



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 13, 2010**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1935. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by CDR Francis Williamson. Invocation was given by P/C John Shivik.

In attendance:

Bridge: Commander, CDR Francis Williamson, AP Administrative Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C George Nartsissov, P Education Officer, Lt/C Richard E. Unis, JN
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP

Absent:

Bridge: Secretary, Lt/C Ralph R. Young, AP

Past Commanders Present: P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C John Shivik, AP
P/C Alan R. Hart, AP;

CDR Williamson: Presented Certificate of Educational Proficiency to Lt/C Rich Unis, JN.
The following new members were recognized: David and Melissa Arnoff, Pete Smith and Joan Burg.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee. Ronald Larson, P, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations slate for the year 2010 – 2011. The list of the recommended members is attached to the minutes. There are still some vacancies that need to be filled, to include the Bridge position of Administrative Officer.

Flower Power Fund: P/C Richard Durgin, JN, reported that the fund is solvent.

Boat Show: Lt. Ed Phillips, AP, the Boat Show Chair, summarized the boat show schedule to be held at the Chantilly Expo Center March 12 – 14. There are still some “watch” slots open.

Merit marks: Lt. Jean Durgin reported that 40 Merit Mark awards were approved, with one award pending.

Executive Officer’s Report: Lt/C Nartsissov, P, reported that we had completed 113 Vessel Safety Checks. The Public Relations Officer, Lt. Frank Shults, S, indicated that he plans to contact the various boating publications and submit our training schedule for our basic boating course.

Treasurer Report: Lt/C Steve Hall reported that the Squadron had expense of approximately \$11,000 and an income of approximately \$11,100; we expect to finish the year close to our budget. At this time we show 231 members. We are paying one year in advance for our storage unit and thereby will save \$150 from our annual fee.

The Squadron has two savings accounts of approximately \$50K. The National Headquarters has administered the accounts. However, in January 2010, National will disburse funds to the squadrons. We will keep the operating funds and the Flower Power funds in separate accounts. We plan to get Certificates of Deposit and will “ladder” the CDs in 6 month increments.

Administrative Officer’s Report: Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, provided a report on the Holiday Party held December 5, 2009. We had an attendance of 53 persons. The Change of watch is scheduled for March 13, 2010 at the American Legion Post #177, at 6:30 PM; the reservation form will be going out in the “oT&T”. The D – 5 Spring Conference is scheduled for March 26 – 28, at the Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Check the D – 5 web site for schedule and reservations. A check of the members’ e-mail

addresses is being made. If you are not receiving e-mails please contact the AO.

Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Rich Unis, JN, provided a schedule for upcoming classes:

Americas Boating Classes are scheduled for February and two classes in April.

Weather Class: Next Thursday, January 21.

Engine Maintenance: February 27.

Advanced Piloting: February 18

Sailing: March 22

Virginia Inland Game & Fisheries: one day class being planned.

CPR: a class is being planned.

Commander's Report: CDR Francis Williamson, AP, added the following comments. The History Report is being compiled. A submittal for a Civic Action award is being planned to highlight our Wounded Warrior cruise per D – 5 CDR Ralph Bernard's enthusiasm of our event. A Scrap Book report is also being planned. Please consider attending the D – 5 Spring Conference. January 23 is Operations Training for Bridge Officers.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November 11, 2009, meeting was distributed.

Guest Speaker Presentations: P/C Richard Durgin, JN, introduced Mr. David Gross, of UK Halsey Sail Makers, of Annapolis, who made a presentation on sail making.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph R. Young

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Secretary

Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

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Executive Officer and Recorder