

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 79 MEETING MINUTES
Monday May 15, 2017
Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI 02891

1. Meeting Called to Order-1907 hours by FC Olsen

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Moment of Silence
- c) A quorum was present for this meeting
- d) Guests Introduced: BM2 Grant, BM3 Basquill

2.. Flotilla Commander's Remarks / Report

The FC, Olsen mentioned that the Quonset Air Show will be held on May 20 & 21, and advised that David Kerwood would like to have some members help him man a booth there. [VFC Hanson observed that a few attendees at the April meeting had volunteered to man the booth.]

The FC also mentioned that Vessel Examinations this Spring have not been in high demand because of poor weather, but it is expected that demand will pick up as the weather improves. FS-VE McElroy needs a list of members who are willing and able to conduct vessel exams.

3 Reports/ Remarks of Vice Flotilla Commander and Staff Officers

a) VFC Hanson

Noted that the Division Change of watch will be held in Warwick this year.

Mentioned that monthly reports from FSOs should be submitted to the VFC with a copy to the Division SO.

Relayed a request from Division that forms 7030 be submitted on a timely basis, preferably monthly.

Suggested that it would be appreciated if forms 7029 were submitted within 30 to 60 days of month's end

b) FSO-FN Griffith reported

Dues notices for 2018 are being distributed

The Flotilla is solvent.

The books are in good shape, but not audit ready.

There has been some income from PE

4. Division Updates Division Commander- Pat Cunniff provided the following:

The Change of Watch will be held at the Ironworks on 6/3/2017

A class completed a TCT course, but the completion could not be validated because the instructor of the course had not completed the Mandated Training. [FC Olsen interjected a reminder that he can provide F79 members with materials to assist them to complete their MT requirements.]

Clearances for new Auxiliary members can take 6 months to obtain. However there are some signs that the system will improve in the near future.

Reinforced the notion that dialog between FSOs and Div. SOs is encouraged.

Pat attended 5th Division Awards Luncheon. The FLOTILLA OF THE YEAR WAS FLOTILLA 78.

Division-wide submissions of form 7029 are down.

5. New Business

BM2 Grant expressed disappointment that, as yet, we have been unable to observe Boating Safety Week. He will facilitate discussions between the Senior Chief and FC Olsen to schedule an observance in July. [The VFC suggested that in the future activities to observe Boating Safety Week be scheduled ahead of the Quonset Air Show.]

6. Remarks for the Good of the Order

In lieu of the June monthly meeting, the F 79 picnic will be held on June 16 at the Quonny Yacht Club. Jim Beardsley and Tom McHugh spearhead preparations for this party but they welcome some volunteer help.

7. Awards.

An awards were presented one member.

8. Motion to Adjourn was presented and passed without abstention at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Rudegear