

Kodiak Flotilla Meeting
February 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
KIBSD Conference Room F140

FC Wes Hanna called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. VFC Darren Asuncion led the flotilla in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of visitors: none.

Wes announced that he and IPFC Nicole Clark will be attending the Division 2 board meeting on Friday evening, February 14, as part of the District 17 training conference (D-TRAIN.) Wes asked if there was anything the flotilla wants to have brought before the Division Board; Paul VanDyke requested that we reiterate our need for support of our boat crew program. Other sessions that Wes is particularly interested in attending are the Vessel Examiner workshop and the presentation about PFD Otter (costumed character that makes public appearances much in the same way as Coastie.) We will provide more information about PFD Otter at the March flotilla meeting, and determine whether the flotilla wants to pursue this purchase.

Wes highlighted several public education classes scheduled for the next couple of months:

GPS for Mariners: Saturday, February 15, from 4-6 p.m.

About Boating Safely: Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About Boating Safely: Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All classes will be held in the KIBSD conference room. There are opportunities for instructor training at any of these classes.

Wes gave a brief recap of the Change of Watch ceremony held January 18 at the Kodiak Hana Restaurant. Wes and Darren were sworn in as FC and VFC, respectively. We were also able to administer oaths of office to many of our staff officers. Guests of honor included: two members of Boy Scout Troop 626 who recently helped unearth and are working on preserving a 45-star American flag; and Maggie Wall from KMXT Public Radio, who produces the Alaska Fisheries Report and makes an effort both to highlight Coast Guard-related stories and to remind mariners to be safe on the water.

Wes stated that one of his main goals for 2020 is for the flotilla to work toward the Commodore's Excellence Challenge. This is a districtwide, non-competitive award given to any flotilla that meets or exceeds the benchmarks set in five of nine areas: Vessel Exams, Program Visits, Public Affairs, Member Training, Public Education, Member Participation, and new Qualifications. Wes identified some action steps for each area:

Vessel Examination: (currently 3 qualified)

- Qualify more examiners
- Schedule ramp inspections
- More public outreach

Program Visitation: (currently 1 qualified)

- Qualify more program visitors
- Establish a routine for partner visits
- Identify locations for each PV

Public Affairs: we consistently hit this goal each year

- Poster Contest
- Coastie
- Possibility of PFD Otter

Member Training:

- Specialty Courses
- Leadership Courses
- CPR/First Aid
- Qualifications

Public Education:

- Qualify more instructors
- Fill the courses
- Fill out hours correctly
- Collaboration with Boy Scouts
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Sea Scouts

Member Participation:

- Each member needs to report at least 25 hours/year, ~2 hours/month
- If you're attending meetings, you're already halfway there!

Qualifications:

- New qualifications
- Crew trainee specialty courses (AUXOP proctored exams)

Operations:

- Since we don't yet have a fully qualified crew, most of these hours will come from training

Coast Guard Support:

- AUXFS, fingerprint technician
- Training with ANT
- Crab Fest help with CPOA booth

Staff Reports:

Communication Services (Darren): could use new photos for the website

Finance (Crystal): \$3126.95 in checking, \$2455.39 in savings.

Public Affairs (Nicole): Children's Fair wants us back this year. Saturday 4/11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at KHS
Would need minimum of four people if we want to have Coastie

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Formation of new committees:

Coastie Committee: Crystal Burnside, Sharon Reppond, Nicole Clark, Lyle Refior

Poster Contest Committee: Crystal Burnside, Nicole Clark, Paul VanDyke, Pasha Isadore

Newsletter Committee: Nicole Clark, Paul VanDyke,

Fellowship Committee: Lyle Refior, Crystal Burnside, Darren Asuncion, Sharon Reppond

Awards and Presentations:

Lyle Refior was presented with a Membership Service ribbon for 5 years.

Nicole Clark was presented with her sixth Sustained Auxiliary Service award (gold star). Each award represents 750 reported hours.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.