsletter for more details and directions. We'd love to have a great turnout for this fun evening.
- Our Holiday Party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at the American Legion Hall in Fairfax City. It will be a buffet dinner. Mark your calendars now and watch the newsletter for more details.
- For those that aren't already aware, the newsletter is available on line, in color, every month. Take time to visit the website and see what other information is available there, such as course schedules, etc.

Secretary, Lt/C Clara L. Blanding, AP:

- We have the meeting refreshments arranged through the rest of this year. We need volunteers to sign up to help out starting in January 2008. This is a great way to give back to the squadron and make our meetings more enjoyable for everyone, especially those coming directly from work. If you can volunteer for one month please email Clara at claralee@comcast.net or talk to her at the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boating Activities, Cruise, Lt Joe Jarocki, AP

- We have two more boating events scheduled for this season.
 - First will be a mid-September rendezvous the weekend of Sept 15-16. Details are coming.
 - Second will be a Final Cruise to Tilghman Island for Tilghman Island Day from October 19-21st. Call now for your slip reservations at Tilghman on Chesapeake Marina (1-800-RELAXED), ask for Paul. This is always a fun event to celebrate the end of the cruising season.

Unfinished and/or New Business, Good for the Order: None

PRESENTATION: Our guest speaker for the evening was squadron member, Bill Blanding, supported by Clara Blanding and Robin and Jim Roberts. He gave a lively presentation on their recent trip up the Intercoastal Waterway on their new trawler. A serialized recounting of the trip will start to appear in upcoming issues of the *Of Tars and Terns*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Clara L. Blanding, AP
Secretary