



US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region

**Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**23 June 2021 1900 hrs**

ZOOM Meeting

Civilian Attire



**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence for Those Who have Crossed the Bar**

**Members Present: Brien Hefler, Tim Carroll, Peter Grunthal (guest), Louis Piacenti**

**FC Comments:**

- Happy Birthday to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary! Eighty-Two years young, or four years above the median age of an Auxiliarist.
- I'd ask everyone after this meeting to brainstorm not only what we want to accomplish this season but also, what your individual goals are within the auxiliary and how we can all work to help each other accomplish them. I knew this Summer would be amazingly busy but had no idea how quickly it would start and am hoping we can all work together to get up to speed, back out on the water and with the public accomplishing our myriad missions.

**New Business**

- Welcome Teresa Temple, our newest member!
- Logo discussion carried to next meeting.
- Tisbury Emergency Management Building and Vineyard Haven American Legion are available for classes. Still waiting to hear back on West Tisbury Fire Department.
- Discuss VSE Day in July- possibly at Oak Bluffs harbor, Tisbury launch or Edgartown finger piers.
- Discuss times/locations for in-person meetings.
- July 2, 1000 Senior Chief Longval's Advancement ceremony at Station Menemsha- how many members can/will be attending- UOD Troops with either combination cover or garrison cap- based on uniformity for all present.

**FSO Reports**

- FSO-FN:
  - No financial activity. Checking balance: \$1172.93
  - Received check for 8 ABS books from 11-02.
- FSO-MT
  - As of 6/21 Teresa Temple is a new member of flotilla 11-09

- Edited one of the prospective member brochures to include flotilla information and flotilla photos.
- FSO-PA
  - Both the Vineyard Gazette and Martha's Vineyard Times ran release on VSEs garnering at least two inspections.
- FSO-PV
  - New supply of brochures ordered from national and free literature from National Safe Boating Council delivered this month.
- FSO-PE Overview of Boat America Course:
  - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating courses provide instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. Our courses (virtual and classroom) are taught by experienced and knowledgeable CGAUX instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. They are offered in two modalities: virtual, video conference with CGAUX Virtual PE Instructors, and classroom setting with CGAUX PE Instructors.
  - Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.
  - Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.
  - TOPICS INCLUDE
  - Introduction to Boating – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
  - Boating Law – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents. Safety Equipment – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
  - Safe Operation and Navigation – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
  - Boating Emergencies – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
  - Trailering – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
  - Sports and Boating – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.
  - ACTION:
    - Working with Joe to complete Instructor Training (Halsey)
    - Flotilla 11-9 has list of 8 people interested in BA classes asap
    - Seek input form Flotilla 11-9 Members regarding promoting Boat America in-person classes in July and August 2021

- Venues for Boat America Classes
- FSO-OP
- FSO-MS
- FSO-IS
  - May Activity Reports
    - Berini: 43.0 hrs
    - Halsey: 22.5 hrs
    - Iacono: 14.5 hrs
    - Pothier: 5.0 hrs
  - Concern- it appears only 4 members are actually doing anything in the auxiliary.
- FSO-CM
  - Updated WOW website
  - Added 8 posts on Facebook page to date in June
  - Added 15 posts on Facebook page in May
  - Responded to 2 queries from WOW website

**Next meeting – July 14<sup>th</sup>, location, time and format TBD**

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