

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
NEW YORK CITY DIVISION
Monthly Meeting Minutes - APRIL



05-02
BRONX



05-03
LOWER
MANHATTAN



05-03-001
JOHN JAY
DETACHMENT



05-04
CITY ISLAND



05-10
GOVERNOR'S
ISLAND



05-11
UPPER
MANHATTAN

Attendance:
PRESENT
NOT PRESENT

Date: April 5th, 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Zoom

- Call to Order: 19:40hrs
- Minutes of the January Meeting:
 - Motion to Accept: **1st: Raheem Soto 2nd: Bill Jefferson**
 - all in favor, none-opposed
- Introduction of Guests: **DCAPT - NYN Peter Byrne**
- Communications Received from District:
 - **Instructor and vessel examiner exams must be taken before June 30. Flotilla Commanders should make sure that all members are aware of this requirement and encouraged to take the exam before the deadline. Out of the 52 certified instructors, only 8 have taken the exam. Out of the 53 Vessel Examiners, only 7 have taken the exam. This requirement can be met either by taking a workshop or via self-study.**
 - **Uniforms: It is of high priority that we as Auxiliarist be in appropriate uniform at all times. Please make sure that members take this time to prepare their uniforms so that when we receive the all clear, we are ready.**
 - **Email Signature: Please keep signatures simple. Use name, top 1st or 2nd positions, and do not add Homeland Security.**
 - **IS: deadline to submit hours is April 15 for this quarter. Hours submitted after this date will not be accepted.**

- **Elected Officers Reports**

DCDR - David Mooney:

- I have taken the opportunity to review each flotilla in order to offer guidance and assistance to the Flotilla Commanders and have identified some areas of improvement. The most obvious need is to get members qualified and help them to advance out of the I.Q. status. There are many opportunities for members to take the AVS courses virtually and attain other qualifications. I hope the flotilla commanders will take me up on any assistance required and guidance offered.

VCDR - Sandro Sherrod:

- Reinforcing the need to have 1005 uniform compliance. This will be strictly enforced at any of our Public Affairs as we prepare to get out again. We need to make sure that everyone is "spot on"; anyone not in proper uniform will be asked to leave. Although we have not gotten official notification yet, we are seeing some early planning that late summer/early fall, we will be able to do some public affairs activities and so we should get prepared to reach out and figure out how to get our people back out. One specific event that is coming up on Memorial Day weekend (Fri. May 28, Sat. May 29 & Sun. May 30) is the Bethpage Air Show. Although it is a little outside our AOR, it is important to stand ready to be in support.

IPDCDR - Jeff Rooney:

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- **Flotilla Reports**

Flotilla 05-02

FC - Sal Rivera / VFC - Maribel Rivera

- We continue to have all meetings and trainings via zoom platform.
- Our HR team is working with the new members to complete their core training.
- We have also been encouraging members to update their emergency contact information.
- We are discussing training our instructors for the ABS course that will be available online.
- We are preparing for the start of the boating season.
- 4 more new recruits have applied. D.M. remarked that this flotilla is recruiting the most amongst the Division!

Flotilla 05-03

FC - Bill Jefferson / VFC - Andrew Thurman

- UPDATE Total members 106. AX2/AX-10; BQ-80; IQ-8; AP-8. Goal is to have no AP or IQ members by end of 1st Qtr, we have made a little progress, but goal must push a month or so.
- Goal to have at least 50% on members submitting hours directly in AUXDATAII by mid-year.

Flotilla 05-04

FC - James Merritt / VFC Juan Guzman

- Bridge meeting conducted on 03APR21.
- Quarterly Member Review completed for all 05-04 members (Hours, Workshops, AUXCORE, Qualifications, etc.) Members contacted.
- All members have completed AUX CORE (100%)
- Marine Dealer Visitor program continues, we have conducted 116 visits so far this year.
- Vessel Examiner program is up and running with 14 exams as of this report.
- Flotilla 05-04 has gone Blue for Autism Awareness Month. This is our 4 th year in a row.
- 1 application for new member pending.
- 1 member completed AUXOP

Flotilla 05-10

FC - Terry Wasserman-Lom / VFC - Stephen Sokol

- There will be an AVS course on 24 & 25 April most likely 9am to 2pm; still working on the details.
- There will be a distinguished guest speaker at the next meeting, an Active duty Marine Lt. speaking on leadership; all are invited. Drew Wilkins did a very granular presentation on AUXDATA II which was excellent.
- Request for decals was made. D. Mooney will facilitate.

Flotilla 05-11

FC - Ted Wadsworth / VFC - John McNamara

- completed 3 workshops on Vessel Exams included in them were the new forms and updated information on the cut off switches.
- We have a new vessel facility (High Innovation) and in the process of getting it inspected.
- D.M. stated that the unit has to update its hours to reflect its activity as it is not showing up in AUXDATA II at this time.

• Division Staff Officers Reports

SO-CM - Gil Lugo

- ALL RADIOS ACCOUNTED FOR AND SERIAL NUMBERS REPORTED TO DIVISION COMMANDER
- District Comms SOP Manual sent out to Flotilla CMs SOs for training and familiarization.
- All Division Radio Facilities have been confirmed and accounted for and reported to District and facility inspections to be conducted in near future.

SO-VE - Andrew Thurman

- Setting up a Vessel Examiner event on May 22-23 with John McNamara.
- Marine Safety--have been working with Sector Long Island to assist with inspection of vessels in their area. April 13 &14 working with Kings Point and Sandy Hook. on facility condition assessment. It's a small team and the program is in its infancy but we are trying to get more member participation. I will be the contact for anyone interested.

SO-MS - Bill Jefferson

- 2021 goals include:
 - Get 1-3 members qualified in an MS PQS.
 - Jefferson to attain 4th AUX MS PQS and Trident Device
 - Waiting for FSO-MS reports

SO-PA - Juan Guzman

- I have not received any PA reports from any Flotilla this month. There were a few PV events with Flotilla 05-04 and 05-11 where photos were submitted and posted to the axillary website.

SO-PV - Gil Lugo

- As of this date , the division has 59 certified PV operators.
- As a division, we have 332 PV visits YTD. My report was submitted early and this number will be adjusted upward.
- District Directorates concerning PVs have been emailed to all PV flotilla SO's.
- PV PowerPoint presentations will be sent out to Flotilla SO's for adherence and training in near future.
- The division has to be more active. Only 8 program visitors in the division have conducted PV operations.

SO-OP - Drew Wilkins

- On 23 MAR, Div 05 held an Surface Operations Workshop led by Ralph Irizarry. 14 attended. The Surface Operations workshop is mandatory in 2021 for all coxswains, boat crew, personal watercraft operators (PWO), paddle craft operators, and associated trainees. This workshop must be completed by June 30, 2021
- On 23 MAR, Div 05 held a Telecommunications Workshop led by John Kiernan. The Telecommunications workshop is strongly recommended for 2021.
- The Air Operations workshop is mandatory in 2021 for all AUXAIR team members. This workshop must be completed by June 30, 2021
- These workshops are available [here](#) and can be given online by any instructor.
- Several Div 05 members have signed up for the RM-TCT refreshers being offered by Div 06 the weekend of Apr 17 & 18.
- Div 05 placed an order for new PLBs to replace expiring ones.

SO-FS - Bert Ongekeo

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SO-CS - Olivia Perillo

- I did not email the other flotillas for their reports as honestly, I shouldn't hound them for it, they know when it is due in my email at the beginning of the year. No one has sent in a report.
- I did read the RBS JOB ONE. They had a great article about the future of boating safety classes via online and have a link to a sample one to see. I personally love this new way of teaching.
- I see a lot of contests on social media for the Coast Guard and will be posting them on all of the outlets... yes Twitter to!

SO-FN - Chad Goldman

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SO-HR - Sandro Sherrod

- Reminder to check the actual identification documents on new applicant. the website has excellent information about each of the forms.

SO-IS - Monique Fiore - Not present, report submitted electronically

- The District deadline for Jan-Mar hours is less than 2 weeks away. Remind members of the deadline. I have done my best to go through all the logs in the Division, only a handful still pending. Keep reminding members to enter Emergency Contacts.

- Self attestation forms must be uploaded with logs when entering for a workshop. don't forget to add the task for Classes & workshops, Instructors log 06A or 06B, attendees log under 99D, upload 7039
- Entering Program Visits, need to have location names
- When qualifying a member for IT, PV, or VE, they need to be on their own log with the trainer. The activity log will need to be referenced by the qualifier.

SO-MA - Jose Colon

- I have plenty of material in stock including the NYS Boater Guides. I have materials from NYS Parks such as Brianna's Law Posters and information decals, and IF FOUND Decals arriving mid-march.

SO-MT - Ted Wadsworth

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SO-SR - Yvette Mooney

- Nothing additional to report other than the minutes submitted.

SO-AS - Raheem Soto

- For the month of March, I have completed my hours on Aux Data II, with all my hours current.
- I have spoken with DSO-AS John Lesick on plans for chartering Sea Scout Troop 272 as we prepare to Jumpstart the Aux Scout program this summer. He expressed his gratitude and compliments as I am the only SO-AS and I participated at USCG Half marathon last week. I did get a chance to meet people and explained to them about the USCG Auxiliary program. A few took my number and promise to contact me.
- The last communication with one of the potential recruits he was in talk to a CG recruiter
- I just finished the NACO 3 Stars application waiting to hear from my FCO or VFC.

SO-DV - Birane Diouf - Not Present, No Report Received

Took me time but I finished my presentation for the quarter (Diversity :Mentoring & Leadership). I'm still adapting with my new charge as the Division Dv. Yes, I'm a learning process and I'm open to anyone willing to mentor me with AUXDATA.

Old Business:

- Division "Special Attention List"
- Flotilla VE Decals
- Boat Crew Mentors
- Updating Emergency Contact Information
- CLE - How to conduct virtual Boating Class
- National Committee meeting of the Whole

New Business:

- District Meeting - Saturday March 13th 9am
- Quarterly Meetings
- ABS Courses
- Awards

Awards & Recognition

- We have many awards; I am in the process of getting these to the Flotilla Commanders.
- D.M. was congratulated by several members for completion and achieving the AUAXOP Award.

Good and Welfare

- Auxiliarist Fred Knox, 05-11
- Thank you to Mike West and Frank Byrne for attending the meeting.

Next Division Meeting: April 5th, 2021.

Zoom call, 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Sandro Sherrod

2nd Gil Lugo

All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm

Minutes completed by SO-SR Yvette Mooney