

Kodiak Flotilla, USCG Auxiliary
Regular Meeting
Saturday, March 11, 2017
Fisherman's Hall

FC Wes Hanna called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. VFC Nicole Clark served as minute taker.

Also in attendance:

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| Darren Asuncion | Joyce Blair | Sam Chelmo | Bryan Ferris |
| Drew Herman | Fran March | Robert Murphy | Barb Oatman |
| Lyle Refior | Jane Renslo | Sharon Reppond | Art Schultz |
| Laura Slater | Phil Smitley | Joe W. Spear | Paul Van Dyke |
| Eduardo Vitorino | Robert Alvarez (pending) | | |

Guests: none

Joyce Blair led the flotilla in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wes announced several upcoming training opportunities and events.

The next ABS class will be held next Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the KIBSD conference room.

We will hold a 1-hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. in the KIBSD conference room.

Kodiak College is offering two workshops as part of its Maritime Workforce Development program. Troubleshooting Gauges will be held March 18, and costs \$50. Maintaining Your Outboard is a two-day course to be held March 25-26 and costs \$200. Discounts are available. For more information or to register, call Kodiak College Student Services at 486-4161.

There will be a USO concert on April 11 featuring Cassadee Pope. The event will take place from 7-9 p.m. in Hangar 3. Auxiliary members are authorized to attend with one guest. MWR needs volunteers to set up the stage, walk around as "security" and assist with tear down after the event.

ComFish is 3/30-4/1 at the convention center.

Possible Coastie opportunity at the Children's Fair on April 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the high school gym.

Major Accomplishments/Future Plans:

Wes gave an overview of what was discussed at the Division and District board meetings during the District 17 Training Conference (D-Train). District approved consequences for unpaid dues. Division 2 approved funding D-Train registration for the

immediate past flotilla commander (IPFC); this would allow the IPFC to be there in person to accept an award earned during his/her tenure. Sam Chelmo talked about his experience at D-Train; he was able to make contact with DSO-MT Sue Lang, have some good conversations with FSO-HR Jill, and learn about the Kids Don't Float program and the need for more public education classes addressing paddlecraft.

In addition to the volunteer opportunities previously mentioned, Vito advised the Spouses Association flea market in the hangar is coming up; no date has been set yet.

Fran gave an update on the Kids Don't Float poster contest. She has posted announcements on Facebook (Friends of Kodiak, Say What You Want Kodiak) and began working with the ELAP program to translate the "Kids Don't Float" message into multiple languages. This generated some interesting discussions regarding the nuances with the translation. Drew mentioned that the Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps can help with translation. The entry deadline is March 30; the winner will be picked at the April 8 flotilla meeting; and the awards will be presented at the April 24 school board meeting. Prizes will include a bus charter provided by KIBSD, a new life jacket, and cash prizes. Fran noted that she had received an email from a swim instructor who took issue with the "Kids Don't Float" message; she was invited to the meeting to voice her concerns and give the flotilla an opportunity to address them but was not in attendance.

Coastie has already visited Kodiak Christian School (Feb. 21) and St. Mary's (March 3). Phil transported Coastie, and Drew and Sharon have helped with presentations. We need more volunteers if we are going to commit to more presentations beyond the schools (e.g. Children's Fair.) It was agreed that more communication needs to happen within the Coastie committee. Nicole asked who was in charge of turning in the Coastie committee's hours to Kalynn; Phil advised he will take charge of completing and submitting the presentation form.

Wes announced that there is a new NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity. There are several criteria a flotilla needs to meet to earn this award, and Vito will work to complete the necessary tasks.

Finance Report:

National dues have been paid.

Staff Officer/Committee Reports:

OP: There is a crew training scheduled for April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Anchorage. This is not an on-water training, but an opportunity to get PQS signoffs. This training is not funded under orders, so any attendees would need to pay their own way.

VE: Joe W. Spear advised he has been in touch with the MWR boathouse and gave them his contact info for when they are ready to have us examine the boats. This will be an important opportunity to qualify/re-qualify examiners.

PA: Nicole advised she will work on publicizing the events we have coming up. Drew advised he will get in touch with the active duty PA specialist who took photos at D-Train.

Drew also advised he will get in touch with the CG presence at ComFish and indicate our interest in joining them and promoting the Auxiliary.

MT: Sam advised in the past month he has reached out to 40 members who have not completed their mandated training and has so far heard back from 10. He plans to do monthly check ins and meet with new members at the library.

MS: Coast Walk is slated for the second Saturday in June. In addition to Drew, a committee consisting of Paul, Kalynn and Joe Spear will help organize the event.

AUXMU: Drew has taken the qualifying exam and pending favorable results is now the first qualified Auxiliary Musician in the state of Alaska.

Unfinished Business:

Commodore's Excellence Challenge Award – Wes announced that six flotillas in District 17 earned this award in 2016. The award is within reach for Kodiak if hours are turned in.

New business: none

Awards and presentations:

Nicole shared the 17th District Recreational Boating Safety Award, which was presented during D-Train.

Eduardo Vitorino was presented with the Public Affairs Certificate of Achievement for his work in External Public Affairs during 2016.

Vito, Darren, Nicole, Lyle, Drew, Barb and Sam were sworn in as staff officers for 2017.

Member comments:

Art Schultz advised he will be on KMXT's "Talk of the Rock" to discuss Digital Selective Calling (DSC) which he is working to have installed on all boats. He also expressed concern about being allowed to become qualified as a Commercial Vessel Examiner while being employed as a commercial fisherman. Wes advised he will look into the ethics issue.

There being no further business, Nicole MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Clark