



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of 10 November 2010**

The General Meeting's venue was the BoatUS® conference room, Alexandria, Virginia. Lt/C Richard Unis, JN, provided social time refreshments. CDR George Nartsissov, AP called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs and led the Pledge of Allegiance. P/C John Shivik, AP gave the Invocation. A quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Bridge:

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

Members at Large:

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

Absent:

Bridge:

Asst. Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

Members at Large:

Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN
Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S

Past Commanders Present:

P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Jay Nelson, AP; P/C John Shivik, AP; and P/C Francis Williamson, AP.

Commander's Report: CDR George Nartsissov, AP, reported on the D-5 Conference which was held 5-7 November in Rockville, MD. The conference was well attended with approximately 145-160 attendees. The theme of the Fall Conference was primarily education with First Aid training as an added feature. Highlights were:

- Revitalize squadrons and grow membership. Cyber Sq. gained 500 members.
- Squadrons to teach USPS courses and not state courses.
- Trial membership for ABC3 on line, nearly 400 new students. Trial membership for ABC classroom students—initiation fee of \$25 will be dropped in December.
- A partnership has been formed between USPS and Brunswick Corporation.
- Rose Point navigation software will be used instead of MapTech in classes.
- Next Fall Conference will be held in Gettysburg with sightseeing time allowed.
- Family Membership is to be replaced with "Additional Active" membership. National dues are going up \$2.00.
- Boat Operators Certification has four certifications. They are: Inland Navigation; Coastal Navigation; Advanced Coastal Navigation, and Offshore Navigation.

- Awards: NVSPS received the Commander's 1st place award for "Advanced Courses," recognizing the high attendance and completion of advanced courses.

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C John Karjala, P, reported that the International Pot Luck was well attended. The event had good food and camaraderie. Contest prizes awarded to Robert Hutton and CDR Nartsissov for identifying the most foreign flags. He reminded everyone to attend and bring friends and guests to the upcoming Squadron Holiday Dinner Dance on 4 December 2010 at the American Legion in Fairfax.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Steven Hall, AP, reported that we have 190 paid members. Yet, we need more new members to meet our goals. We budgeted for 50 new members this year, but have been acquiring 2 per month. Expenditures are in line with the budget.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Sue Karjala, P, presented draft copies of the minutes from the September 8th and October 16th meetings and stated that a request had been received from P/CDR Williamson to amend the September minutes to include the Sea Scouts as participants in the Wounded Warrior Cruise. A motion was made and seconded to make the amendment and the minutes were then approved. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as written. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the EXComm meeting would be held on November 17th instead of the 24th.

Education Officer: Lt/C Unis, JN reported that Jay Nelson taught a very informative Radar Seminar. Some books remain available for \$15. The JN class is on-going with about 8 students. ABC3 and Piloting courses are starting at George Mason University Offices with slots still available. Weather Class will be start in January. He received a new instructor manual for the soon to be offered Communications Systems Course.

Public Relations: Lt Frank Shults, S, reported that the Bridge approved an award for longevity. This award will be presented at the Squadron Holiday Dinner Dance.

Flower Power Fund & Holiday Party: P/C Richard Durgin, JN, thanked Flower Power Fund contributors and gave 12 November as the contribution deadline. Contributors will get a letter for tax purposes on NVSPS letter head listing the contribution. He stated that the Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Dec. 4th at the Fairfax American Legion commencing at 18:30 hrs., with social hour followed by dinner and dancing. He asked that attendees remember to bring unwrapped toys and food donations for Fisher House.

Ship's Store: P/C John Shivik, AP, announced that he has a catalog of the items available so if you need name tags or any other items, contact him.

There being no further business the general business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Guest Speaker: P/C Jay Nelson, AP, made a video presentation on boat winterization.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Karjala

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P

Secretary

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