**November 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes USCGAUX Flotilla 014-22-02**

Pledge of Allegiance @ 1935 hrs

* Introduction of Guests: Rick Aimetti VCDR Div 22; Joy Aimetti VFV 22-06
* Meeting Member introductions
* Elections – Performed by Rick Aimetti. Nominations from the floor: “Flotilla Commander” Jeff Wright and “Vice Flotilla Commander” William Raisch. Votes were cast and the new officers were sworn in.
* FSO –SR Effective Nov 15th Rick Erdody will be retiring and Jay Smith will be the replacement FSO-SR. Minutes from last meeting were accepted.
* FSO - FN Art Gorodess The current balance (As of End of October) $4,838.26
* FC Report **1.)** The top of the Lighthouse has been painted RED. **2.)** AuxData has been very problematic recently. Get your 7029’s in ASAP entry issues should be resolved now. **3.)** The Sea Scouts have been officially accepted into the USCG Auxiliary. They can join at age 14. They can take some of our classes, come to our meetings etc. Bill R. elaborated about the benefits for inviting them to our AUX. **4.)** Transitions are a bear, no one likes them, but we have to prepare for them. - Rick Erdody is retiring after 36 years and He will be greatly missed. **5.)** There will be a Vertex radio check at Jan meeting. **6.)** Division Change of Watch is March 24, at Three Village Inn from 12PM- 4PM **7.)** This year we’ve done 94 VSC’s so far this year with 13 VE’s **8.)** I attended *The Volunteer Fair* last month at the Northport Library & one person expressed interest in joining our Flotilla. **9.)** There is a new commendation medal for members enrolled since 2014. If you already have a medal, you can place a gold star it. **10.)** Because of Brianna’s law effective 2020, there will be more interest in VSC’s. **11.)** The Division Meeting Jan 9th will be in Port Jeff at the old Setauket yacht club. Glad to see so many at the meeting. Thank you all for coming.
* VFC Report Maureen Comerford There was a local Northport woman who expressed interest in joining our flotilla also. Sent links for forms and will meet after Thanksgiving.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Ellen FSO-PE Boating Safety class is in progress @ NHSchool. Put in for 2

classes in the spring. + Maybe another at the library.

**VESSEL EXAMINATIONS:** Jeff FSO-VE We are finished for the yr. and will be starting advertising

in Feb 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Greg Barbano FSO-CM Old FC please give Vertex radio to new FC. Had to

obtain Low level security clearance to protect frequencies for sensitive

information. Greg has the latest code to program the channel frequencies in our radios. Greg had requests to add frequencies for police and fire. This is against USCG policy.

**HARBOR SAFETY OFFICER:** Ed McGee, Jim Bilcci, Bob Esposit After the holidays he will start to visit some of the sites.

**PROGRAM VISITOR:** Gene FSO-PV He will see if he can do more next yr.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION:** “OPEN POSITION” FSO-AN

**INFORMATION SERVICES:** None yet FSO-IS The Quackenbushe’s are getting qual.

**MATERIALS:** Jason FSO-MA If anyone needs any materials please contact me. My email is:

[**jyfer2@yahoo.com**](mailto:jyfer2@yahoo.com)At the next meeting, he willbring in a plastic box with misc. supplies, ribbon holders etc.

**MEMBER TRAINING:** ““OPEN POSITION” FSO-MT This candidate will organize training sessions

for all Auxiliary program qualifications and specialty courses.

**OPERATIONS:** Bob Allen FSO-OP *(not present, no report).*

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** “OPEN POSITION” FSO-PS (Maureen still helping out) A new candidate

will oversee Member Resources, Recruiting, Retention and Fellowship activities.

**COMMUNICATION SERVICES:** Jerry Varvaro FSO-CS The Website is up and running.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  None discussed

**NEW BUSINESS:** Greg wrote to the “WEAR IT Co.” and they sent him 20 CO2 cartridges

for vest demos at training and education sessions.

Blessing of the fleet 2020 – Bill will sending out to key Northport folks for dates. Usually

the 1st or 2nd Sat in June. Clergy needs to be Notified well in advance. We can take this

event to the next level. Sea Scouts involvement, maybe reach out to some of the village

merchants for some visibility at the event etc. More brainstorming is needed.

As mentioned earlier Jay Smith will be our new FSO-SR as of Nov 15th.

Our annual Holiday Flotilla Gathering will take place in Greenlawn. Jay Smith has arranged for us to have a holiday party at Old Fields Inn in Greenlawn December 12, from 6:30 -9:30PM. Invitations have been sent via e-mail, please RSVP to Jay 631-456-6814, he needs to confirm the head count to the restaurant.

For anyone who needs to take “Intro to risk management, Gene will do a virtual training session (To Be Scheduled) sometime after 1.15.20. 4 or 5 people.

Perhaps we should look at using Skype, WebX, for group presentations and tie us together for those that can’t be at the same place.

Need to know what prevents our members from attending meetings. Survey monkey?

Everbridge?, Group me?

Our Next meeting will be on January 9th 2020

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** Ellen is doing great, Eddie is doing great.

**Motion to Adjourn – carried @ 20:40**

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