

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
First District, Northern Region, Unit 013-11-09
Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard

Date: 22 Feb., 2023 at the Martha's Vineyard Museum, Vineyard Haven, MA.

Time called to order: 6:05 p.m.

Time adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Salvatore, Dr. David Halsey, Chuck Cotnoir, Wayne Iacono, Brien Hefler, Brian Kennedy, Joe Berini, Tess Temple

Present via Zoom: Jules BenDavid, Steve Lewenberg, Louis Piacentini

Guests present: BM1 Bryan Freeman and MK1 Justin Harris from Station Menemsha

Quorum was met

One motion made and approved for \$200.00 for type 3 PFD for Boating Safety class

Motion made by Joe Berini, second by Brian Kennedy

Voted by all present and motion was approved

Meeting Purpose: Monthly Auxiliary meeting

Meeting Notes

FC Salvatore: Great success with Boater Safety classes, thank you to Dr. Halsey. A request for culinary training at Station Menemsha went out and we await possible training dates. We need VE (Vessel Examiners) to take the program and qualify.

FSO PV Hefler: Program Visitor is a great entry level position. It entails meeting people and interacting with the boating public. We can use a person to take over and I'm available to give more information.

VFC Berini: 2 Mobile vhf radios are available for members.

FC Salvatore: Let's work on getting more members. I have more meeting trips in mind, like the Coast Guard museum just over the Bourne Bridge, We also need to work on uniform compliance and will cover a uniform requirements at subsequent meetings.

VFC Berini: Our guests are BM1 Freeman and MK1 Harris from Station Menemsha.

- BM1 Freeman: Thank you for what you do. We appreciate the Aux and you can email or text us to let us know what you need. We will do what we can to have a presence at the March 11 Boating Safety class.
- MK1 Harris: When you Stand Watch it frees us up to do other things, and we are short staffed, so it really helps. Reach out by email or text to either of us and we will work together. Thank you for inviting us here to the museum.

VFC Berini: We have events this summer to staff: Harborfest (bring CG boat, do tours)

- MB1 Freeman: Woods Hole may be the one to supply the boat, that is their area (Oak Bluffs)
- MK1 Harris: The 24 footer is going away and a 27 or 29 will be here. We can trailer that to events. The bigger boats are better for these waters [M.V.] and will save time on the 47's. Senior Chief is leaving July 7.

VFC Berini: We will set up our pop-up tent at island marinas and carry out Vessel exams. This was very popular last year.

- FSO PE Halsey: Chris Scott is the manager of Safe Harbors, his number is (508) 693-4174.

VFC Berini: Other potential locations and events for tent and table are:

- VH Yacht club (asked for a short course)
- West Marine will have us back anytime
- Sail M.V. would love a short course
- Ag Fair – man a booth the 3rd weekend in August
- Beach Road Weekend – 10 tickets and a pop-up tent/ work together with Coast Guard
- Meet the Fleet
- Coast Guard open houses – MK1 Harris will let us know the dates of two upcoming in May and early August.

MK1 Harris: suggested partnering with local businesses (Dairy Queen, Galley) to distribute gift certificates to kids wearing life vests (“Rewards Vouchers”) for positive reinforcement. The coloring books are a big hit, please order more and we will keep them on hand for visitors.

(All present loved this idea and want to incorporate the positive reinforcement pitch.)

FC Salvatore: New Items... We need to take Diversity Training and fill the Diversity Officer position. Dr. Halsey will send contact information to Joe B. so he can send an AUX. intro packet for a potential new member who recently completed the Boat Safety class.

FSO FN Kennedy: All submitted bills are paid. All member dues are current. Dr. Halsey is donating the \$25.

FSO IS Berini: I will contact members to arrange AUXDATA training sessions 1:1.

FSO HR Berini: Recruitment posters will appear around the island.

- Aux. member Steve Lewenberg offered an ink jet printer for Auxiliary use. This idea, and buying a laser printer, will be explored.

Communications: Joe Berini has been working on the repeater operation and has 3 mobile VHF radios available for members.

FSO PE Halsey: We have a full class for the March 11 Boat America Safety class and 53 on waitlist for future classes. Brien H., Joe B., Tim C., and Dr. Halsey will teach the Saturday class and Brian K., Tess T. will assist with set-up. Dress will be ODU's. Friday March 10 set-up at 4:30p.m., West Tisbury EMS facility, State Road, WT. Saturday pre-class briefing at 8:15 a.m. with a post course debrief after the evaluations. Dr. Halsey will have PPE available and asked for handheld radios to be used for Mayday radio simulation. Joe B. and the Gold Side have navigation charts for tabletop lunch discussions about local navigation by Wayne I., and Coast Guard (if available.) Joe B. will make sure all printed material will be available and Dr. Halsey will include a COVID precaution talk during the introduction. Future classes? After July 4th?

VFC Berini: motion made for PE demo equipment, type 3 PFDs, \$200.00 expense. Second by Brian K. and approved by a vote by the Auxiliarists.

FC Salvatore: Workshops needed for the core trainings.

TCT Team Coordination Trainings coming April 10th at Station Menemsha. TCT is required for Watchstanders, Boat crew, and telecommunications operators (TCO)

Commercial Safety Training at Station Menemsha May 11-12 (to be confirmed.) Commercial fishermen have priority enrollment. This is a great opportunity and goal for the Flotilla.

FC Salvatore: Next meeting is scheduled for March 18. We can look at the following week (March 22) for a midweek meeting to accommodate members.

FC Salvatore: Benefits of the Auxiliarists Presentation. PDF with active links was emailed to all members and he is happy to assist with questions and more information.