

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

Date: August 3rd, 2015

Time: 1930 hours

Place: Harlem Yacht Club, Bronx NY

- **The meeting was called to order at 1944 hours.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Introduction of guests:** LCDR Garrett Meyer, CO of Station NY, BMC Ryan Fuller, CO of Station Kings Point, MST1 Blaine Meserve-Nibley, U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Command.
- **Motion to accept July meeting minutes: 1st David Mooney, 2nd Jeff Rooney**

Commander Reports

DCCR – Rich Helm: Present

- 293 members in the division, 56 of them are AP, over 200 hours of operations, 10 certified crew members, 5 Coxswains, over 16,000 hours of code 99 hours, 788 Vessel Inspections, 417 Marine Dealer visits, 4 Boat Facilities, 12 radio facilities, 24 VE Inspectors, 28 Marine Dealer Visitors. AUXPAL mentoring program is underway.

VDCR – Mike Raffel: Present

IPDCDR – Pete Rodriguez: Not Present

Flotilla Commander Reports

05-02- Annette Rodriguez: Not Present, no report submitted.

05-03- Tony Carter: Present (report attached in separate document)

05-04- Sal Rivera: Present, On July 9th we held our Flotilla meeting at the City Island Yacht. We discussed again the new member dues and voted on them that evening. We have 3 perspective members completing their requirements for the paperwork to be submitted. We had our first AuxPal Member Training on July 16 we had 5 members who attended. We had 1 member update their skills bank and 1 member completed mandatory training modules. Deck Plate Admiral Video is scheduled for our next Flotilla meeting on September 10th. Our July ABS classes was a success. We had 11 students, they all passed. Boat Crew program is still in place. We have conducted 4 VE for the month.

05-10 Robert Sedgwick: Not Present, We held our flotilla meeting on July 16. Our special guest was Mr. Stephen Banea, Flotilla Commander (Washington D.C.) and Branch Chief for Retention Programs (National Staff). We have two new members this month who are in the process of finishing up their paperwork. We are making positive headway with regard to the Mandatory Training modules. Most of our staff officers and many of our members have on average completed half of the courses. One member, Sylvan Feldstein, has completed all the courses. I myself have completed five. I picked up PPE for our flotilla from Ralph Irizarry. All the gear will be inspected by our Safety Officer on Thursday, after which time I will be ready to go back out on the water. I have received a lot of

positive feedback for the article I wrote on advanced coastal navigation for *Over the Bow*. Drew Wilkins has returned from his trans-Atlantic race (I believe he placed 30th overall but did well in his class) and will get back on track with the AUXPAL program. He has also agreed to teach the remainder of the Deckplate Leadership modules at our upcoming flotilla meetings.

05-11- John Kiernan: Not Present, We had our meeting on July 19 at 5030 Broadway. At the meeting John Gallagher will head our election committee. We showed the Deck Plate Videos. We started to process 2 new member photographed and printed. There was an Auxiliarist who has requested to transfer into our flotilla at the meeting. July 6 John Kiernan and Ralph Irizarry conducted vessel exam and PV at the John Sharp Boathouse run by Row New York. We showed the Deck Plate Videos. July 12 we had a PA at the Little Red Lighthouse and were invited to setup a table September 26 2015 from 1200 to 1600 at the Lighthouse Festival where many of the Hudson River organizations participate. We will setup an Auxiliary ham station and PA table. July 19 Fred Knox and John Kiernan FC participated at Governors Island Waterway event. We conducted VEs at the event and inspected 13 vessels. I am waiting for answer to conduct VEs at two kayak groups and requested a Auxiliary day at the La Marina dates and time when I hear back from the groups. We discussed dues increase more next meeting. Our next meeting will be August 16 at 1 PM 5030 Broadway Conference room 600.

Division Staff Officers Reports

- **SO-CM - John Kiernan: Not Present**

- There will be changes in programming of Auxnet repeaters. Some repeaters will have name changes as well as position listing. Seawarn is being upgraded and will have PL changes. Also there will be a code that will ID radios operating on Auxnet frequencies. There will be an extra operation frequency added. I do not have the programing plug in as yet. I requested a programing plug from ADSOCM Alan Reff. When I get the plug and information on programing from the ADSO-CM I will send to the FSO-CMs. If there is training involved for the plug in programing I will conduct any needed training.
- September 26 I will be setting up a ham station at the Little Lighthouse as an Auxiliary special event with my KE2UN call. Anyone who wishes to participate either in the event and operate the station is welcome. Anyone who contacts the station will receive a special event QSL card.
October 17 and 18 we will have a special event station commemorating the CG Auxiliary again anyone interesting in operating the station are welcome. I am operating the station as some members are not able to participate on Saturdays I will operate from 0800 to 1600 on 40 meters and 20 meters depending on band conditions. Location of operating site will be announced as soon as I can arrange site. This event will be a PA event and could be a fellowship event if there is interest. The station will be W2K. You can find information in October issue of QST or go to ARRL.org look up special event stations. If other flotillas are interested in setting up a ham station for the event let me know
- Auxnet drills are conducted third Thursday of the month starting with West repeater Seawarn (if on air) then Hudson repeater 1930 to 2000 R.
- I checked out two members radios as they could not make contact on the Auxnet drill this month. The radios checked out so either the NCS did not hear them or they have issues at their home locations.

If you have an issue making contacts and need your radios checked I have the equipment to do so however depending on the radio I may or may not have the program software so please bring your own software for the radio or know where to download software.

SO-CS - David Mooney: Present, Our Division Facebook and Website pages continue to have a lot of visits and content is periodically updated. Will add pictures from tonight's meeting and the Visit of the CGC Eagle.

SO-DV - Monique Mulcare: Not Present

SO-FN - Russ Fayer: Not Present, Division 5 has \$5,930.17 in the bank. We have no payables as our 1st 1/4 dues have been paid, and we have one minor receivable of \$105 (5-10 1 1/4 dues). Our total assets therefor equal \$6,030.17.

SO-HR - Maribel Rivera: Not Present

SO-IS - Jeff Rooney: Present, (report attached in separate document)

SO-MA - Annette Rodriguez: Not Present

SO-MS - Lynn Glassman: Not Present, Nothing to report for the month of July

SO-MT - Ralph O Irizarry: Present, Most shore side/class room training has ceased and has been replaced with OWT and other Auxiliary Missions (e.g., Safety Patrols; VSC's MDV's; and the like). That said, 05-10 continues its Mandated Training and AUXPAL mentoring Program. Lynn Glassman (05-02) has completed an AV class with 7 students; two members from Div. 05 have passed and are now eligible for their PQS. Lynn Glassman (05-02) is conducting OWT training both inter and intra Division. Amongst several candidates, two members from Div. 05 are in active training. 05-04 has faced several challenges in its Operational Program this season which has impacted its OWT. 05-04 hopes to get back on track during August.

1. Key Member Training Communiques:
 - BQ course scenarios
 - AUX 10 (IS) Training Opportunities
 - Clarification on Requesting a QE, i.e., ALL such requests shall be submitted to the SO-MT for review and transmittal to the AQEC-N
2. During the absence of the SO-OP, the SO-MT is serving as acting SO-OP relative to Requesting Operational Orders and managing Div. R&SS:
 - Have picked up 9 sets of PPE from DIRAUX including Type III PFD's and SAR Vests complete (excluding beacons and subject to waiver).
 - PPE has been distributed to 05-02 and 05-10
 - Additional PPE will be distributed to 05-11 and 05-04 following the meeting.

SO-NS - Lynn Glassman: Not Present, There was an AV Verifier class given on July 12th at 100 Manhattanville Rd, Purchase NY. Three Division 5 members attended the class and are now in the

process of doing the final PATON PQS. Several paton patrols were done with the proper paperwork along with that. I did a total of 13 patons so far.

SO-OP - Norm Harris: **Not Present, no report submitted.**

SO-PA - Steven White: **Not Present, no report submitted.**

SO- PB - William Winslow: **Present,** Wrote Column article for Rock the Boat program.

SO-PE - John Bilas: **Not Present, no report submitted.**

SO-PV - Paul Soden: **Not Present,** My PV report for 2105 through July 27 is as follows. For the first 7 months of 2015, compared to the first seven months of 2014, I have the following to report

	2014	2015
Dealer Visits	271	395
By Flotilla		
02	82	45
03	68	172
04	101	160
10	5	4
11	15	14

These numbers are very strong although again not uniform. Flotillas 03 and 04 have made great improvements over strong numbers for last year. Flotilla 11, while it's numbers are low, is only slightly below last year. Flotilla 10 is also slightly behind last year. I contacted Flotilla 02 about their plans for achieving the Division's goal for 2015 of increasing PVs by 10% year over year. I will keep you informed.

SO-VE - Andrew Thurman: **Present**

2015 Division 5 Vessel Safety Checks													
Flotilla	Staff Officer	Totals for 2015		VSC PB for 2015		VSC PDCRFT for 2015		Totals for June		VSC PB for June		VSC PDCRFT for June	
		Given	Passed	Given	Passed	Given	Passed	Given	Passed	Given	Passed	Given	Passed
05-02	Annette Rodriguez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
05-03	Andrew Thurman	473	470	20	18	453	452	4	4	4	4	0	0
05-04	Daniel Oliveras	93	93	93	93	0	0	93	93	93	93	0	0
05-10	Chris O'Rourke	24	24	24	24	0	0	24	24	24	24	0	0
05-11	John Kiernan	50	46	0	0	50	46	40	36			40	36
Totals		640	633	137	135	503	498	161	157	121	121	40	36

SO-SR - Monique Fiore: **Present**

STAKP - Ralph O Irizarry: **Present,** Nothing to report

STANY - John Gallagher: **Present,** Nothing to report

Old Business

- AuxPal (Beta) Mentoring Program
- Admiral Video Progress

New Business

- Election Committee (David Mooney, Ed Stone, John Gallagher)

Awards & Recognition

05-03 Michael Himes - 5 years of Service
05-03 John Hunka - Certificate of Membership
05-04 Maribel Rivera - 3,882 Cumulative Hours
05-03 Michael Himes - Certificate of Appreciation
05-03 Michael Himes - SO-HR
05-04 Alfredo Munoz - 5 Years
05-04 Luis Mejia - 5 Years
05-03 Andrew Thurman - Sustained Service Award
05-04 Sal Cuebas - Sustained Service Award
05-10 Drew Wilkins - Performance Award for Public Education Service

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Meeting adjourned By Ralph Irizarry and Ed Stone
Minutes taken by Monique Fiore.

Next Division Meeting

Date: September 8th, 2015

Time: 1930 hours

Location: Mio Building

Uniform of the day: Tropical Blues or ODU