



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region

Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard

MONTHLY MEETING

19 May 2021 1900 hrs

ZOOM Meeting

Civilian Attire



Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Those Who have Crossed the Bar

Members Present: Brien Hefler, Derrick Teel, Tim Carroll, Jake Davis, Chuck Cotnoir, Joe Berini and Peter Grunthal (guest)

FC Comments:

- It. Is. Here. The boating season is just about underway, mandates are lifting and we are highly motivated, trained and vaccinated! As we finally emerge from shutdown, I want to thank everyone for their patience and hard work during a very difficult time. Staying motivated and focused during a pandemic is not small feat, nor is transitioning to an entirely digital format. Thank you everyone for the diligence and holding fast; now we can put all the training and work to fruition.

New Business

- New Flotilla Staff Officers- David Halsey, Public Education and Jake Davis, Member Training.
- Reminder to all Vessel Examiners- the new VE workshop must be completed and a self-attestation form submitted by June. Please reach out to FSO-VE Teel with questions and let him know when you have completed the course and self-attestation.
- If you have not submitted the latest version of the Covid-19 assessment form, or your vaccination status has changed, please send it to FC Hefler. Likewise, make sure you have taken the Blood Borne Pathogens course through LMS for credit as it is required for operations.
- New Covid-19 Mask guidelines and mandates- Gold Side Operations-if vaccinated masks may no longer required at the discretion of OIC. For Auxiliary operations, masks are still required when interacting with the general public.
- Discussion of tentative events- VSEs, etc. David Halsey discussed hopes for at least two classes, via Zoom if needed.
- Return to in-person meetings- rotating between Station Menemsha and West Tisbury Fire Station? When permitted.
- Reminder from Division that tests and courses must be taken through LMS/NTC or an approved Coast Guard or Auxiliary platform. Third party tests are not being accepted.
- Uniform Presentation by FSO-PE Halsey.

FSO Reports

- FSO-FN: Dues to be sent out in July.
- FSO-MT
- FSO-HR
- FSO-PA Press release for National Safe Boating Week and VSEs sent to *Martha's Vineyard Times* and the *Vineyard Gazette*. I will invite Rich Saltzberg to the first event or opportunity we have coming up, and I am hoping to get approval to invite him to a VSE as well.
- FSO-PV New supply of brochures ordered from national and free literature from National Safe Boating Council delivered this month.
- FSO-PE Plans underway for two live classes once member, instructor training completed.
- FSO-OP
- FSO-MS
- FSO-IS
- FSO-CM
- FSO-CS

Next meeting – June 15th, location, time and format TBD