



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region
Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard
MONTHLY MEETING – 16 September 2020 1900 hrs
ZOOM Meeting

- **Attendees:** Berini, Hefler, Salvatore, Halsey, Cotnoir, DeBlase, Kennedy, Teel, Davis, Piacentini, Granthal
- **Guest:** David McClure, Captain, SSNE
- **FC Comments:**
 - **AUXDATA2:** I will schedule a Zoom meeting to talk about Auxdata II capabilities in the near future. More training sessions on various Auxdata 2 topics will be scheduled if interested.
 - I have been in contact with Greg Fonzeno from the Education Directorate regarding online Public Education classes. He sent me information regarding these classes and online testing. He says that there are a number of flotillas holding ZOOM online ABS classes and I have asked him for recordings if he has any. I believe there are still questions regarding NASBLA certification but it could be a great way to get us back into the world of Public Education.
 - **Kenny Debettencourt** underwent triple bypass and valve replacement surgery. He is doing very well and wants to get back into VSC mode. As all of you know, Kenny was our busiest VE. Unfortunately he is over 65.
 - There is some confusion as to VE, PV, crew and Coxswain REYR status for this year. I will see what I can find out to clarify.
 - The stand down is taking its toll on everyone.
 - We have a new applicant: Chuck Cotnoir has applied for membership. Chuck is the former Director of the Dukes County Emergency Management Agency. I forwarded all of his papers to Diraux earlier in the month. Welcome Chuck.
 - Tim Carroll is now TCO Qualified and will be working with me to facilitate our mobile communications. Each of us have mobile radios that meet the required specs.
 - **Vessel Safety checks:** I have added this because there is much confusion by our VE members. These are directions from the District Commodore
 - All Vessel Safety Checks must have prior authorization from the District Commodore, the Director and the OTO.
 - There must be at least 3 days' notice given prior to the actual date of the VSC.
 - No more than 2 Vessel Examiners at any one time, in any one place.
 - There are to be no "VE Days" VSC's should be done by appointment.
 - **The only authorized way to request prior authorization** to perform a Vessel Safety Check is by utilizing this link:
<https://form.jotform.com/201624827092050>. All VSC's must go through this link. Once your request has been authorized, you will be notified.
 - Under the Phase 2 Update of the COVID 19 guidance, Vessel Examiners over 65 years old, and members of any age with prior underlying conditions such as heart

and lung disease or diabetes are prohibited from doing Vessel Safety Checks and will remain in **stand down**.

VFC Comments:

- Relaxed Covid-19 Training course load- members now only need to complete Blood Borne Pathogens course and fill out risk-assessment document to qualify for orders, First Responder Course requirement lifted. Members should copy their Flotilla Commander and Division Commander (Dennis R. Bunnell dennisrbunnell@earthlink.net) in their email to the District Captain: David McClure dgmclurecgaux@gmail.com
- July Captain's newsletter highlighted critical shortage of ATON verifiers. Members are encouraged to qualify, contact Tim Carroll for details.
- Mycgaux is being discontinued. Fair winds and following seas.
- N-Train still on for January tentatively.

● New Business

- Fall/Winter group brainstorm- while in stand-down during the off-season, what do we as a flotilla want to accomplish? What are some ways we can support Station Menemsha remotely? How can we increase recruitment during this challenging time? Please think about what you would like to see going forward, ideas, thoughts, suggestions and email VFC.
- Please contact VFC about interest in **Appointed** Officer positions for 2021. Please do so ASAP
- Flotilla Elections will be on 21 October at 1900, please RSVP with Joe to ensure we have a quorum. Brien Hefler is running for FC and Michael Salvatore for VFC.
- New Coast Guard news/information portal- MYCG, from Adm. Charles Ray: "You can access MyCG at <https://www.work.uscg.mil/MyCG/>. The "About" tab includes a Quick Guide for saving the site to your mobile device home screen, where it will function just like an app. Check it out. Please take a moment to tell us what YOU would like to see on MyCG – you can email the team at MyCG@uscg.mil. We're committed to making sure you can easily find the news and resources you need to succeed and ensure we remain ready, relevant, and responsive. This is mainly for the gold side but it has a folder for the Auxiliary.

- **FSO Reports**

- FSO-FN: Finance:
 - As of 8/20, we have received dues from all members with exception of: J. Flanders & V. Murry
 - Sent check for \$693 to National/District.
 - Awaiting invoice for \$105 to Division
 - Total dues deposits are \$1,078.
 - Account balance (after Division payment) will be \$1,098.97
- FSO-MT
- FSO-HR
- FSO-IS (see FC Comments)
- FSO-PV nothing happening
- FSO-CM (see FC Comments)
- FSO-CS: have updated our Facebook and WOW sites with new information and pictures

Next meeting – Elections : October 21, 1900, Zoom.