



**US Coast Guard Auxiliary
East Bays Flotilla 7-11
Aids to Navigation Team, Bristol, Rhode Island
August 2022**

I hope you find this newsletter useful, informative, and maybe even amusing. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Very respectfully,

Don Fennessey

Your humble FSO-PB editor

Happy 232nd Birthday U.S. Coast Guard! You've come a long way since August 4, 1790

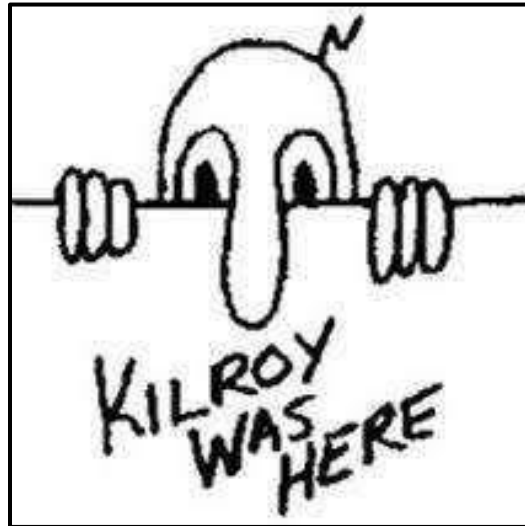
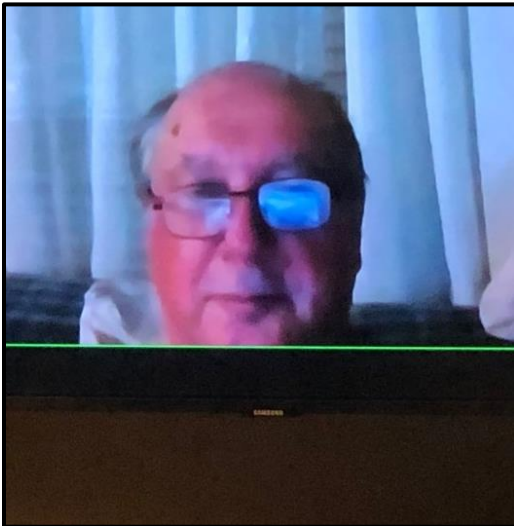


Flotilla Meeting Notes

Here's the flotilla brain trust hard at work



And more faithful brain trust on Zoom! Couldn't help noticing a resemblance to someone famous.



Here's a recap of the meeting:

- **Welcome, Initial Remarks, Call to Order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Introduction of Guests:** None tonight.
- **Adoption of agenda:** Approved.
- **Prior meeting minutes:** Approved.

FC's Report (Morgan Beltre)

- Castle Hill Day** – This will be a full day of training and fun at the Castle Hill Station in Newport, on August 27th. You should have gotten an email from our Division Commander Nick Butziger asking you to sign up. Just let Morgan know if you are interested by August 18. We expect to have six from our flotilla there. We voted to pay up to \$500 to subsidize the Division’s budget so the active duty Coasties don’t have to pay anything. We hope other flotillas would do the same.

		
	USCG Aux Division 7 Castle Hill Day August 27th 2022	
Saturday	0900 - 1600	Rain Date Sunday
Lunch: 1100 to 1300 CG & CGAUX Members FREE Guests and Sea Scouts \$5. MENU: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers Condiments, Buns Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Chips Watermelon, cookies, Water, Soda, Lemonade	Classroom Training Sessions Marlinspike (<i>knots & bends</i>) Eye splicing (<i>bring your own line</i>) Heaving line lessons P1 Pump Practice Boat Rides CG & Aux vessels Activities, Games: <i>adults & kids</i> First Aid & CPR Review Tug of War CG vs Aux & Sea Scouts Plan of the Day <i>on arrival</i>	
Let your Flotilla Commander know if you are going <i>Before 18 August ~ 75 Ridge Rd, Newport, RI</i>		

- REYR-** Is everyone aware of their status? See Morgan or Mark.

- **VFC's report (Mark Marosits) -**

Mark attended the Division meeting. John Hume and Pat Cundiff came from District and passed kudos to Nick Butziger and Brian Welsh for all they have done in leading Division 7.

Congratulations to Dennis, Raven and Kevin for passing their swim test.

Kevin, Brian, Raven, Dennis and Mark all hope to get boat qualified by the end of the boating season. Brian is almost VE qualified. Mark's paperwork is almost complete for paddlecraft instructor. He got a box of paddlecraft goodies in appreciation for his hard work. Our flotilla is actually doing stuff! Thanks to Morgan for staying the course as Flotilla Commander during these tough COVID times. Much appreciated.

- **Staff Reports:**

- **FSO-NS (Kevin Ratcliffe)** There are plenty of opportunities for participating in weekly patrols with Mike Quinn of Flotilla 07-06 who goes out every Wednesday night for 6-8 hours doing PATON verification.

- **FSO-CS (Kevin Ratcliffe)** The website is up to date. He is adding and replacing outdated documents and obsolete links. He has added the Coast Guard app on the Member side of the site. There is an idea circulating around Division that instead of each flotilla having their own website, there should be one for the Division with sub-links to each flotilla. That way all information and documents that are relevant to everyone would be available there, and info specific to flotillas would be accessible through the Division website. That would ensure all important info is updated at the Division level and would eliminate duplication of effort by Flotilla CS officers.

- **FSO-FN (Charlie Kovach)** Dues checks are coming in. If you haven't paid yet, send \$38.00 to Charlie soon to avoid a \$10.00 late fee. Send your check to Charlie at:

28 Greylock Rd.

Bristol RI 02809-1626

- **FSO-MT (Mark Marosits)** Mark will teach his last paddlecraft class for members on September 10 at Pawtuckaway Lake in New Hampshire. This will be a full day ashore and on the water.

- **FSO-PE (Charlie Kovach)** Charlie has talked to Rogers Library in Bristol about setting up a boating safety class. Proposed dates are October 15 or

22. Maybe another class during evenings at Barrington Yacht Club in October, too. Bristol Blessing of the Fleet will be held August 13. We have set up information booths in the past. Too late this year, but maybe we can do so next year.

- **FSO-OP (Brian Welsh)** There will be a Vessel Examination Day at Cowesett Marina in Warwick hosted by Flotilla 07-06. Contact Brian if you are interested. Flotilla 07-06 also hosts Ops training on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. On the water training is always available on Wednesdays with Mike Quinn.
- **FSO-PV (Don Fennessey)** Established CGAUX boating safety information displays at three marinas in Portsmouth at Melville, Island Park and Common Fence Point. He also inherited several boxes of boating safety materials from Charlie's garage. Obsolete stuff will be recycled, and good stuff will be displayed in local marinas.



General Business

Kevin had suggested that we work with local fire departments. Mark, Kevin and Charlie Jenison will talk with Newport FD. Jamestown FD offers EMT training which can lead to a state certification.

Update on Lynette: She's in the hospital in Boston. She's tired but feeling better. Send cards to:

Lynette Lopes
135 Abbott St.
Providence RI 02906

She is getting closer to the top of the transplant list. She is so awesome!

Motion to Adjourn: Approved heartily and quickly!

Next Flotilla Meeting – Wednesday, 13 September at 7:30 PM, in person with Zoom backup. Please join us for fellowship, fun and service.

Semper Paratus!