



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region
Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard
MONTHLY MEETING – 16 November 2022 1900 hrs
ZOOM/UOD Civilian

Attending: Berini, Hefler, Halsey, Lewenberg, Davis, Grunthal, Salvatore, BenDavid, DeBlase, Kennedy, Temple

FC Comments and introduction of guests:

Congratulations to Mike and Joe with our gratitude for stepping up and keeping the Martha's Vineyard Flotilla...on Martha's Vineyard. We need new instructors and vessel examiners, and Fall/Winter is a great time to train and expand your critical skillsets in the auxiliary.

VFC Comments

- New uniforms:
 - New Auxiliary Work Uniform (AWU) information was added to Flotilla website. They are currently available – cheaper than ODU.
 - Tucked ODU have been phased out
 - Untucked ODU will be phased out in 2024
- Presented 2023 proposed budget to officers. Approved.
- Purchased Feather flag for events
- Wayne and I continue to stand watch at the station. They could use more volunteers. We are both willing to train. Contact Berini.

New Business

- Fall/Winter plans- RBS Class schedule, discuss and confirm, opportunities for outreach and training. Listed Boat America classes Jan 21 & Mar 11 on website. Two more will be scheduled at a later date.
- Interested in becoming an officer? We need them! If interested, contact Berini
- Community Outreach discussion.
- Holiday party, fellowship event- discussion and volunteers to plan. It was decided to approach OIC at Station Menemsha and volunteer to pay for \$500.00 bar (Approved) at their Christmas party (Date TBD). We will also see if we can include the 50-year retirement of BenDavid and DeBettencourt at the party (they will retire in 2023). \$250.00 was also approved for retirement gifts.
- Monthly training/recruitment/meetings at Station Menemsha discussion?



- VFC will schedule next officer meeting for December (Zoom)
- Instructor training:
 - It was stressed that Auxiliary approved courses should be used as often as possible. When offering MEP certification, NASBLA approved courses (Boat America or BSS) must be used. Instructors are encouraged to personalize the courses with slides or videos, but no material may be left out.
 - Other non-NABLA courses may be developed by instructors. However, a full lesson plan must be prepared and approved by the senior Instructor. Once the lesson plan is approved, a run through should be scheduled with current instructors for feedback, comments and suggestions.
 - New instructors should prepare a short (15-30 minute) presentation to be given at a Flotilla meeting and then follow up with a chapter at one of the PE classes.

FSO Reports

- FSO-FN (Kennedy): Finance report:
 - Purchased pop up tent: \$603.00
 - Purchased Feather flag \$200.96
 - Balance: \$2887.30
- FSO-IS (Berini): Nothing to report
- FSO-HR (Berini): Nothing to report
- FSO-CM (Carroll): Nothing to report
- FSO-PA (Hefler): Press releases and media campaign to go out once RBS Winter classes finalized
- FSO-PE (Halsey): Nothing to Report
- FSO-PV (Hefler): Nothing to Report
- FSO-CS (Berini): Added new uniform information to website.
- FSO-MA (Vacant): No Report
- FSO-MT (Davis): No Report
- FSO-VE (Open): No Report

Next meeting: December 10, Station Menemsha

