

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
9WR FLOTILLA 39-6
4709 Golf Road, Skokie, Illinois
Agenda date: 15 September 2011**

1900 hrs PRE-MEETING FELLOWSHIP and REFRESHMENTS

1930 hrs CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Auxiliary by office
CG by rank
Non-members
Welcome newly transferred Auxiliary Member(s)
Welcome new AP members**

PASSING of the HAT (this pays for snacks and drinks on meeting nights)

SIGN IN:

Quorum present?

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

By highest and second highest Auxiliary officers present

SWEARING IN OF STAFF OFFICERS

By highest and second highest Auxiliary officers present

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Month of: 18 August 2011

1st motion

2nd motion

Motion

FC REPORT (John Mukoyama):

FC will present the results from his questionnaire to the members. He will have blank questionnaires that can be filled out at the meeting. During the open forum portion of the meeting, there can be discussion on the findings.

DIVISION REPORT:

COW brunch is scheduled for January 8, 2012 at Club Casa Cafe in Des Plaines, Illinois.

VDCDR Amy Seeley received a contract from the restaurant which was given to DCDR Dale Polak to sign.

Charles Hauge, Flotilla 39-2, gave a presentation on Orion flares. A Orion DVD was shown which explained various flare types and showed them being fired.

There will be an 8 hour TCT class on at STA Milwaukee on October 8th from 0800 to 1630. Students interested in the class should contact the instructor Rich Bartlein at rich_b@callct.com.

Registration for the District Conference, which is to be held on October 14-16th, is now open! The link for the registration can be found at http://www.cgaux9wr.com/conference/conference_index.htm. Register early so you can get the early bird discount.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers many classes for members. Such classes that are open to Auxiliarists are Distance Education Tech Training, Auxiliary Aids to Navigation (ATON) & Chart Updating Training, Information Systems (AUXDATA/AUXINFO) Training and Auxiliary Public Affairs Training. If you are interested in attending any of these classes, go to the C-School page at <http://cschool.auxservices.org/>. There is a form you will have to fill out and then submit that to your FC.

AUXNAV will be offered by 8WR Division 33 by using webinars and a virtual classroom. The webinars will start on September 1st and continue every Monday and Thursday through October 24th.

We are not supposed to charge Auxiliarists for PE classes. There may be a charge for supplies needed for an MT class, but not a basic boating safety class. Please let Bob Allen and Amy Seeley know if you have been charging Auxiliarists for basic boating classes.

A new set of videos produced by the National PA Video Team's Roxane Firmin in conjunction with NACON 2011 are available at: <http://vimeo.com/28294054>. Videos include a promo for NACON 2012 in San Antonio, TX; response, Diversity, New young member interview, International Affairs, and D5.

MEETING GIVEN TO FVC (Jeff Gilmore)

Influenza training tonight by our very own Dr Roger Hand.

We are winding down the operations season and have approximately a month to wrap up any operations-related training and skills. This is a good time to get last minute questions or hands-on with VE, Ops, etc. We will be shifting from qualifications to in-house training shortly. Start thinking about what type of training you would like to see and/or lead in the off-season. I'd also like to start thinking about an "integrated" training approach next year (i.e. PE & Ops promoting VE, VE promoting PE, etc).

The District Conference is coming up in October. All personnel are invited to attend. The event offers an excellent opportunity to network with members from other Divisions as well as meeting Division(s) and District Bridge members and staff. There will be plenty of training opportunities available as well. Also, newer members to the Auxiliary (less than 2 years) should consider attending the New Member Boot Camp on Oct 15-16 and may be eligible for orders. Please speak with me or the FC if you can commit to attending the New Member Boot Camp.

We have several FSO openings – Marine Safety, Public Affairs, and now Publications. If you are qualified in any of these areas and have an interest serving, please contact the FC or me.

Flotilla elections are coming up in November. Once the Flotilla Bridge is elected, the Flotilla Commander will appoint Flotilla Staff Officers. If you are interested in serving as an FSO of a particular area, now is the time to start speaking with serving FSO's and shadowing them.

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

FSO Office	Staff Officer	Report Status
CC - Career Counseling	Larry Levine	Attached
CM - Communications	Greg Kmiec	Attached
CS - Communication Services	Amy Seeley	Attached
FN - Finance	Al Day	Attached
HR – Human Resources	Gail Raith	Attached
IS - Information Systems	Amy Seeley	Attached
MA – Materials	Mike Raith	Attached
MS - Marine Safety	<open>	
MT - Member Training	Jeff Gilmore	Attached
NS - Navigation Systems	Matt Gies	No report
OP – Operations	Jim Cohen	Attached
PA - Public Affairs	<open>	
PB – Publications	Patti Lock	Attached
PE - Public Education	Bob Auchinleck	No report
PWC - Personal Water Craft	Steve Vlach	Attached
PV – Program Visitor	Jay Katzman	Attached
SR - Secretary / Records	Al Day	Attached
VE - Vessel Examination	Frank Cavalier	Attached

FSO - CC (Larry Levine)

Nothing new to report.

FSO - CM (Greg Kmiec)

Construction continues on the new radio antenna at Station Wilmette Harbor.

FSO - CS (Amy Seeley)

I know our Flotilla has pictures that have been taken at events. If I could get those pictures, that would be nice for the webpage.

FSO - FN (Al Day)

As of 8/1/2011

Checking Account - \$ 8,634.00

Restricted Public Education Funds - \$ 2,005.99

Expenditures:

J. Mukoyama - \$60.00 – Arnold Flowers

A. Seeley – 227.80 – Reimbursement for ABS Books

Deluxe Checks – 80.74 – New Checks and Stamp

Revenue:

Public Education Classes - \$130.00

FSO – HR (Gail Raith)

Nothing new to report

FSO – IS (Amy Seeley)

We are coming towards the end-of-the-year, so you each will be receiving your training report via email with your stats on them. Please look them over carefully, so if I'm missing anything we can get that addressed ahead of time.

FSO – MA (Mike Raith)

If you have ordered materials and some items did not get shipped, the reason is that those items were "NIS" not in stock, and therefor need to be reordered on your next order.

FSO – MS (open)

FSO – MT (Jeff Gilmore)

I have been asked by Commodore Ross to take on the role as DSO-MT for the 9WR, which I have accepted. I will continue as the FSO-MT and VFC for 39-6 as long as the FC and Flotilla wish me to continue in those positions.

Dr. Roger Hand will be conducting influenza training tonight. We are entering flu season and it's strongly recommended all personnel attend this short training.

An 8-hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) class has been scheduled at Station Milwaukee on 8 October from 0800 to 1630. Personnel due for 8-hour TCT refreshers are highly encouraged to attend. For newer personnel, if you are interested in the air or surface operations track, this class would be a good course to consider attending as it will ultimately be required for your qualifications. All members wishing to enroll should do so directly with Rich Bartlein at rich_b@callct.com. Copy me if you plan on attending so I can keep track of the 39-6 attendees.

The 9th Western Region District Conference is scheduled for October 14-16th at the Hickory Ridge Marriott in Lisle, IL. You can register at http://www.cgaux9wr.com/conference/conference_index.htm. The agenda (including training available is posted on the District Conference site as well as the 9th Western Region webpage.

AUXPAT will be offered by 9WR by Flotilla 39-2 in October. The class will be Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 pm until 9 pm on Oct. 11, 13, 18, 20 and 25. The final exam will be on Thursday, Oct. 27. The class will be held at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 East Thacker street in Des Plaines, Illinois. Prairie Lakes is just west of the intersection of Wolf Road and Dempster / Thacker street in Des Plaines. It is about a mile west of the Des Plaines Metra station. It can also be reached via Pace bus from the CTA Blue Line station. You can achieve success as an AUXPAT Specialist by passing a closed book, proctored examination with a score of 75% or better. For training materials, please visit www.cgaux.org/auxop.html (requires AuxDirectory username and password).

FSO – NS (Matt Gies)

No report received.

FSO – OP (Jim Cohen)

Training & Patrols

Training & patrols continue as the weather allows. The week of September 4-10 brought some very windy conditions across the lake causing several patrol cancellations.

The last patrol meeting of the year will be held between this writing and the September Flotilla meeting so there is no update on available patrols remaining, but per usual, we will try to operate as long as weather permits. One objective as the season comes to a close is to get some of the newer members who are interested in operations out on the water.

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LED navigation lights update: The lights which were purchased by Rick Polad have been installed by Les Muntz.

Based on Ryan Bank's suggestion, the color markings on the forward anchor line have been changed as follows: White markings are 25 ft each and yellow markings are 100 ft each. For example:

Two white bands = 50 feet

One yellow band and three white bands = 175 ft

Two yellow bands and one white band = 225 ft

Bravo Zulu to Les, Rick P., Tom Remec, and Alan Janney for working 6 hours straight in 90+ degree heat fixing the fuel leak. We think we have a long term solution for the problem, but it will require removing the tank and some cutting and welding. Until then, we should be okay. However, we want to keep the tank $\frac{3}{4}$ full or less.

Tom Remec, when he wasn't helping us remove the benches, seats and deck plate, moved the skiff hook brackets towards the end of the boat hooks. We realized having them mounted too far back was giving the Crew a hard time connecting to the trailer eyes. Alan also took the small hook off the black line that usually hung on the port rear rail and spliced that hook into the pendant line. The large skiff hook that we had on the pendant line was very difficult to connect to the trailer eye.

Both hoses come off the bilge pumps. We knew there was a problem when both bilge lights were on and no water was pumping overboard. We reconnected the hoses, but at the end of the season, we need to make a small change so the hoses won't slip off again.

Also of note, the rope boarding ladder was removed from the boat. Now that we have a six step ladder, we don't think we need the extra one.

Alan has made new pre-underway check lists so the Crew is less confused.

Steve Evenstad and Alan will make a new chart that can be tucked under the conduit on the port side, so it doesn't get beat up by opening the port bench compartment.

Station Wilmette Harbor

The Rescue 21 system that Greg K. has mentioned is still under installation at the station.

FSO – PA (open)

FSO – PB (Patti Lock)

Nothing new to report. Patti will be stepping down as FSO-PB and taking a break from the Auxiliary due to work commitments.

FSO – PE (Bob Auchinleck)

No report received.

FSO - PWC (Steve Vlach)

Four (4) PWC's participated in the Chicago Air & Water Show during the weekend of Aug 19-21. The weather caused a delay in the show on Saturday, and all Aux boats had to seek cover for a while, but after the rains the weather was great the rest of the weekend. No future activities have been scheduled as of yet.

FSO-PV (Jay Katzman)

Nothing new to report.

FSO-SR (Al Day)

Nothing new to report

FSO-VE (Frank Cavalier)

It is important that all the VE's get their reports into Amy (FSO-IS). By doing so one can learn of any vessel exams that may have been overlooked.

MEETING RETURNS TO FC

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Al Day will start collecting 2012 dues this month. Al will present an overall financial picture of the Flotilla finances (and projected finances for 2012). A dues amount needs to be decided upon.

Nominating Committee appointments for this year's Flotilla elections have been confirmed. The FC has appointed Jim Cohen (chair), Larry Libauer, and Greg Kmiec to serve on the nominating committee. Personnel wishing to run for Vice Flotilla Commander or Flotilla Commander should send a letter of intent to any of the members of the Nominating Committee. In order to be nominated or run for elected office, you must have completed the requirements for VFC or FC. If you have any questions, contact the members of the committee.

A planning committee for the annual Flotilla party has been formed. Amy Seeley (chair), Alan Janney, and Frank Cavalier are leading the party committee. Details and logistics need to be determined.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Richard McNulty – 15 years award
David Sniader – 15 year award
Greg Kmiec – AUXOP qualification
Larry Libauer – Qualification of the Vessel Examiner Course

GUEST COMMENTS

Auxiliary by office
CG by rank
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OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

1st motion

2nd motion

Motion

FELLOWSHIP