



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary-First District, Northern Region

Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard

MEETING MINUTES

17 March 2018

Training Room, USCG Station Menemsha

Fellowship - 0930

Call to Order – 1000 FC G. DeBlase

Pledge of Allegiance

Auxiliary Members Present:

D. Halsey, T. Carroll, D. Teel, G. DeBlase, J. Berini, H. Marlin, W. Iacono, K. DeBettencourt, K. Kukolich, B. Hefler

Guests: None

Discussion

Flotilla Commander's Comments, News & Updates

- There continue to be numerous service opportunities to assist the gold side and the auxiliary. Some include food service (AuxChef), Watchstanding, Vessel Examiners (VE), and Public Education (PE) to name only a few. If interested, please see FC DeBlase or VFC Berini.
- 7029's: Please make an effort to get the 7029's in on time!
- FSO Reports:
 - ✓ FSO-CS (Berini): Facebook page for the Flotilla has been updated (take a look).
 - ✓ FSO-MA (Berini): VE materials placed in cabinet; purchased VE Station banner.
 - ✓ FSO-PV (Teel): Will assemble a list of marinas, boatyards, etc. to be visited.
 - ✓ FSO-VE (DeBettencourt): passed out first round of decals to VEs; will request additional decals.
 - ✓ FSO-FN (Kukolich): No expenditures for month. 2018 dues will remain unchanged at \$55.

Training Opportunities & Activities

- National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is to be held 5/19-25, 2018. In preparation, a workshop will be held (tentatively) at the MV Hospital AV room on 4/24 at 7:00 PM. Confirmation of venue will be forthcoming.

- A Flotilla information table will be set up at the MV Hospital Health Fair on Saturday, 3/24 from 8 am to 12 Noon. Please come out and participate, if possible.
- A CPR/First Aid course sponsored by the Fishing Partnership will be held on Monday, 3/19 from 11 am to 3 pm. The class is \$25 and will be held at the Tisbury FD.
- A Marine Safety & Survival Training Class sponsored by the Fishing Partnership will be held on Thursday, March 22nd from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at Menemsha.

Old/Other News

- Joe, Brien and Howie attended D-Train in Newport, RI, February 3-5, 2018. Topics covered included New Member Academy, Mandated Core Courses, AUXAIR, Protocol and Recognizing Active Duty Coast Guard, Auxiliary on Line, AUXFS, AOM, Telecommunications, RBS, VE, Intro to Marine Safety, etc. Please see Joe, Brien or Howie for more information.
- Those members potentially interested in becoming an Auxiliary Communications Facility, please see VFC/FSO-CM Joe Berini.
- Flotilla members - please complete your 7029s.
- Chief Robert Reimer will be leaving Sta. Menemsha on 6/20. W. Iacono will speak with Scotty McDowell about creating a flotilla appreciation plaque.

Awards & Recognition

- K. DeBettencourt was recognized as 2017 Flotilla Member of The Year.
- B. Hefler was recognized as 2017 Flotilla New Member of The Year.

Because our next planned meeting conflicts with the Boat Crew/Coxswain training schedule, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM at the MV Hospital AV Room in conjunction with our NSBW workshop. Confirmation will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick Teel, FSO-SR