

## Minutes of the Auxiliary Meeting held April 16, 2018 at the Westerly Yacht Club:

- \* A total of 10 members attended the meeting, which did not meet the required quorum.
- \* Minutes of the March Meeting were accepted.
- \* The Training binders were passed along to Joe Gemma who will review and pass along to other members.
- \* Recruiting: Sally and Oudi did a presentation to the Westerly Rotary Club. The owner of Avi's Ski and Sport expressed an interest in becoming a merchant for distributing Aux materials. Oudi is setting up the materials. Contact has been made with URE Sports center in Hope Valley to see they have an interest in becoming a merchant that will also distribute Aux materials to the public.
- \* If any members are doing any work at the station or elsewhere on behalf of the Coast Guard / Auxiliary, please be sure to notify Ken in advance for Insurance purposes.
- \* Other Updates: Oudi indicated that the next News Letter will be published in early May, so get your stories into Oudi ASAP; Joe reported that the inspection stickers have been received and will be distributed shortly; Avi's will be contacting Sally / Oudi about all Sale dates, so we can provision for Paddle Craft discussions; TBD if we will be doing a paddle craft program in Wickford; Easter Meals at the Station were prepared by Sally and Oudi, and were much appreciated.
- \* FSO-FN: Ken reported that Kit Griffith has been under the weather since late December. Accordingly, Ken has assumed the "Temporary" duties of the Financial Officer. Any auxiliary expenses incurred (and within budget) will require the submission of a receipt to Ken. Ken will reimburse the member via check.
- \* FSO-IS: As Kit will be in dry-dock for a short period of time, all 7029 and 7030 reports should be sent along to Mike Quinn, who will update the Aux Data Base.
- \* Boating Safety Week: Our Flotilla and Point Judith Station members will celebrate this event on Saturday May 19, 2018 from 0900 hours to 1500 hours. We will jointly be using the property along the road leading to the station, and the parking lot closest to the station boundary. Vessel safety checks will be done for trailered boats and kayaks on the side of the road, so the drivers can then make a "U" turn to depart. The station grounds will be open to the public during the event. Marketing and advertising for the Flotilla will be coordinated by Oudi; for the gold side, arrangements will be made through their PR Personnel. Ken has worked out a plan to have a container for outdated flair disposal. Subsequent to the meeting discussion, Ken has made several follow-up calls, and the following is a further update:  
*"All, particularly Committee Members:  
I contacted Narragansett Police who informed me that our plans of setting up a booth, pop-up tent, etc. would not be a problem and not require a permit. They also said that as long as traffic was not impacted we could use the little side road to the right of the Lighthouse main road. As discussed last night to the **EIGHT (8)** of us in attendance at the meeting, we can propose to do*

*VSC's on boats on trailers and, of course paddle craft. I can also take care of expired flares having contacted the bomb squad at the Fire Marshal's office. We will just need a few boxes that we can fill and I will transport them to the Bomb squad's disposal site.*

*I spoke with Lt. Steve Criscione of DEM. He is doubtful they will be able to attend as they have the Volvo Classic Races at Fort Adams where he has about 28 details and needs all his officers. Should he be able to free a couple up, he will let me know as we get closer to the date.*

*I spoke with BM2 Kevin Grant yesterday and he said Senior Chief Beasley may plan on an "open house" at the station - probably grounds only, not inside the building. So this looks to be the plan, Info booth, maybe a kayak display, VSC's, and sell the Auxiliary.*

*We decided on the hours of 9am to 3pm. If it turns out to be well received we could always stay a little longer. Oudi will begin advertising through his PA routes and Kevin Grant told me he would see about advertising on their end.*

*I would ask all VSC's to try and come and spend at least a few hours if possible as we don't know whether we will be inundated with boats/kayaks to inspect, or it could be a "bust".*

*Lastly, there is no rain date. If the weather is bad, we will call it off.*

*I will CC DCDR Koleszar on our plans to forward to District.*

*Any questions or concerns, please forward them to me. Ken"*

\* A motion was made and accepted to adjourn at 2000hours.

Respectively submitted; Ed!