014-05-03 Flotilla Member Meeting Minutes June 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1909 with 23 members in attendance.

Upcoming:

July 22nd: ABS (About Boating Safety) Course

August 6th: FSO Summit in City Island. Details to follow. (casual wear)

October 20th: Radio Day

Reports and Announcements:

- 15 predicted hurricanes this season
- Paddle craft deaths down 11%
- District elections in October
- District website has been compromised.
- Boat crew QE common weakness: knots, man-over-board drills, and situational awareness
- Welcome to Chad Goldman as our new FSO-FN
- Bill Jefferson FSO-IS, Aux-06 Navigation Systems C-School, RBS Device
- Andrew Thurman, RBS Device
- Congratulations to the following new VE's: Stephen Harwood, Bert Ongkeo, Zach Perkins, Juan Carlos Sobrino

FSO Reports:

FSO-PA Zachary Perkins (Public Affairs):

Provided PA coverage and participated in Flotilla 5-3 VE mission performing VSCs at Liberty Landing on May 20th.

Participated in Fleet Week PA missions along with 12 other Flotilla 5-3 members, supporting Gold Side crew of USCGC Richard Snyder. Conducted tours of the Cutter, crowd control, running ship's store dock-side, working Auxiliary PA booth at the Intrepid, and photographing Auxiliarists for PA coverage.

Provided PA coverage of Division 5 Color Guard at City Island Memorial Day parade.

Submitted Fleet Week photos to SO-PA, ADSO-PB, DDC-Special Projects.

Published day-of Fleet Week content to Flotilla 5-3 social media platforms covering Pier 86 Manhattan activities and Home Port Staten Island activities, resulting in high social media engagement levels and shares of our posts by National Auxiliary pages, Fleet Week itself and the Intrepid Museum accounts.

Planning to work on Fleet Week content and articles for Fleet Week for Over The Bow. In talks with DSO-PB Linda Lakin to get more involved with Over The Bow

FSO-MS Bill Jefferson (Marine Safety):

- 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! I am however mentoring Jan Miller from 07-02 and expect her to succeed by mid Summer with obtains the AUX-MEES PQS.
- 2. 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.
- 3. AUX-EC Assistant Container 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-LR Assistant Life raft Inspector. Sector is supporting this PQS. I participated on June 1, 2018 at Sea Safety, Secaucus, NJ with active duty, and DSO-MS Dave Porter, ADSO-MS Gene Yetter, Fitz Fitzpatrick 06-04, Bill Antoshkiw 10-13; Bill and I had our PQS signed off by the gold side, we will need another site visit in Sept 2018 followed by oral boards with gold side to obtain the Qual.

FSO-OP Bill Jefferson (Operations):

- 1. BOATCREW TRAINING has completed, to date none of the students obtained sign offs.
- 2. MY SURFACE FACILITY- IS available for BOATCREW training to members once all of the shore-Side PQS are signed off. Repairs are completed.
- 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 not yet 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. Rich Helm may be able to resume patrols in the next few weeks. Then I will move forward to Coxswain PQS, with the goal of 05-03 having a Coxswain and a facility.
- 5. Vince to report on AirOps

FSO-IS Bill Jefferson (Information Services)

- 1. All submitted 7029, 7030, 7046, 7038 Forms submitted to date are in AUXDATA.
- 2. We must keep reinforcing submission of hours from all members!

AV Certification Program

- 1. I am now certified as AV-PQS and would be glad to mentor any interested applicants to the NS program.
- 2. I am attending AUX 06 Nav Systems C-School at TRACEN YORKTOWN June 15-17. Once graduated, I will be expected to increase members involvement with AV, and mentor same. Also, to become an active participant in making sure that priority PATONS in our AOR are verified each season.

FSO-CM Stephen Harwood (Communications)

- On 23MAY18 at the West Village Community Boat house on Pier 40 a radio class and drills was held with our flotilla being invited to attend and assist in maritime radio basic procedures. A lecture was held with a Q&A, afterwards a radio drill of sink my battleship was held broken into four groups on what was taught. Myself, Juan represented our flottila. I wore the summer trops uniform, Juan wore street clothes. The event was a success, can we see if can do more outreach like this?
- From 24MAY to 29MAY18 fleet week was held, cache radios were requested to be used. Net result more field training is required for assigned cache radio officer's to get to gold level. Photos were taken by FSO-CM Harwood and sent to FSO Zachary Perkins.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day: Â Any. Member with a valid FCC radio licsence on 20OCT18, also with an option to operate on the 19, 20, 21 for this event. In the past we've only had one member involved in this (John) as result he would like to see a higher level of numbers involved from our division to do this.

FSO-VE Andrew Thurman (Vessel Examinations)

438 new VE's

FSO-PV Joy Scher (Program Visitor)

- 90 PV's

New Member Swearing In:

James Lewis, John Meyer, Neil Reilly

Awards:

- Sam Koenig (Member Service Award)
- Susan Pickman, Victor Lubarski, Anthony Vasquez, Mark Feilhardt and Zachary Peterson (AuxLams completion certificate)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 2002.