



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
13 APRIL 2011**

BoatUS Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C Sean Gallagher. NVSPS social time started at 1915 hours. Refreshments were provided by Lt/C Gallagher. Twenty-eight squadron members were present. Cdr John Karjala called the meeting to order at 1944 hours. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by P/Cdr John Shivik. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cdr Karjala. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 2024 hours. Thereafter, P/Cdr introduced the evening's speaker, John Page Williams, Senior Naturalist of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, who spoke on the subjects of Captain John Smith's Trail and the State of the Chesapeake Bay.

In attendance:      BRIDGE:  
                          Commander, Cdr John Karjala, P  
                          Executive Officer, Lt/C Frank Shults, S  
                          Administrative Officer, P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP  
                          Squadron Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher  
                          Secretary, Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S  
                          Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart

MEMBERS AT LARGE:  
                          P/C George Nartsissov, AP  
                          P/C Francis Williamson, AP  
                          P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP

FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT:  
                          Lt Steven Wanbaugh  
                          Lt Frederick Zugay, JN

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:  
                          Sue Karjala, P

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:  
                          P/C Gale Alls, SN  
                          P/C Richard Durgin, JN  
                          P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP  
                          P/C George Degnon  
                          P/C John Shivik

**Executive Officer's Report:** The D5-sponsored CPR/First Aid for Boaters training program has been scheduled for Selby Bay Yacht Club in Edgewater, MD. The District encourages all squadron members to attend. Alan Karpas, President of Safety Institute of Maryland and D/5 Chair of the CPR/First Aid Program, will instruct that course and will be our featured guest speaker at the May 2011 NVSPS meeting.

An article about the NVSPS 40-year Service Award ceremony appears in the current issue of The Ensign. X/O Shults circulated two additional items he recently submitted to print media. The first documented the Change of Watch ceremony and the second announced the awarding of the "Best Hospitality Room" to the NVSPS at the D/5 conference in Ocean City in April 2011. X/O Shults gave special accolades to Sue Karjala for conceiving the idea of "It's Time" (to make sure your boat's first aid kit is up to date) and Jean Durgin for creating the artwork and decorations. Cdr Karjala thanked all the other Committee members:

George and Ann Nartsissov; Gale Alls; Dick Durgin; John Shivik; Cathleen Sheffield; Frank Shults and Michelle Dufay. He also acknowledged those who helped on site: Sean Gallagher, his daughter, Maggie, Robyn Stewart, Frances Williamson, and Alan Hart. Cdr Karjala recognized Kaiser for donating 250 digital thermometers, give-aways that he credited in part for helping to win the award.

**Administrative Officer's Report:** The annual picnic will be held 5/14 at the Fairfax Yacht Club. Attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish. There will be vessel safety checks, games, and a 50/50 raffle.

**Education Officer's Report:** Lt/C Gallagher listed a number of courses that are being developed, subject to the availability of instructors. He asked that anyone interested in instructing a course please email him at [education@nvsp.org](mailto:education@nvsp.org)

**Treasurer's Report:** Lt/C Robyn Stewart said the NVSPS Facebook page is up and solicited photographs for the page.

**Vessel Safety Committee Report:** P/C Nartsissov said vessel safety checks are scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at Herrington Harbor North and May 14<sup>th</sup> at Fairfax Yacht Club, and he is attempting to get some scheduled at marinas in Alexandria, Ft. Belvoir, and on the Occoquan.

**Membership Report:** Lt. Zugay was absent; Cdr Karjala reported there are six new members.

**Ship's Store Report:** P/C Shivik encouraged members to buy such items as shirts, caps, tote bags, burgees, etc. from the Ship's Store.

**Boat Show/Cooperative Charting Report:** Lt Ed Phillips thanked everyone who participated in the Boat Show event. He said they held daily drawings in which seats for our training classes were given away, and he reported that he had a list of 30 contacts from the show. He also reported that a cooperative charting seminar is scheduled for 4/29 (cocktails) and all day 4/30 and he encouraged members to participate.

**Cruise Chair's Report:** P/C Degnon reported that there is a cruise to Oxford/Mears Yacht Haven on the Memorial Day weekend and seven boats are signed up. There will be a D/5 cruise to Crisfield/Summer's Cove Marina on July 29-31, and he is working on a cruise to West River/Chesapeake Yacht Club for Labor Day weekend.

**Unfinished Business:** Cdr Karjala awarded John von Senden the Charles S. Kent Award.

**New Business:** Three of the new members were sworn in: Daniel Little, and Dave and Maryjane Hinkins.

Gale Alls recognized Clair Winegard, BoatUS Public Affairs Officer, who had been a great help to him numerous times in the past.

Thank you note from Ginny & Chris Brown of D5 was displayed.

Respectfully submitted  
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S  
Secretary