

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Flotilla 05-04 – City Island  
**Minutes of Flotilla Meeting**

**Date:** January 10, 2017

**Time:** 1930 hours

**Place:** Harlem Yacht Club, City Island, NY

- The meeting was called to order at 19:35 hours
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduction of guests: 2 guests: Kahlil Stultz and Everton Sterling
- Communications Received from Division
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**Commander Report**

**FC – David Mooney:** Commander Mooney welcomed all members and guests and spoke about our aim for 2017. He stressed that Flotilla 05-04 is an organization of service, that we should strive to assist the USCG this year, to increase the Flotilla’s membership and participation in all activities and be even more dedicated this year in serving the USCG and the community. He discussed mandatory training required by all members and accountability for our actions.

**VFC – Josef Myska:** Vice Commander Myska stated that he is excited about all that our Flotilla can accomplish in 2017. He requested that Reports be submitted at least one week prior to release and stressed that communication is key.

**IPFC – Paul Soden:** Not present, no report submitted.

**Flotilla Staff Officers Reports**

- **FSO-PE John Rivera:** The month of December saw no training activity. The entire month we spent preparing for the calendar year 2017. We are presently reviewing new courses to bring to the public and have formulated our ABS schedule for the first half of 2017. The first ABS Class is scheduled for three consecutive Wednesdays, beginning on February 22, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Cost is \$55 to the public, but will be offered to members of City Island Yacht Club and Harlem Yacht Club for \$25 as a courtesy. Discussed upcoming 2-hour seminar entitled *Boating Fun* for children and *Suddenly in Command*, which will teach prospective occupants of a vessel to take over if captain gets hurt or is no longer able to operate the vessel.
- **FSO-VE Mike Raffel:** A Division-wide calendar is in the process of being prepared which will include all events. We have the market to teach the community. *VE Boot Camp Part II* to be scheduled this year. Approximately 41% of deaths on the water are related to paddle-crafts. We should concentrate on kayaks this year. Order from Commander Grossman for the Bronx. We need to have more individuals qualified to be vessel examiners this year. *Kids Don't Float* Program – we should have at least two classes this year, since we had two in 2016.
- **FSO-PV Joe Pena:** It is possible to make presentations to Cub Scouts Chapter and to hold presentations to children regarding safety, life preserver use and *Kids Don't Float* program in yacht club. Anyone taking photographs during the Boat Show (January 25-29, 2017) should please email the photos to Joe Pena. Reminder to complete proper Release Form if taking photos in which minors are included.
- **FSO-MS Joseph White:** Need to focus on environmental protection issues. Goal is to keep public aware of these issues and to involve the community in programs such as cleaning up of Orchard Beach.
- **FSO-PA Joe Pena:** These are some upcoming events.
  - PA-NY Boat show, January 25-29, 2017;
  - D-train – February 3-5, 2017
  - Change of Watch – February 19, 2017
  - Working with personnel at Dicks Sporting Goods and LL Bean regarding kayak sales. Need to push to set dates for vessel exams. Need newspapers for surrounding communities to promote

marine events. Can work with Island Currant to let City Island community know that Flotilla 05-04 is active on City Island and gain us more exposure. Forward articles to Joe Pena.

▪ **FSO-CM Raheem Soto:**

On December 05, 2016 Flotilla 05-04 received 3 portable radios. Please see below:

Vertex Standard VX900V Radios:

- 1) Serial Number 8H600145
- 2) Serial Number 8H600095
- 3) Serial Number 8H600017

We also received 1 Vertex Standard Charger. All 3 radios were charged and securely stored.

▪ **FSO-NS - VACANT:**

▪ **FSO-OP Rich Helm:** Not present, no report submitted.

▪ **FSO-CS - David Mooney:** Websites for Flotilla 05-04, Division and District are updated. We are the most active Flotilla on social media.

▪ **FSO-DV - Paul Soden:** Not present, no report submitted.

▪ **FSO-FN - Monique Fiore:** Current balance in account as of January 1, 2017, is \$4,570.32.

▪ **FSO-HR - David Mooney:** 13 people enrolled in 2016. Next enrollment period will be end of February/beginning of March, 2017.

2016

- Flotilla 05-04 saw a drastic change in membership. In all 29 members transferred out, 2 transferred in, 11 disenrollment's, and 13 new enrollments. Of our 13 new members 2 are in BQ status and 5 have already become Flotilla Staff officers. We established a very successful recruitment program which attracts dedicated and willing individuals and weeds out people who are looking for a club or and easy ID.

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- My goal for the year is to continue my recruitment and retention efforts to build a bigger and stronger Flotilla. In November of 2016 of the 7 new enrollees, 2 are from SUNY Maritime. Working with these new students we are looking forward to hopefully bring back the AUP program to SUNY Maritime. Although in previous years the target new member has been boat owners I have focused my attention on High school seniors and College freshman. I feel it is this demographic that will truly dive into the experience and use it for all its worth. In this we are also potential recruiters for the future of the Coast Guard.
- Continuing our "gold side" approach to recruitment and processing I will be looking to host joint enrollment days with other flotillas or division wide. By showing new members order and structure from the time we meet to the time they are enrolled we are setting the bar for the future of the Auxiliary.
- **FSO-IS - Rich Helm:** Not present, no report submitted.
- **FSO- MA - Peter Barcia:** Please send me a list of all items needed by email.
- **FSO- MT - John Rivera:** Annual Reports for each member are ready to be sent out. Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2017 at 2:00 pm at City Island Yacht Club to focus on proper uniform etiquette and use of ribbons and pins. Preparation for attendance at Fleet Week events. Deadline for completion of mandatory training requirements is end of February 2017 for members enrolled in 2016.
- **FSO- PB - Daniel Green:** Stepping Stones newsletter was published in January 2017. Goal is to issue publication quarterly. Plans to have meetings with individuals interested in submitting articles in newsletter. Aim to compile photographs taken at all meetings and events. We want to get 1<sup>st</sup> place for Publications this year.
- **FSO-SR - Natasha Somai:** Present. Nothing to report at this time.
- **Awards: Josef Myska:** New awards to be given out: Sailor at the Quarter, as a thank you and there may be a parking spot for this awardee.
  - SUNY Maritime - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Club is in the works for 2017.
  - Merchant Marines at Kings Point - National meeting.

- **AUP: Paul Soden:** Not present, no report submitted.
- **HYC Liaison: Dan Green:** It is a privilege for Flotilla 05-04 to use the Harlem Yacht Club for its meetings and events. Please do not park in private parking spots. Please support the Club's restaurant.

#### **Old Business**

- Holiday Party
- District Meeting

#### **New Business**

- New York Boat Show
- D-Train – good fellowship opportunity
- Change of Watch
- ABS Classes – February 22, 2017, March 1, 2017 & March 7, 2017

#### **Awards & Recognition**

- Certificate of Appreciation awarded to: Josef Myska, Peter Barcia, Joseph White, Dan Green
- Certificate in recognition of 5 years of service awarded to: Albert Ebanks, David Laguna
- Certificate of Appreciation awarded to: Mike Raffel

#### **Good and Welfare**

- Funeral service for Ken Rodriguez performed in accordance with his wishes. He will be missed. Ken Rodriguez's father passed away 3 days after Ken died.
- David Mooney was appointed to handle social media needs for U.S. Coast Guard.

#### **Adjournment of Business Meeting**

Meeting adjourned, 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by David Mooney & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Pena  
Minutes taken by Natasha Somai

#### **Next Flotilla Meeting**

**Next Flotilla Meeting: February 21, 2017**  
**Harlem Yacht Club**  
**7:30pm**  
**UOD: Tropical Blue, ODU**