



Flotilla 013-02-08

FLOTILLA MEETING MINUTES

05 NOVEMBER 2015

Attendance: 28 Members, 1 Guest and MST1 Joeckel, SNNE

Respectfully Submitted: FSO-SR Gladys Benshimol

Call to order- FC Costa 1900

Pledge of Allegiance- LO-NH Many

Introduction of Visitors- FC Costa introduced Mark Gallagher.

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting – Motion made by FSO-PV Ladrie and seconded by SO-OP Hogan to approve SEPT2015 minutes. The motion carried, minutes were approved.

Announcements, Additions to Agenda – FSO-CS McAndrew apologized to the flotilla for inconsistent participation and said he is taking corrective action to get back on track.

Flotilla Elections – FC Costa

- Elections Committee spokesman SO-OP Hogan announced candidates; FC Costa for a second year as FC and FSO-PE Grossi for VFC. Both have been vetted. FC Costa thanked and subsequently dissolved the Elections Committee.
- DCDR Moe asked for additional nominations from the floor for FC. Receiving none he directed the Secretary to cast (1) vote for FC Costa, who was thus elected Flotilla Commander for the 2016 year
- DCDR Moe then asked for additional nominations for VFC. Receiving none he directed the Secretary to cast (1) vote for FSO-PE Grossi, who was thus elected Vice Flotilla Commander for the 2016 year.
- FC Costa thanked FSO-PE Grossi for “stepping up” to help out in an additional leadership role, acknowledging that Public Education is FSO-PE Grossi’s “passion”.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports

a. Additions or comments to Flotilla Staff Officer Reports

- FSO-VE Jamieson announced the Rockingham Fishing and Hunting Expo dates of JAN09-10 2016.
- DCDR Moe said the D-Train date is also that Saturday – 09 JAN in Quincy, MA. Info may be found on the District Website.

b. Public Education:

- FSO-PE Grossi and MBR Engel instructed 9 students in the Wells Adult Ed “How to Read a Nautical Chart class during 2 night sessions. He said the 2 night format proved to be a better approach. The class will be taught again during the 2nd or 3rd week of APR2016 at Wells.
- Boating Skills & Seamanship will begin again 13FEB 2016 in Kittery at Traip Academy and an add-on Navigation class will be held pending sufficient interest.
- BS& S at York Adult Ed ends Tuesday 10NOV.
- **Instructors needed:** Please consider teaching the “About Boating Safely” curriculum for next year. Among course venues, York Harbor Marine typically hosts 1 or 2 well-attended sessions. These are helpful generators of income for the Flotilla.

c. OPFAC report:

- VCDR Spiller said the OPFAC is safely at Great Cove Boat Club in Eliot. FSO-PE Grossi flushed the engines in preparation for transferring the facility to “the hard” for the winter. A work session will be announced soon.
- A minor steering issue, diagnosed as a loose fitting on a hydraulic cylinder was repaired.
- FSO-VE Jamieson asked about damage to a small vent on the side, which occurred during a DES Oil Spill Drill. VCDR Spiller said assessment of damage is in process. If the cost is minimal, repairs will be paid for by the Flotilla, if not, the party responsible for the damage has assured him it will assume financial responsibility.

d. Finance Officer’s Report

- FC Costa and VCDR Spiller discussed the new format for reporting finances presented to members for tonight’s meeting. The consensus was that work would continue on developing the best process.
- Regarding dues, LO-NH Many asked about the status of members who resigned, retired, transferred, were disenrolled. FSO-IS Manning responded with an update. Discussion moved on to what former members could do. They are eligible for a “paper ID”, may attend banquets and meetings but may not vote or wear a uniform.



- MBR Engel asked about the status of grant applications for the OPFAC. VCDR Spiller said 3 had been submitted but were not accepted. These will be submitted again next year but with a request for a smaller amount of money. Presently, MBR Forti is working on an additional grant proposal. Different grants have different submission dates/deadlines.
- VCDR Spiller and MBR Forti are currently reconciling recently received SAMA payments. The additional income will be about \$650.00.

Old and New Business

- a. Marine Safety:** FC Costa introduced MST1 Joeckel as the new Gold Side Liaison Officer for Marine Safety of Sector Northern New England.
 - MST1 Joeckel gave a brief biographical history of his participation in the Coast Guard, his passion for Marine Safety, and for the Auxiliary as a force-multiplier. He highlighted his creation of a highly successful, active, 350-plus-member Auxiliary MS program in Cincinnati.
 - MST1 Joeckel emphasized the vast array of opportunities for Auxiliarists in the Marine Safety Division and his paramount goal of fostering/facilitating and increasing participation and contributions of Auxiliarists alongside the Coast Guard Gold Side.
 - MST1 Joeckel commended LT Metz' program at the Station and cited that his liaison role will be to help overcome some of the hurdles and constraints impeding greater participation of Auxiliary augmentation.
 - LO-NH Many cited time constraints for Auxiliarists who are not yet retired. MST1 Joeckel reassured him that there are many areas suitable for members with restricted availability.
 - Other issues concerned sign-offs, up and down the chain communications, transition re: staff turnover, Gold Side not in the habit of utilizing Auxiliary resources, radio communication constraints- i.e. CG113, etcetera.
 - MST1 Joeckel assured members he is focused on addressing these concerns as he works to increase and sustain Auxiliary MS participation throughout the Sector.
 - FC Costa's thanks to MST1 Joeckel was followed by enthusiastic applause from members.
- b. Veteran's Day Parade-** FC Costa referred to a recent email from LT Garnier inviting members to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade.
- c. PPE Inspection:**
 - FSO-MA Hanson reminded members that all PPE must be inspected twice a year. Members have 2 more weeks before equipment will be designated "out of service". He will be available at the Station for inspections from 0600-1200 on 7 & 8 NOV and 14 & 15 NOV. Please call to arrange.
 - Members are encouraged to follow the biennial schedule as the Fall inspection allows time for damaged or no longer serviceable items to be repaired or replaced thus expediting uninterrupted participation in the spring. Spring inspections will be held starting in April.
 - SO-OP Hogan reminded members to properly store gear. Items should be removed from sea bags, closed lockers, damp areas, basements, and etcetera and stored, hanging in dry, airy locations if possible.
 - FSO-MA Hanson told members that cloth nametags are now \$1.65.
 - FSO-MT Heath announced the DEC training schedule has been set. Anyone with an Employee Number is eligible to attend.
 - FSO-MT Heath asked FC Costa about potential Boat Crew trainee's status. FC Costa will send an updated list.
- d. Awards Committee/Semper Paratus update –** FSO-IS Manning reported (1) nomination to date far for the Semper Paratus Award. Nominations may be made to her, LO-Air Hewitt or FSO-CS McAndrew. Per request for absentee voting option from FSO-IS Manning, FC Costa will request a waiver for said from COMO Booth.
- e. Audit Committee & Budget Committee update-** SO-OP Hogan said the committee would further discuss a budget-reporting format for Flotilla meetings. Other topics will include grants and Change of Watch. He asked that committee members to consider an evening or Saturday afternoon time for meeting.
- f. Thanksgiving at the Station-** FSO-PE Grossi has volunteered to purchase and deliver food to the Station on Thanksgiving and will get a head-count from the Chief. Volunteers to help prep and serve should contact FC Costa.



- g. USS Constitution tour & luncheon-** FC Costa cited a recent email inviting AUX members to attend the event in Boston on 17NOV. Members are encouraged to check “spam/junk” folders because sometimes messages end up there.
- h. Auxiliary/OPFAC T-shirts and Stickers-** Long-sleeved T’s -\$18.00, short-sleeved T’s- \$12.00 and stickers are \$5.00. LO-NH Many suggested items are great Holiday gift ideas as well as an important way to support the OPFAC initiative.
- i. Award Presentations-** FC Costa
 - VCDR Spiller Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 83 hours underway
 - SO-OP Hogan Auxiliary Annual Public Education Service Award for 21 hours lead and 24 hours non-lead Instructor.
 - FSO-MS Dehne Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 3 hours support, 85 hours underway and 146 hours Marine Safety
 - FSO-OP Armstrong Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 10 hours of support and 184 hours underway
 - FSO-MA Hanson Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 262 hours of support and 31 hours underway.
 - FSO-PV Ladrie 2nd Auxiliary Sustained Service Award for 750 hours.
 - FSO-PV Ladrie Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for Superior Performance of Duty.
 - FSO-PV Ladrie Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Award for 147 hours underway.
 - FSO-PE Grossi Auxiliary Operations Annual Service Performance Award for 180 hours underway, and 50 hours Marine Safety.
 - FSO-PE Grossi 5 Years Dedicated Service Award
 - FSO-PE Grossi Auxiliary Public Education Annual Service Performance Award for 66 hours lead and 18 hours non-lead Instructor
 - MBR Fagley ICS 130 successful completion
 - DCDR Moe Auxiliary Public Education Annual Service Performance Award for 66 hours lead and 13 hours non-lead Instructor.

Comments by Auxiliary and other Coast Guard personnel:

- FC Costa reminded members of the Blood Drive at the Station on 18NOV. FSO-MT Heath said the best time to arrive would be between 1000-1400.
- SO-OP Hogan suggested the Flotilla do something to honor retirees and those who are resigning. It was decided the Change of Watch Committee would include this in planning for the event. It was also agreed that honorees should be guests of the Flotilla at the Change of Watch.

For the Good of the Auxiliary

- FSO-MT Heath thanked members for cards, emails and general support during his time of absence due to injury. He said things are coming along well and he will be ready for missions in the spring.

Closing Remarks, Adjourn business meeting:

- FC Costa extended thanks to MST1 Joeckel for his attendance and participation at the meeting. MST1 Joeckel said he would return.
- FC Costa thanked outgoing VFC Joyce for his service.

Motion to adjourn was made by LO-NH Many and seconded by MBR Engel. Meeting adjourned at 2014.

Next meeting: 03 DEC 2015