



**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 JUNE 19, 2023

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

- I. A quorum was present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the May meeting minutes and seconded. Motion carried.
- II. FSO Updates to Reports:

CS: Ryan Rantayo – many updates have been made to the website. It is easier to find needed information on training, uniforms, prior months' meeting minutes, upcoming events, etc. The Facebook page is also actively being updated with events and safe boating information.

DV: COMO Belmore – No updates

FN: Peter Garland – May beginning balance \$6,833.70. No receipts.
Expenses: \$127.59 for Canal Day giveaways and meeting snacks for prior months.
Balance at the end of May was \$6,706.11. Looking into Rockland Trust for a CD. No updates on dues notices, but COMO Belmore clarified that the amounts are not changed from 2023. We can begin collecting the 2024 dues, but a vote was taken to extend the late fee to payments received after September 1, instead of July 1. Motion carried.

HR: Bob Braunstein – The Flotilla currently has 44 members on the official roster. No referrals from National. Working with two potential members, one of which is the Sea Scout. His limited capacity to travel is making it more difficult.

IS: Deb Bryant – The next quarterly training records should be sent out by the end of June. There is a mini class on AUXDATA 2 being held at Braintree Yacht Club on June 28th at 1900 hours. Also available via Zoom on the same date and time. If interested, send

your name, and email to Flotilla Commander: lorelletmulveyuscgaux@gmail.com or log onto Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88144826028?pw>

MA and CM: Will Plikaitis – Not present

MS: Cindy Olive – Not present

VFC and MT: Pat Logan – A reminder that elections are coming up quickly. Pat provided an overview of pre-requisites to hold an elected office. We need members to step up; you will not be left out on a limb. We have plenty of members that have been the FC and VFC and several that have stepped up more than once.

Another reminder about Assignment to Duty. This is for your safety should you get injured, involved in an accident, or even missing. Think of it as your USCG Aux member float plan as we get out and about more on our own over the summer.

OP and PE: Neal O'Brien – Not present

PA: Kevin Harris – Water Safety Day is this coming Saturday, June 24 at the Canal Visitor Center and sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). VSCs will also be conducted at the Sandwich Marina. You do not have to be a VE or Public Affairs to help out or participate. The event is from 1000 – 1400, most arriving at 0930 for set-up. Come out for some fun and fellowship. Working with Tom Broderick on the set-up for Barnstable County Fair in July. More info to follow.

PB and PV: Tom Broderick – Not present.

VE: Paul Michael Ross – Kudos to Kevin for including VSCs with his planned event with the ACOE. Same scenario at Sandwich boat ramp as we did on May 20th for NSBW kick-off. If you still need to knock out some VSCs, this is a good opportunity. There has been more activity at the marina than we had in May.

III. Awards:

No new awards in AUXDATA since our last meeting.

IV. New Business:

V. Old Business:

August Fellowship Outing – the National Marine Life Center has not been able to open the visitor area due to staffing. They are only working in the recovery area, rehabbing seals and turtles and that area is off limits to the public.

The Viking that does the Canal Cruises was replaced by the Monhegan on June 19th.



Deb will contact Hy-Line to check on a discounted group rate for an evening in August. Onset Patio (next to the Onset Bay parking lot) has offered catering at a discounted rate. More info to follow.

VI. For Good and Welfare:

Please keep Bob Braunstein in your thoughts as he awaits surgery on his eye. If anyone is interested in being mentored for the FSO-HR position, please let Bob know and he can assist, as he is able.

Motion to adjourn at 2000 hours was made and seconded.

ATTENDEES:

COMO Belmore, D. Borden, R. Braunstein, SN Braunstein, D. Bryant, E. Coe, P. Garland, K. Harris, P. Logan, P. Llanos, R. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, R. Olsen, R. Rantayo, PM Ross, J. Spinello and T. Trefny.

**ADJOURNED AT 2000 hours.
Next Meeting September 18, 2023**

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