

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
FLOTILLA 79 MEETING MINUTES  
Monday March 19, 2018  
Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI 02891

1. Meeting called to Order-1901 hours.

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Moment of Silence
- c) A quorum was present for this meeting
- d) Minutes of the 19 Feb, 2018 meeting were read and accepted.

2. GUESTS INTRODUCED:

Kevin Grant

3. FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REMARKS / REPORT

FC, Olsen reported that he attended D-Train meeting. The subject of member recruitment received much discussion. One technique to help retain new recruits, suggested at D\_Train was a "Passport to Success" form which FC Olsen passed around.

FC Olsen got some nice signs for display at venues where VEs are being conducted. The signs were offered to Joe McElroy to use.

The FC sent letters to some members who are not-at-all-active-participants. He explained to them that their presence on the roles adds to the Flotilla membership but their absence from meetings frustrates the Flotilla's ability to achieve a quorum at meetings.

The number of active members of the Flotilla is about 43.

4. REPORTS/REMARKS OF VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER AND STAFF OFFICERS

a) VFC Hanson asked staff officers to provide any information that had not been covered in the "Monthly Staff Officer Reports – February"

b) FSO -PE reported that with respect to the ABS course, 8 people have signed up for the 3/19 class at WYC, no sign-up so far for the 4/14 session, it is anticipated that many Boy Scouts will attend the 5/16 class.

c) FSO-PA reported that the March newsletter was issued. He inquired if anyone had not received it

5. DIVISION UPDATES

IPDCDR Cunniff reported that the Division expressed disappointment at the general carelessness exhibited in filling out form 538 (from paddle craft safety checks.) However, Flotilla 7-9 was credited with doing a good job with these forms.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

Members are requested to consider volunteering to serve as vessel examiners Instructors and Aids Verifiers. Recruiting new members continues to be important. FC Olsen is taking all of the BQ2 courses for the purpose of evaluating their effectiveness.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS -

The Flotilla still needs to devise program(s) for Boating Safety Week (BSW). We hope to coordinate our efforts with the Gold side, but have not yet settled on a mutually acceptable date. At the meeting we decided that May 19 would be preferable for us, and we would try to get concurrence from the Gold side. Joe Livolsi suggested that we try to get the State Bomb Squad to have a representative at our BSW event for the purpose of disposing of expired flares.

The BSW committee is exploring the idea of having a BSW event in coordination with one of the kayak retail outlets.

Now that Flotilla 7-9 doesn't have a facility, does it make sense to donate our pumps to some entity that can put them to good use. e.g. a fire department?

Similarly, shouldn't we donate our AED to some entity that can use it and can keep up with the maintenance and administrative requirements.

## 8. PRESENTATION

Dave Johnson graciously delivered a Power Point + presentation which provided a very interesting account of the establishment of the organization that is now the U.S. Coast Guard, and the role it played in WW I. Dave, as usual, piqued our pride in our affiliation with the U.S. Coast Guard. Thanks and kudos to Dave.

## REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

We need to consider staffing a committee for the annual cook-out at Quonny. Oudi and Sally agreed to help

## 9. AWARDS

- Teresa Livolsi congratulations for completion of the 4 hour TCT Course.
- Joseph Livolsi congratulations for completion of the 4 hour TCT course.
- Patrick Cunniff congratulations for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Award for Sustained Auxiliary Service.
- Flotilla 7-9 was awarded the Flotilla of the Year accolade.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN was presented and passed without abstention at 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ed Rudegeair*