

014-05-03
Member Meeting
April 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1910 with a quorum of 23 members in attendance.

Upcoming:

- Brew & Boards Fellowship Event:

Where: Strong Rope Brewery (574A President St. Brooklyn, NY. 11215)

When: Friday, April 27th @ 7PM - 11 PM

What: Join us for a night of beer and board games! Event is free and open to the public.

- VE Boot Camp:

When: Sunday, April 29th

- ABS (About Boating Safety) Training Course:

Where: Hudson River Park Trust

When: May 5th

Cost: \$35 (members), \$55 (non-members)

- Lilac Preservation Project Fellowship Event:

Where: Pier 40

When: May 26th (opening day), crew training is beforehand

What: Volunteer work to preserve the LILAC ship, promote maritime education, and offer a community - friendly space for gathering

If interested, please contact mary@lilacpreservationproject.org

- Air Observer Program: Training is TBD

If interested, please contact Mario abruzzim.uscgaux@gmail.com

FC Reports and Announcements:

- Accountability drill is being conducted sometime in May. This is a test of contact information and members will receive a text or email. Please respond
- Moving to shorten background checks for new applicants
- Fellowship event for FSO's (Flotilla Staff Officers) : Barbecue at City Island. Date is TBD
- Over the Bow: Our quarterly district publication has an article coming out on the John Jay Detachment program

- Upcoming phone tree testing. Date is TBD. If you are a member and did not receive a phone tree. Please email your FSO-SR bray.cgaux@gmail.com

FSO Reports:

FSO-FS (Food Service): Tony Carter on behalf of Bert Ongkeo -

- Upcoming May training for food service. TBD but will be a Sunday in May. If interested, contact Bert Ongkeo

FSO-IS (Information Services) - Jeff Rooney

- Public Affairs seems to be under reported on the 7029 forms based on the amount of activity. Please make sure to report and properly log in all PA hours

JJCCJ AUP Detachment Leader: Susan Pickman -

The John Jay Detachment has been busy hosting the last part of AUXLAMs. Four Detachment members of the Lower Manhattan Flotilla attended with two students from SUNY/Maritime's upcoming AUP Detachment. Several members of the Flotilla also attended with a few Auxiliary members from other Flotillas. The lead instructor was Auxiliarist and Retired USCG LCDR George Bond.

I spoke at the Maritime Security Conference East in Norfolk, VA and publicized John Jay College, the John Jay Detachment and the Auxiliary.

FSO-MS (Marine Safety) & FSO-OP (Operations): Bill Jefferson -

FSO-MS

- 1. AUX-MEES PQS-My goal will be to bring at least 1-2 candidates from 05-03 into the MS Program this year. A few members have approached but have yet to follow up with me, I will discuss at the meeting. No takers yet!**
- 2. MS events this summer- street fairs, Marinas, etc. Assistance is required from FSO-PA, FSO-VE, and FSO-PV to make these multi-approach events successful.**
- 3. AUX-EU Assistant Facilities Inspector. Sector is in need of additional Auxiliarists for this program. Interested parties must be AUX-MEES and/or AUX-MSAM as prerequisite.**
- 4. AUX-EC**

FSO-OP

- 1. BOATCREW TRAINING Andy and Bill have resumed boatcrew study/ training classes March 21 at 7pm and will continue until at least May 9. Drew Wilkins will be able to do inport PQS sign offs in two weeks.**
- 2. MY SURFACE FACILITY- will be available for BOATCREW training to members**

once all of the shore-Side PQS are signed off.

3. Boat Crew for 05-03; Drew Wilkins 05-10 in process to attain Coxswain and is willing to train our members on my facility as well as the other listed Coxswains.

4. Boat Crew Sign off for FSO-OP: I have arranged with Paul Scoca FC and Coxswain 06-06, to perform the remaining tasks with me so I can become BOATCREW, and then proceed to assist others. Then I will move forward to Coxswain PQS, with the goal of 05-03 having a Coxswain and a facility.

FSO-IS (incoming)

1. I am rescheduled for AUX10 in Phoenix May 3-6, 2018, and have been training with Jeff Rooney.

AV Certification Program

1. I am now certified as AV-PQS and would be glad to mentor any interested applicants to the NS program. There may be the mandatory NS Workshop this year, to be held May 12 at SECLIS in New Haven, CT, and I will advise.

FSO-PA (Public Affairs): Zach Perkins -

- Discussing Fleet Week/NSBW Public Affairs plans with Division Staff Officers.
- Attended Division meeting in March.
- Pursuing PA coverage for possible upcoming FS mission with USCGC

Katherine Walker.

- Continued posting new original content and re-sharing content to Flotilla Facebook page.
- Passed AUXPA3 Oral Board and received PA qualification.
- Mentoring Division officers on their AUXPA3 PQS process.

FSO-HR (Human Resources): Sandro Sherrod

Effective 01 February 2018 any new enrollments are required to complete the Basic Qualification II Course before they will be allowed to move from AP status to any other status.

Seven people have indicated since the start of March that they are interested in joining the flotilla. There is a district wide focus on Recruitment and Retention, with the premise that the binding principle that mentoring is what we should focus on to retain interested members. I am working with flotilla leadership to match a new member with an experienced one when possible to assist the new member in finding their way.

FSO-CM (Communications): Stephen Harwood-

- No movement on communication with other flotilla CM's.
- With Zachary Perkins, Â if possible USCG Auxiliary radio cache presentation
- Nothing further to report.

New Member Swearing-In & Awards:

- Eitan Chkechkov (New Member)
- Susan Pickman (Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award)
- Bill Jefferson (TCO and MSAM)
- John B. (Extraordinary Service)

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2016.