

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
First Coast Guard District, Southern Region, Division 5
MIO Building, South Street

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, 2 March 2015

In Attendance:

1. Richard Helm
2. Michael Raffel
3. Pete Rodriguez
4. Anthony B. Carter
5. Bill Winslow
6. Andrew Thurman
7. C. Jeff Rooney
8. Stephen Sokol
9. Cristin Buiciuc
10. Paul A. Soden
11. Orlando Villa
12. John Bilas
13. Russell Fayer
14. Stephen R. Johnson
15. Norm Harris
16. David Mooney
17. Monique Fiore
18. Steven White
19. Robert Sedgwick
20. Charles Drew Wilkins
21. Edward Stone

Call to Order - By DCDR Helm at 1911 H.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Minutes - January 2015 Minutes approved, with amendments.

Commander Report:

DCDR Richard Helm - Report submitted electronically; additionally:

-Excellent COW, a great time (kudos to those who contributed photos to the DIV 5 site).

-All Flotilla financial reports were submitted by 1 MAR deadline.

-See the Winter, 2015 "Over the Bow" for Fleet Week 2014 story by AUX James Chin; need volunteers for Fleet Week 2015.

-DCDR Helm will lead an AUX-10/IS course, 10 - 12 APR, location TBA.

-All are welcome to march in and help with the St. Patrick's Day parade.

-AUX should update their AUXOFFICER data (Skills Bank included).

-All are welcome at D-Train 2015, 20 - 22 MAR, Mystic Marriot of Groton.

-Read Ralph Irizarry's invaluable report on New Member Training requirements.

VCDR Michael Raffel - Report submitted electronically. Please submit reports ASAP, at latest one week before meeting.

IPCDR Pete Rodriguez - Thank you to all for sincere support during illness.

Flotilla Commanders Reports:

IPFC Russell Fayer, 5-02 - Report submitted electronically; IPCDR Rodriguez will guide a BC group.

FC Tony Carter, 5-03 - Report submitted electronically; many thanks to AUX Thurman and AUX Johnson for the new Flotilla challenge coin with crest. Budget completed, finances are sound.

VFC David Mooney 5-04 - Report submitted electronically; ABS course, 11, 18, 25 MAR at Harlem Yacht Club, City Island

FC Robert Sedgwick 5-10 - Report submitted electronically; Planned AUXNAV course, but including non-AUX participants is not permitted; will try to hold a "weekend navigator" course instead.

Flotilla 5-11 - Report not received; unable to attend.

Staff Reports:

Stephen Sokol, SO-SR - Report submitted electronically; nothing to add.

John Kiernan, SO-CM - Report submitted electronically; not present.

David Mooney, SO-CS - Report submitted electronically; new photos to site; will work with SO-SR to post minutes in Member Zone.

Monique Mulcare, SO-DV - Report not submitted; unable to attend.

Russell Fayer, SO-FN - Report submitted electronically; National dues will increase, will look for ways to minimize impacts.

Maribel Rivera, SO-HR - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend.

Charles Rooney, SO-IS - Report submitted electronically; about 1/4th of DIV 5 Members have filled out Skills Bank: how can we increase participation? Working with FSO-IS's to include Flotilla reports and data. By end of FEB, no 2014 hours were being accepted.

Annette Rodriguez, SO-MA - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend. VCDR Raffel added that FSO-MAs should be making orders by now.

Lynn Glassman, SO-NS - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend.

Lynn Glassman, SO-MS - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend.

Ralph Irizarry, SO-MT - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend. DCDR Helm asked all to see cited leadership videos, and to work collectively to address issues.

Norman Harris, SO-OP - Report received electronically; skills and assets of Flotillas submitted to "Gold Side"; get changes in AOR, best practices and latest information out to BC and other OP people; make sure BC and COX up to speed.

Steve White, SO-PA - Report submitted electronically; AUX White is St. Patrick's Day POC, details TBA. Forming National Safe Boating Week committee, TBD. Fleet Week 2015 and USCG 225th Anniversary will be enormous in scope, requiring many volunteers. Coordination with FSO-PAs continues.

William Winslow, SO-PB - Report submitted electronically; discussed use of content and media.

John Bilas, SO-PE - Report submitted electronically; nothing to add.

Paul Soden, SO-PV - Report submitted electronically; working with FSO-PVs.

Andrew Thurman, SO-VE - Report submitted electronically; nothing to add.

Ralph Irizarry, StaKP - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend; nothing to add.

John Gallagher, StaNY - Report submitted electronically; unable to attend; nothing to add.

Old Business and Committees Reports -

-None.

New Business-

-AUX Villa asked all VE, PA, HR and other Officers to make use of the new and approved AUX informational flyer he put together.

Presentation of Awards -

-Coast Guard Unit Commendation - Per Commandant's order to mark USCGAUX 75th Anniversary; distributed to FCs for Flotilla ceremonies.

- Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - John Bilas, 5-3, for 6,789 hours.
- Auxiliary Member Service Award - Frank Camilleri, 5-10, for 10 Years dedicated service.
- Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - Nicholas Cianca, 5-3, for 1,840 hours.
- Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - Daniel Oliveras, 5-4, for 3,087 hours.
- Sustained Auxiliary Service Award - Val Yankovskiy, 5-3, for 1,222 hours.
- Auxiliary Member Service Award - Paul Soden, 5-4, for 5 years dedicated service.
- Vessel Examiner Service Award - Andrew Thurman, 5-3.
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Good and Welfare-

-Annette Rodriguez is ill

Motion to adjourn by AUX White, seconded by AUX Harris; adjourned at 2037 H.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Sokol, SO-SR

Officer Reports

Commander Report:

DCDR Richard Helm - Report submitted electronically:

Re: Division Meeting Monday March 2, 2015 19:00 hours at the MIO

Monday, March 2, 2015

From: "Rich Helm"

SHIPMATES

This is a reminder that we will be having our Division meeting tonight !!!

I the attached an updated SO / Flotilla officer monthly report

I would like to thank all that submitted a report

We have all but a few Flotillas' and one SO missing

During our agenda reports — highlight only critical items, if needed

Report submitted electronically is a valid response and will move the meeting along faster.

I apologize for not having the minutes from our last Division meeting — but hope to get them to you soon

Please read the reports

See you later

Rich

Richard Helm

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Division 5 Commander

ADSO-IS

FSO-CM,IS

From: Richard Helm

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2015

Subject: Division Meeting Monday March 2, 2015 19:00 hours at the MIO

Commanders and Staff

I hope this finds all of you well.

It is my understanding that by meeting time the roads will be cleared

I hope to see you at the meeting tomorrow 19:00 hours

Attached are is the agenda and received Officer Reports

Regards,

Rich

**Division 5, 1st Southern District
MIO Building, NY NY
Meeting MARCH 2, 2015 19:00 hrs.
Division Board Meeting**

Agenda

Call to Order
Pledge of allegiance
Introduction of guest
Approval of prior Minutes

Commander Reports
DCDR, VDCDR, IPDCDR

Flotilla Commanders Reports
Annette Rodriguez 5-02, Tony Carter 5-03, Sal Rivera 5-04,
Robert Sedgwick 5-10, John Kiernan 5-11

Staff Reports
Stephen Sokol / SR
Kiernan /CM,
David Mooney /CS,
Monique Mulcare /DV,
Fayer /FN,
Maribel Rivera / HR
Jeff Rooney /IS,
Annette Rodriguez /MA,
Lynn Glassman /NS/MS,
Ralph Irizarry / MT,
Norman Harris /OP,
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Andrew Thruman / VE
StaKP – Ralph Irizarry
StaNY - John Gallagher

Old Business and committees reports

D-Train

New business
St Patty Parade

Presentation of awards

Motion to adjourned

Uniform of the Day – Topical Blue, Winter Blue, ODU or Civilian Attire

Please remember the notice about not wearing uniform in Public

Next Meeting April 6, 2015 19:00 hrs @MIO

Dedicated to promoting recreational boating safely

DIVISION 5

Staff Officer and FC Reports

2 MARCH 2015

MA

I have placed two orders for materials, I am still waiting to receive them. I placed one order for Marpol decals and one for NY State Regulation Booklets. As soon as I receive the orders I will send out an email. End of Report.

DV

Did not send in a report

HR

I have reached out to the FSO-HR's regarding their members Skills Bank to be updated, the completion of their members ICS 100 & 700.

IS

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5) National AUX-10 Schedule is Published. Flotillas recommended to identify prospective IS officers and request orders ASAP. (Note: A local AUX-10 is TBA.)

NS, MS

I will not be there at this Division meeting. At this time there is nothing to report, no action taking place either in NS or MS at this time.

PV

Nothing to Report

MT

Communications

- Goal of improved inter Flotilla communications on Member Training is well underway!
- Flotillas have shared their plans with me and, in turn, I have re-distributed to all Flotilla FSO-MT's.
- All but one FSO-MT have maintained contact and have established calendars and programs for Member Training well into spring/early summer.

- I will leave it to the FC's and/or their FSO-MT to report their Unit plans and efforts...they are the ones doing the work and deserve the "thunder!"
- Attached is the FSO-MT Report from **05-10**.

SO-MT Classes

- One hour TCT and Operations workshop on 28-FEB-15.
- At the time of this writing, 12 members have indicated their intent to attend.
- The SO-MT has also scheduled a 4 hour Initial and Currency TCT for 04-APR.
- Currently, 4 members have indicated their intent to attend (and we will proceed. OTO McCarthy wants this class executed no matter class size).

PE Training Opportunity for Manhattan Flotillas

- I will share a personal observation during the meeting.
- If you have a chance, visit this link:
<http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx>

NEW Basic Qualification Program - IMPORTANT

Below are key excerpts from a recently released note from the Deputy Director National Training Directorate and Deputy Director Human Resources Directorate concerning a NEW BQ Course Qualification Beta Program:

- The new Basic Qualification Course has been released to 3 districts as Beta Sites for a 6 month trial period. In those districts, the BQ Course will be used as a voluntary participation path from AP to BQ. Included in the PQS are signoffs for other training material including: ICS 100, ICS 700, Mandated Training, and a NASBLA certified boating training course, ADM Papp's leadership videos, and the completion of an IDP (individual development plan). In addition, the member must have a completed PSI (IQ status).
- **The BQ Course is voluntary** in all cases. This avoids having different requirements across all the CGAUX districts to become BQ. That said, it is the clear intent that in the Beta Districts (1S, 9E, 11S) the BQ Course be used to move people from AP to BQ status. At this point we hope that the advantage of learning the material in the BQ Course is motivation enough for members to choose the BQ Course path from

AP to BQ status. Feedback from course participants and mentors will be valuable in determining any next steps in motivation.

- **Training:** The BQ Course Student Study Guide covers all the questions in the PQS. Additional information is available from the Auxiliary Manual if more detail is desired. While a one on one relationship with a mentor is an ideal way to learn the material, self-study is definitely possible (as with AUXOP courses) but a classroom environment may be ideal for reviewing the material. Regardless of the method of study however, it will be necessary to have one or more mentors sign off the PQS indicating the member knows or knows where to find the answers. No mentor should sign off the PQS based only on attendance at a training session.
- **PQS Signoff & registration:** The BQ Course PQS needs mentors to sign off each question in a manner similar to the boat crew PQS. More than one mentor can be involved with signoffs. The final mentor will fill out a form indicating completion of the PQS, including all the other course requirements (mentioned above). He will then make a copy available to the member with the original being sent to the FC for endorsement. The FC will then send the form to DIRAUX to effect the AUXDATA entry and change of status to BQ. The member keeps the signed off PQS (as with boat crew).
- **Mentors:** As in the case with NTC proctors, the goal with mentors is to appoint members of high standing who will ensure the proper signoffs are accomplished based on demonstrated knowledge by the member. The FC is responsible for selecting mentors in their flotilla. Guidelines might include previously or currently elected officials, people with some experience with PQSs e.g. coxswains, and members who are BQ/AX and have ideally already completed all the other courses required (see above). Ultimately it is the FC responsibility to select the mentors.
- **Classroom Training:** If you consider other PQS certifications e.g. Boat Crew, Coxswain, AUXMEES, having classes to cover the material

with members is a popular way to keep members moving through the program. There are no Power Points for the BQ Course at this time, so any class would be in the form of a facilitator lead discussion of the material in the SSG. This discussion should lead to the correct answers to the PQS questions. The facilitator has the Mentor Guide as a reference including where to find the information for each PQS question. Reminder: members PQSs can't be signed off because of attendance in a class. Mentors must review each question individually with the member to get a signoff.

- **Facilitators:** These instructors should be experienced Auxiliarists with a BQ or AX status and IT certification who are familiar with most of the material in the BQ Course. They should be selected by the FC possibly working with the Division Commander to identify the best candidates. Ultimately it is the FC who selects the facilitator unless the classes are held at the division level where the DCDR would make the selection.

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- As you can see, this represent quite an overhaul to the current procedure of advancing members from AP to BQ status:
 - Includes a considerable amount of up front training
 - Appointment of Mentors and Facilitators
 - Formal Mentor PQS sign-offs
 - Facilitator lead training
 - Student Study Guides
 - Etc..
 - The process is quite thorough and will require significant management attention. I encourage each FC to give very, very careful thought to this matter.
 - I will forward additional documentation, back up, and link to videos within 24-72 hours of this meeting.

SO-MT END

PA

The Division is starting to get the ball rolling. We had the NYC boat show in which there was a good turnout and a lot of interest raised. As well as a booth set up during the intrepid kids week.

As for what we are going to be doing in the future. I have been looking into the next quarter and we have a few major events we need to start planning for now. We have the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17th. We have Fleet Week right with National Safe Boating Week, which we need to start getting a coordinated plan within the division together, materials ordered, and an advertising plan, aka social media, press releases, articles submitted in time, and so much more. We also need to get the ABS classes for the flotillas so we can start advertising the classes.

Looking even further ahead we will be needing the help from the Division to help with the celebration that Sector New York is planning for the 225th anniversary of the Coast Guard. There will also be numerous other events that come up and we can plan and anticipate with.

I will be getting updates from each flotilla on what's coming up month to month to make sure they have everything they need and help with what they need.

First and foremost our two main focuses need to be on St. Pad day's day parade and NSBW.

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End report

VE

All flotillas have received their decals.

I can report for 05-03 the following.

Tony is drafting a letter to our existing boating/kayak organizations to introduce me as the new FSO-VE and we will begin scheduling our dates with them.

We have Boating Safety Week and City of Water Day on our schedule. I'm planning on scheduling a day at Pier 25 and Pier 40 with the dock masters after they open in May. Pier 25 has agreed to be a meeting place for any that want to come and receive a VSC. They are run by Liberty Landing across the Hudson who is also interested in scheduling a VSC day. Should we contact 10-2 about that? I was thinking we could say while we were inquiring about Pier 25 they asked about LL. As my boat is in Liberty Harbor and I'll be working there on it for most of April I'm sure there will be several opportunities to do VSCs. Not sure what is to become of North Cove since Manhattan Yacht Club lost it's lease but I've made contact with the new dock master and we can still do MYC's VSCs at their new location at their new location over at Morris Canal.

My materials are ordered and I have the new NY State Booklets. I did pitch for new VEs at the monthly meeting last week and had four people stay and talk with me after.

To all other FSO-VEs I have cc'd, I would like to get your plans/ideas so far and let's work on doing joint flotilla events to continue the new unified Division vision.

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OP

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PB

On my earlier proposal for a joint publication as supplement to ABC course the collected writings of Vince Pica and me, Vince says he already makes his various columns, which are offered to at least three marine publications as well as web versions available for downloading on District website. I still think publishing in some printable form my columns for inclusion with ABC course offered at division level is valid. It has been my experience that people taking basic courses like something in hand, which is why we sell the book. So, I'd like to continue with my proposal. Discussion?

PE

Established new contacts at the New York Boat Show and promoted PE

Had phone conversation with DSO-PE, ADSO-PE, DSO-HR, DSO-MT, DCDR, VFC and FC for recommendations to administer and schedule public education courses with qualified instructors

Emailed DCDR, FSO-PE's, SO-PA, SO-MT and FC's the schedule for March & April ABS Courses.

Made several calls to secure new class space, to conduct ABS courses for the calendar year in the local of area for Division 5.

Flotilla 5-2 Report

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Flotilla 5-2 Report

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From: "Annette J. Rodriguez"

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FSO-VE

Division 5 1SR, SO-MA

FC Tony Carter, 5-03 - Report submitted electronically:

Flotilla 05-03 Division Report 2-27-15

Friday, February 27, 2015

From: Anthony B. Carter

Stephen Sokol, SO-SR

I'm submitting Flotilla 05-03 report as of 2/19/15:

Total active Members	88
AP status:	25
BQ:	49
IQ:	11
AX:	3
Retired:	12
Hours	501
VEs	6- (No VSCs reported)
MDV (PV)	7
Instructors	6
AuxFood Service	3
MDV visits	28

ABS Course scheduled for 3/1/15-(7) confirmed attendees

2015 Budget voted and approved for 05-03-\$6,400.

Bank account: \$8,943.25

End of report.

Respectfully,

A.B.Carter

Anthony B. Carter

Flotilla Commander

Recreational Boating Safety Program Specialist

USCG Auxiliary, Lower Manhattan 014-05-03

1 South Street, NY, NY 10004

VFC David Mooney 5-04 - Report submitted electronically:

Fwd: Flotilla report

Monday, March 2, 2015

From: "Sal Rivera"

Subject: Flotilla report

Our next meeting is next thursday, We have our first ABS class of the year starting on wed March 11th and runs for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, 7pm at the Harlem Yacht Club. We started a program that allows Members to come early to a meeting or stay after to utilize laptops we bring in to input hours, skills banks, or update their information. We have also performed 40 publication visitation visits .

Respectfully,

Sal Rivera FC

Flotilla 014-05-04

USCG Auxiliary

5-4 Report Addendum:

Re: Flotilla report

Monday, March 2, 2015

From: "David Mooney"

What is a publication visit: Marine Dealer Visits

RBS plan for 2015: We are currently at 17% of goal.

We had 4 members update their Skills bank

We have 5 active surface facilities and 1 inactive, 5 radio facilities and 3 inactive.

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Flotilla 014-05-04

USCG Auxiliary

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Re: Division Meeting Monday March 2 1900 Hours

Sunday, March 1, 2015

From: "Russell Fayer"

SO -FN report is attached.

Russ

01 March 2015

From: Russell A. Fayer, So-FN Div 5

Subj: Financial Report

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Respectfully,

/signed/

Russell A. Fayer
SO-FN Division 5

Maribel Rivera, SO-HR - Report submitted electronically, via DCDR Helm:

HR

I have reached out to the FSO-HR's regarding their members Skills Bank to be updated, the completion of their members ICS 100 & 700.

Charles Rooney, SO-IS - Report submitted electronically:

Div 5 SO-IS Report (March 1, 2015)

Sunday, March 1, 2015

From: "CJ Rooney"

Summary of IS Activity/Status (March 2015 SO-IS Report):

1) Division 5 Skills Bank Status. Slight increase over February: 21% -> 24%

UNIT Listed Occupation/Skill (% of Unit)

Flot. 05-02: 13% (Feb-4, 3/23) | 17% (Mar-1, 4/23)

Flot. 05-03: 24% (Feb-4, 21/88) | 25% (Mar-1, 22/88)

Flot. 05-04: 15% (Feb-4, 12/81) | 22% (Mar-1, 18/81)

Flot. 05-10: 18% (Feb-4, 9/50) | 18% (Mar-1, 9/50)

Flot. 05-11: 46% (Feb-4, 10/22) | 46% (Mar-1, 10/22)

DIVISION 5 (Total): 55/264 = 21% | 63/264 = 24%

2) Unit Summary as of March 1st, 2015 (Attached)

- No new increase in member count (since Jan. 1)
- One transfer in; one out
- Qualifications:
 - +1 Program Visitor
 - +1 Instructor
 - +1 AUXWEA

3) Elected Officer (FC, VFC) Request for AUXDATA Access (Pending):

- Flotillas: 5-3 , 5-10 (No other flotillas requested access.)
- Orientation TBA

4) Division and IS Escalation Requests:

- Div5: Bug in AUXDIR and AUXDATA. (Two SO-HR in AUXDIR/AUXDATA). May be causing WOW site issue. Passed up IS chain. Initiated by SO-CM. (Forwarded to ADSO-IS, who routed to DSO-IS. Status: Open).
- 5-10: Questions regarding IT qualification/record of Wesley Freeburg. Request via 5-10 FSO-IS, FSO-MT. (Matter clarified/closed.)

5) National AUX-10 Schedule is Published. Flotillas recommended to identify prospective IS officers and request orders ASAP. (Note: A local AUX-10 is TBA.)

Regards,
Jeff

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Charles Jeff Rooney

Division Staff Officer - Information Systems

Flotilla Staff Officer - Member Training

US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Lower Manhattan Flotilla - 014-05-03

Annette Rodriguez, SO-MA - Report submitted electronically:

SO-MA Report

Monday, March 2, 2015

From: "Annette J. Rodriguez"

SO-SR Stephen Sokol, DCVR Rich Helm, VDC Mike Raffel,

SO-MA Report

I have placed two orders for materials, I am still waiting to receive them. I placed one order for Marpol decals and one for NY State Regulation Booklets. As soon as I receive the orders I will send out an email. End of Report.

This Report has been Respectfully submitted by AR

Annette Rodriguez

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flotilla Commander 05-02

FSO-VE

Division 5 1SR, SO-MA

Lynn Glassman, SO-NS - Report submitted electronically:

Division Meeting in March

Monday, February 23, 2015

From: "LYNN GLASSMAN"

Dear All:

I will not be there at this Division meeting due to the fact that I will be going to Florida on the 3rd and I go down to Manhattan on Monday's. At this time there is nothing to report, no action taking place either in NS or MS at this time.

LYNN GLASSMAN

ADSO-MT DIV 15, 20, 24, 25

SO-NS,MS DIV 5

FSO-MT, NS, CS 05-02

Lynn Glassman, SO-MS - Report submitted electronically: See above.

Ralph Irizarry, SO-MT - Report submitted electronically:

MT Report

Sunday, March 1, 2015

From: "Ralph O. Irizarry"

1. Attached is the SO-MT report for 02-MAR-15
2. Also attached is the FSO-MT Report for 05-10, which should be included as an addendum to mine.
3. Thanks!

Regards,

Ralph.

Ralph O. Irizarry

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

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ADSO-OP, Waterway Events, SECNY

SO-MT, 014-05

FSO-OP/NS, 014-05-04

Ralph O. Irizarry
SO-MT Report - Division 05
02-MAR-15

Communications

- Goal of improved inter Flotilla communications on Member Training is well underway!
- Flotillas have shared their plans with me and, in turn, I have re-distributed to all Flotilla FSO-MT's.
- All but one FSO-MT have maintained contact and have established calendars and programs for Member Training well into spring/early summer.
- I will leave it to the FC's and/or their FSO-MT to report their Unit plans and efforts...they are the ones doing the work and deserve the "thunder!"
- Attached is the FSO-MT Report from **05-10**.

SO-MT Classes

- One hour TCT and Operations workshop on 28-FEB-15.
- At the time of this writing, 12 members have indicated their intent to attend.
- The SO-MT has also scheduled a 4 hour Initial and Currency TCT for 04-APR.
- Currently, 4 members have indicated their intent to attend (and we will proceed. OTO McCarthy wants this class executed no matter class size).

PE Training Opportunity for Manhattan Flotillas

- I will share a personal observation during the meeting.
- If you have a chance, visit this link:
<http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx>

NEW Basic Qualification Program - IMPORTANT

Below are key excerpts from a recently released note from the Deputy Director National Training Directorate and Deputy Director Human Resources Directorate concerning a NEW BQ Course Qualification Beta Program:

- The new Basic Qualification Course has been released to 3 districts as Beta Sites for a 6 month trial period. In those districts, the BQ Course will be used as a voluntary participation path from AP to BQ. Included in the PQS are signoffs for other training material including: ICS 100, ICS 700, Mandated Training, and a NASBLA certified boating training course, ADM Papp's leadership videos, and the completion of an IDP

(individual development plan). In addition, the member must have a completed PSI (IQ status).

- **The BQ Course is voluntary** in all cases. This avoids having different requirements across all the CGAUX districts to become BQ. That said, it is the clear intent that in the Beta Districts (1S, 9E, 11S) the BQ Course be used to move people from AP to BQ status. At this point we hope that the advantage of learning the material in the BQ Course is motivation enough for members to choose the BQ Course path from AP to BQ status. Feedback from course participants and mentors will be valuable in determining any next steps in motivation.
- **Training:** The BQ Course Student Study Guide covers all the questions in the PQS. Additional information is available from the Auxiliary Manual if more detail is desired. While a one on one relationship with a mentor is an ideal way to learn the material, self-study is definitely possible (as with AUXOP courses) but a classroom environment may be ideal for reviewing the material. Regardless of the method of study however, it will be necessary to have one or more mentors sign off the PQS indicating the member knows or knows where to find the answers. No mentor should sign off the PQS based only on attendance at a training session.
- **PQS Signoff & registration:** The BQ Course PQS needs mentors to sign off each question in a manner similar to the boat crew PQS. More than one mentor can be involved with signoffs. The final mentor will fill out a form indicating completion of the PQS, including all the other course requirements (mentioned above). He will then make a copy available to the member with the original being sent to the FC for endorsement. The FC will then send the form to DIRAUX to effect the AUXDATA entry and change of status to BQ. The member keeps the signed off PQS (as with boat crew).
- **Mentors:** As in the case with NTC proctors, the goal with mentors is to appoint members of high standing who will ensure the proper signoffs are accomplished based on demonstrated knowledge by the member. The FC is responsible for selecting mentors in their flotilla. Guidelines might include previously or currently elected officials, people with some experience with PQSs e.g. coxswains, and members

who are BQ/AX and have ideally already completed all the other courses required (see above). Ultimately it is the FC responsibility to select the mentors.

- **Classroom Training:** If you consider other PQS certifications e.g. Boat Crew, Coxswain, AUXMEES, having classes to cover the material with members is a popular way to keep members moving through the program. There are no Power Points for the BQ Course at this time, so any class would be in the form of a facilitator lead discussion of the material in the SSG. This discussion should lead to the correct answers to the PQS questions. The facilitator has the Mentor Guide as a reference including where to find the information for each PQS question. Reminder: members PQSs can't be signed off because of attendance in a class. Mentors must review each question individually with the member to get a signoff.
- **Facilitators:** These instructors should be experienced Auxiliarists with a BQ or AX status and IT certification who are familiar with most of the material in the BQ Course. They should be selected by the FC possibly working with the Division Commander to identify the best candidates. Ultimately it is the FC who selects the facilitator unless the classes are held at the division level where the DCDR would make the selection.

- As you can see, this represent quite an overhaul to the current procedure of advancing members from AP to BQ status:
 - Includes a considerable amount of up front training
 - Appointment of Mentors and Facilitators
 - Formal Mentor PQS sign-offs
 - Facilitator lead training
 - Student Study Guides
 - Etc..

- The process is quite thorough and will require significant management attention. I encourage each FC to give very, very careful thought to this matter.
- I will forward additional documentation, back up, and link to videos within 24-72 hours of this meeting.

SO-MT END

FEB 2015 FSO-MT Report

To: Ralph, Irizarry
From: Charles "Drew" Wilkins, FSO-MT
Date: 27FEB2015

AUXACN->BCN/ACN.

AUXACN is now being offered as a PE course, aboard the S.S. Lilac instead of MIO. Same schedule, dates and times. 04MAR-20MAY 1830 [correction] hrs AUXACN (Wes, Drew) Auxiliarists are welcome to attend and can use this course to train for NAVA and NAVB. I plan to proctor both NAVA and NAVB on 20MAY for Auxiliarists pursuing AUXACN Specialty. As FSO-PE, Chris O'Rourke is now POC.

FEB TRAINING RECAP

The following member training was delivered in 05-10:

AUXWEA (Drew) Started 07JAN. Completed 25 Feb. Five took the test. Two passed.

Ethics/Personal Gifts Mandated Training (Chris O) Delivered 19FEB

2015 FLOTILLA TRAINING SCHEDULE

The following schedule is underway.

19MAR 2000 hrs Sexual Harassment Prevention (Chris)

16APR 2000 hrs Sexual Assault Prevention (Chris)

21MAY 2000 hrs Security Education & Awareness Training (Chris)

18JUN 2000 hrs Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide (Chris)

16JUL 2000 hrs Influenza (Chris)

20AUG 2000 hrs Civil Rights Awareness (Chris)

17SEP 2000 hrs Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information (Chris)

MEMBER TRAINING OUTSIDE FLOTILLA 05-10

National

Aux C-School is back in operation.

District 01SR:

D-Train 20-22MAR Mystic Marriott; Groton, Connecticut

Division 10:

TCT 1 hour (and OPS 1 hour) on 28-FEB Contact Ralph Irizarry for more info at uscgaux.irizarry@gmail.com

TCT Initial & Five Year Currency Workshop 04APR 1100-1400 at Harley Yacht Club on City Island if there's sufficient interest. Contact Ralph.

FSO-CM Allan Peda is liaising with 05-02 on AUXNET training. A TCO PQS is being offered starting 23MAR. Interested Auxiliarists should reach out to Allan. The 05-02 contact is Lynn Glassman lglasscgauxdata@gmail.com

Boat Crew Training

VFC Chris O'Rourke plans to conduct division-wide Coxswain training, hopefully in March. Additionally, 05-02 is offering boat crew training to its members beginning 11FEB at the WIBC-Tarrytown, NY. There may be opportunities for 05-10 members to participate, however, Boat Crew Training requires a commitment on the part of candidates. Interested members of 05-10 should contact you or me first to ensure member understands and is willing to make the commitment necessary. The 05-02 contact is Lynn Glassman lglasscgauxdata@gmail.com.

Updates from National Training Directorate 21JAN2015

There is a new **Basic Qualification Course for New Members** that will be coming out. There will still be an exam for AP, but also a PQS to achieve BQ. Should increase knowledge of new members re: protocol, uniforms, etc.

Several **AUXOP Course Updates** are underway and planned. AUXCOM will be the first course to be complete and ready for publication very soon. Next courses to be presented in their new format this year will be: AUXNAV; AUXPAT; and AUXWEA.

Deckplate Leadership Series is now available

Deigned to be presented at flotilla meetings, they focus on the meaning of leadership and its application to our flotilla. 15-30 minutes. One module per quarter. leadership module during each quarter of the year. Each module will consist of a facilitator guide and a short video.

--End of Report--

Norman Harris, SO-OP - Report received electronically, via DCDR Helm:

OP

Nothing to report for month of Feb.

Steve White, SO-PA - Report received electronically, via DCDR Helm

PA

The Division is starting to get the ball rolling. We had the NYC boat show in which there was a good turnout and a lot of interest raised. As well as a booth set up during the intrepid kids week.

As for what we are going to be doing in the future. I have been looking into the next quarter and we have a few major events we need to start planning for now. We have the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17th. We have Fleet Week right with National Safe Boating Week, which we need to start getting a coordinated plan within the division together, materials ordered, and an advertising plan, aka social media, press releases, articles submitted in time, and so much more. We also need to get the ABS classes for the flotillas so we can start advertising the classes.

Looking even further ahead we will be needing the help from the Division to help with the celebration that Sector New York is planning for the 225th anniversary of the Coast Guard. There will also be numerous other events that come up and we can plan and anticipate with.

I will be getting updates from each flotilla on what's coming up month to month to make sure they have everything they need and help with what they need.

First and foremost our two main focuses need to be on St. Pad day's day parade and NSBW.

William Winslow, SO-PB - Report submitted electronically:

March SOPB

Friday, February 27, 2015

From: "William C. Winslow"

March story in BoatingtimesLI

William C. Winslow

SOPB

March 2015

Halt Boat Burglary
By William C. Winslow

Ever had anything stolen from your boat? This article is for you. Never had anything stolen from your boat? This article is for you.

In my book, the secret to good marine security is to think like a crook and then do the opposite.

Here's what I imagine a criminal might say in certain circumstances: "Boy, look at that! I can see fancy binoculars hanging on a hook and portable electronics through the cabin window — what an easy pluck. This marina is dead at night. No lights, no people, no locked gates to the dock, and this boat is far away from anybody else." Rubbing his hands together, he'll add, "This is like taking candy from a baby."

The light-fingered set is opportunistic, and this scenario is nearly perfect for grabbing the goods and disappearing within a minute or two. So, make it tough for burglars to operate. The easiest items to steal are electronics and gear in open view that are small enough to be quickly stashed in a tote bag. If you own an open runabout, make it your habit to remove all valuables every night. If you have a cabin, don't leave anything in view — draw your curtains over windows and portholes and stash the small but expensive stuff out of sight in drawers and lockers.

Whether you remove portable equipment or not, take the time to engrave your name, home port, driver's license number, state registration number, and hull pin on your VHF radio, GPS handheld, chart plotter, binoculars, and other valuables.

Batten down the hatches before you leave the boat. Fasten companionways with strong locks attached to hasps. Cockpit lockers should also be secured, particularly if they contain items like batteries and expensive life jackets. A burglar will pass your boat by for an easier mark if he has to spend time breaking or picking a lock. Many captains hide an extra set of keys onboard. Don't. Lawbreakers know all the hiding places.

Ideally, keep your boat in a well-lit, secured anchorage with locked doors to docks, cameras, and personnel on site 24/7. If security and cameras aren't present, or you're out on a mooring, install an alarm — even the simplest of set-ups will scare most crooks away (provided there are people about who'll hear the alarm).

Every boater should be observant of strangers seemingly lurking around their home marina or boatyard, particularly those in non-nautical dress (street shoes are often a giveaway). Let a dockhand or the yard manager know if you suspect someone's potentially up to no good. If you're selling your boat, don't hang a *For Sale* sign on it. It affords nefarious characters the cover to snoop and return when no one's about.

What do you do if you have been hit anyway? Report the burglary to the police immediately. Savvy officers in marine units may know where to look for sales of stolen goods, especially if you provide them with a list of all equipment by make, model, and

serial number. Let them know all about the engraving on the stolen items as that will help to prove any recovered goods are yours.

I've been talking about boat burglaries, but entire boats and other watercraft disappear. The most likely vessels to be nicked are boats under 26 feet in length and jet skis. Owners must be diligent in immobilizing their crafts. Again, assess your setup like a thief would and then do all you can to make removal difficult or impossible.

Want a novel way to decrease the likelihood of a dinghy or inflatable being stolen? A veteran Caribbean sailor I know advises boaters to paint these items a weird color — a pink dink will make a crook rethink!

The author is the Division 5 - Staff Officer Public Affairs, First District Southern Region, for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the all-volunteer, non-military arm of the Coast Guard, teaching boating safety education and conducting search and rescue operations. Visit <http://cgaux.org/> to join the Auxiliary or for class information.

Sidebar to story

Safeguard Trailered Boats and Personal Watercraft

- Remove all portable equipment and gear and store separately.
- Detach the license plate from the trailer.
- Permanently mark or engrave PWC, boat, trailer, and non-removable equipment and electronics with identifying information.
- Store in a backyard with a locked gate; if the trailer and vessel must remain in front, park in the driveway and position another vehicle in front.
- Face trailer hitch away from the street.
- Remove one trailer wheel and the tongue/hitch.
- Securely chain and lock the boat/PWC and trailer to a tree or secured fence post.
- Install a bright motion-detecting light that focuses on the boat/PWC.
- Connect an alarm system that sounds throughout the neighborhood and alerts you via cellphone.

John Bilas, SO-PE - Report submitted electronically:

Fwd: Phone Call - 3/18

Friday, February 27, 2015

From: "John Bilas"

Shipmates,

Hope this message finds you well. Just wanted to keep you posted with the development of AUP, Auxiliary University Program. I had several positive calls and emails with the new administrative staff and scheduled a phone call with the new appointed Director of Career Development at King's College next month. Let's discuss at the next division meeting how we will facilitate the program and better engage the students. Looking forward to your support and input. Have a great weekend.

Talk soon,

John Bilas, ADSO-OP

SO-PE, FSO-PE

AUP, Auxiliary University Program

Paul Soden, SO-PV - Report submitted electronically:

PV Report for 2 Mar 2015 Div Meeting

Friday, February 27, 2015

From: "SodenPaul"

Stephen

I have nothing to report

V/R

Paul

Andrew Thurman, SO-VE - Report submitted electronically, via DCDR Helm

VE

All flotillas have received their decals.

I can report for 05-03 the following.

Tony is drafting a letter to our existing boating/kayak organizations to introduce me as the new FSO-VE and we will begin scheduling our dates with them.

We have Boating Safety Week and City of Water Day on our schedule. I'm planning on scheduling a day at Pier 25 and Pier 40 with the dock masters after they open in May. Pier 25 has agreed to be a meeting place for any that want to come and receive a VSC. They are run by Liberty Landing across the Hudson

who is also interested in scheduling a VSC day. Should we contact 10-2 about that? I was thinking we could say while we were inquiring about Pier 25 they asked about LL. As my boat is in Liberty Harbor and I'll be working there on it for most of April I'm sure there will be several opportunities to do VSCs. Not sure what is to become of North Cove since Manhattan Yacht Club lost it's lease but I've made contact with the new dock master and we can still do MYC's VSCs at their new location at their new location over at Morris Canal.

My materials are ordered and I have the new NY State Booklets. I did pitch for new VEs at the monthly meeting last week and had four people stay and talk with me after.

To all other FSO-VEs I have cc'd, I would like to get your plans/ideas so far and let's work on doing joint flotilla events to continue the new unified Division vision.

Ralph Irizarry, StaKP - No report received.

John Gallagher, StaNY - No report received.