

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**FLOTILLA 091-20-11**

**ST. CLAIR SHORES UNIT**

**Flotilla Commander** – James Sagstetter

**Vice Flotilla Commander** – Rick Lane

11 May 2021

1. **Business Meeting:** Call to Order by FC Rick Lane at 1937.

Present: Frederick Lane, Joe Roskoski, James Sagstetter, Norman Raymond, Terri Lehman, Pat Hughes, Bill Dyda, Larry Myles, Leonard Fashoway, and Beetle Bailey (*Beetle logged on to the meeting, but was kept “in the wings” for over an hour. Beetle called in to meeting at the end and was brought up to speed by FC*).

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**: The pledge of allegiance was led by James Sagstetter.

A moment of silence observed for those Team USCG personnel that have passed the bar and those currently serving.

1. **Introduction of Special Guests / Visitor:**

* None

1. **Awards:** Rick Lane received COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAMCOMMENDATION as part of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NITH CENTRAL REAGON BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR TEAM for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

**“**For exceptional meritorious service from February 2020 to December 2020 while serving on the Ninth Central Region Virtual Boating Safety Instructor Team. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, in-person training for public gathering were suspended, creating a void in public education opportunities. In support of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary’s public education program within the Ninth District, Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors stepped up and developed a comprehensive online Boating Safety Class to educate and prepare boaters for the approaching boating season. While developing these first ever virtual boating safety courses, instructors logged more than 70 cumulative hours of online training on how to expertly conduct virtual class using multiple electronic platforms. They learned to effectively manage these new platforms, and sharpened their onscreen appearance. Their efforts led to improved quality of voice transmission, camera adjustments, microphone choice, instructional positioning, and background. In addition they demonstrated exceptional persistence and determination in advertising, recruiting, registering, and preparing more than 60 students who enrolled in the online classes. Because of the teams successes in conducting boating safety classes virtually it provide a strong foundation for additional classes for the upcoming 2021 boating season. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Ninth Central Auxiliary Region Virtual Boating Safety Instructor Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.”

For the Commandant

Kevin D. Floyd

Captain, U.S, Coast Guard

Chief, Ninth District Prevention Division

1. **Announcements / Swear in New Members:**

* Jonathan Reese gave notice that he will no longer be able to fill the FSO-VE position due to other commitments. Norm Raymond agreed to pick up this staff officer position.
* For Boat crew / Coxswain members that went into REYEAR due to COVID restrictions, and not being able to get a Check Ride and sign-off in 2020 will have the an extension to the end of 2021. Also any Boat crew / Coxswain members that have a check ride due in 2021 and cannot schedule the check ride will have an extension until the end of 2022.
* May 22 –May 28 is National Safe Boating week. May 21 has been designated as “National Wear your Life-Jacket to work Day”. Please, if you snap any pictures of this event, send to Kristian Iglesas for inclusion in the Mainstream quarterly news release.
* The Ninth Central 2001 Directory has been released with errors within this document – See New Business for further discussion.
* PPE inspection is in process at Station St. Clair Shores. All PPE bags that have been delivered to the Station will be inspected, and PLB’s updated as required by Monday May 17.
* Rick Announced that his ID card information submitted about two weeks ago was approved and sent to Cleveland for a new card. The process appears to be fairly straight forward.

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approval of previous April 14, 2021 minutes – Norm Raymond moved to accept / Joe Roskoski 2nd. Motion passed.

**VII. Flotilla Staff Officers (FSO) Reports:**

* **Finance** **FSO-FN – Joe Roskoski:** No activity in January. Current balance is $**2,000.55**. Bill Dyda moved to accept financial report, Norman Raymond 2nd – passed.
* **Communications FSO-CM – Robert Bailey:** No Activity – not present at meeting.
* **Computer Services FSO-CS –** FSO not assigned at this time
* **Diversity FSO-DV –** Larry Myles: has been in communication with Division Diversity. Has all requirements, but the flotilla has areas to address before filing for Diversity status. Rick and Larry will work on a action plan.
* **Human Resources FSO-HR – Yani Warda:**  Rick Reported that he had meet with Yani, report as follows - Spencer Calhoun, and Sargon Kiyoo – both in the submitted applications to join the AUX / Flotilla 20-11. Rick mentioned the ID cards that are in for processing. Also Rick mentioned interest in the Auxiliary that was expressed by a Charter Boat Captain living in the area – Rick to follow up.
* **Informational Services FSO-IS – Yani Warda: M**embership should continue to document hours on 7029 & 7030, and submit to Yani (FSO–IS). Also members need to become knowledgeable in accessing AUXDATA II new AUXDATA software. Future introduction of member hours and training / operations mission will be in the AUXDATA II system.
* **Materials FSO-MA – James Sagstetter**: No activity.
* **Marine Safety FSO-MS – Matt Larivee:** Not present **-** no report.
* **Member Training FSO-MT – Rick Lane:**  Rick reported that there was virtually no training in April.
* **Navigational Systems FSO-NS – Norm Raymond:** no activity for April (Lake temp is still too cold for AUX activity).
* **Operations FSO-OP – Norm Raymond:** no activity. no activity April (Lake temp is still too cold for AUX activity).
* **Public Affairs FSO-PA** – Robert Bailey: Not at meeting / no activity for April due to COVID 19 shut-down.
* **Publications FSO-PB – Joe Roskoski:** Joe continues to post flotilla minutes and flotilla based information on the flotilla website.
* **Public Education FSO-PE – Rick Lane:** No activity during April.
* **RBS Visitors Program FSO-PV – Patrick Hughes:** Noted that he is in the process of assimilating new position, and will be working with 20-19 for PV mentoring.
* **Vessel Examination FSO-VE – Jonathan Reese / Norm Raymond:** No activity.
* **Secretary FSO-SR – Rick Lane:** Rick continues to get the minutes out and keep

1. **Commander’s Report**
2. ***USCG Auxiliary Shut-down***

Due to the current Stand-down of all Auxiliary activity involving travel or “face-to-face” meetings, the flotilla is meeting in virtual web-meet mode. The FC and VFC are meeting during the month. Potential members are included in any flotilla emails.

1. ***Flotilla Meetings / members***

During the month of April we continue monthly flotilla meetings. The April meeting (April 14, 2021) had 7 members calling in to the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Rick Lane.

1. **Flotilla Restructuring**

The flotilla’s staff has been reviewed by Rick Lane and James Sagstetter. New 7007 “Annual Unit Officers Report” has been submitted. Norm Raymond will be assuming the FSO-OP, and the FSO-NS positions. Pat Hughes will be taking on the FSO-PV office, and Bill Dyda will bring AUX Food Service to flotilla 20-11. We are still awaiting for the 7007 form to be processed.

1. ***Member training***

No real MT for the month of April

1. **Public Education**

No activity in April. Started working with flotilla 20-12 (Artee Square) in putting on a joint ABS course.

1. ***091-20-11 Membership Growth Campaign.***

We have two new members that Rick Lane has submitted applications through Yani Warda. Also have a Charter Boat Captain that has expressed interest in joining the facility. Contact was made on May 4, 2021.

1. ***Flotilla Support for Station Shores***

We have been prohibited from physically standing watch at Station St. Clair Shores. Rick Lane is the AUC for Station Shores. PPE gear is being submitted for 6 month inspection and upgrade of PLBs.

1. **Operations**

No operational activity for April. Maintenance on the facility in preparation for 2021 launch has been conducted during April. The boat cover was removedfrom the facility on 4/24/2021.

1. **Public Affairs**

We are stand-down for Auxiliary activity – due to COVID 19.

1. **Financial Health of the flotilla**

The flotilla is in the best financial shape that they have been in for years. The treasury shows a current balance of over $2,000.

1. **Flotilla exposure in AUX publications**

Kristen Iglesias reported that the SAR article in the Mainstream 2020 3rd issue will be in the next AUX Navigator – this article highlighted a SAR involvement with the flotilla’s facility last October that resulted in a USCG Meritorious Team Commendation citation. Also in the last 9CR Mainstream, a picture of AUX Lane receiving the afore mentioned citation.

1. **Flotilla Goals**

Once the Auxiliary is back to “normal” activity, the flotilla goals will be reevaluated to set a revised level for the flotilla goals

**IX. Old Business**

1. Establish flotilla 20-11 as a “Diversified designated AUX Flotilla – Champion is Larry Myles
2. Explore the possibility of joint operations exercise with CAP (Civil Air Patrol). This would have to be investigated through Division / District. We need to put forth up the leadership chain this initiative prior to any contact with CAP. James Sagstetter and Robert Bailey have had some experience with CAP / Joint operations exercise. Champion is James Sagstetter with Beetle Bailey as support.
3. Establish a “loan program for uniform “hardware and shoulder boards – led by James Sagstetter. James to develop a budget and present to the flotilla for approval.

**X. New Business**

The 2021 District 9CR Directory was discussed:

Problem – Division 20 is in correct. Division Staff member (SO-PE) not correct, also no mention of 20-11 and FC / VFC. After discussion Patrick Hughes moved that request through Leadership Chain that:

1. Correction made for 2022 Directory to sited errors be made.
2. Review / inspection of 2021 directory by District to attest if there are additional errors.
3. Issue addendum page to be issued to correct errors noted in Division 20 / and alphabetical email addresses

Motion 2nd by Bill Dyda

Rick Lane (FC) to take this issue to next Division 20 meeting (Chain of Leadership)

***Motion to adjourn the meeting made by James Sagstetter and seconded by Bill Dyda – meeting adjourned.***

**Next Meeting Date and Location:** Second Tuesday (6/08/2021) at 7:30 pm (1930).

