

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
WINONA, MN FLOTILLA: 085-02-02**

<b>Location &amp; Date</b>	<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Guests/Prospective</b>	<b>Call to Order:</b>
Monday, May 20- 18:00 River Valley Academy 51 Red School Road Kellogg, MN 55945	Ron Graves Tanya Graves Jerry Strok Ryan Weber Mahria Depaolo	Sonja Kitzerow (P)	18:10 <b>Adjournment:</b> 19:03 <b>Quorum:</b> Yes <b>Pledge:</b> Offered by All
<b>Next Flotilla Meeting</b>	Ed Richards		
Monday, Jun 17-18:00 River Valley Academy 51 Red School Road Kellogg, MN 55945	Carole Fink Doug Armstrong		

**FLOTILLA COMMANDER COMMENTS**

- A big thanks to all members who participated at the Arcadia Safety Day. The feedback I have received has been very positive. We will plan on participating in the event again.
- Safety Boating Week is upon. Thank you to Ron for your annual radio promotion. Thank you to those who participated in the vessel safety check blitz in Winona.

**DIVISION COMMENTS**

- Work continues on Fall D-Train (Fall Business Conference)
- Monthly meeting continues to be held via webinar.
- Work continues towards Steamboat Days and Riverfest.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Communication Systems**

- Web site and social media pages are up to date. Please let Ryan know if you have any ideas for the website or have any pictures to post on Facebook.
- Training section has been added.
- Uniform section is being worked on.

**Finance**

- Ending balance of \$1,384.43 as of MAY 21, 2013
- \$300 cash receipts
- No cash disbursements

**Human Resources**

- No leads from National.
- Several leads from recent public events.
- New member class for Ed and Sonya.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contest is starting for the Winona Flotilla. Dinner for 2 to whomever has the most recruits by the end of July. Need at least 3 recruits to qualify.</li> </ul>
<b>Information Systems</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please remember to continue to turn in activity hours.</li> </ul>
<b>Marine Safety</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traveled to Racine, WI to participate in a UPV (Uninspected Passenger Vessel) blitz to help 9<sup>th</sup> Western.</li> <li>The district is starting the rollout of Operation Focus Lens. Operation Focus Lens is a project that seeks to identify boat launches that are near sensitive infrastructure and place a heavier emphasis of performing patrols near these areas. More information when the program launches.</li> <li>Looking at a possible opportunity to work with the WI DNR. WI DNR has started to inspect boats to make sure aquatic plants are cleaned from trailers and livewells are drained. There is a possible grant to go along with participating in this activity. The opportunity is being explored right now.</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Another order for supplies from ANSC (Auxiliary National Supply Center) has been submitted.</li> <li>Received two packages of orange “Contact” stickers from Division. Awaiting to see if we can get any other stickers from the other flotillas.</li> <li>Request for coloring books and river guides has been placed with MN DNR.</li> </ul>
<b>Member Training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat crew training will resume on Wednesday, June 26 from 1-6 pm at the Depaolos. Additional boat crew sessions will be on Thursday, June 27, and Friday, June 28 from 1-6 at the Depaolos.</li> <li>Please let Jerry know ASAP if you still need TCT or Operations refreshers.</li> <li>ATON training will not be held. Will try to hold a session this fall during D-Train.</li> </ul>
<b>Navigation Systems</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activity to report.</li> </ul>
<b>Operations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPE was ordered for members involved in operations.</li> <li>Corey has offered his boat as a facility for 2013. Ryan conducted the inspection. Awaiting to hear back from DIRAUX as to whether or not Corey’s boat will be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Program Visitor</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three days of program visitation have taken place. The flotilla has 45-50 visitations.</li> <li>1 new partner: Minnesota DNR office in Lake City, MN.</li> <li>3 partners discontinued: Breezy Point Resort, Winona Marine Art Museum, Walmart.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Affairs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been a number of things to report in the public affairs area.</li> <li>Recent Events</li> </ul>
<b>Winona Earth Day Celebration-Saturday, April 20</b> Well attended event at Levee Park in Winona. Spent most of the time talking about what the Auxiliary was and what we do rather than environmental issues. This partially a staffing issue. Lessons for next year are to request a spot next to Sole Sport, as the

location was not ideal.

**Arcadia Safety Day-Saturday, May 4**

Event was attended by approximately 100-150 kids ages 4-12. Most kids were 4-6 years old.

A donation by Progressive Ag Safety group of \$300 was donated to the flotilla. A thank you letter was sent out to thank them for the generous donation.

We have been invited back next year. Will try to Sammy or Officer Snook for next year.

**Winona Vessel Safety Check-Saturday, May 18**

The events went over very well. Estimated to have done around 25 vessel safety checks. Mahria finished the qualification process. Doug finished his 5 mentored exams.

- Canceled Events

**Mississippi River Cleanup-Saturday, May 11**

Canceled due to high water. Unknown if it will be rescheduled.

**Lock & Dam 6 Open House-Saturday, July 13**

Canceled due to sequestration. Event is planned for 2014.

**Pepin Marina Vessel Safety Check-Saturday, August 10**

Canceled indefinitely. St Paul Power Squadron performs VSCs there.

- See **EVENTS** for upcoming activities

**Public Education**

- In contact with the Winona Let's Go Fishing chapter to teach a couple of About Boating Courses.
- Sole Sport is looking to possibly partner to teach a Paddlesport Class.

**Secretary & Records**

- A motion was made, seconded and approved by all to accept the April meeting minutes.

**Vessel Examination**

- Will try and qualify two new examiners.
- Dick's Marine canceled on May 18 due to a late start in putting boats in the water.
- Event this past Saturday at Winona Marina.
- Working with Minnesota City Boat Club and Sunset Bay Marina to schedule vessel safety check events.
- Event at Pepin Marina has been canceled.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- Discussion was held with regards to buying a tent. Discussion came down to whether a tent with sides was worth the additional cost. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all to allot \$100 to buy a tent without sides.
- PPE forms were distributed for members.
- Exact shape of Winona Steamboat Days events will be finalized at June meeting.
- Looking into Water Ski Days in Lake City.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- 10 Year Membership Award → Carole Fink
- 10 Year Membership Award → Ron Graves

## **EVENTS**

### **Winona Health-Healthy Kids Club Event**

Date: Saturday, June 1

Time: 12:00-15:00

Location: Unity Park behind Winona Health Campus

We will be partnered up with MinnAqua. We will conduct the safety portion before the kids go fishing in the boat.

### **Vessel Safety Check-Lake City Marina**

Date: Saturday, June 8

Time: 09:00-15:00

Location: Lake City Marina

Lake City Marina has 400-500 slips and a very busy boat landing.

### **Flotilla Meeting**

Date: Monday, June 17

Time: 18:00

Location: River Valley Academy

### **Steamboat Days**

Date: Wednesday, June 19-Sunday, June 23

Time: TBA

Location: Levee Park

### **Boat Crew Training**

Date: Wednesday, June 26-Friday, June 28

Time: 13:00-18:00

Location: Depaolos, 70525 205<sup>th</sup> Ave, Reads Landing, MN 55968

### **Water Ski Days**

Date: Friday, June 28-Sunday, June 30

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Weber