



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region
Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard
MONTHLY MEETING – 18 January 2020
Station Menemsha 0930 Fellowship/Meeting 1000

● **Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence**

- **Introduction of Guests:** Steve Wagner, Vice Commander Division 11, BMC White, BM2 Behr, MK2 Waters-Maciel, Rich Salzberg MV Times
- **Attending:** Joe Berini, Wayne Iacono, Brien Hefler
- **FC Comments:**
 - Change of Watch was held by Stave Wagner. Berini, FC; Hefler VFC; Iacono FSO-CM
- **FC Comments & Events**
 - Goals for 2020:
 - ABS classes: We're adding two new instructors: Salvatore & Carroll. We should have a minimum of 3 ABS classes in 2020 – maybe more.
 - Crew: We need three new crew members and one more coxswain so we can staff our facilities. Crew Members needed for Aux patrols- Halsey's boat will be available on weekends. Steve Wagner may be available to crew boats this summer, esp. Halsey's boat which needs two crew and one CX.

General discussion with White and Behr about training on CG facilities and if there may be ways to employ CG assets for training.

- We will check and see if the 3 QC active duty coxswains are on AOM
- Participate in more community events – ideas are welcome.
 - Health Fair,
 - West Marine Table,
 - OB Harborfest, Meet the Fleet,
 - Ag Fair table,
 - Station Menemsha open house,
 - Wreathes Across America (American Legion sponsor),
 - Renewing flags on veteran graves for Memorial Day,
 - etc.
- ACE MV is interested in offering seamanship, captain's license courses, and navigation classes to Vineyard teens and adults and would be interested in partnering with us to provide courses we offer. I met with Holly to discuss further.
- The LAMS class will be held at Mass Maritime, 23-25 April, and 15-17 May. The classes are Fri (1700-2100) Sat 0800-1700, Sun 0800-1500. Food will be at MMA. Submit an STTR, if you live more than 50 miles away, to DSO-MT Don Ladd. All attendees need either reimbursable or non-reimbursable orders to attend.

- March 6, 7, & 8th are dates for D-train. It will be held at Gurney's Resort and Marina, on Goat Island, in Newport RI. The list of training sessions includes TCT and the 5 Core classes. In addition, on the schedule are classes in Basic Navigation and Plotting, AUXFS Basic Class, AUXAIR, New Member Classes, C Schools Information and Application, Introduction to ATONS, Writing for Publication, and many, many more. There are 35 classes in all...something for everyone! If interested, let me know.
- Recruiting: Remember we have a vital need to add more members to support our RBS missions. Always have your "Recruiting Radar" turned on, you may see potential members that you may have not noticed in the past. Auxiliary events and activities can be great. Many people are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity; the Auxiliary could be perfect for them. Joel Behr is contacting Providence recruiting office to get gear for future recruiting push.
- **New Business:**
 - Division news: Div 11 is sponsoring a beach cleanup day on the Cape ; They will also sponsor a blood donation competition. Something to think about on the Island.
 - VSC ideas
 - Advertise to bring boats to Station Menemsha dock for Aux Vessel Exams
 - Expand paddlecraft VE
- **FSO Reports**
 - FSO-MT (Carroll): Crew/Coxswain Academy
 - FSO-FN: Finance:
 - All members paid up for 2020
 - Issued check for 157.09 for canopy tent
 - Balance \$1083.34
- **Certifications and Awards**
 - USCG Unit Commendation for all members
- **Workshops**
 - 7029 forms and Uniform Presentation when we have a quorum.

Next Meeting: February 15 -- 0930 fellowship, Meeting 1000. Station Menemsha