



**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 MAY 15, 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 Member: Joe Spinello
- Introduction of Guest(s): None
- Roll Call – Present: FC, VFC, IPFC, CS, DV, FN, HR, IS, MT, PB, PV and SR.
- Absent: CM, MS, MA, OP, PA, PE and VE, NS (vacant)

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

II. FSO Updates to Reports:

DV: COMO Belmore – No updates

FN: Peter Garland – April beginning balance \$7,084.36. Receipts for dues \$169.00. Expenses: \$15.00 dues to Division, materials/equipment \$196.69, awards \$101.82, condolence flowers \$99.11.
Balance at the end of April was \$6,833.70.

HR: Bob Braunstein – The Flotilla currently has 44 members on the official roster. No referrals from National.

IS: Deb Bryant – No IS updates.

MA and CM: Will Plikaitis – Not present

MS: Cindy Olive – Not present

VFC and MT: Pat Logan – An email was distributed from David L. Cabral, ADSO-EM-SSENE, requesting volunteers for an active shooter training exercise in Newport, RI on June 14, 2023. This will be on board a vessel and volunteers will be victims/passengers. Several members have expressed interest; however, make sure you notify Dave Cabral to participate.

Related to this event, several Flotilla members have expressed interest in the Emergency Management program and have been completing FEMA courses. On June 15, 2023, there is an Incident Command Post Exercise at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. If you are working on your ICS PQS notify Dave Cabral of your intent to participate. Only a few seats are available. David's email is: kormilcollector@yahoo.com

On that note, there is a wide array of free courses available on the FEMA site. Here is a quick link: <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?lang=en> You will need to obtain a FEMA SID. Another resource is MEMA that offers both in-person and virtual training. The website is: www.mematraining.mass.gov

If you complete any FEMA or MEMA courses, make sure to keep a copy of the certificate of completion and email to the Cape Office.

Courses that normally need to be completed for specific qualifications are: ICS-100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800. Link specific to these courses: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

ID cards – A good time to review the expiration date of your ID is when you are notified of your five year anniversary. Make sure that your Core Training has also been renewed or an ID renewal will not be processed until completed. The next photo opportunity will be after September's Flotilla meeting.

OP and PE: Neal O'Brien – Not present

PA: Kevin Harris – Not present

PB and PV: Tom Broderick – The next issue of the *Anchorline* will be after NSBW on May 20th. Discussion of first aid kit(s); Patrick put together a list of common items. This was tabled until next Spring as to the need for any first aid kits. For the most part, those involved in the PA events have kits in their vehicles. Other considerations are cost, what specifically is needed, and who will be responsible for a kit if purchased by the Flotilla.

VE: Paul Michael Ross – Not present, but a reminder that NSBW kicks off on Saturday, May 20, 2023. VEs will meet at Sandwich Marina at 900 and uniform is ODUs.

III. Awards:

The following received Division Awards:

Cindy Olive – 1) Special Recognition for 35 years of service and 2) the greatest hours for MS in 2022

Patrick McNamara – Air Operations greatest pilot hours in 2022

COMO Leblanc – Special Recognition for 25 years of service

Natalie and Bob Braunstein – Awards of Excellent Effort for exceeding 500 hours in 2022.

Kevin Harris – New Member of the Year plaque and certificate for 2022

Paul Llanos – Member of the Year plaque and certificate for 2022

Paul Michael Ross – New Member of the Year plaque and certificate for 2021

Tom Broderick – Member of the Year plaque and certificate for 2021

- IV. New Business: COMO Belmore provided an update on changes to mail procedures for the Cape Office. Qualification letters and certificates will only be sent monthly. Awards, plaques, etc. will be given to the DCPTs to be distributed; bulk mailings of brochures, pamphlets and 'If Found' stickers need to be approved for FedEx mailing.

The Flotilla received a grant from Sea Tow Foundation for a Life Jacket Loaner Station and life jackets in various sizes – 36 in total. The stand/station has been received. Awaiting final approval from Sandwich Operations Manager, Harbormaster and ACOE, as well as the life jackets. Hoping to have set-up before Memorial Day Weekend.

- V. Old Business:
August Fellowship Outing – We are supporting NMLC's 2nd Annual Food Truck event on June 10 from 1100 to 1600. We had discussed getting a tour with them, but during COVID they were closed to the public. Deb will check on this and perhaps a tour and picnic at the Canal in the park. Other ideas are the Coast Guard Heritage Museum or possibly coordinating a tour of Ned's Point Light with Flotilla 6-3 and then a picnic? Any other suggestions are welcome.

- VI. For Good and Welfare:
Please keep Mr. Braunstein in your thoughts. He suffered an eye injury requiring at least one surgery, if not more. 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, T. Broderick, E. Coe, P. Garland, P. Logan, P. McNamara, R. Olsen, M. Pell, R. Rantayo, M. Sandorse, J. Spinello and T. Trefny.

ADJOURNED AT 2000 hours.
Next Meeting June 19, 2023

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