

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

Date: 21 March, 2023 at the AARF Building, West Tisbury, MA.

Time called to order: 1809 p.m.

Time adjourned: 1910 p.m.

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

Present via Zoom: Jules BenDavid, Steve Lewenberg, Chuck Cotnoir

Guest present: Rob Oslin (prospective member)

Quorum was met

Motion made to approve prior meeting minutes

Motion made by Joe Berini, second by Tess Temple

Voted by all present and motion was approved

Meeting Purpose: Monthly Auxiliary meeting

FC Comments:

- Another excellent Boat America Safety class was completed, thank you to Doc Halsey and all involved.
- Let's look at uniforms and please reach out if in need of guidance regarding uniform compliance. The April meeting will be at Station Menemsha, please wear Troops for a uniform inspection. Many events are upcoming, and we can work together to get our uniforms squared away. This May we have Division guests attending the meeting at Station Menemsha.
- The meetings going forward will be on Saturdays at Station Menemsha.
- We have 5 people taking the CA training, and that's out of 60 nationwide slots available. Training involves an online safety course, 12 hours of cooking basic menus with a proctor and classes. CA's may cook at any location.
- 15 April we will meet at Station Menemsha at 0930 for Fellowship and 1000 meeting. I will cook breakfast for the Fellowship.

VFC Comments:

- 2 May the Auxiliary Annual Awards ceremony is happening in Hyannis, Ma. Hotel rooms are available.
- 24 May Officer in Charge BMCS White will be advanced to Warrant Officer and the Auxiliary is invited to attend at the Boathouse.
- I'll request a meeting with liaison officer Bryan Freeman to discuss communications and expectations with the Flotilla.
- TCT: Intro to Risk Management training will be held 11 April at Station Menemsha. This is the annual training for all Crew/Coxswain, Watchstanders, and Telecommunication Officers.
- D-Train is also upcoming, April 15-23 and will be on Zoom.
- Diversity Training will be conducted by Division on 13 May, uniform will be ODU at Station Menemsha.

- FSO FN Finance notes:
 - Opening balance: \$3,411.54
 - PE Class income: \$717.00
 - Grunthal Income: \$75.00
 - PE Expenses: \$558.41
 - Ending balance: \$3,645.13

FSO -IS Information Services: Open for training. All members need to be able to enter their own time on Auxdata II. I will send out an address so members can get a password. We'll have AuxData II training at our next meeting.

FSO-HR Human Resources: Rob Oslin, who recently took the BA class, is attending tonight and is interested in the Auxiliary. FSO PE Halsey referred a coworker for Auxiliary application packet.

FSO-CM Communication: Iacono and Berini have been Watchstanding at Station Menemsha. Mobile radios have been requested by an additional 2 members. I will send information to Hefler and Cotnoir regarding installation. That will give us 5 mobile facilities.

FSO-PE Halsey Public Education: 15 attended the March BA class, 40 are on the waitlist. Feedback included positive comments for the navigation talks and equipment demonstrations. The next Boat America class will be July 8, 2023. FSO-PE Halsey requests various demo pieces to aid class demonstrations and the costs were discussed. Items included: recharge kits for PFD's, portable hand-held radio with DSC, and ARC personal locator beacon. Short seminar-type classes and Suddenly In Command class were also talked about and a poll will be sent to past BA class participants to gauge interest. The price of the class was discussed and other places, like marinas and boating stores, looked at for potential students, interest and community safety.

DeBlase: People will want to attend and it can be a continuing education component for all Flotilla Auxiliarists.

FSO-PE Hefler Public Affairs: Checking on dates for community events like Harborfest.

VFC Berini: Posters are available to install around the island. Post office, Steamship, other locations of impact... contact Joe for posters.

Steve L. via Zoom: The public will be interested in the Suddenly in Command class.

FSO-PV Hefler Visitor Program: PV includes trips to marinas, stores, yacht clubs, shipyards, and marine-interests to leave literature, discuss safety features, establish contacts and form relations. Salvatore will join Berini and Hefler on future visits.

FSO-CS Berini Communications: Facebook and Website pages are updated. Halsey will forward media contacts.

FSO-MA Materials: More coloring books have been ordered.

FSO-MT Member Training: Upcoming Monthly Auxiliary Meeting workshops:

April 15 – Uniform presentation by Hefler, 15 min.

April 15 - AuxData II presentation by Berini, 20 min.

May 13 – Diversity training by Bruce Brady from Division

Other Trainings: April 11 TCT: Intro to Risk Management at Station Menemsha

April 15-23 D-Train virtual format, presented by District.

FSO-VE Berini Vessel Examiner: We need VE's! Salvatore and Halsey will take the test. Berini will assume duties of FSO-VE

Motion made and second to end the meeting at 1910

Next Meeting is April 15 at Station Menemsha. 0930 fellowship, 1000 meeting