United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Division 05 – New York City

**Minutes of Division Meeting**

**Date: November 6, 2017**

Time: 1930 hours

Place: MIO Building, NY New York

* **The meeting was called to order at 1938 hours.**
* **Pledge of Allegiance.**
* **Introduction of guests:**

**Communications Received**

* LDA: uniform of the day will be winter dress blues.

**Commander Reports**

**DCDR – Mike Raffel:** **Present** NYC terror attack, make sure you are careful while wearing your uniform. Operation Wild Water, a wonderful idea for the AUP students at John Jay. New requirements for uniforms.

**VDCR – Jeff Rooney: Present**

**IPDCDR – Rich Helm: Present**

**Flotilla Commander Reports**

**05-02– Sal Rivera:** **Not present.**

**05-03– Vincent Matsui:** **Present.** See Page 5-6

**05-04– David Mooney: Present.** Still stand at 40 members. 7 pending new member applications. PV: 498, VE: 295. 1 more ABS class scheduled for the end of the year plus a private ABS class for 15 sea cadets that should happen before the end of the year. Enrollment day with 7 new applications all have done ICS. FSO PA Joe Pena has been at 2 career days at a school in the Bronx, a career day about the Coast Guard and boating education. OCS staff officer training Nov 20.

**05-10 Alan Peda:** **Present.** Had a workshop for Mandated training. 3 new members pending.

**05-11– Sholem Steinberg:** **Present.** Had Elections.

**Division Staff Officers Reports**

**SO-CM – John Kiernan:** **Not present.**  I will be operating W2K Auxiliary special event station on Nov 11 form 1200 to 1800. I have hope to do it on the Baylander however another radio group beat me to it. Anyway due to some home issues it worked for the best. I will be operating from my home base station  If you wish to drop by you are welcome to do so and work the station if you like. Reminder if you are plaining to be at Sector NY on Marathon day you have been requested to bring Auxiliary radios that are programed for the Auxiliary net frequencies. The Cache radios are so programed so FSO-CM should issue to any members participating at sector. FSO-CMs should be keeping a log on use and maintenance of the radios on a monthly basis.

**SO-CS – David Mooney:** **Present.** Updated calender with whatever information I received from everyone. The last post I did was about the uniforms which was shared over 40 times and has over 1000 likes. Everything else is up to date.

**SO-FN – Russ Fayer:** **Not present.**  Division 5 has $5,839.98. I just paid $66.00 for District and National 3rd quarter dues and will be sending bills out to Flotillas 5-2 and 5-3 for $87.00 for the same. I just received a bill for $417.50 for reimbursement of our Challenge coins and August BBQ

**SO-FS Bert Ongkeo:** **Present.** See Page 7

**SO-HR – Sandro Sherrod: Present.**

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

**SO-IS – Jeff Rooney:** **Present.**

**SO- MA – Sholem Steinberg:** Ordered 250 Fingerprint cards. Provided 50 Fingerprint cards to Flotilla 05-02. We also have 2 Pull-Up displays available for events. Please reserve in advance so there is no conflict with other events. I sent out requests for Monthly reports from the FSO-MAs and here is the response:

**FSO-Reports**

**05-02** FSO – MA *Salvador Cuebas* – Nothing to report.

**05-03** FSO – MA *Cristin Buiciuc* – Nothing to report.

**05-04** FSO – MA *Peter Antonio Barcia* – Ordered coloring books and coast guard DVDs.

**05-10** FSO-MA *Terry J Wasserman-Lom* – Received some PE-related items and entered back into our inventory.

**05-11** FSO - MA *Sholem Steinberg* – Provided a full box of materials for the Baylander to be used at our weekly PA on-board.

**SO-MS – Norm Harris:** **Present.** Two MS events occurred during the month of October:

1. The Little Red Lighthouse event on Oct. 7th was a success Led by Michael Barth 014-05-11, with over 1000 visitors. Many came by our booth. Presentations were made to the general public regarding AWW program promoting the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

2. Michael was also invited to introduce our MS program to students of the BIOBUS educational program aboard the vessel Baylander (docked on the Hudson River West Side) This is a local high school weekend program addressing environmental issues along the river and they hold a Wednesday lab classes to discuss marine safety and environmental protection as it relates to public safety. Michael presented our AWW and Aquatic Invasive Species, and career opportunities with the Coast Guard. The presentations were well and received and the Auxiliary is invited to continue work with this group. Bravo Zulu Michael and 014-05-11.

3. Thanks goes to William Jefferson for his mentoring of Michael Barth as he works to complete his MS certification. Bill has a goal of completing his AUX-UPV qualification with Joe Costanzo this coming summer. Five inspections with active duty are to be scheduled to complete PQS.

4. Intrepid SASM MS Booth/ Kids Week event is scheduled for February 2018.

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

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

**SO-OP – Rich Helm:** **Present.**

**SO-PA – Jose Pena: Present.** 05-04, 10-23-17 and 10-26-17- USCG and boating safety presentation at PS 83.

10-25-17, boat crew training. All photos and story lines submitted.

05-02, nothing to report.

05-03, nothing to report.

05-10, nothing to report.

05-11, nothing to report.

**SO- PB – William Winslow:** **Present.** Submitted two articles in Oct. 2017 issue of BoatingtimesLI , “Don’t Do What I Did” and “How Much Boat Can I Afford?”

**SO-PE – Drew Wilkins: Present.** 1. Activities

 A. Flotilla 05-10 and 05-03 organized an ABS at the HRPT on Oct 22. 05-03 led the class. Six students, all passed.

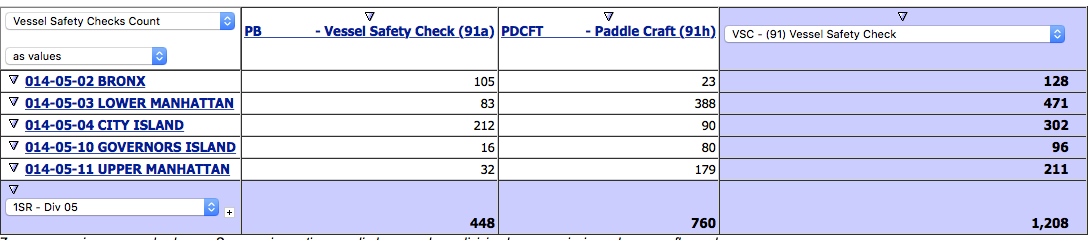
2. Upcoming Events

       A. The next class is scheduled for 19NOV and is open to all in Division.

       B. Waterways Management team from Sector NY has asked that the Auxiliary be involved and that I personally moderate the Paddle craft Symposium being held by the NY Harbor Ops Committee on 18 NOV. The purpose of the symposium is to share information about experiences boating in the metro waters of NY and NJ. A panel including representatives from the Coast Guard, state agencies, a paddling program, and a ferry operator will be on hand to listen to concerns and take questions.

**SO-PV Paul Soden: Not present.** Through Oct the Division had 861 PVs for 2107 as compared to 808 PVs for 216. The major contributors were 04 with 499 ( 286 last year) and 03 with 141 (234 last year)  and 02 with 140 (25 last year).

**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**

COW Date (Sunday, March 4th, 2018)

LDA (01DEC -03DEC)

NYC Marathon

**New Business**

Flotilla Elections

* + Reminders, Quorum, Screening Report

Dates: 5-2 (08-NOV), 5-3 (20-NOV), 5-4 (14-NOV), 5-10 (16-NOV), 5-11 (15-OCT)

Flotilla, Member, and New Member of the Year Nominations

* + Due *before* November close

Updated Activity Documentation (AUXDATA)

Flotilla Election dates

Veterans Day Parade

**Adjournment of Business Meeting**

Meeting adjourned By: Sholem Steinberg and Joe Pena

Minutes taken by Monique Fiore.

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

* Flotilla membership currently numbers 123, after 6 new enrollments were added following the October flotilla meeting. A quorum of 30 members and additional guests were in attendance, allowing for voting in of the prior minutes.
* Flotilla election screening committee has received written notice from FC Matsui and VFC Thurman of their intention to run for re-election at the November flotilla meeting. No other written notices have been received though floor nominations remain a possibility; standing rules requirements have been described to the flotilla.
* **18** dis-enrollments for failure to pay dues submitted for processing 11/1/17, bringing flotilla headcount to **105.**
* JJay Detachment starts new academic year. Our challenge is to better integrate these new members into the Auxiliary.

**Upcoming Events**

* CM presentation to the flotilla on cache radios planned for November flotilla meeting.
* Flotilla phone chain implementation after November flotilla meeting.
* 05-10 and 05-03 are planning a joint holiday party on December 18th at the MIO.
* Vince Matsui to attend LDA under orders. Andrew Thurman, Susan Pickman, Sandro Sherrod and Bill Jefferson attending LDA without orders. One Detachment member, Dennis Piedra, may attend under orders.
* John Jay Detachment Planking Ceremony possibly scheduled for 11/28/17 at 4 pm at the College. Detachment leader Susan Pickman to confirm in sufficient time to allow for possible Commodore and DIRAUX participation.
* Andrew Thurman, with support of flotilla TCOs, to initiate a Radio Club Night - first one 11/13 at the MIO from 1900.
* ABS Class planned at HRPT facility scheduled for Sunday, 11/19 starting at 0900 - open to Auxiliary members needing ABS qual for reduced price of $35.
* Detachment to provide Jet Ski Rentals report in December as requested by DIRAUX to COMO; 05-10 to provide additional support coordinating with POC Pickman.

**Status of Long Term Goals:**

* Quals and Training: Renewed emphasis on member training as RBS and surface ops season winds down: ABS and MANTR/ICS are priorities for new members; additional quals and AX remain the priorities for established members.
* Sandro Sherrod, FSO & SO-HR, was promoted to Branch Chief at the National PA Directorate, responsible for directorate website management.
* Bill Jefferson, FSO-MS, to attend Aux-10 IS Training at the St. Louis NACON in January 21-25, 2018.
* 7029 and 7030 hours: Following MANTR, ICS, ABS, and Skills Bank updating, the booking of member hours remains a priority.

**What Help is Required and From Whom**

* Development of a PE marketing plan to better leverage the HRPT training facility in lower Manhattan for RBS classes in partnership with flotilla 5-10.
* Continued training support from other flotillas to build out surface crew and coxswain capabilities. Planning a boat crew inland training program again beginning in February 2018.

**End of Report**

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|  | U. S. Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  **First Southern District Division 5 - New York City**  Kathada Bert Ongkeo  Food Service Officer |

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Last weekend there was a Food Service Training at Station Jones Beach. Two of our 14-05-03 flotilla members join group Steven White and Sandro Sherrod. The session was instructed by ADSO-FS SectorCLIS L.I. Joseph Villafane.

Current FS Members Data Report as of November 2017

11 AUXFS

10 Needs to complete FS Basic & PQS

I will be planning on having a FS Basic course in December 6 & 7 at the MIO. The PQS can be done at Sector New York during the US Coast Guard Kids Holiday Event. I will work with Chief Bray to discuss this further.

End Report