

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



Date: June 7, 2021

Time: 19:00

Place: Zoom

- **Call to Order:** 19:33
- **Minutes of the Meeting - Motion to Accept:** 1stTed Wadsworth 2ndJose Colon
- Introduction of Guests:** Gene Fish 05-11, Arsenio Martinez 05-10

Communications Received from District:

- Please let all members know that this meeting is open to all. DCDR Mooney opened by stating that in all his years in the Auxiliary, he has not met a Commodore who is more engaged in all aspects of the auxiliary than our current Commodore Stone. He reviews all Mission Request Forms and knows the involvement of all of the members. He is very supportive. Division 5 is doing very well. Division 10 is the usual leader in member activities but this year, we are within striking distance of overtaking the number 1 position. We are behind in PVs by only 7 and VE by 150. New member training is a high priority.
- The Commodore reviewed each flotilla in the Division and believes that the leadership is going to make the difference. DCDR Mooney also has reviewed performance measures and shares this information with the Flotilla Commanders; sending out emails at least twice a week that contain performance reports which can form the basis of correcting the shortfalls.
- Commodore Stone is concerned with one flotilla that has more members in AP status than BQ status. This deserves immediate attention. Another flotilla has not met since Jan 2020. He has met with all levels of leadership, stressing leader accountability and leading by example.
- Recording hours is the key to documenting members' performance. Members are doing work but not taking/getting credit for their work because they are not recording their hours.
- Workshops must be completed by June 30 to maintain certification as instructor and Vessel Examiner.
- PPE will be issued to those who have the certification to conduct these activities
- D Train Survey was designed to hear from the membership what their interests and needs are. They want to make it productive and hope to issue certifications in certain areas by the end of the 4 days. They are seeking involvement from new instructors for this D Train; please encourage qualified and interested members to step up.
- Saturday is the District meeting at SUNY Maritime. It is an in-person meeting with the capability for members to participate virtually. A 7101 is required to attend as it is for any in person activity. Anyone interested in getting their portrait done can do so. The uniform is Service Dress Blue for the portrait.

Elected Officers Reports

DCDR-David Mooney	- Covered in Comms rcvd.
VCDR - Sandro Sherrod	- Covered in Comms rcvd. nothing to add
IPDCDR - Jeff Rooney	- nothing to add. pleased with the direction the division is headed.

Flotilla Reports

Flotilla 05-02

FC - Sal Rivera / VFC - Maribel Rivera - NO REPORT

Flotilla 05-03

Bill Jefferson, FC 05-03:

- A few members still need RM/TCT Refresher, please advise next scheduled class.
- Flotilla has completed 331 VSC to date.
- Member Bill Winslow retired from AUX.
- There will be an election for the Vice Commander position.

Flotilla 05-04

James Merritt, FC 05-04 / VFC Juan Guzman:

- As of this report, Flotilla 05-04 has 6,633 total hours for the year.
- We have resumed in person meetings following all COVID 19 Policy #7 updates.
- Our Program Visitors are out every weekend and PVs have increased to 319 visits this year.
- During National Safe Boating Week, we conducted a Safety Fair event at our newest partner the New Rochelle YMCA and a PA/MS event at Orchard Beach during the annual Clean up sponsored by Capt. Mike's Dive Shop.
- Our members completed Vessel Exams and Program Visits throughout NSBW and a few members participated in Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day.
- Hosted a 1-day ABS class in early May for a total of 8 PE hours.
- Submitted for the 3-star Excellence Award for 100% AUXCORE compliance.
- Submitted for the 3-star NACO Diversity Award.
- We have 6 prospective members currently working on their FEMA ICS courses as well as meeting flotilla enrollment requirements to become members.
- looking forward to 2022 D Train!

Flotilla 05-10

Terry Wasserman-Lom, FC 05-10 / VFC Stephen Sokol:

- Our flotilla met but did not have a quorum last month. We discussed the updates from Division and the Commodore. We urged members to get their 7101s completed. We talked wistfully about next year's Fleet Week
- We are still working on learning Boat America (some of the slides are out of order, so it's a little weird) to teach soon.
- out 5-4 ABS course asked about how it went.
- Question raised about the lanyards by Mike Raffel; still need clarification but decision not to hold up distribution. Put lanyard in the pocket and give them out.
- We haven't done any VEs recently but are hoping to up our game on that.
- We have had members training online and are continuing our slow but steady forward momentum into peak boating season.
- Looking forward to giving "Suddenly in Command"; see's a great need.
- Sandro brings up question about the cut off switch leaving the boat without a mechanism to operate in a man overboard situation.

Flotilla 05-11

FC - Ted Wadsworth / VFC - John McNamara:

- For National Safe Boating Week we scheduled VE exams at Liberty Landing and were able to complete 3 exams.
- Two applicants have made inquiries in the Processing stage with HR.

Division Staff Officers Reports

SO-PV - Gil Lugo

- As a division, we have 567 PV visits YTD. We can do better! The breakdown is:
 - 5-2: 66 PV
 - 5-3: 14 PV
 - 5-4: 319 PV
 - 5-10: 2 PV
 - 5-11: 165 PV

SO-VE -

SO-MS - Bill Jefferson

Nothing to Report

SO-PA - Juan Guzman

As of this date Division 5 has a total of 307.00 hours logged into AUXDATA. The only reports I received were from 05-04 & 05-10. No response from 05-03 & 05-11, 05-02 does not have a PA officer.

- 05-04: May - 22, New Rochelle YMCA Healthy kids and safety fair. All photos vetted and uploaded to social media. May - 23, Orchard beach clean-up, all photos vetted and uploaded to social media. Upcoming events - June 5 - 6, City Island Street fair.
- 05-10: We had participants at the Jones Beach Airshow. As well as providing content for NSBW for MY CG article.

SO-CM - Gil Lugo

- All Flotilla Radio Facilities have been confirmed and accounted for , and reported to District and facility inspections to be conducted in near future.
- Flotilla 5-4 Conducted Radio operations and training during Orchard Beach clean up. Radio operation hours were submitted by undersigned
- Flotilla 5-11 Have several members going through TCO training.
- To Sandro--would like to start Facility Inspections

SO-OP - Drew Wilkins

PPE

As of 30 APR, PPE is now being made available for VE and AV. Issued PPE for VE and AV contains the Auxiliary lifejacket, whistle and mirror. These must be inspected by the flotilla safety officer and documented to be certified for use. Per COMO Stone, it is the members responsibility to request PPE issuance through their chain of leadership. To be issued PPE, a VE or AV must be current, otherwise they may be loaned a kit by the flotilla safety officer.

- To support increased demand due to VE, SO-OP ordered (and received) additional PPE. (DD1149 is attached).
- A boat crew PPE kit, & PFD were issued to 05-03 as a ready-service for Bill Jefferson's facility.
- Three whistles and mirrors were issued to 05-04 for VEs
- 05-10 and 05-03 have submitted Appendix G showing crew with inspected PPE.

SURFACE OPERATIONS

- Surface patrols are now approved in SECNY.
- Coxswain Wilkins received approved patrol orders for June 26 PATCOM mission on Bill Jefferson's facility.
- 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. If not completed by that date, program participants shall be regarded as

not current in their competency, shall not be authorized to be assigned to duty to perform those program activities, and shall be placed in Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status.

AIR OPERATIONS

- The Air Operations workshop is mandatory in 2021 for all AUXAIR team members. This workshop must be completed by June 30, 2021. If not completed by that date, program participants shall be regarded as not current in their competency, shall not be authorized to be assigned to duty to perform those program activities, and shall be placed in Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status.

COVID

- COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment Form ANSC-7101 requirements are still in effect. The form may be accessed [here](#). If you have already completed it, it is not necessary to complete it again.
- Boat Crew Shoreside Training, along with many other missions still requires the submission of a Mission Request form prior to the event.

MISC

- On May 18 DSO-IS Lynn Enny held a "Requesting and Completing Patrol Orders" tutorial via Zoom attended by several members of the Division.

SO-FS - Bert Ongekeo

Just a reminder the new AUXCA (Culinary Assistant) Deployment Guidelines and Procedures are posted on the [District 1SR website](#).

The new AUXCA Specialist SOP has not yet been finalized so mandatory requirements remain as follows:

- Must complete Intro to Risk Management
- 2021 Sanitation Test must be completed by NO LATER than June 30th
- Must complete ICS 100/700
- 12 Hours minimum is not presently known if this requirement will be waived since many USCG Stations, Cutters etc have not yet opened.
- A new AUXCA Logo was presented as well as a proposed device to be worn on our uniforms. This device is awaiting approval.

SO-CS - Olivia Perillo

No Report

SO-FN - Chad Goldman

Dues Letters were mailed out to Flotilla 05-02 & 05-03. Check has been received and deposited from 05-03.

SO-HR - Sandro Sherrod

SO-IS - Monique Fiore

I went through the backlog of AUXDATA Entries, we had 56 logs pending, we are now down to 2 which just need clarification. Ran multiple reports for Division Commander for updates to FC's and report to district. The Division Commander sent out reports for core training and workshops.

SO-MA - Jose Colon

As for the division no one has reached out with any problems in reference to orders.

SO-MT - Ted Wadsworth

Scheduled VE at liberty Landing; hoping for better numbers.

Conducted "Suddenly in Command" Course. Have slides available to share on this and on Personal water Craft. These are good courses for new instructors to begin.

SO-SR - Yvette Mooney

No additions to the minutes.

SO-AS - Raheem Soto

- The month of May began slowly with many restrictions still in place concerning approved activity with vaccine status. I was able to communicate with the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 272, he informed me that they have been in contact with Alexander Rico and have been in contact with Flotilla 05-11. I have expressed that we are ready and willing to become more involved with the Sea Scouts (Ship 272) and if there is anything that they may need from us, they should not hesitate to ask. Skipper has brought to my attention that ship 272 could use assistance with a location for swimming (pool time) once permitted, they have instructors as well. There are also Sea Scouts which need to complete a Service Project. I have given my email so that the Skipper and I remain in contact to discuss future events.
- I need for all FSO-AS from each Flotilla to send me reports of their activity for I have yet to receive any reports at this time. It appears to me that a team effort is needed here with Aux Scout / Sea Scout activity.
- I have searched many Sea Scout accounts on facebook, where I am now following most of all accounts of facebook, so that I may study and keep current with Sea Scout activity throughout.
- Sea Scout Ship 272 meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Church Of The Incarnation located at 35th street between Park and Madison Avenues.

SO-DV - Birane Diouf

Started working on a second presentation for last quarter. I participated on the zoom call regarding the new agenda update and mission of the interpreter corp.

Committee Reports

Old Business

- Covid update 7 hoping for a loosening of restrictions
- 7101 please encourage membership to fill it out.
- Jones Beach air show
- Mission Request Forms must be submitted prior to visits.
- National Safe Boating Week

New Business

- 2021 Plan have staff officer meeting and create a plan for jump starting activities and improving your flotilla's standing
 - District Meeting -
 - Mandatory Workshops make sure the attestations are uploaded; reach out to IS officer if members need help. Out of 50 instructors, 17 have completed the course.
 - Jet Ski invasion and Rainbow on the Hudson. In the past, the USCG has not wanted to involve the USCGAux but because of the expected large turnout, they are asking for the support of Auxiliary facilities.
- **Awards & Recognition**
 - received AuxOp, 1 Translator and more to come up at the District Meeting
 - **Good and Welfare- none**

- Adjournment of Meeting motion made by Jeff Rooney and 2nd by Terry Wasserman
- Meeting adjourned at 20:16

Next Division Meeting: July 5 but due to the holiday, we will come up with a new date and distribute Zoom Call, 7:30pm - ODU's

- Minutes completed by SO-SR Yvette Mooney