

# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Cape Ann Flotilla (013-04-06)

Flotilla Report - September 2022

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We held our monthly meeting on the 19th, as scheduled. Unfortunately, we were unable to reach a quorum after doing so for 20 straight meetings. Because of this, the business meeting was changed to a Fellowship event attended by 5 flotilla members and one guest. We enjoyed pizza and an introduction of Sea Scout Ship 5 from Skipper Lynn Coletti. During the month we plan on rounding up nominations for next year's Elected Positions (FC/VFC). Here are the highlights from September:

**Chaplain Services** - Our chaplain, Rev. Floyd Grace, visited two stations and two cutters this month to talk with active duty members and provide any spiritual assistance they required.

**Culinary Services** - Our AUXCAs have supported a total of twelve events: six for bases/stations and six for our own flotilla member events.

**Human Resources** - We had one new member prospect move to an "AP" status this month, he is quickly working to become "BQ" and beyond. Three new member prospects are currently processing.

**Operations** - No change - We have two members involved as students with the Boat Crew Program. Currently, we have no qualified boat crew or coxswains in the flotilla. However, our qualified TCO remains active each weekend on the "Radio Annisquam" HF radio and is training two new TCO prospects. We are also planning to add a mobile radio facility. John Mellen's vessel passed inspection and is now a Facility.

**Public Affairs** - Flotilla Members supported the Essex Heritage Trails & Sails HPLH tours (twice), the Schooner Festival and Station Gloucester Safety Day, in Gloucester.

**Public Education** - No change - We have 1 PE course in the works, dates to be determined. Our laptop, projector and training PFD are just about on their last legs, we are looking to replace them.

**Program Visitor** - MDV visits are in full swing on the North Shore, more than 200 visits have been completed.

**Vessel Examinations** - A few VSCs are still trickling in, the flotilla has completed more than 250 to date and we have qualified a new Examiner (Gerry Davidson).

**For the Good of the Auxiliary** - We talked about a fall Fellowship event in November (still under discussion) and we discussed elections for next year.

Minutes for our meetings may be found in the "members only" section of our flotilla website. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 17th. We hope to have a guest speaker from the Harbormaster's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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