



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

Flotilla 7-11 wishes you a happy and safe holiday season.

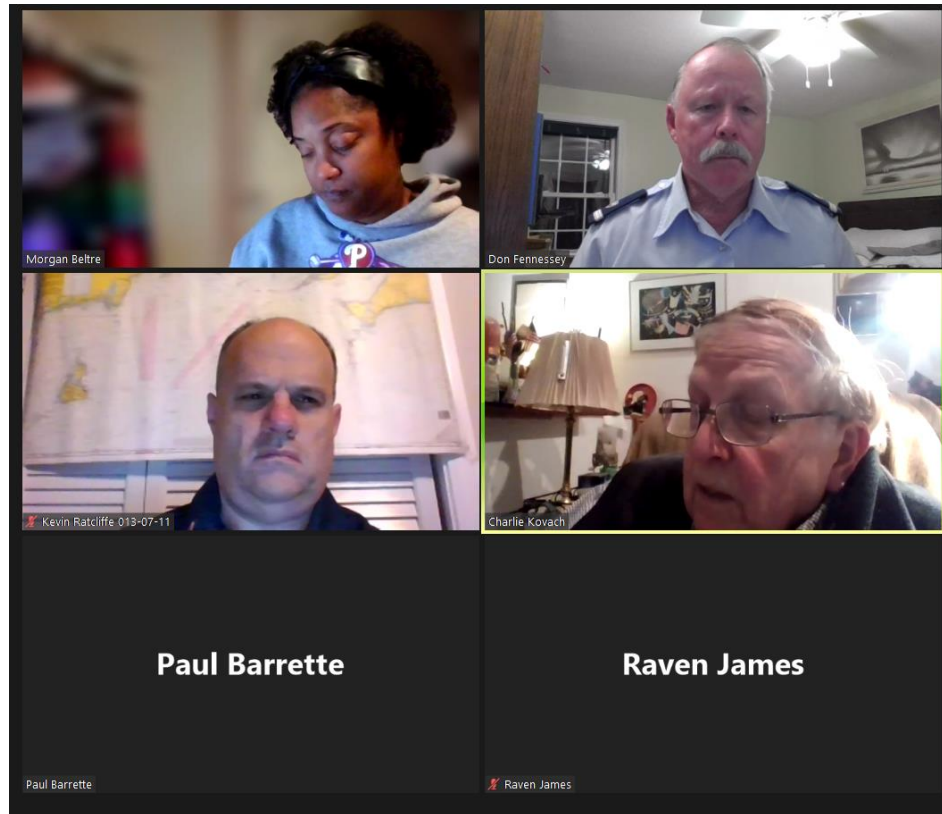
Very respectfully,

Don Fennessey

Your humble FSO-PB editor

Flotilla Meeting Notes

We had six attendees in a Zoom only meeting.



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.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Approved.

- **FC's Report (Morgan Beltre)** Notes from the Division Meeting:
 - Many flotillas are having a holiday party, but we decided it's too late to plan one this year, especially after the very successful party we had in the fall. Maybe something in the spring.

- Change of Watch luncheon for Division 7 and our 5 Flotillas will be on Sunday 29 January from 1200 - 1600 at Finns Harborside, 38 Water Street, East Greenwich. If interested, let Morgan know.
 - Castle Hill Station will be getting aircraft drops and helicopter work for our AUX vessels to work with in Narragansett Bay. They will take out crew and/or cox'n people on their boats as well as train with our AUX facilities. They would also like to send out Coasties on our boats.
 - There will be two big races this spring in the bay and AUX boats will be needed. Also boats for Swim the Bay.
 - Pt Judith is looking for AUX vessels to work with. They are assisting with the AUP Program that is starting at URI this fall.
 - Questions from the Commodore: Do you know of any AUX members that were certified electricians or carpenters and may be able to help with some projects at Sector? Do you know of any AUX members that may want to volunteer to stand gate watch at the sector during the week? This would help Petty Officers get more work done.
 - Is anybody interested in attending C Schools at NTrain in St. Louis in January? If so, tell Morgan.
 - Division sent all CG Stations a Christmas card with gift certificates on our behalf. We aren't sure if we will be asked to contribute. We had budgeted some money last month just in case.
- **VFC's Report (Mark Marosits):**
 - Thanks to all who served as Flotilla officers in 2022 and who will serve in 2023. Our new FSO-MT (Member Training) will be Dennis Chaves. Kevin Ratcliffe, who does such a great job for 07-11, will be the Division SO-CS starting next month. Mark Marosits has been designated as a national-level Branch Asst. AUX Paddlecraft Ashore Instructor. This is a big deal! Well done, Mark.
 - We expect to have five more fully qualified boat crew early next year – Brian Welsh, Dennis Chaves, Kevin Ratcliffe, Raven James and Mark Marosits. Good work, you guys!
 - Check your qualifications to make sure you are current in all your courses and avoid the dreaded REYR status.

- The Division's strategic plan includes Flotillas planning ahead and coordinating activities with other Flotillas. 07-11 members are asked to do some brainstorming before the January planning meeting and:
 - Compile a list of marinas, boat ramps or yacht clubs with whom you have personal relationships so we can set up a schedule of vessel exams and boating safety classes.
 - Suggest potential projects for Flotilla activities.

- **Staff Reports:**
 - FSO-FN (Charlie Kovach) We have received dues checks from four members, so that's good news. Charlie will submit an End-of-Year Finance Report in January.
 - FSO-NS (Kevin Ratcliffe) Activities on the water have slowed down.
 - FSO-CS (Kevin Ratcliffe) He has been playing catch up while updating the Flotilla website.

- **General Business** - None

- **Featured Training:** None this month.

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Approved heartily and quickly!

Next Flotilla Meeting – Wednesday, 11 January at 7:30 PM in person or on Zoom. Please join us for fellowship, fun and service.

See you in 2023!

Semper Paratus!