

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



Attendance:
PRESENT
NOT PRESENT

Date: **February 1st, 2021**

Time: **7:30 pm**

Place: **Zoom**

- Call to Order: **19:35hrs**
- Minutes of the January Meeting:
 - Motion to Accept: **1st: Jeff Rooney 2nd: Jose Colon**
 - all in favor, none-opposed
- Introduction of Guests: **John Kiernan, 05-11 / Arsenio, 05-10 / Nadia Cruz 05-04 / Mike Raffel, 05-04**
- Communications Received from District: **No new news from the District**

• **Elected Officers Reports**

DCDR - David Mooney:



VCDR - Sandro Sherrod:



IPDCDR - Jeff Rooney:



• **Flotilla Reports**

Flotilla 05-02

FC - Sal Rivera / VFC - Maribel Rivera

- These past two months have been very profitable for the members joining the Districts CLE trainings and Division trainings.
- We continue to have our monthly meetings and training via zoom.
- In January, we had 11 new members that joined and working diligently in completing their core trainings and BQII.
- We have 3 members who past the PV exam and are getting qualified.
- The Flotilla has a group chat which we check in weekly and twice a week we have "Aux Trivia". It is a fresher/review of acronyms, abbreviations and boating questions.
- Trainings conducted in Jan & Feb:
 - Zoom meetings etiquette
 - How to submit your hours in AUXDATA II
 - PV, VE and Instructor workshops

Flotilla 05-03

FC - Bill Jefferson / VFC - Andrew Thurman

- Total members 105. AX2/AX-10; BQ-79; 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.
- One member needs ITRM course or to relinquish his BCCREW status.
- Facilities: 1 operational surface facility; 1 operational air facility; 3 operational radio facilities.
- Certifications: Boat Crew-2; Aircrew-1; Air First Pilot-1; VE-10; PV-11; FS-5; IT-7; AV-1; AUXBUILD-1; AUX-MSAM-2; AUX-MEES-1; AUX-LR-1; more.....
- 2020-year end financials were submitted before 1/31/21.

- 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

- Implementing a "Quarterly Member Review" to encourage those members who may need suggestions to a pathway in training and qualifications.
- Marine Dealer Visitations has increased to 50 visits for the year. Flotilla 05-04 is willing to take any member in the division on their qualification visitations.
- Operations: Will be getting all current crew out of REYERS. We will also be starting shore side training for new boat crew trainees ASAP.
- Station Kings Point: We have made contact with Senior Chief John Harrington who has invited us to train with active-duty members.
- Public Education: ABS courses to be offered through Zoom. Two issues that need to be worked out are 1. Can we PDF the course materials to students. 2. Develop a final exam other than an honor system for students.
- Publications: We are back with our newsletter. We would like to continue the "Why I joined the Auxiliary" theme and open it up to the division to give Auxiliarist another opportunity to contribute.
- The National Special Events for Honor/Color Guard Team: 05-04 has 6 people who have expressed interest in this program. Would like to see if any member of the division would like to join so we can put together a team. We have several members who have training, and we are willing to train all who are interested.
- One of our member's son has started the interview process with Auxiliarist David Mooney, Academy Admission Partner, and will be joining the AIM program at the Coast Guard Academy this summer. He will also be joining us as a member of 05-04 on his 17th birthday next month.
- Our "Kids Don't Float Program" continues to grow and have received a grant for approximately 75 life vests to be loaned to the local community. Locations are being considered

Flotilla 05-10

FC - Terry Wasserman-Lom / VFC - Stephen Sokol

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Flotilla 05-11

FC - Ted Wadsworth / VFC - John McNamara

- The check for Flotilla 05-11 Division Annual Dues was sent out February 24, 2021, to Chad R, Goldman SO-FN in the amount of \$1,020.00.
- Monthly meeting held on 21-Feb
- Sent out Quarterly issue of Daymark
- One potential recruit, paperwork processing 3 other inquires
- One more member completed AUXOP requirements

• 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.
- 5-11 John KIERNAN conducting HF classes for licensing

SO-VE - Andrew Thurman

- All Communications from ADSO have been forwarded to FSO-VEs
- Decal Inventories:
 - 05-02 - Received
 - 05-03 - Received
 - 05-04 - Received
 - 05-10 - Received
 - 05-11 - Received

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

SO-PA - Juan Guzman

- Since the beginning of the year there has not been much activity until the "Why you joined" started and we started to move forward with PA in that area. We do continue to have success as it is spreading to other flotillas not only in division 5 but to other states along the U.S.
- As for monthly reports go I have not received any reports from any flotilla in division 5.

SO-PV - Gil Lugo

- As of this date, the division has 59 certified Program Visitors.
- As a division, we have conducted 104 PV visits.
- The division must be more active. Only 4 program visitors in the division have conducted PV operations.

SO-OP - Drew Wilkins

- All the flotillas with surface ops have appointed their Flotilla Safety Officers. Division PPE inventory has been taken and info has been delivered to ADSO-OP
- Signup form for 2021 Boat Crew Training Program has been distributed.
- AuxAir introductory training given 1/31/21 via Zoom by Harry Parsons.
- New ODU with lightweight fabric option forthcoming in 12-18 months per Admiral Fagan.
- 6 AuxAir ice patrols requested and authorized for SECNY in February.
- Aux-18 - Spatial Disorientation training for AuxAir pilots, held at the FAA campus in Oklahoma City, will be held in 2-day sessions in June, July, August and September.
- AUXILIARY COVID-19 RECONSTITUTION GUIDANCE Version 2 available from BSX.

SO-FS - Bert Ongekeo

- Nothing happening with Active Duty during this COVID pandemic.
- New AUXFS SOP will enact a new policy for a Non-Active category for Food Services members to keep their status from being REYE if they could not support operational missions. (12 hours per year requirement in Ops)
- HOT off the press. [Coasties Diner just released.](#) 137 pages of amazing articles, recipes, mission statements, and chef bios. Kudos to Linda.
- REMINDER! Asking all Division Food Services members to do their [Annual Sanitation Course](#).
- 3 AUXFS course happening - Intro to Food Services and Sanitation Review Courses. Check out the [DISR ALCON site](#)

SO-CS - Olivia Perillo

- As the SO-CS it is my pleasure to keep everyone in the Division up to date and engaged in the Auxiliary. I believe social media, when used correctly can keep everyone more informed and interested in the goings on of their Division.
- I hope to keep a working relationship with the Flotillas included in Division 05 and will do my best to have Flotillas as well as individual members involved and active.
- This is going to be a great year for the Auxiliary as we have a lot of work AND fellowship to catch up on.

SO-FN - Chad Goldman

- No major activity to report, currently working with Russ to transfer the division bank account to myself. Working with chase to see if it can be done virtually.
- 2021 annual dues sent to all flotillas; payment is due by March 5th.

SO-HR - Sandro Sherrod

- The national Join Us site is still down, National is aware.

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

- Currently the Division has 11 OPEN logs and 0 APPROVAL REQUESTED logs pending FSO-IS review.
- Please remind members to:
 - ALWAYS put in a summary of activity

- Don't forget to add LEAD member.
- IS Entry Deadline: Jan – Mar hours need to be entered prior to April 15th
- For Program Visitation entries: when using code 11, members should only claim the time they spend out, not 1 hour per visit. For example, 15 visits should not equal 15 hours, it should only cover the time they were physically out doing visits. Prep and travel time can be claimed on 99B.
- We have improved with the Districts request for updating our emergency contacts:
 - **Division is currently at 23% compliance, 9% increase from Jan 11th**

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

- March Is For Members Campaign Begins
- VE workshop scheduled for March 10
- AUX DATA workshop Scheduled for end of month
- PE workshop 4 members attended. We plan to hold another flotilla workshop during the month 2 other flotillas plan VE workshops as well

SO-SR - Yvette Mooney

- Quorum was easily met.
- Minutes were sent out on time (Monday after meeting).

SO-AS - Raheem Soto

- Please be advised I am currently attempting to make contact with Aux Scout FSOs from each of Division 5 Flotillas.
- I have received email Correspondence from DO-AS John Lesick concerning all information and upcoming workshops.
- With goals set, I will be looking to get involved as soon as possible.
- On 2/23/2021, I have completed the mandated Boys Scout of America "Youth Protection" course.

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

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:

Next Division Meeting: April 5th, 2021.

Zoom call, 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Juan Guzman

2nd Raheem Soto

All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm

Minutes completed by SO-SR Yvette Mooney