

## US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard MONTHLY MEETING – 17 June 2020 1900 hrs ZOOM Meeting

- Members participating: Berini, Lewenberg, DeBlase, Carroll, Piacentini, Teel, Hefler
- FC Comments:
  - Covid-19 comments. Reviewed update 2 of the Covid policy via Zoom Screen Share
  - Advised members to review the June District Captain newsletter.
  - Auxdata 2 has been rolled out. All members have the ability to input their own hours and now have access to their training and certification records. As FSO-IS, I told members that I would set up training for using the new system in the near future. I suggested they set up their member page and review the other aspects of the software. Do NOT at this point enter any activities. The software still has some bugs. In the meantime, continue to use the 7029 & 7030 forms.
  - At the uniform inspection on June 1<sup>st</sup>, BMCS Longval presented the flotilla with the **Coast Guard Meritorious Team** award for the work we have been doing with the active duty -- watchstanding, food service, community events, station open house, etc. I will mail the certificate and ribbon to all members.
    - o Members present were Berini, Hefler, Teel, Salvatore, DeBlase, & Iacono
    - o I presented Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the flotilla to MK1 Jason Breau and BM2 Joel Behr who have finished their assignment at Station Menemsha and are being reassigned. They worked closely with the flotilla throughout their stay at the Station.
    - O Senior Chief also presented Wayne with the **Commandant's Letter of Commendation** for putting in over 300 hours of watchstanding and other duties with the active duty crew at the station in 2019.
    - o I received the **Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement medal** from Senior Chief.
    - o I emphasized how we all appreciate how special this recognition is for our flotilla and I'm very proud to represent all of the Flotilla members for these events. I realize that some of our members are still in Florida and others have their jobs to do. I'm looking forward to working closely with everyone in the future. It's a little tough this year with the Covid shutdown but we have already started to come back.
  - Other awards
    - o Flotilla New member of the year: Mike Salvatore congratulations
    - o Flotilla member of the year: Tim Carroll -- Congratulations
  - Our facilities are ready to go. As soon as patrols are authorized we're set. All we need now are more crew and coxswains.

• OB Harborfest has been tentatively rescheduled to July 25th. If so, we will have a table set up to distribute literature and we'll coordinate with Station Menemsha and Woods Hole to have boats available for tours (if possible).

## New Business

- Have been holding off ABS Instructor practice until things open up: TBD
- VE Workshop online: On hold due to age of most VEs
- Time to think about new elected officers. Let me know if you are interested in running for office (FC, VFC).
- Davis and Piacentini statuses have been corrected to BQ. Provided both members with ID card application information.

## • FSO Reports

- o FSO-PA: (Hefler): Waiting to hear back from Harborside Hotel for VSCs
- o FSO-FN: Finance:
  - Balance \$994.86
  - Dues package has gone out. Dues are \$63 for next year. \$25 of that goes to the flotilla. \$33 to District & National and \$5 for Division.
- **Next meeting:** July 15, 1900: ZOOM Will send information