



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region  
**Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – 16 March 2019**  
Station Menemsha 0930

- Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence
- Introduction of Guests: Rich Salzberg MV Times, BMCS Longval, BMC Parent
- Present: Jason Flanders, now AP, Joe Berini, Derrick Teel, Tim Carroll, Glen DeBlase, Brien Hefler, Chris Scott and Wayne Iacano.
- FC Comments:
  - ABS Classes – old and new
    - March 10 – 15 – 7 children
    - April – we have 10 more participants
    - BH put together Press release for future ABS classes with Chris Scott
  - New member interest (currently we have 22 members)
    - Jason Flanders – Now AP status
    - Michael Salvatore – Working on Application
    - Brian Kennedy – Now AP status
    - Michael Hathaway
    - Kim Elias – Working on Application -- delayed
  - Div. Awards Dinner 7 May at Doubletree in Hyannis. Special rate for Aux. Call hotel directly
  - Location of next meeting – Down Island? Tim recommended meeting at an area that is boater friendly to garner new interest. Possibly boat yard, harbormaster, etc.
  - Next meeting: Presentation on 7029 preparation
- Old Business
  - Crew and Coxswain training
    - Have been working with District MT and BMCS Longval. It looks like we will be able to use Gold side Coxswains on our facilities. It's a matter of working out orders. BMCS will assign coxswains from each section who will be here for a couple of years.
  - Halsey boat:
    - Inspection planned for April 10
  - Pothier Boat
    - Almost complete. As soon as boat is ready – will do inspection
  - Carroll Boat: We'll do inspection when ready
  - Lewenberg boat: Needs second inspection and paperwork
  - Flotilla furnished equipment:
    - Patrol flags & ensigns: \$135.00
    - Lines: Tow, bridle and heaving. \$167.00
- New Business
  - Change of Watch: Berini as FC, Teel as VFC, FSOs
  - West Marine table during Cape Safe Boating week (June 1-8)
  - Comments from Senior Chief Longval: First time at meeting, apologized that he has not been able to attend more, future meetings will have increased Gold Side attendance. USCG Station Menemsha Open house, to kick off National Safe boating week. May 18th, Saturday, "My request would be that the Aux lead this each and every year. I really [feel] this is an Auxiliary event." Tentative hours for open house 11-2 or 10-1. Joe recommended a subcommittee form to explore open house. Glen- I have lots of thoughts for more work at Station Menemsha. Longval is working to get QE's at Station for Aux. Longval- "I want what ever contribution we make to

build a foundation for the auxiliary. Longval will be working to get a station boat certified as an Aux facility. Parent asked if there is a way to have a interim certification for members to expedite quals.

- Longval EPIRBS: Asked what our plans for National Safe Boating week- VSE's. Longval asked that we push wearing PFD's and wearing personal EPIRBS during VSE's. "I feel like that should be part of the conversation." Parent said they cost less than \$200. Push EPIRB. I will work on article. May 18th Open House. Chris Scott: VSEs, lifejacket demos. Longval- Aux should manage tours- boat house and possibly station. Heaving line tosses for kids, Coastie the Boat. Having folks down on the docks to talk to people. Just a few hours, not the entire day. Spouses will be grilling and have water stations. Open House will have an aircraft land at Station as well. Longval- SAR demo for Meet the Fleet and have a swimmer demo. Parent: Set up a table in the boat house for Aux. Longval said he put out EPIRBS. Station contact email: [stamenemsha@uscg.mil](mailto:stamenemsha@uscg.mil).

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- FSO Reports

- FSO-PE (Scott): On March 10, a day-long ABS course was offered for 14 students at STA Menemsha. There were 8 young boaters between ages 12-15; all students passed the final exam. Instructors were David Pothier and Chris Scott, with Joe Berini assisting and Derrick Teel attending. Due to continued local demand, an additional ABS course will be scheduled for April, the third offering of this course for the Flotilla this year.
- FSO-CS, CM (Berini): Working on IT qualification.
- FSO-VE, PV (Teel): Nothing to Report
- FSO-DV (Lewenberg): No Report Submitted
- FSO-MS, OP (DeBlase): No Report Submitted
- FSO-HR (Pothier): No Report Submitted. Refer to new member comments above.
- FSO-PA (Hefler): Working on AUX PA Three course and creating media contact list for Island. I would like to discuss future press releases for Safe Boating Week and a AUX event at/with West Marine in Tisbury along with a VSE announcement. Registered for MVH Health Fair Table for fair on April 24th.
- FSO-MT, NS (Carroll): No Report Submitted. Introduction to Risk Management due by April 15th. PQS sign-off book
- FSO-FN (Kukolich): No Report Submitted

Next Meeting: 20 April; Time and place TBD

Adjourn business meeting.