



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region  
**Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – 20 April 2019**  
Station Menemsha 0930

- Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence
- Introduction of Guests: BM1 Steven White, New XPO introduced by OIC BMCS Longval,
- Present: Joe B, Wayne I., Glenn Deblase, Karen K, Derrick. Steve Lewenburg, David Halsey
- Comments by BMCS Longval: New BM1 will be Aux liason- Lou Decker (SP?)- will be doing as much as possible with Aux, will be living in Mashpee. Chief Parent is leaving June 19th, all hands sendoff. Big project outside- upgrade Station sewage system. Moving in to the Summer: "I always had an approach with the Aux that my house is your house," whether it be keeping boat at dock, using boathouse etc., "my house is your house," Negative on tiptoeing around, just do it. 1st Annual Open House at Station Menemsha- 10 to 1, short day, merchandise sales, aircraft landing. Have people staged. Joe- all the dates are on our website in a list format. Harborfest is a go- for vessel to be at harborfest from both Woods Hole and Station Menemsha- 47 boat, weather permitting.
- FC Comments:
  - ABS Classes – old and new
    - March 10 – 15 graduates, 7 children
    - Next Class May 19
    - PE classes have brought in \$1075. Expenses: \$616
    - Motion to reimburse Berini
  - New member interest (currently we have 23 members)
    - Jason Flanders – Now BQ status
    - Michael Salvatore – Now AP status
    - Brian Kennedy – Now AP status
    - Michael Hathaway
    - Kim Elias
    - Robert Decker
  - Div. Awards Dinner 7 May at Doubletree in Hyannis. Special rate for Aux. Call hotel directly
  - Location of next meeting – Mansion House: May 9<sup>th</sup> 7PM
  - Health Fair at MVH: Berini, Teel, & Iacono set up table and had a good turnout. Handed out material on safe boating.
- Old Business
  - Crew and Coxswain training
    - We can train with active duty coxswains but will not get hours. Only Auxiliary coxswains can pull orders. Active duty coxswain and Aux Cx will do Cx check ride. Active duty Cx are: BM2 Joel Behr, BM2 Josh Boytek and BM3 Ryan Martyn
    - Glen said 28 hours to make Coxswain, 12 hours annual for both BC and CX. Joe said Gold Side can train and sign off if they are QE and can train with USCG.
  - Halsey boat:
    - Inspection completed on Mar 10 and paperwork submitted to DIRAUX. Halsey said it will be arriving May 23rd at VH Prime marina. FYI Halsey said he will be away for two weeks in June but available July and August.
  - Pothier Boat
    - Almost complete. As soon as boat is ready – will do inspection
  - Carroll Boat: having engine issues
  - Lewenberg boat: Needs second inspection and paperwork
  - Flotilla furnished equipment:

- Patrol flags & ensigns: \$132
    - Lines: Tow, bridle and heaving. \$235
    - Total: \$\$367
  - Will set up Go-Boxes -- up island and down island.
- New Business
  - VE Events: Firm up June dates. Derrick proposed purchasing VE polos for assignment. Joe- Motion to purchase three VE shirts XL. Approved. Joe said blue pants and boat shoes.
  - Station Menemsha open house: May 18. OIC will send list of needed Aux personnel.
  - West Marine table: June 8th table with paddle craft focus
  - OB Harborfest: June 22: Station Menemsha will have 47 if we can work out dockage. Want to charge us \$125 for booth: Hefler to set up meeting with Joe, himself and Harbormaster next week
  - National Safe Boating week: May 18-24
  - Cape Safe Boating Week: June 1-8
  - More events: Discussion
- FSO Reports
  - FSO-PE (Scott): A third ABS Class has been scheduled for May 19 at STA Menemsha. We are receiving strong interest in this course and expect that it will fill to capacity (12-15 students) as the first two courses did.
  - FSO-CS, CM, IS (Berini): Updated Facebook and web sites. Few 7029s.
  - FSO-VE, PV (Teel): Nothing to report
  - FSO-DV (Lewenberg): No Report Submitted
  - FSO-MS, OP (DeBlase): We currently have 3 members attending the BC / Cox school that is being offered at JBCC. I have also been working with Station Menemsha in establishing a training program with the Gold side for Coxswain and Boat Crew. We also have 3 members working as watch standers at station Menemsha.
  - FSO-HR (Pothier): We have added another applicant to AP status (Salvatore). Our ABS classes have been a success in educating the public and in recruitment. Refer to new member comments above.
  - FSO-PA (Hefler): FSO PA/SR Hefler April 2019 Report: Oak Bluffs Harborfest looking forward to having Aux and Gold Side boat at festival, contact person is Christine Todd, 774-563-9197. Harbormaster Todd Alexander has authorized a slip for USCG boat, I have not spoken with him yet as I am waiting to hear if a boat is authorized. His contact is 508-326-0908. Hopefully if we can have a USCG boat there they may consider waiving the table/booth fee. Also would like to invite Menemsha Spouses group to share table/space if allowable.

Met with John Collier, Manager, at VH West Marine- he is very excited to have a Auxiliary presence at the store and is hopeful we can be there at least monthly with the recommendation of Saturday mornings. Tel: 508-693-2906.

I am still working on getting my PA qualification completed and hope to work on a monthly Safe Boating column for either the MV Times or Gazette (or both) once I am more familiar with style guides and SOP for publications. I am going to ask Chris Scott for help with a release for upcoming ABS classes and a VSE article soon. Immediate column/article topics include PFDs and Epirbs (West Marine has a neat device called a Next Gen 3 which in addition to EPIRB features allows family to track GPS and send text messages with increase range). An article on Paddle craft safety, requirements, If Found Stickers and Oar reflectors is also high priority as the season is starting.

- FSO-MT, NS (Carroll): Risk management – TCT refresher on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Station Menemsha
- FSO-FN (Kukolich): \$1113 money remains in account after paying Joe for materials. Karen presented motion to raise dues by \$5 to go from \$58 to \$63. Motion approved new dues \$63. New dues of \$63 due no later than July 31st.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7PM Mansion House

Adjourn business meeting.