



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region  
**Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – 11 May 2019**  
Mansion House Hotel 1800

- Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

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Present: Joe, Wayne, Glenn, Brian K., Derrick, Mike, Jason, Brien.

Guest: Station OIC BMCS Longval.

USCG Station Menemsha Open House: Longval said it is the first open house for the station, his third with 24 years in the CG. Aux to take point on open house, "Two to three years down the road this will be an auxiliary event- it is my goal that the auxiliary really owns this."

Two to three tables set up and one brought by Joe. Longval asked we highlight EPIRBs in addition to PFDs and recalled a case of 2 adults, 2 children in the water who were overflowed by CG SAR aircraft at least 25 times over 18 hours before being rescued- "I think about that a lot, a \$200 EPIRB and they probably would have been found in a hour or two."

ABS course sign-up at open house along with CME/VSC sign-up. Division officers bringing coloring books and additional information.

**FC comments:**

Norman Somer is resigning due to ongoing health issues.

Dues and meeting survey results- Survey found most in favor of rate increase with 15 yes, 3 no and 4 unanswered. Dues approved as previously discussed.

ABS class moved from the 19<sup>th</sup> to a date TBD. Longval also offered Gold Side for help with classes. Joe reminded all that we need more instructors.

**Old Business:**

Facilities update- Halsey boat paperwork submitted to district for approval. Tim, Steve and Dave's boat awaiting inspections. Longval offered CG material for assets- rope, fenders, etc. "Our house is your house," he said.

**New Business:**

VE Events: Focus on increasing paddle craft VSEs and work to purchase and hand-out whistles for future PV and VSE events.

- Station Menemsha open house: May 18. .
  - Personnel stationed in the following areas to welcome/assist people as needed: Boathouse downstairs, boathouse upstairs, 24 dock, 47 dock, Station Comms, Station command offices & lounge, out front of Station to keep folks oriented in either the direction of the main entrance or the boathouse.
  - Off limits areas will be the UPH, the third deck of the Station, and the basement.
  - Personnel to help with helo tours and to assist the aircrew with drinks, head calls, etc as needed.
  - Have a table/display with safety gear including PEPIRBS, PFD's, and anything else deemed useful. If you need our gear, you're welcome to use it. Also a place folks can set up CME's and pick up paddle craft literature including stickers. Do we have a way to get pollution placards, oil

placards, etc for folks to have? What about Aux recruitment? What about donations for the Flotilla? You could also sell shirts, etc if available.

- Do we have any stickers or coloring books for kids that we could hand out?
- I want to push the recreational use of personal EPIRBS as much if not more than life jackets.
- Of course anything else you want to do. Perhaps public affairs support if the media decides to show up. I'll do interviews and help as much as I can. This is your event even more than it is ours. Let's make it memorable!!
- Uniform of the day will be ODU

- West Marine PV: June 8<sup>th</sup>, Derrick, Joe and Brien attending, UOD Troops.
- OB Harborfest: -- June 22: Station Menemsha and Station Woods Hole will have boats. Docks will be on restaurant row. We will set up table to distribute information and coordinate tours.

- Finance: Shirts purchased for Vessel Examinations- to be worn with blue slacks and boat shoes, Aux. web belt, silver buckle. Motion to reimburse Joe for purchase approved.

- Awards:
  - Glenn Deblase for Membership Growth.
  - Member of the Year Wayne Iacano.
  - New Member of the Year David Halsey
  - BQ completion Jason Flanders.

Adjourned 1945.