



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
11 May 2011**

BoatUS Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, VA, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access, security badges and refreshments were handled by P/C Francis Williamson. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hours. Twenty-four (24) 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/C John Shivik. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cdr Karjala. The business meeting followed and was adjourned at 2017 hours. Thereafter, Lt/C Frank Shults introduced the evening's speaker, Alan Karpas, President of the Safety Institute of Maryland.

BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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, JN
Secretary, Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Treasurer, Lt/C Robyn Stewart

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT:

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

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:

P/C Gale Alls, SN
P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
P/C George Degnon, P
P/C John Shivik, AP
P/C Frances Williamson, AP
P/C George Nartsissov, AP

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C Frank Shults reported that one of the flag stands had been blown over by a strong gust of wind and broken at the Herrington Harbor yard sale. He has ordered a replacement.

Administrative Officer's Report: P/C Jay Nelson reminded everyone that the annual picnic would occur on Saturday, May 14th, at the Fairfax Yacht Club.

Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Sean Gallagher said that the 5/21/11 Experienced Boaters course was cancelled for lack of interest, probably because it did not receive enough publicity. He also said that he had inadvertently scheduled some courses for 8 hours on a Saturday and 4 on the following Sunday, which is contrary to Squadron practice, and those courses will be rescheduled.

There ensued a discussion of a boat operator's certification program by District 5 at Solomon's on 6/5. D5 encourages participation in this program.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Robyn Stewart had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Michelle Dufay had nothing to report.

Vessel Safety Committee Report: P/C George Nartsissov reported he has submitted a total of 40 certificates for vessel safety checks including those from the May 7th Herrington Harbor North (HHN) event. Examiners need to submit certificates to him so our numbers can be posted on the national website. He cannot order more decals until we show we have used the ones we have. The next event will take place during the picnic on 5/14 at the Fairfax Yacht Club. National Safe Boating Week is coming up and D5 encouraged all to get out that week and do vessel safety checks. He will look into scheduling one in Alexandria that week.

Public Relations Officer's Report: Lt/C Shults submitted articles and photos about the HHN event to various outlets, and *SpinSheet* and *PropTalk* said they will publish them in their June issues. Lt/C Shults encouraged everyone to send him copies of local boating publications and also to send him copies of any NVSPS articles they may run across.

Membership Report: Lt. Zugay was absent, and Cdr Karjala reported one new member: Frank B. Elmore. P/Lt/C Steve Hall, AP, reminded everyone whose membership expires in June to send in renewals; otherwise, they may be dropped. Cdr Karjala requested P/Lt/C Hall to download the list of expiring memberships from the website closer to the end of May and furnish it to him.

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

Cruise Chair's Report: P/C George Degnon reminded everyone of the cruise to Oxford/Mears Yacht Haven on the Memorial Day weekend. There will be a cookout on that Saturday. Everyone is encouraged to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share and their own food to barbeque. On Sunday, everyone will go to a local restaurant. He encourages anyone without a boat to drive to Oxford to participate in the event.

New Business: P/C Gale Alls discussed a study the EPA is conducting re possible development of future clean boating requirements which promises to be very detrimental to the pursuit of personal boating. He said that Members should voice their opinions about these new regulations at www.CleanBoatingAct-HQ@EPA.GOV

Commander's Remarks: The May issue "of Tars & Terns" calendar mistakenly has the next general meeting as 6/15. The next meeting is actually on 6/5. All members are encouraged to check out the "2011 D5 Boating Activities Matrix," which lists events that all members are invited to. The web address is: www.uspsd5.org/squad_events.html. The June general meeting will showcase our award-winning Hospitality Suite presentation. A door prize will be given away and everyone will receive a free gift.

Unfinished Business: Cdr Karjala said all awards had been presented with the exception of awards for the website and "of Tars & Terns" that will be presented at the picnic on Saturday.

Cdr Karjala adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 1017 hours.

After a short break, Alan Karpas gave an excellent and informative presentation on first aid for boaters.

Respectfully submitted
Lt/C Michelle Dufay, S
Secretary