



FLOTILLA 07-09 Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI 02891

I. Call to order

Flotilla Commander Sally Hanson called meeting to order at 1903.
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

II. Roll call

Quorum Check confirmed; minimum of 11 members present (35% of 41 members), all members signed the sign-in sheet.

No guests present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Flotilla meeting Minutes from 3/18/19 was distributed to members. One correction made from Louise – typo Dick Damon should be Rick Damon. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Dave and seconded by Joe.

IV. Open issues

A) FSO-FN REPORT:

(John): All deposits and reimbursements have been made. The flotilla has sufficient funds to operate.

B) DIVISION UPDATES: (Pat) Not present, no report available.

C) VFC: FSO UPDATES

- a. **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** (Dave) Unable to fill next class, only 5 people have registered. Scheduled About Boating Safety (ABS) class (8 hour class) on 6/8/19 at Guild tentative. 6 people planned for Saturday 4/20, but this is the day before Easter. May decide to change the day. Will decide by 4/16/19 at noon. Watch Hill class can accommodate 10 people.
- b. **Vessel Exams:** (Joe) Not present, no report available.
- c. **ATON:** (Frank) Not present, no report available.

- d. **PUBLICATIONS:** (Louise) Newsletter in process. Once complete, will email to Flotilla members and mail to the few that prefer this method.
- e. **DIVERSITY:** (Louise) Diversity awareness is a priority of the USCG. Update on NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity provided.

V. Presentation on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) by Rick Damon. Rick presented information on two DSC devices. These devices must be programmed with vessel information. Once activated, your vessel location is known, which helps if there is an emergency. One is a handheld radio. Another is a clip-on device, which is handy for paddlers who are operating a paddle craft alone and fall overboard. Once activated, any vessel that has a DSC would be alerted to your longitude and latitude. These devices transmit over satellites and will hit the closest tower. These are great safety tools.

VI. Commander Updates:

- a) **Training-** Sally will send out training summaries. Members need to check if a training is needed. Risk Management needs to be in compliance by 4/30/19. Members reminded about their Annual sanitation refresher for food service training.
- b) **CPR AED & First Aid-** Sally made contact with the trainer from that the Flotilla used 3/2017. 10 members took the class at that time. The cost for the training this time will be \$60 per person, if we go with the same instructor. Sally will make contact with them in the next couple of days. Discussion about using Flotilla funds to pay for 10 members this go around. Oudi shared that the Flotilla has the funds to pay for this training. Required for members in operation. Motion made by Oudi to have Flotilla pay \$60 for the CPR class, for those members involved in operations or logistics. Rick seconded the motion. In favor: all, Opposed: none. Motion passed.

Short break for beverages, snacks, socialize.

- c) **Old Business** – none
- d) **New Business** – none
- e) **Christmas Party** – Sally is asking for a volunteer to plan this year's Christmas Party. She thanked Jim and Tom who has planned it for many years. If interested, see Sally.
- f) **National Safe Boating Week:** The Saturday before Memorial Day weekend (May 19) at URE Outfitters in Hope Valley we will have a paddle guide to safety class and a tent with a table with information about the Flotilla. Sally needs volunteers to help, hours is 9am to 4pm. Will happen at URE parking lot. There was discussion at the division level. Consensus to have no official uniform of the day. Wear tropical blues or ODUs, or come in civilian clothes. For public events, it is not important what you wear, but rather the

enthusiasm of members. Sally is requesting that if you are volunteering to help, that you wear a uniform if you have one. Tropical blues is the first choice of uniform to wear.

- g) **Newport Boat Show** - Division will be advertising that they need volunteers for the Newport Boat show. Information will be on the division website.
- h) **Public Affairs** – There was a gubernatorial National Safe Boating in RI. Our flotilla will get information out there and flotilla members encouraged to help promote the event.
- i) **“Suddenly in Command”** Sunday, 5/20/19, there will be a training class offered “Suddenly in Command”. This will be a 2.5-3 hour class, and the Center console will be brought in for practice/training. Kudos to Dave who is being recognized for having a very interactive course.

VII. AWARDS – none at this time

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT:

A) Next Meeting will be held on May 21, 2019 at South County Police Department.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joe, seconded by Jim.

Meeting adjourned at

Minutes submitted by: Louise Damon