
**RECORD OF REGULAR FLOTILLA MEETING
FLOTILLA 014-15-10
LAKE GEORGE**

Date: 6-December-2021 **Time:** 1830-2010
Place: Virtual

Officers Present:

FC/IS/PE: Enny **VC/CS:** Grabbe **CM/FN:** Canavan
DV/VE: Townsend **MA/MT/OP:** Pound **SR/PA:** Glass

Other Members Present: K. Howard, J. Howard, G. Slusher

Guests Present: B. Doyle, D. Iuliano, T. Simmons

Members who will transfer from the 15-13 (Crown Point) Flotilla; B. Doyle, and D. Iuliano, T. Simmons introduced and welcomed. T. Simmons, current FC of 15-13 advised that paperwork for all members of 15-13 wishing to transfer to 15-10 has been completed and will be sent to Diraux on or about December 7, 2021. Our FC advised Tom to send everything via email since the Diraux office is closed and unmanned except for the occasional visit by someone to pick something up. Tom Further reported that all finances has been transferred, and the flotilla had no inventory to transfer.

Condensed Version Of Reports/Motions:

Minutes of meeting on 1-Nov-2021 approved by motion.

FN - Balance is \$3,979.50. Has received dues from 12 members of 15-10 and four current members of 15-13. Further advised that the year end financial report will be due in January, and since he and others will be wintering in Florida, we should begin the process as soon as possible.

CM - Has heard reports that the repeater in Stowe, Vt. may be inoperable. Bill Doyle checked during the meeting and reported that the repeater is in fact down. Jim will follow up.

CS - Website is up to date.

IS - Sent notes to those members needing Core Training - all of 15-10 members have completed same. Three incoming members from 15-13 need to complete. Get hours in asap.

MA - Expecting to send NYS Boating books out in January once they have been received.

OP - Closed down for the season. Next year may publish a spreadsheet of upcoming missions so members seeking to crew may have a better opportunity to participate.

MT - Nothing is scheduled at this time. All members are up to date on Core training. Jackie and Kirk Howard need VEs for Certification - best done in the spring. Both also need to take the IT online test to qualify. Enny signed them off on the PQS after observing them teach last month. Townsend needs PV training, and she and Glass need to complete visits for qualification.

VE – Reminded all that VEs can be done with boats out of the water. Lee performed 3 VEs on Kayaks at a local sporting goods store, where she observed hunters purchasing the vessels.

DV - Townhall meetings are being conducted. The NACO award program will have a new application form since the pandemic has prevented most in-person meetings.

PA – No PA events scheduled.

PE –Observed Kirk and Jackie Howard teaching the Sea Cadets in Saratoga – and was very impressed with their teaching skills, and control over the students. Signed them off on the PQS for IT. Scheduled a class at Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association for June 11, 2022. There is no wi-fi in the facility. Advised that since Diamond Island Yacht Club is in Vermont, instructors are required to be Vermont state certified, and therefore we will have to have assistance from the Burlington Flotilla. Tom Simmons then advised that he is a Vermont certified instructor, but probably needs to update his qualification.

K. Howard will be teaching NYS Boating Classes in Saratoga in April 16, and June 18, 2022. The class is open to all, and Kirk invites veterans to take the class at no charge.

MOTION: FC called for a motion that the Flotilla sponsor the April and June classes up to 30 participants. After the motion was put on the floor, discussion had, and passed; it was

RESOLVED: That Flotilla 15-13 shall sponsor two boating classes annually, by supplying current books for up to thirty students per class, at an anticipated cost of \$180.00 (ie. \$3.00 per book).

Remarks: (Awards/Special Events/Future Plans)

Incoming FC - advised that she wishes to fill staff officer positions, and sent an email to current officers. Since none objected to retaining their office, all will remain. Tom Simmons volunteered to take the NS and MS offices. PV will remain vacant until further action. She will submit form 7007 on or before 15 December as required.

FC – Asked if anyone had found an in-person meeting place. C. Pound advised that a former member had offered a large facility across the street from the Queensbury Hotel which would be suitable for Flotilla and perhaps even Division meetings.

MOTION: FC called for a motion to authorize investigation of the potential meeting site. After the motion was put on the floor, discussion had, and passed; it was

RESOLVED: C. Pound and G. Slusher will investigate the facility further and report back to our FC.

Ice Agenda – Active duty has requested that 15-10 make ice reports. Lynn will take care of North of White Hall Lock. Bill Doyle will do ice missions in area of the Crown Point Bridge and Bulwagga Bay. Seth Hopkins will check Lapan's Bay.

IPFC/DCdr – Reported on several talking points from the “All Hands Meeting” on 23-November.

Food Service – AuxCa (Culinary Assistance) is now operational. It is no longer necessary to communicate with District before doing a CA mission.

FinCen – Working through issue with the new software

7025 Reports (Year end Financial/Inventory Reports) due at the end of January.

AuxData II – All should use

Diraux office – Closed due to construction – everyone is working from home. Do not send mail to the Diraux office.

Awards – Hs received some recently, but very slow to receive because of the office closure.

Uniforms

Pilot Program

1SR is one of two Districts Testing the new Auxiliary Alternate Work Uniform (“AWU”). The tucked ODU will no longer be authorized after 31-December-2021. As of 1-January-2022 only the untucked ODU will be authorized. The AWU is in lieu of the untucked ODU and consists of a Polo Top, Long Pants (NOT ODU pants), belt, work boots (or boat shoes if authorized), and ball cap. A complete description of the AWU can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/jzfw8y8>

If a member wishes to participate in the Pilot program, all costs of the AWU will be borne by the member, and the member will have to report monthly.

The untucked ODU will be phased out beginning in Fiscal Year 2024, at which time the Auxiliary version of the Coast Guard Utility (CG-U) uniform is expected to be available. The Auxiliary CG-U will be available only in sizes compatible with active service requirements. Thus, an Auxiliarist who is unable to wear the Auxiliary CG-U because of size availability or elects not to comply with the new grooming and appearance standards that are required for ODU or CG-U wear, may opt to wear the AWU.

Uniform Inspections

An annual requirement is established for Auxiliarists to undergo a uniform inspection by either their Flotilla Commander (FC), Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC), or other elected officer in their Chain of Leadership. Auxiliarists who do not pass their initial annual inspection shall be afforded one more opportunity to pass inspection.

Annual inspection counts as a currency maintenance task for all competencies. Auxiliarists who do not undergo or do not pass the annual inspection during the calendar year shall lose their currency in all of their competencies for the following calendar year (i.e., be placed in REYR status) and shall be issued a Letter of Caution. If it happens for a second consecutive year, then a Letter of Reprimand shall be issued. If it happens for a third consecutive year, then the Auxiliarist may be disenrolled.

Leadership Development Academy – January 7-9, 2022, Register here:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=014&category=members-only>

Note: *Members must be fully vaccinated and have a 7101 form on file electronically to attend*

D-Train – March 3-6, 2022, Stanford, Connecticut (The District meeting will be held on 3-March-2022.

Road Sign Program Divisions and Flotillas can order road signs, similar to Rotary International round signs, and the District will reimburse each Division up to \$200.

Everbridge Vaccine Inquiry – was initiated in response to an inquiry by Congress as to why the Auxiliary is not required to be vaccinated against Covid 19, in contrast to the requirement that active duty be vaccinated. Congressional inquiry was initiated after an Auxiliarist spoke on a topic he was unauthorized to speak about on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Awards: Congratulations to all who were recognized:

Lee Townsend - Membership Service Award - 30 Years of dedicated service;

Flotilla 15-10 - Diversity Management 3 Star Award of Excellence, 2020;

Lynn Enny – Meritorious Team Commendation – IT, 2021;

Gary Slusher – Confirmation of Election to Division Commander, January, 2021;

Jeremy Grabbe – Staff Officer College – Completion Award, 31-October-2020;

James Canavan – Certificate of Appointment – District Directorate Chief ,
Response 1-January-2020;

Lynn Enny/Gary Slusher – Certificate of Completion – LDA – 2021.

Next Business Meeting: January 3, 2022 1900 hrs -Virtual

Date Submitted: 9-Dec-2021 **By:** Helen Glass, FSO-SR



Date Accepted Via Motion: