



Flotilla 013-02-08

FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES

05 MAY 2016

Attendance: 25 Members – 3 Guests

Respectfully Submitted: FSO-SR Gladys Benshimol

Call to order- VFC Grossi called the meeting to order at 1900.

Pledge of Allegiance- FSO-VE Jamieson

Introduction of Visitors- VFC Grossi welcomed those in attendance and asked FSO-HR Marchi to introduce guests: Shawn Carboni, Kristopher Kimball and Kerry Leatherman and husband Alex who is station on the Cutter Reliance.

Commander's report on Division meeting- VFC Grossi reported that in response to a Gold Side survey, a "Hurricane/Emergency Preparedness" program is being developed for marinas, yacht clubs and other boating and marine related facilities. Sector will provide the materials and will solicit AUX personnel from among Marine Safety, Program Visitor, and Vessel Examiner programs to help distribute and assist at the local level.

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting – VFC Grossi. No discussion. Motion to approve APR minutes was made by FSO-PV Ladrie and seconded by SO-OP Hogan. Motion carried, minutes were approved.

Announcements, Additions to Agenda – PPE inspection per FSO-MA Hanson.

- FSO-MT Heath said Break-ins' Shoreside training is completed. His boat is now in the water and inspected. Underway training will begin soon. Break-ins must let him know their availability, which he will then pass-on to other coxswains.
- For those who have not used AOM recently, a new password will be required. Follow the prompts on the site to reset.
- FSO-MT Heath sent 2 notices regarding gear bag inspections and received no response; no one showed up last week when he and FSO-MA Hanson were on-station ready to inspect.
- **Boat Crew members will not be allowed to get underway prior to gear bag inspection.**
- FSO-MA Hanson will be at the station this Saturday 07MAY from 0800-1030. Members should call him in advance at 207-748-3268 to schedule an inspection.
- Bring all PPE including boots, boat shoes, PEPIRBs and a copy of PEPIRB paperwork.
- PEPIRBs must be tested and logged once a month.
- Dry suits must be inspected by active duty.
- Contact FSO-MT Heath or FSO-MA Hanson with any questions.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports – VFC Grossi

a. Vessel Safety Check update – FSO-VE Jamieson

- Vessel Examiners are not qualified to inspect commercial vessels. Be sure the vessel to be inspected is not used for commercial activity, whether for chartering, commercial fishing or other. Ask the owner/operator at the start of the inspection.
- If the boat is used for any commercial purpose it requires a different qualification. (Contact FSO-MS Dehne with questions.)
- New members are invited and encouraged to "shadow" an examiner.
- Contact FSO-VE Jamieson for VE forms and decals. Upcoming VE inspection dates are as follows:
 - 04JUN - 0900 York Harbor Marine Services – York, ME- 0900
 - 25JUN – 0900 Wells Harbor Town Dock – Wells, ME - 0900
 - 09JUL – Wentworth by the Sea Marina - 0900

b. Operations Update - FSO-OP Armstrong:

- 1-hour TCT and OPS workshop will be held in the Station training room on 15MAY at 0900. Email FSO-OP Armstrong if you plan to attend. Members who have not completed a TCT (4 hour or 8 hour) session within the 2016 calendar year must complete a 1-hour TCT to remain current.
- SO-OP Hogan said due to increased alignment between AUX and the Gold Side there is a new Planning Department for AUX.
- Coxswains are asked to project number of hours/missions per week from 01MAY – 31OCT 2016 and email to FSO-OP Armstrong who will submit the collective info up the chain to the Planning Department. Deadline for submission is 15MAY. Planning time can be used during the OPS Workshop on 15MAY if necessary. Coxswains may use form from last year.

c. Finance Officer's Report – FSO-FN Wirth



- Basic Account balance to date: \$6,175.29
- OPFAC Account Balance to date: \$519.54
- Combined Account Balance to date: \$6,694.83
- FSO-PV Ladrie moved to accept the report. FSO-MA Hanson seconded. Motion carried, report was accepted.

Old and New Business

a. Safe Boating Week Open House at the Station: 21MAY – VFC Grossi

- Activities planned: VE demonstration, FSO-MA Hanson's Colonial Reenactment, tours of the Station's two 47' and one 29' motor rescue boats, OPFAC tour, Fire Extinguisher safety demo, Dewatering demo, PFD instruction and information, Heaving line toss for kids.
- Open House from 1000 -1400: Volunteers are needed even if only for part of the event. Email VFC Grossi if you can help. New members and guests are encouraged to attend.
- FSO-PA Spiller has a press release in process to be posted in newspapers.
- MBR Marty Smith suggested posting an Open House flyer on Facebook.
- FSO-PA Spiller will develop a flyer and will also email to PV locations.
- FSO-PA Spiller plans to publicize upcoming events monthly throughout the boating season.

b. OPFAC preparation update- FSO-PA Spiller

- The OPFAC has been power-washed and checked-over. Needs include: ½ quart of black, bottom paint and help with waxing the hull.
- Volunteers please contact FSO-PA Spiller if you can assist with time and/or materials.
- FSO-PA Spiller has been in touch with the Coast Guard Association grant writer who has offered to help write proposals for local grants.
- The Station patches have arrived and are on sale. See FSO-MA Hanson to purchase.

c. Public Education update – VFC Grossi

- An *About Boating Safely Class* will be taught in partnership with Flotilla 24 on 14MAY from 0800-1600 at Dockside Restaurant -York Harbor Marine. Volunteers needed to assist with correcting exams at the end of the session. Contact VFC Grossi if you can help.

d. Mandated Training – VFC Grossi

- VFC Grossi reminded members Mandated Learning Courses must be completed prior to participation with Marine Safety, Aviation, Watchstanding, Cutters, Boat Crew if in conjunction with Gold Side, as elected or appointed officer, or with any other Gold Side augmentation programs.
- Flotilla 28 is above average in completion but is still only at 56%
- National staff is "not happy" and in JAN2017 may consider disenrollment for non-compliance.
- FSO-HR Marchi said new members are not being entered into the system until they "get going" on Mandated training.
- FSO-MS Dehne noted that members wishing to participate with MS in pollution incidents should complete HAZWOPER training as it may also become mandated for MS.
- FSO-MT Heath asked about the waiver procedure for PEPiRBs.
- FSO-MT Heath will give a list of trainees and REYR Boat Crew to FSO-OP Armstrong who will send it to SO-OP Hogan who will send it up the chain.

e. Awards and presentations – VFC Grossi N/A

Comments by Auxiliary and other Coast Guard personnel –

- Per FSO-MT Heath's inquiry at last month's meeting, LO-Air Hewitt had asked about possible joint training missions between Air and Surface operations this season. This may be a possibility. FSO-OP Armstrong and LO-Air Hewitt will work to coordinate toward this end.
- FSO-FN Wirth reminded members dues season would start in JUL. Notices will be emailed soon. In light of a \$12.00 increase last year FSO-FN Wirth asked for discussion regarding whether or not to maintain the same rate for the upcoming year. After discussion FSO-FN Wirth moved to keep the dues at \$52.00. FSO-MA Hanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the Good of the Auxiliary

- FSO-PA Spiller proposed that Flotilla 28 consider doing something to honor/fete Chief Andreeson who will be leaving his post sometime in JUL. BM3 Keegan will determine if anything is planned.



- SO-OP Hogan asked if OPs might be able to do joint training exercises with the Gold Side again this year. BM3 Keegan said the new training officer who can address this issue will be BM1 Christianson.
- VFC Grossi reminded members of opportunities to participate, shadow or volunteer at 21MAY Open House, VE Days, 14 MAY BS&S class, 15MAY TCT and OPS Workshop.
- BM3 Keegan is looking for Ham Radio Operators
- SO-OP Hogan suggested establishing a Gift Committee and authorizing funds for Change of Command Ceremony in July.
- MBR Wes Smith moved to increase the Budget line item by \$300.00. SO-OP Hogan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- MBR Wes Smith moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$300.00 for Change of Command. SO-OP Hogan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- MBR Marty Smith said the new Warrant Officer for Station Portsmouth Harbor will be John Harker.

Closing Remarks, Adjourn business meeting: VFC Grossi informed members that Auxiliarist Dan Abbott of Flotilla 21 had been seriously injured last month in an accident and is recuperating. Any cards or encouragement would be greatly appreciated. His address may be found in AUX Data.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by FSO-MA Hanson and seconded by MBR Wes Smith. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 2024.

Next meeting: 02 JUNE 2016