



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

**Start Time: 1900 hrs. (Live & Zoom)**

**Uniform: Trops**

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 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: Don Lincoln and Tom Molesky
- Introduction of Guest(s): None
- Roll Call – Present: FC, VFC, CM, FN, HR, IS, MA, MS, MT, OP, PA, PE, and SR.
- Absent: CS (vacant), IPFC, DV, NS (vacant) PB and PV

- I. A quorum was present at the meeting. A motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes and seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Welcome new members: Doug Borden, Erick Coe, and Tom Trefny  
New members were sworn in.
- III. FSO Updates to Reports:  
DV: COMO Belmore - Vacation

FN: Peter Garland – The February 1, 2023, beginning balance of the Flotilla’s operating account was \$7,815.96. Expenditures for the month were \$626.64 for PE expenses. The Flotilla’s ending balance on February 28, 2023 is \$7,189.32.

HR: Bob Braunstein – The Flotilla currently has 43 members on the official roster. Two prospective members were in attendance: Tom Molesky and Don Lincoln. Mr. Molesky is from Mashpee and will be attending Flotilla 11-02s meeting on March 21 to see which he will consider joining. Mr. Lincoln is from Plymouth and is a Veteran’s Outreach Liaison in Falmouth. He will be pursuing membership with the Flotilla.

IS: Deb Bryant – Reminder to send all FEMA and courses, outside the Moodle Platform, to the Cape Office. This includes workshop or training self-attestations. The email for the Cape Office is: [D01-SMB-D1-S-AUX-Support-CTR@uscg.mil](mailto:D01-SMB-D1-S-AUX-Support-CTR@uscg.mil) please add this to your contacts. The first quarter of 2023 Individual Training Reports will be sent to members by the end of March.

If you are completing Core Training in Moodle, there are two steps that need to be completed. Once the course is done, just below the course is a 'test' site that will take you to NTC. It asks one question "Have you completed the course". Once this is done, classes will be systematically updated to AUXDATA.

This function is going away very soon, and a test will need to be completed for credit.

MA and CM: Will Plikaitis – No updates to report. Working on TCO PQS currently.

MS: Cindy Olive – No updates, but wanted to share the following link for knots: <https://www.animatedknots.com/> The leading site for learning how to tie knots of any kind. From boating knots, fishing knots, climbing knots and even how to tie a Tie, or surgical knots. FSO-OP/PE Neal O'Brien has used this for training and recommends.

VFC and MT: Pat Logan –Pat reiterated that training completions need to go to the Cape Office for entry into AUXDATA. Also send him copies so he can track progress and/or assist in anyway to complete BQC II and Core Training.

D-Train has not been officially announced as to the platform and dates but will be coming up fast. The Auxiliary uses SCHED, as in the past few years to schedule your classes. (Since our meeting, D-Train notice, and SCHED information has been sent out. Classes are all virtual from April 15 through April 23, 2023). Neal advised that S-Train is still in the planning stages, but likely in Sector Boston.

OP and PE: Neal O'Brien – Boating Skills and Seamanship course began on March 9, 2023 and will end on May 25, 2023. Class is at Upper Cape Cod Tech and has about 20 participants. There is a Boat America course planned for June; more to follow. He has a list of members that will be participating in the Boat Crew course beginning April 8 at the Chatham Community Center. The hope is to also get the check-ride completed at the end of training.

PA: Kevin Harris – No updates to report. Kevin is returning in April to participate in the Boat Crew class that begins on April 8 in Chatham.

PB and PV: Tom Broderick – The first quarter Anchor Line was sent out to members this month. Tom can always use content and/or pictures. Contact Tom if this is something you want to be involved with.

VE: Paul Michael Ross – No updates to report. Get ready for NSBW on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Sandwich Marina. A great time to knock-out your VSCs.

IV.

Awards:

None this month. Break for setup of overhead and Natalie's home-made banana bread. Thank you, Natalie.



- V. Training: FSO-VE, Paul Michael Ross, conducted the lecture portion of Stop the Bleed. To become certified, there is also a hands-on portion of the course. We are still attempting to obtain funding for a training kit from STB. Two grants requested have been turned down. The kit is now over \$1,000.00. When applications open, we will submit for another grant. Anyone that was not able to attend the meeting, a link to virtual training is here:

<https://facs.wistia.com/medias/f9w5dfy3v7>

Great job, Paul Michael. Your passion for this endeavor shows.

- VI. 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/capecanalcgaux>

ID Card pictures – your ID card expires on or about when you receive your five year service award. If you know you will need a picture, please contact Patrick. He would like to do these quarterly, or less.

Tropical Blue name tags – the Flotilla provides to new members. Will has ordered in the past, but they are not free. Due to the cost of shipping, it is best to order in bulk. (Since the meeting, twelve nametags were ordered for new members and those that never received)

- VII. For Good and Welfare:

Motion to adjourn at 2010 hours was made and seconded.

ATTENDEES:

D. Borden, R. Braunstein, SN Braunstein, D. Bryant, E. Coe, P. Garland, K. Harris, T. LeBlanc, P. Logan, P. McNamara, N. O'Brien, C. Olive, R. Olsen, M. Pell, W. Plikaitis, PM Ross, M. Sandorse, and T. Trefny Guests: D. Lincoln and T. Molesky

**ADJOURNED AT 2010 hours.  
Next Meeting April 17, 2023**

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