



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-08 1st District Northern
USCG Station Cape Cod Canal
1 Coast Guard Rd, Sandwich, MA**

Start Time: 1900 hrs. (Live & Zoom)

Uniform: Trops

MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 24, 2023

- Meeting Call to order at 1900.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence for those that have crossed the bar and currently serving.
- Welcome Potential Members: Henry Buckley and Joe Spinello
- Introduction of Guest(s): None
- Roll Call – Present: FC, VFC, CM, FN, HR, IS, MA, MT, OP, PA, PB, PE, PV and SR.
- Absent: IPFC, DV, MS, CS (vacant), NS (vacant)

I. A quorum was present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes and seconded. Motion carried.

II. FSO Updates to Reports:
DV: COMO Belmore – Not present

FN: Peter Garland – March beginning balance \$7,189.32. Expenses: \$105.00 dues to District and Division for new members. Balance at the end of March is \$7,082.32.

HR: Bob Braunstein – The Flotilla currently has 43 members on the official roster. Dorrance (Don) Lincoln is in the process of completing his enrollment application, and a 15-year old member of the AUXSCOUT program will be completing an enrollment package. Joe Spinello completed his enrollment application and is officially a member of the Flotilla (as of May 4). Please make him feel welcome.

IS: Deb Bryant – With the end of D-Train, a friendly reminder for April's 7029s: TCT, VE/IT and Core Training classes should not have time accounted for on your 7029. The instructor(s) should be reporting completion and hours for the classes. All other classes report as 99D training hours. (Update – all hours have been input, so if you see anything missing for hours, or want to ensure a mandatory class was recorded, let me know.)

MA and CM: Will Plikaitis – Supplies ordered for NMLCs Food Truck Event (and received). Working on TCO PQS and attended the TCO class during D-Train.

MS: Cindy Olive – Not present

VFC and MT: Pat Logan – Reminder of the upcoming classes. An online Instructor course, begins on June 5th. There are only 12 spots available, and instructors are needed. There will be four sessions lasting 10-12 hours. The PQS/in-person qualification will be done by the Flotilla instructors. There is also an AUXCA course that begins on May 21st. If you like to cook, this is a great opportunity to get qualified and cook onboard a CG vessel. Reminder to complete the required annual workshop for VEs.

OP and PE: Neal O'Brien – Reiterated that Instructors are needed, per the FSO-MT. Five members are involved in the boat crew classes in Chatham. It may take a while to get the QE check ride completed, since we do not have a facility or coxswain. Neal will be in touch with the OTO to see if other accommodation can be made. There may be travel required, aside from Chatham or Woods Hole. PPE equipment for the new boat crew is available and needs to be picked up and signed for. PPE that is issued is now being input to AUXDATA for accountability. Two inspections will be conducted annually to check for serviceability.

PA: Kevin Harris – Covered the current planned events that are on the monthly agenda. Kevin is currently in Arizona, so is not available for May 20th NSBW event at Sandwich Marina and the ACOE Visitors Center. Tom Broderick will be coordinating the PA station at ACOE, and Paul Michael Ross will take the lead at the marina for vessel exams. The Harbormaster will be giving out a day pass for boat launches for those that complete a VSC. We are hoping for an 'all hands on-deck' for this event, in any capacity you can assist with. Tent set up/take down, greet members of the public, etc.

PB and PV: Tom Broderick – We need an additional set of weights for the tent legs, as well as clips or ideas for holding down brochures and pamphlets on tables. Shells, clips and bungee cords were discussed.

VE: Paul Michael Ross – Get ready for NSBW on May 20th at Sandwich Marina. VEs, PA are meeting at STN Cape Cod Canal (parking lot out front) with the trailer to disseminate materials and organize the trailer. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

III. Awards:

Patrick McNamara was awarded the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award on March 31. Congratulations, Patrick. (Certificate is mailed from the Cape Office). Congratulations to Erick Coe, Doug Borden and Tom Trefny for attaining BQ status within such a short time of official enrollment date. Certificates and a Challenge Coin were presented to all.

IV. Training: Due to our lively discussions about the upcoming events, planning, boat crew, etc., and not everyone is involved with VSCs, PA/PV, the paddlecraft refresher was sent out via email. (AUXPAD Ashore and how VE, PE, PA, and PVs should implement within their programs and Paddlecraft VSC refresher)

V. Old Business: Patrick advised that the Flotilla does have a Facebook page. Only two members are following the page. We would like to expand the content, so if you have anything to post, let Patrick or I know. There are guidelines. Here is the link:

VI. For Good and Welfare:

Motion to adjourn at 2000 hours was made and seconded.

ATTENDEES:

D. Borden, R. Braunstein, SN Braunstein, D. Bryant, T. Broderick, E. Coe, P. Garland, K. Harris, T. LeBlanc, P. Llanos, P. Logan, M. McCarthy, R. McCarthy, P. McNamara, N. Obrien, R. Olsen, M. Pell, W. Plikaitis, PM Ross, R. Rantayo, and T. Trefny.
Guests: H. Buckley and J. Spinello

**ADJOURNED AT 2000 hours.
Next Meeting May 15, 2023**

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**Submitted by Deb Bryant
FC, FSO-IS and FSO-SR**