

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 79 MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 20, 2017
Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI 02891

1. Meeting Called to Order-1902 hours

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Moment of Silence
- c) A quorum was present for this meeting
- d) Guests Introduced: Jim Crowley, Heinz Spielvogel, SCPO Beasley, BM2 Grant, BM2 Hyland, and SN Basquill.

2.. Flotilla Commander's Remarks / Report

The FC, Olsen reminded all that F79 members are invited to a dedication/commemoration ceremony at Station Point Judith on March 25 at 7:45. The Service Dress Bravo. Uniform is required at present, but this uniform requirement may be relaxed for Auxiliarists. The FC will solicit a final ruling and will notify members by email.

FC Olsen reminded all the watch standers are needed for the N.E. Boatshow in June.

3 Reports/ Remarks of Vice Flotilla Commander and Staff Officers

a) FSO-PE Johnson reported that only two people have expressed interest in a planned 10 week BS&S course at the Guild. This course will probably be canceled unless more interest materializes.

b) FSO-FN Griffith reported that:
He is being deluged by funding requests
Bank deposits are up-to-date. 'Looking forward to some receipts
Input to the NIS is up-to-date.

4. Division Updates

Division Commander- Pat Cunniff provided the following items:

- a) The Division will buy lunch for recipients at the Division Awards banquet.
- b) Design of the Auxiliary Coin is progressing.
- c) Regarding Mandated Training, Flotilla 79 ranks 4th place out of 5 flotillas. in the Division.

5. Ongoing Business

F 79 members were exhorted to redouble efforts to recruit new members and new vessel examiners.

Mention was made that the weekend of May 20th includes Boating Safety Day, as well as the Air Show.

6. New Business -

FC Olsen presented an annual budget for F79. VFC Hanson questioned FSO_PE Dave Johnson on the potential revenue from all classes. He did not want to change his figures. Ultimately a motion was made and passed to accept the budget as presented.

7. Guest Speaker Heinz Spielvogel, Retired police officer from the Norwalk CT Police Department Marine Division, presented a very interesting discussion of operations and equipment of the Norwalk

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8. Awards.

Awards were presented to two members.

9. Motion to Adjourn was presented and passed without abstention at 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Rudegear