

US Coast Guard Auxiliary – First District, Northern Region Flotilla 11-9 Martha's Vineyard MONTHLY MEETING 21 July 2021 1900 hrs ZOOM Meeting Civilian Attire



Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence for Those Who have Crossed the Bar Members Present: Brien Hefler, Mike Salvatore, David Halsey, Teresa Temple. Peter Grunthal and Teresa Kruszewski guests.

FC Comments:

• We have facilities in the water, orders submitted, a location to resume meetings and hold classes. Looking forward to coming together despite it being one of the busiest summers on record and getting our missions accomplished.

New Business

- Logo discussion.
- WTFD available for both classes and meeting, subject only to availability. Discussed plans to transition to hybrid meetings and first RBS class in 2021.
- Discuss VSE Day possibly at Oak Bluffs harbor, Tisbury launch or Edgartown finger piers.
- Social event in August- possibly with/at station Menemsha?
- PV at West Marine, other locations.
- FSO-PE discussed Chris Scott at Prime Marina and arranging 2-4 PVs and VSE events this summer.
- CWO Reynolds volunteered help to any members/flotilla where needed, including learning paper plotting.

FSO Reports

- FSO-FN:
 - Checking balance: \$1267.43
 - Mailed out all notices for 2022 dues
- FSO-MT
- FSO-PA
 - o Release can be readily tailored and submitted to newspapers for RBS classes.
- FSO-PV



- New supply of brochures ordered from national and free literature from National Safe Boating Council delivered this month.
- FSO-PE Overiew of Boat America Course (see new page)
- FSO-OP
- FSO-HR
 - Nothing to report.
- FSO-MS
- FSO-IS
 - o July Auxdata Activity Reports to date
 - Berini 3.5 hrs -- Prime Marina PV, 3 VSCs
 - Concerns: Very little going on here.
- FSO-CM
 - o Updated WOW website
 - o Added 8 posts on Facebook page to date in June
 - o Added 15 posts on Facebook page in May
 - Responded to 2 queries from WOW website



FSO-PE MONTHLY REPORT 21 July 2021

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.

JULY ACTIONS:

- Flotilla 11-9 has list of 9 people interested in BA classes asap
- Seek input form Flotilla 11-9 Members regarding promoting Boat America in- person classes in August 2021
- Venues for Boat America Classes WTFD, MVY Airport Fire Station
- FSO-PE is working with Joe to complete Instructor Training (Halsey)

Overview

Public Education Classes are offered nationwide by our various flotillas in two modalities, virtual, and classroom.

- Virtual courses are taught by CGAUX Virtual PE Instructors™ through a video conference platform.
- Classes are taught in physical classrooms by CGAUX PE Instructors (postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions).





Public Education Course Flyer: Boat America

