

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Division 05 – New York City  
**Minutes of Division Meeting**

**Date: July 9, 2018**

Time: 1930 hours

Place: Harlem Yacht Club, Bronx, New York

- **The meeting was called to order at 1941 hours.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Introduction of guests:** Nelson Cancel: member from 5-4

**Communications Received**

- Election Committee
- Hurricane accountability drill August 13,14,15

**Commander Reports**

**DCDR – Mike Raffel: Present.**

**VDCR – Jeff Rooney: Present.**

**IPDCDR – Rich Helm: Present.**

**Flotilla Commander Reports**

**05-02– Sal Rivera: Not present.**

**Flotilla Demographics:** We currently have 45 members. Below are the totals from June 1<sup>st</sup> – Jun 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 13 AP status
- 30 BQ status
- 1 IQ status
- 1 AX status
- 1 Prospective Members

**Member Training:**

- 1 members completed their qualifications for VE
- Members were contacted by email and phone to complete their Mandated trainings and the BQ Course II.
- 79% members has completed their Mandatory Training.
- 3 Members completed BQ Course II.

**Recreational Boating Safety & Awareness:**

- June 9, 16, & 23: Conducted PV's & VE's at Rocking the Boat & Bronx River Alliance Flotilla
- ABS Class held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- June 24<sup>th</sup>: Assisted Flotilla 5-11 on Safety Fair in Rockland County
- PV YTD 135 were conducted
- VE YTD 112 were conducted

**05-03– Vincent Matsui: Not present.** See Page 6-7

**05-04– David Mooney: Present.** See Page 8-9

**05-10 Drew Wilkins: Not present.**

**05-11- Sholem Steinberg: Not present.**

### **Division Staff Officers Reports**

**SO-CM - John Kiernan: Not present.** Not much to report. We did events at the Hamilton House with very good results they want us back. We use cache radios at all events.

We will be having CG Auxiliary Amateur Radio weekend in October. It would be great if all division Flotillas get a station running for the event. I have been the only station in Division 5 operating for many years. This dose not look good as this is a national event where many Auxiliary units through out the country get on the air. It is a radio operation as well as a PA event.

Details attached. See page 10-11.

There is an Auxnet drill every third Thursday of the month. Starts at 1930 to 2000 on New York repeater then Seawern and Hudson all should try to work all the repeaters.

Received reports from 5-4 and 5-3. I would like to hear from all flotillas even if it is only condition of communication equipment.

**SO-CS - David Mooney: Present.**

#### **Websites:**

I have gone through all website in Division 05. Flotilla 05-02 and 05-11 have been nationally approved for 2018, Flotilla 05-03, 05-04, 05-10 and Division 5 sites have been submitted and re in pending status. My goal for the year was to have all our sites nationally approved, and we are very close to completing that goal.

#### **Social Media:**

Social Media in our Division has picked up tremendously. All Facebook pages including the John Jay detachment are being updated periodically, with the exception of 1 flotilla that hasn't been updated in a while. Instagram has defiantly picked up with flotilla 05-02, 05-04 and now division 05 all posting weekly! Division 05 and Flotilla 05-04 twitter accounts are also posting content weekly.

This month the photo below had the biggest hit from 05-04 getting 32 likes, 53 shares and viewed by 8,961 people on facebook and 36 likes on instagram.



**SO-FN - Russ Fayer: Not present.** Division 5 has \$6,844.73. This reflects last month's balance plus \$285.00 of previous receivables received, minus \$50.00 representing a donation in memory of SO-CM John Kiernan's wife. We have receivables of \$2,403.00. We have no payables. There has been no further activity.

**SO-FS Bert Ongkeo: Not present.**

**Food Service Program Report - USCG 2nd Annual Culinary Symposium for all CS/AuxFS members - June 4-8, 2018.** It was a week long of culinary training and preparation towards the Change of Command event at Sector NY. AuxFS Jeanne Audino, Zachary Strauss, Joe Villafane, Carole Ryder, Merle Robinson, Gary Chapman and Bert Ongkeo participated that week. With a guest of 550 active duty members and families during the Change of Command, we made beef tenderloins, shrimp, clams, oysters, grits, dips, cookies, cakes and many many more. The Admiral gave us a warm BZ for our hard work which will include a Admiral challenge coin in the mail.

Preparing for Coast Guard Day (either Friday, Aug 3rd or Saturday Aug 4th). DSO-FS Gallagher wanted us to prepare for an ICS response exercise with Food Service Training included.



**SO-HR - Sandro Sherrod: Not present.**

**SO-IM - Alexander Rico: Not present.**

**SO-IS - Jeff Rooney: Present.**

**SO- MA - Sholem Steinberg: Not present.**

Placed order for PA event in Rockland County. Helped FSO-Mas with placing new orders. Still have plenty of inventory. We also have 2 Pull-Up displays available for events. I sent out requests for Monthly reports from the FSO-MAs and here is the response:

**FSO-Reports**

**05-02** FSO - MA *Francisco Santos* - Nothing new to report.

**05-03** FSO - MA *Cristin Buiciuc* - No response.

**05-04** FSO - MA *Peter Antonio Barcia* - Nothing to report

**05-10** FSO - MA *Drew Wilkins* - Nothing to report.

**05-11** FSO - MA *Sholem Steinberg* - Ordered and provided materials for PVs, VEs, and PAs.

**SO-MS - William Jefferson: Present.**

1. AUX-MEES PQS-My goal will be to bring at least 1-2 candidates from Div 5 into the MS Program this year. Michael Barth should be completing AUX-MSAM this year. I am mentoring Jan Miller from 07-02 and expect her to succeed by mid Summer with obtains the AUX-MEES PQS. All FCs please send any interested candidates through your FSO-MS or they can contact me directly!

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.

5. Next event at the Intrepid will be the Space and Science Festival in September. This should be a Division wide event!

**SO-MT - Norm Harris: Not present.**

The following Member Training completed for the month of June.

-10 new BQ members qualified.

- 4 new VE members qualified.

- 3 boat crew trainees participated in OTW training while on MOM patrol.

**SO-NS - Ralph O Irizarry: Not present.**

**SO-OP - Rich Helm: Present.**

**SO-PA - Jose Pena: Present.** Nothing to report.

**SO-PB - William Winslow: Not present.** Three stories running in the July 2018 issue of BoatingtimeLI. "Don't Do What I Did", "Eating Well Aboard", and "Letters to the Editor Plastic Pollution"

**SO-PE - Drew Wilkins: Not present.**

**SO-PV Paul Soden: Not present.**

Even though weather in the second quarter was not the best, we have had some stunning increases in PVs. For the first half of 2017 we had a total for all Flotillas of 392 PVs. For the first half of 2018 we had 840 PVs!!

The breakdown is as follows:

Flotilla	2017	2018
02	46	159
03	104	42
04	182	532
10	3	9
11	57	98
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	392	840

**SO-VE - Andrew Thurman: Not present.**

**SO-SR - Monique Fiore: Present.** Please make sure to submit your reports on time.

**STAKP - Rich Helm: Present.**

**STANY - John Gallagher: Not present.**

**Auxiliary University Program - Susan Pickman Not present.**

**Old Business**  
City of Water  
FSO Summit BBQ

**New Business**

Election Committee

1. Rich Hel
2. Ed Stone
3. Dan Green

Hurricane accountability drill August 13,14,15

**Adjournment of Business Meeting**

Meeting adjourned By: Joe Pena and Edward Stone.

Minutes taken by Monique Fiore.



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**What’s happened since last Division meeting:**

- Flotilla membership numbers 117, with 3 new members joining in the past month. 21 officers and assistants manage the Lower Manhattan Flotilla.
- Andrew Thurman and Bill Jefferson to be awarded RBS Device for significant Auxiliary RBS contributions in 2017 and 2018, joining Tony Carter in this award.
- Bill Jefferson establishing connections for District Aux-Build with Sector NY, eg joining Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Sandy Hook Station July 3.
- Stephen Harwood is preparing flotilla for Aux-Telecom event: Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day, October 20th - register by September 15th, POC Dan Amoroso: w3di@arri.net. He has also provided radio comms training to Village Community Boat House with assistance of Juan Carlos Sobrino in late May.
- Juan Carlos Sobrino, with assist from Allan Peda, gave a well attended ABS class at the HRPT facility mid-June.
- Bert Ongkeo reports extensive FS activities throughout May, including service aboard the Katherine Walker, Staten Island Welcomes Our Heroes, Fleet Week service aboard 3 CG cutters (close to 1,000 meals), and the CG Culinary Symposium - Admiral's challenge coin awarded to Aux-FS attendees.
- Lower Manhattan Flotilla still awaiting its National Diversity award.
- John Jay Detachment has donation of ODU's from the Association - Division see Alex Rivas if interested in note available sizes below:

Operational Coat (Size: 32 Extra Small)
Operational Coat (Size: 32 Long)
Operational Coat (Size: 34 Extra Extra Short)
Operational Coat (Size: 34 Extra Short)
Operational Coat (Size: 38 Extra Extra Short)
Operational Coat (Size: 40 Extra Extra Short)
Operational Coat (Size: 44 Extra Short)
Operational Coat (Size: 45 Regular)
Operational Coat (Size: 45 Extra Long)
— OPERATIONAL TROUSER —
Operational Trousers (Waist 39" – Inseam 26.5-39.5)
Operational Trousers (Waist 43" – Inseam 38.5)

received a CGAUX members please securing a free set;

**Upcoming Events:**

- Results of National FC Survey - when available?
- Continue to book 7030 operations hours in Surface and AuxAir patrols this summer, and provide training to interested members. AuxAir observer training led by Mario Abruzzi.

**Status of Long Term Goals:**

- Quals and Training: Our strong RBS presence including PE, FS, MS, and PA competencies need to be further leveraged with the membership: 4 new VE's trained in May.
- New Member Quals: nothing new to note this period.
- Increasing number of FSO assistants remains a priority.

**What Help is Required and From Whom**

- Full day MANTR training session and AuxOp courses desirable, e.g., weather, advanced coastal navigation, AuxCom, TCO.

**End of Report**

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
First District Southern Region  
Division 5 New York City  
Flotilla 05-04 City Island

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**Flotilla Commander Report (July)**

**Flotilla Demographics**

Flotilla 05-04 has 47 members: (2 new applications sent in)

- 5 in AP status **(no change)**
- 1 in IQ status **(no change)**
- 40 in BQ status **(no change)**



- 1 AX2
- 12 retired

### Member Training

- 44 members have completed MANTR (94%) **(no change)**
- 47 members have completed skills bank (100%) **+5**
- 2 members need to complete AUXPAL BQ PQS **(no change)**

### Qualifications

- 9 Vessel Examiners (2 Trainee's)
  - **+2** new Certified
    - 1 newly certified from 05-03-001
    - 1 newly certified from 05-11
- 13 Marine Dealer Visitors
  - **+1** new Certified
    - **1 from 05-04**
    - 1 from 05-03-001
- 10 Instructors (2 trainee's)
  - **+1** new Certified (2 additional pending certification)
- 5 Boat Crew (10 trainees currently in BC class)
  - 2 trainees from the class have been underway
- 2 Coxswains

Our Visibility initiative is underway, our program visitors and vessel examiners are out every Saturday and sometimes Sundays walking the street and docks, letting the public know that we are here to assist with their boating safety needs.

We currently have **454** program visits. That is up **+165** visits from this time last year.

We hosted a 3 day and 1 day ABS class this month, we have another 3 day course coming up in July

We Currently have **97** vessel exams. That is down **-23** from last year. We are getting a lot of "First Time" vessel exams, 80% fail first time around. This is a big learning experience for the Captains. We also have a new "Jet Ski Club" in the area which brings in 25 jet skiers. The President of the club would like everyone to pass the inspection and we are working with them to achieve that goal.

Last weekend in June was Operation Dry Water. Flotilla 05-04 is a registered participating Agency and for the weeks prior have been spreading the message of the campaign to boaters at marinas, local Bars and Dock n Dine Restaurants.

We have completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol of the Year which had 3 trainees' onboard. The Crew who were on security detail for the Orchard Beach Fire Works had our first SAR of the Season towing a disable vessel that was in the path of the Fireworks Barge. BRAVO ZULU!

Its Dues Season. Our Dues letters was sent out to all members on July 1st. Dues Deadline for 05-04 is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have spent the last 2 months doing "spring cleaning" reaching out to those members who are MIA, are outstanding with mandatory training, have 0 hours recorded, and have no qualifications. We tried working with them to help coach them onto the right path.



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National Response Directorate  
Telecommunications Division

## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY SPECIAL EVENT RADIO DAY

Special Event Station Guide:  
Saturday - October 20, 2018

This year Stations have the option to operate on  
October 19, 20 , 21 - Any or All days if they desire.

### Purposes of Event

- Commemorate 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S.C.G. Auxiliary
- Spread the word on the event and purpose of C.G. Aux.
- Get members and non- members involved with Comms.

- Involve any communications staff in “hands on” participation
- Bring new members into the Auxiliary
- Enjoy Auxiliary fellowship
- Honor our Military Veterans

#### Special Event Station Requirement

- Amateur radio band H.F. and VHF frequencies only.
- Each official station must have a minimum of “one” H.F. station operating during the event!
- Invite members and non- members to visit your station during the event (Try to get others to attend )
- Explain purpose of CG Aux. to interested contacts.
- All stations must get their “1 X 1” call sign by going to: <http://www.1x1callsigns.org/index.php/request/request>
- Last day to register as a 1 X 1 event station (with Dan Amoroso BA – RTP) is: 15 SEPT 2018

#### PRIOR TO EVENT

1. Get Call Sign at : <http://www.1x1callsigns.org/index.php/request/request>
  - Click on the website shown above
  - Enter a 1 X 1 call - your choice
  - Select Coordinator of your choice
  - Enter beginning/ending operating dates for your event
  - Enter name of event (USCG AUX. 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
  - Your name as it appears on your operator’s license
  - Your current station call sign
  - Your mailing address
  - Your e mail address
  - Daytime telephone number
  - Hit “ Save”
  - You Will “Not” get a confirmation – Search database for call
2. Send e mail with your name & 1 X 1 call sign to: [w3di@arrl.net](mailto:w3di@arrl.net)
3. Stations may operate on voice, digital modes, or both.
4. Each station should announce their event information in C.G. Auxiliary newsletters, magazines, and local papers [Contact your CM, PB and PA officers]
5. Send your special event information to QST magazine at: <http://www.arrl.org/special-events-application>

“Sample” QST magazine entry:

Philadelphia, PA: US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 1400Z-2200Z – NOV 11, 2017.  
Commemorating USCG Aux. 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.

QSL cards will be supplied to all authorized

“Special Event Stations” after the event.

Or stations can make their own QSL cards that must be approved by National Staff.

During the Special Event

Keep a log of all contacts: Call sign, name, location.

Inform contacts to send an “SASE” to your address to receive a commemorative QSL card.

Try to Contact as many “ Special Event Stations” as possible.

Send “ QSL” requests after event along with info below:

1. Total number of contacts
2. Total number of States contacted
3. Total number of Countries contacted

4. Total number of "Special Event Stations" contacted
5. List any staff that attended.
6. Special contacts: lighthouse, Boy Scouts, battleships, etc.
7. Send photos of your event station and participants
8. Your mailing address

Send above information to: Dan Amoroso : [w3di@arrl.net](mailto:w3di@arrl.net)

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me. Most important item: "make it a fun day" as you celebrate the Coast Guard Auxiliary 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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