



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
13 June 2012**

BoatUS® Headquarters conference room, Alexandria, Virginia, was the venue for the General Meeting. Building access and security badges were handled by Cathleen Sheffield, AP. NVSPS social time started at 1900 hrs. Refreshments were provided by Richard Davis. Eighteen squadron members were in attendance. CDR G. Jay Nelson, AP, called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs and a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C George Nartsissov. John Shivik gave the invocation. The business meeting followed and adjourned at 2025 hrs. Thereafter, a presentation was made by Whit Overstreet, communications and outreach manager of Potomac Riverkeeper.

In Attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP
Secretary, Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins
Treasurer, Lt/C Ann Nartsissov, P
Assistant Treasurer, Dave Hinkins, S
Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP
Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP

Absent Board Members:

Executive Officer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP absent

Members at Large:

P/C John G. Karjala, P
PC George Narsissov, AP
P/C Francis Williamson
Lt Frederick Zugay, JN

Past Commanders Present: SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Francis Williamson,
P/C John G. Karjala; P, P/C Gail Alls

Announcements: We send out our condolences to Evelyn Alls whose mother Mary, passed away. A welcome went out to Dick Cohen who visited us tonight. He has been in the PS for 46 years!

Commanders Report: CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP, Jay discussed a possible rendezvous. Thank Cathy for her contributions to the Potluck.

Administrative Officer's Report:

Admin Officer, Lt/C Cathy Sheffield reported there was a conference call with Mr. Cohen and he provided information and ideas. Cathy will pass on any questions you might have for him, just forward any to her. They covered membership and stated that even Smith Mtn. Lake is not getting a lot of new members either. She also stated that there would be an October Fest no exact date yet. Calendar is up to date on line. It was decided that CDR. G. Jay Nelson, AP, will pick up badges next time.

Education Officer's Report: Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP, reported that 10 classes were scheduled and four were canceled for lack of participation. There will be ABC classes on July 12th and 24th. Also, Engine Maintenance, Advanced Piloting, and Electrical Systems will be on the September 27th. There

appears to be no interest in seminars, at this time. The partnership with the Power Squadron and Brunswick would be a go, but it is unclear who is responsible for what. Who pays for the gas and insurance or how it will be funded? Prince Williams is ready but we need to get the funds to pay for it. No other club or organization has on the water training and hands on training so this will be a great opportunity.

Treasurer Report: Lt./C Ann Narsissov, P, reported on dues and expenses. We had no expenses for the spring event since it was a potluck. Also we made a donation to INOVA for Mary Shelf.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins provided the minutes from the May meeting and they were approved.

Committee Reports:

Vessel Safety Check Report: PC George Narsissov, AP, reported on Vessel Safety checks at the Old Dominion Yacht Club at the foot of King Street, Neighboring Alexandria VA, Harrington Harbor North, and the Yacht Club. Right now we have 12 VSE. Nothing else is scheduled. We were invited to Fort Belvoir for Safety Day and put together a program on Safe Boating and did training. It was unique and all military. The group covered information, such as, wearing your pfd, checking the weather, how to get help, use of the call phone and/or radio, and safety on the water. There is a possibility of doing some more of these at Fort Myers and Fort Belvoir. He asked that Education Officer, Lt/C Sean Gallagher, AP, or P/C John Karjala, P, contact them and find out how many folks are interested in the ABC class so that classes can be scheduled at the Fort.

Wounded Warrior Program Report: P/C Francis Williamson reported that the program received many donations, some from Vessel Safety Exams. He thanked those who donated and stated that there were now plenty of funds to schedule this event. The goal is \$1000 more donations would be appreciated. A motion was made and passed that we would hold a cruise on September 15 most likely at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Public Relations: Frank Schults was absent

Boat Show: Lt Ed Phillips ó was absent

New Business: Cmd. Nelson stated that the Bridge had approved the purchasing of a new laptop for the Treasurer.

Guest Speaker:

Presentation on environmental group dedicated to improving the health of the Potomac River, was given by Whit Overstreet, communications and outreach manager of Potomac Riverkeeper,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Hinkins

Lt/C Mary-Jane Hinkins

Secretary

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