**February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes USCGAUX Flotilla 014-22-02**

**Call to order and pledge of allegiance @ 1930 hrs**

**Introduction of guests:** No guests were present at this meeting

**Adoption of January 16, 2020 meeting minutes – Accepted with no amendments**.

**FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS**

**Flotilla Commander** (Due to a family illness Jeff was not able to attend. Gene stepped in).

**FC** Notes submitted electronically by Jeff Wright

1. Any Member that is in REYR must have it resolved before continuing the task.
2. Risk Management Refresher training (classroom) being organized for Watch stander and Communications
3. Very important to Log hours as Coast Guard is credited with volunteer hours in their annual budget allotment Even reading email counts for credited time (estimating min 30 hours per year ) , attending meetings, etc .estimated that over 1 million hours in email reading being unreported nationally
4. Division has more Safe Boating books if needed
5. Aids Verifier training must be both parts 1 and 2 .
6. If you hear of any boat shows, please notify FC/VFC and we will notify division as Aux wants the option to be present and participate.
7. Everyone, The Change of watch is Sunday March 22 @ The Three Village Inn, Stony Brook. Please attend, very worthwhile event. Contact me if you need more info.

**Vice Flotilla Commander** ( Bill Raisch was not able to be present due to a conference.)

**VFC** Report submitted electronically: In addition to core organization activities as VFC, I continue to reach out and undertake organizational efforts for the 2020 **Northport Maritime Day & Blessing of the Fleet** to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at the Northport Village Dock and Park.

As discussed in earlier meetings, the event will allow the flotilla to showcase its activities while also enabling the community to celebrate the past, present and future of maritime life in general with a special focus on the Northport and wider Long Island maritime heritage.

Current planning, subject to confirmation by the various organizations that I am reaching out to, includes the following:

At the Village Dock:

* **Blessing of the Fleet Parade of over 100 Boats** anticipated from area yacht clubs as well as general recreational boaters. Area clergy, elected officials and Coast Guard will officiate at the Village Dock with a lead off acapella rendition of the National Anthem followed by the sound of bag pipes wafting across the water throughout the parade.
* **Historic, Research, Coast Guard, Training and Working Ships at the Northport Village Dock** including the historic oyster sloop Christine, US Coast Guard facilities and invited vessels including: the Northport Fire Department Fire Boat, working fishing vessels, merchant marine academy training vessels and marine research vessels from Cornell and Stony Brook Universities

In the Village Park:

* **Seaworthy Activities for All in Village Park** including
  + a marine life touch tank from Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program,
  + Seamanship Skills by Sea Scouts
  + planned “Rain-Gutter Regatta” for children by the Cub Scouts
  + “Suddenly in Command Demonstration” and Radio Communications Display by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary
  + a variety of other “hands-on” activities for young and old from the Oyster Bay Waterfront Center and others.
* **Maritime History and Art Displays** including from
  + the Northport Historical Society,
  + the Northport Arts Coalition
  + the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum (invited).
* **Maritime Music** including from the
  + US Coast Guard Auxiliary Band Bugler at morning colors
  + Musicians from the Northport Arts Coalition,
  + bag pipes during the Blessing of the Fleet Parade.
* **Walk-up Display of Maritime Vessels in the Park** including:
  + Long Island Antique & Classic Boat Society
  + US Coast Guard Auxiliary Patrol Boat
  + Northport Fire Department Response Boat (invited)
* **Seaworthy Volunteer Opportunities** including from:
  + US Coast Guard Auxiliary including opportunities in Public Education, Communications, Vessel Inspection, Aids to Navigation, Boat Crew Training, On-the-Water Patrols and Search & Rescue and other direct support of our local US Coast Guard Station Eaton’s Neck
  + Cornell Shellfish Restoration and SPAT Programs
* **Northport’s Working Waterfront** **& Recreational Boating** with invited participation from
  + Seymour’s Boat Yard
  + Britannia Yachting Center
  + Northport Yacht Club
  + Centerport Yacht Club
  + Baymen’s Association
* **Chowder Contest from Northport’s Restaurants** to win the Maritime Day Chowder Trophy. Judges’ table in the Village Park.
* **Best Beer & Ale Contest** from area breweries to be judged in Village Park.
* **Season’s Opening of the Northport Farmers’ Market** **with a special focus on Local Seafood**

Throughout the Village:

* **Delicious Seafood & other Coastal Delights** at Northport’s many restaurants. Look for each restaurant’s chowder offerings especially.
* **Nautically Themed Treasures and Gifts** at Northport’s variety of shops

**Secretary**

**FSO - SR** Jay Smith – Present, nothing to new report except that I used to think recording and distributing organization minutes was a snap, boy was that a misconception!

**Finance**

**FSO - FN** Art Gorodess (submitted a report electronically) - The current balance (as of this meeting) $5, 769.90.

Noted 3 members still have not paid this year’s dues.

**Public Education**

**FSO-PE** Ellen Dasilva - (Excused Absence) Ellen submitted her report in advance of the meeting: \*Classes at the Northport High Scholl for B Safety are scheduled for March 2, 9, 16 & 23rd Rm L103 1900 to 2100 (member suggestion was proposed for the future to consolidate the 4 sessions down to 2 or even 1 on a weekend day.) The next classes are currently scheduled for April 20 to May 11 same time and rm. All listed on the National web site & distributed to the school district.

**Vessel Examinations:**

FSO-VE Jeff Wright has about 50 VSC decals. Still Hoping to increase our vessel examinations to 150 from the 94 we did last year. We will start advertising Feb/Mar 2020. We need to insure all our VE’s are current.

**Harbor Safety Officer:**

HARPAT Jim Bileci - (Not able to attend tonights meeting due to medical issues) Jim sent a note agreeing with the assessment that HSO should not be followed up with a citation. Jim said “we have an excellent report with the stations visited and we would not be welcomed if our visits end up with citations”. Any thoughts or response back from Division?

**Program Visitor:**

FSO-PV Gene Kinney - Scheduling visits.

**Aids to Navigation:**

FSO-AN “OPEN POSITION” volunteer needed.

**Communications:**

FSO-CM Greg Barbato - (No report - Excused Absence)

**Information Services:**

FSO-IS Open position, still haven’t heard from John and Rohhini.

Last we knew they need their BQ status. Any communication from them?

**Materials:**

FSO-MA Jayson Fernandes (No report excused absence) Q from Jay Smith - Was a complete inventory of existing materials done so we can report to Division? Should we post and update regularly?

**Member Training:**

FSO-MT Open Position Volunteer needed. This candidate will organize training sessions for all Auxiliary program qualifications and specialty courses.

**Operations:**

FSO-OP Bob Allen. Bob filled us in that he doesn’t know if Jessica is official and he is still getting reports from Dick (Division SO OPS). \* 2 of the 3 people newly qualified for crew last year were issued their float cards. \* All of our facilities are out of the water for the winter. \* Watch Standing, Mike is still serving on that side. \* There is an updated Version of the Maintenance procedure cards for PPE equipment issues. \* Operations workshop is required for all coxswain crew members and needs to be completed by June 30th. The training is usually done over @ the Power Plant and the schedule should be ready in April.

**Human Resources:**

FSO-PS Rick Erdody (excused Absence) He is Looking forward to mentoring and providing support for new & existing members of flotilla 22-02.

**Communication Services:**

FSO-CS Jerry Varvaro (Excused Absence) Jerry is continuing to update our Web site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sea Scouts update and call for liaison(s) Maureen has volunteered to be the Sea Scout liaison with assistance from Jeff and Bill.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Our Station Commander is Eric White. 2. Last minute reminder that D-Train 2020 is scheduled for March 6,7 & 8th up in Newport, Goat Island for anyone interested. 3. May 18th – 23rd is Safe Boating week this year. 4.) Gene has a new puppy in the Family. 3 moths old.

AWARDS:

Congratulations to Eugene Kinney 20 years as a member of the Coast Guard Auxillary!

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Our thoughts, prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Jeff’s Son.

Rick is still having a rough time with his back.

**Motion to Adjourn By Maureen, Second by Ed McGee @ 20:15**

*Our March meeting is scheduled for the usual 2nd Thursday of the month.*

*March 12th 1930 hrs. Looking forward to seeing you all there.*

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