Justin Wright
**Flotilla Commander**

Lisa Loreti
**Vice Flotilla Commander**

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**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**
***Flotilla 37 Ipswich***
**Division 3 First District – Northern Region**

**Flotilla Meeting Minutes**

**September 08, 2020 - 1900 hrs.**

**By Video Conference Call**

**Formal MeetingbyAudio & Video Conference Call**

* **Call to Order– 1907hrs**
* **Pledge of Allegiance**
* **Moment of Silence**, remembering: those who’ve crossed the bar, those in harm’s way on active duty & the Covid-19 ~200,000 dead
* **Roll Call &Introduction of Guests/ New Members**
	+ Guests: Debbie Jaferian, Kristina Donehew, Erika & John Turner
	+ New Members: Britt Hultgren, Suzanne Smetana,
	+ Transfer:
	+ Apologies: Anthony McCauliff, Alyssa Grieco, Ron Boisvert, Paul Aquipel
* **Report from District**
	+ DCAPT SBOS Glen Gayton –
		- Elected vs Appointed
		- “Election Season” - District, Division and Flotilla
		- Who’s eligible? Anyone who is operationally qualified (VE, PVA, Instructor etc.)..

This a big week because elections are being held for the first time on-line. A new Commodore and chief of Staff are being elected.

Glen explained the election process for Division and Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders. Our Flotilla elections will be held during the November Flotilla meeting.

Some progress is being made on:

* a plan to allow ABS course testing to be done
* clearing the way for the paperwork for new members to be processed
* **Report from Division Meeting**-Justin
	+ Division Meeting highlights
		- Discussions about NASBLA Proctored testing – limited progress
		- COW Jan 2021 postponed indefinitely
		- VCDR Amore offered to help flotillas build on-line course delivery
		- Elections Electronic/no floor nominations
		- COMO Grossimon offered to put on an FSO online workshop to any flotilla who would like to do it. It is a good education class for anyone interested in becoming a staff office, or who is currently one, and would like to know what is expected of them. It is also good for those in a leadership role now, so they know what to expect from their staff officers. Who in 37 could be interested?
		- New DirAux USCG CDR Christina Sullivan, new OTO Operations Training Officer, Mr. Reynolds

**Vice Flotilla Commander Comments**

* + Consolidated Staff Reports
* **FSO- FN** Deb Gonzales: will provide a verbal financial report
* **FSO-SR** Tom Doane: The minutes from the August 3 meeting were issued on August 14, 2020
* **FSO-PB** Tom Doane**:**  Newsletter issue 4 is essentially ready to be sent out to get clearance. Thanks to everyone who helped put it together.
* **Member** Tom Doane: This Friday (September 5) was the 25th week we have asked everyone to provide a status check. The first week was March 20. That’s a long time since anything approaching normal has occurred. It looks like there is quite a way to go. Thank you everyone for staying with us and staying safe.

We discussed the possibility of not reporting every Friday. (it seems to make the time go by too fast). It was decided to make the Flotilla meeting one check and another check in the middle of the month. The last check was on September 18.

* **FSO MS** Tom Doane: Justin forwarded an email on August 18 about a new life jacket labeling system. The system was developed jointly with the Canadian Coast Guard, so the system is in a metric system. Our newsletter Issue 1 dated January2020 included an explanation of the new system. This quarter’s newsletter will contain a repeat of that article.
* **FSO-HR** Scott Goodwin: Nothing much to report. See comments about new member paperwork elsewhere.
* **FSO-MA** Glen Gayton: Nothing submitted

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* **FSO-MT** Glen Gayton: Nothing submitted
* **FSO-PA** Glen Gayton: Nothing submitted
* **SO-VE** Ronald Boisvert:  Nothing submitted
	+ Paddle Craft – GlenGayton: Nothing submitted
* **FSO-CS** Lisa Loreti: Website updated with mtg info.
* **FSO-PE** Brian Shaw**:** Nothing submitted
* **Food Service** Linda Harding: Nothing submitted
* **History liaison:** Bill Mugford & Tom: This summer marked the 81st birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. A web search indicated that not much is being done to celebrate.
* **Finance Officer Report**
	+ Deb gave a Verbal Report
* **FC Takeover**
	+ Reminders:
		- The Auxiliary will stay in lockdown until USCG directives to revert to normal engagement
		- Restrictions Political Activities
		- Coronavirus Covid19
	+ ALAUX messages – can send to all not on official distribution lists
	+ August 2020 from ALAUX at

<http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP>

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| **ALAUX** | **2020** | **SUBJECT** | **TYPE** |
| [**24-20**](http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/024_20_2020_EVERYONE_IS_A_RECRUITER_INCENTIVE_PROGRAM.pdf) | 29-Aug | **Everyone is a Recruiter Incentive Program** | **Informational** |
| [**23-20**](http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/023_20_2020_AUXILIARY_ELECTION_POLICY_CHANGES.pdf) | 25-Aug | **Auxiliary Election Policy Changes** | **Policy** |
| [**22-20**](http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/022_20_2020_COVID_19_COAST_GUARD_MUTUAL_ASSISTANCE_CGMA_COVID_ASSISTANCE.pdf) | 13-Aug | **Covid-19: USCG Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Covid Assistance** | **Informational** |

* + IBYC - Saturday Evening Colors – every 4-5 weeks in boating season only
		- Members Doane, Goodwin, Wright
		- No response from IBYC
* **Old Business**
	+ Town Wharf Sign – Glen Gayton & Ron Boisvert
* **New Business**
	+ Scott to engage with Speakers / Officer B Murphy – Mark M? River Wharf?
* **For the Good of the Auxiliary**

**Glen reminded everyone to keep filling out 7029 forms. It is important for Coast Guard funding.**

* **Next Meeting –**
	+ Monday 10/05 1900 hrs
	+ A reminder for next meeting
		- Elections Upcoming – you should absolutelythink about what you can do!
			* Flotilla FC, VFC
		- Most people rarely feel that they have enough knowledge and experience or time for the next role
			* There’s lots of support – stretch yourself – we’ll all help
			* If you don’t try, you’ll never know!

There are a lot of appointed positions. Try something you may be interested in.

* **MeetingAdjournBusiness 2006.**

***As a reminder, I encourage members to attend USCG-A meetings***

