



**Flotilla 013-02-08**

**FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES**

**07 APRIL 2016**

Attendance: 21 Members – 6 Guests

Respectfully Submitted: FSO-SR Gladys Benshimol

**Call to order-** VFC Grossi 1900

**Pledge of Allegiance-** FSO-OP Armstrong

**Change of Order: Introduction of Division Staff -VFC Grossi**

- DCDR Moe introduced guests, USCG CDR Humpage and AUX VCDR Jones
- DCDR Moe reported Division 2 was “Division of the 2015 Year” and #1 in receipt of awards at the 01-03APR 2016 D-Train Conference in Groton, CT.
- USCG CDR Humpage and DCDR Moe presented the following District awards:
  - a. VFC Grossi – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boat Crew Award for 215.6 hours
  - b. DCDR Moe – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Member Training Award for 128 hours
  - c. MBR Fagley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Marine Safety Award for 283 hours
  - d. VFC Grossi – 2015 District Captain North Plaque to Flotilla 28
  - e. MBR Catano – New Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 2
  - f. VFC Grossi – Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 2
- DCDR Moe presented additional awards to:
  - a. MBR Catano – Successful completion of Communications Specialty Course
  - b. VFC Grossi – 4<sup>th</sup> Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for 750 hours
  - c. LO-AV Hewitt – Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 41 hours of Air Patrols
  - d. MBR Susan McHugh – Successful completion of ICS 100 & 700
  - e. MBR James McHugh – Successful completion of ICS 100 & 700
  - f. VFC Grossi – 50 or more hours of Public Education Instruction in 2015
  - g. SO-OP Hogan - 50 or more hours of Public Education Instruction in 2015
  - h. FSO-OP Armstrong – 50 or more hours of Boat Crew Coxswain
  - i. FSO-PV Ladrie – 50 or more hours of Boat Crew
  - j. FSO-SR Benshimol – 50 or more hours of Boat Crew
  - k. FSO-MA Hanson – 50 or more hours of Operational Support
  - l. FSO-VE Jamieson 50 or more hours for Public Affairs

**Remarks:**

- USCG CDR Humpage invited questions from the floor.
- SO-OP Armstrong asked about the budget. CDR Humpage replied, “Don’t worry about the budget. That’s my job.” and reassured members to submit requests and they would be given what is needed to perform.
- He thanked Flotilla 28 for members’ passion and skill in supporting the mission of the Gold Side, from Watch standing, to Recreational Boating Safety, supporting safety zones, Public Education, Marine Safety, SAR, Air, etcetera. He also expressed appreciation for new members and hopes they, as well as veteran members are able to utilize their skills and passions in achieving the goals they envisioned when first joining the Auxiliary. Whether it is Public Affairs, Public Speaking, Technology assistance, or other skills employed in support of the Gold Side, these contributions make a difference, he said.
- On behalf of the Division, DCDR Moe thanked Flotilla 28 for its hard work and achievements.
- DCDR Moe reminded members to register for the Training Day to be held at the Rusty Scupper in South Portland on 16 APRIL from 0800-1600.
- DCDR Moe offered assistance from Division for the 21 MAY Open House to be held at the Station.

**Introduction of Visitors-** VFC Grossi welcomed guests and requested self-introductions.

- Station Portsmouth Harbor BM3 Richey
- BM3 Keegan will continue to maintain the Station Face Book page and encouraged members to please take photos of activities and forward to him.
- Other guests in attendance; Kris Kimball, Sean Carboni, Jim Bonagura, and Keren Gilpatrick.
- Former guest Tom Eaves reported he is now officially a new member.

**Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting** – Last month’s minutes should have read “MBR Susan McHugh” versus “MBR Susan McGrath”. Motion was made by FSO-PV Ladrie to amend minutes and was seconded by SO-OP Hogan. Motion carried. Minutes were accepted as amended.

**Announcements, Additions to Agenda** – none



- a. **Additions or comments to Flotilla Staff Officer Reports – none**
- b. **Upcoming Events/Great Northeast Boat Show** – VFC Grossi reported for FSO-VE Jamieson that helpers are needed for the 21 MAY House at Station Portsmouth Harbor from 0900-1400. Volunteers should report at 0830. FSO-VE Jamieson has requisitioned Coca Cola to make 2 banners, which will be flown at New Castle Common and the entrance to Station Portsmouth Harbor to announce the event.
- c. **Maine Ice Patrol** – With the enhancement of an excellent digital presentation, LO-AV Hewitt delivered a most interesting and informative overview of the AUX AIR program. A private pilot for 35 years he has been involved with the Auxiliary's Air Program for the last 10 as Air Crew. Of particular support to the Gold Side the AUX Air wing is greatly appreciated because they are able to “fly low, slow and cheap”!
  - Some of the many things they do to support the Coast Guard include: AOR Patrols for fire, boaters in distress, suspicious activity, oil spills and/or other environmental hazards, obstructions to navigation, safety/security, monitoring of marine life, ice patrols, photo documentation of vessels, SAR cases, and special tasking, sometimes with/for other agencies. Interested members are encouraged to speak with LO-AV Hewitt for more information.
  - FSO-MT Heath asked about the possibility for joint evolutions between surface and air operations for the 2016 season.
  - BM3 Richey asked if the Gold Side could partner to give break-ins AOR familiarization flights.
  - LO-Air Hewitt will follow-up on both questions.
- d. **Communications Web/Email update** - FSO-CS McAndrew said the email list is being updated with particular focus on adding break-ins and removing others who are no longer members. He continues to make progress in this effort.
- e. **OPFAC report and awaiting Cutter Orders** –
  - FSO-OP Armstrong announced a workday for 22 APR at 1000 at Great Cove Boat Club. Additional workdays will be the week of 09 -13 MAY.
  - The Spring OPS and mandatory 1 hr. TCT workshop will be scheduled for sometime in MAY. Exact date is yet to be determined.
  - FSO-OP Armstrong asked if there is a station QE. Gold Side members will follow-up.
  - VFC Grossi reported for LO-CU Spiller that that order requests were submitted about 6 weeks ago but have gotten lost. Request for follow-up has been made.
  - FSO-AV Ciolino said there is a need for Aids Verifiers to help with PATONs (Private Aids to Navigation) so the Coast Guard can focus on Federal Aids. A training will be held on 16APR in So Portland. Links are also available on the web. Interested members should contact FSO-AV Ciolino for more information.
- f. **Spring PE Courses** – VFC Grossi
  - *An About Boating Safely Class* will be taught in partnership with Flotilla 24 on 18MAY at York Harbor Marine
  - *How to Read a Nautical Chart* scheduled for Wells Ogunquit Adult Ed was postponed due to lack of ample enrollment.
  - *BS & S Class* at Traip Academy in Kittery is ongoing. It will be followed by the Advanced BS & S.
- g. **Finance Officer's Report** – FSO-FN Wirth reported a few purchases had been made during the month, which included chairs for the Public Affairs event booth, and miscellaneous uniform items. Some OPFAC income was generated by sales of shirts, the closeout of the Pay Pal account and 2 small donations. OPFAC expenses included a monthly insurance fee and Great Cove BC storage fee.
  - Basic Account balance to date: \$6,227.81
  - OPFAC Account Balance to date: \$567.54
  - Combined Account Balance to date: \$6,795.35
  - Motion to accept Finance Report was made by FSO-PV Ladrie and seconded by FSO-MA Hanson. Motion carried, report accepted.
  - LO-NH Many encouraged members to purchase stickers and shirts in support of the OPFAC.

#### **Old and New Business**

- a. **D-Train & Member Training** - FSO-MT Heath/VFC Grossi



- Deadline to register for 16APR Training Day at the Rusty Scupper is Saturday- 09APR. Email SO-HR Byrne.
- Break-ins who have completed ICS 100 & 700 must send record of completion to COMO Belmore in the Cape Office.
- b. PPE Inspections/Spring Schedule –**
  - FSO-MT Heath and FSO-MA Hanson will begin inspections at 0800-1100 on Saturday 09APR. Members are reminded to bring boots, boat shoes and PLBs (Personal Locator Beacon).
  - VFC Grossi reminded members that Mandated Learning Courses must be completed prior to participation as Crew, Marine Safety, Aviation, Watchstanding, or with other Gold Side augmentation programs.
- c. PLBs for Boat Crew & Activation**
  - SO-OP Hogan has requested additional PLBs.
  - For registration instructions, refer to the Inspection Procedures Manual or the First District Northern Region Auxiliary Policy Directive OP-03. (See FSO-MA Hanson for copies)
  - Phone number may be either Station Portsmouth Harbor or Sector, or both.
  - FSO-MT Heath alerted members to not discard the small piece of clear, adhesive overlay in the box, which is used to protect the ID number of the PLB.
  - For assistance contact SO-OP Hogan or FSO-MT Heath.
- d. Award Presentations - VFC Grossi**
  - FSO-MS Dehne – Awarded the AUXOP Pocket Insignia.
  - FSO-MS Dehne – 50 or more hours of Boat Crew in 2015

**Comments by Auxiliary and other Coast Guard personnel  
For the Good of the Auxiliary**

- VFC Grossi thanked invited guests and members for their attendance at the meeting.

**Closing Remarks, Adjourn business meeting:**

Motion to adjourn was made by LO-Air Hewitt and seconded by FSO-MT Heath. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 2000.

**Next meeting: 05 MAY 2016**