



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region  
**Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**18 November 2020 1900 hrs**  
ZOOM Meeting

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Attendees: Hefler, Berini, Salvatore, Teel, Kennedy, Carroll, Cotnoir, DeBlase, Davis**
- **FC Comments:**
  - AUXDATA2: I will continue to train members and demonstrate Auxdata II capabilities upon request. I haven't seen a single 7029 activity entered into Auxdata II yet to date.
  - I'm working on the new Boating safety course – **Boat America**. I am adding videos to the PowerPoint presentations. When finished, I'd like to run through a chapter or two with a group of our members for comments. Still working on the testing. Apparently the DEP controls the NASBLA agreement.
  - As per the latest ALAUX policy, VE and PV members will not go into REYR status for this year. I have inspected Doc Halsey's facility and it has been approved as operational for next year.
  - According to D1NR meeting notes, there is a very strong need for support for PE from District and National. The concern is marginalization of the Auxiliary if we go another season without classes. We are known as the leader in education and this could be lost especially since boating accidents are up 25% ytd. There are NASBLA issues regarding testing and why other states (NH, CT) can issue certificates with their online exam. MA DEM controls the relationship to NASBLA. The E-directorate did not approach NASBLA with regards to our testing.
  - Transfer of information and material for the new FC and VFC continues.
  - Please work with Brien and volunteer for FSO offices. Some are filled (FSO-IS, CS, MA, FN). We need volunteers to step forward for the remaining offices. Public Education (PE) will be very important for next year.

**VFC Comments:**

- Seeking members interested in officer positions for 2021, I will be reaching out to members individually as well but if anyone is interested, please let me know asap.
- Meeting times/days 2021- a survey will follow the meeting.
- First AUXOPS SEA class held last week, great participation from the flotilla! Mike and I will also be working on forming a study group for everyone before the final exam.

- **New Business**

- Outdoor social gathering TBD, if anyone has thoughts on a location and time, please contact VFC.
- Please contact VFC about interest in **Appointed** Officer positions for 2021. Please do so ASAP
- Virtual D-Train planned for March; I hope we can all attend.
- Change of Watch will be scheduled for January
- VFC-Elect will send out Survey for Future meeting dates, times, and location.

- **FSO Reports**

- FSO-FN: Received Flanders Dues
  - Opening Balance: 1083.34
  - Total Receipts for year: 1430.75
  - Total Expenses: 1125.23
  - Bank Balance: 1388.86
- FSO-MT: AuxSea going well. 1<sup>st</sup> Northern, Northern divisions virtual D-train information received too late. No one attended from 11-09
- FSO-HR: No Report
- FSO-PA Nothing to report.
- FSO-IS (see FC Comments)
- FSO-PV nothing happening
- FSO-CM: Watchstanding has been approved. Iacono will begin standing watch at Station Menemsha
- FSO-CS: have updated our Facebook and WOW sites with new information and pictures

**Next meeting – January 2021, Date & Time TBD**