



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region
Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard
MONTHLY MEETING – 22 October, 2022 1000 hrs
Station Menemsha UOD ODU

Attending: Hefler, Berini, Kennedy, Temple, Lewenberg, DeBlase, Halsey

FC Comments and introduction of guests:

Bruce Brady, Division Commander.

- DCO Brady suggested we look into Newcomer organization on island
- Brady also made it clear that we can reach out for help from other division flotillas.
- FC suggested we put together a Go kit for public affairs events.

VFC Comments

- DCO Brady hosted the election.
 - : Salvatore Elected FC; Berini elected VFC
- Budget meeting – (Berini will coordinate)
- Shortage of vessel examiners: We have 7 VEs and 1 trainee. Of the 7 only 3 are active and we will lose two of them at end of the year. If interested in becoming VE qualified, let me know.
- Poster mounting reimbursement \$37.18 for Berini – expenditure approved
- Approval of new Pop-Up tent \$650 expenditure approved – need storage plan

New Business

- Fall/Winter plans- classes, outreach and training.
 - Retirement/Holiday party, fellowship event- Many ideas presented
 - It was suggested that the Auxiliary sponsor the holiday party and invite Gold side.
 - **Need to have someone investigate the intricacies and possible financial aspects of this**
 - Gold side involvement
 - Members feel that they need someone to introduce them to station Coasties. Watchstanding is ideal time to have members accompany him. Lewenberg expressed interest.
 - The calendar on the website will have pertinent information as to when we will stand watch, planned events (Berini)
 - Halsey suggested that we initiate a buddy system for Aux/CG activities (Halsey)
 - Berini will work with AuxLO to sponsor more events with Gold side
 - Aux to Cook meal for CG,
 - Plan a patrol for Auxiliary members
 - Invite AuxLO to our meetings
 - Steve Lewenberg expressed interest in becoming an instructor (Halsey to Davis)



- Meetings:
 - Will have WT Fire station on Wednesday in evening every other month. Other meeting on Saturday mornings at Menemsha station. Entered in Flotilla calendar (Berini).
 - Every meeting will be hybrid (Zoom plus live).
 - Purchase better mic system for Zoom meetings -- Berini

FSO Reports

- FSO-FN: Kennedy: Account balance \$3653.44. All dues paid. Received \$75 from Grunthal
- FSO-IS: Berini: Nothing to report
- FSO-HR: Berini: Nothing to report
- FSO-CM: Carroll: Nothing to report
- FSO-PA: Hefler: No Report
- FSO-PE: Halsey: three First Quarter Boat America classes will be scheduled
 - Need to order materials for class
 - WT Fire station will be scheduled
- FSO-PV: Hefler: No Report
- FSO-CS: Berini: Updated Facebook page
- FSO-MA: No Report
- FSO-MT: Davis: No Report
- FSO-VE: none

Next meeting: November 16th: West Tisbury Fire Station #2

