



FLOTILLA 4-11, MAIN LINE

MINUTES

Monday, November 11, 2019 @1930 - 2200

Ithan, Radnor Hotel

FC: Don Monkhouse

VFC: Bayard Anderson

- a. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance –*Savage*
- b. Invocation –*Dixon*
- c. United States Coast Guard Guardian Ethos –*Sheetz*

I am America's Maritime Guardian.
 I serve the citizens of the United States.
 I will protect them.
 I will defend them.
 I will save them.
 I am their Shield.
 For them I am Semper Paratus.
 I live the Coast Guard core values.
 I am a Guardian.
 We are the United States Coast Guard.

- d. Introduction of Guests – Dave Gingras-returning member

- e. Determination of Quorum (%) –

Members in Uniform: Monkhouse, Anderson, Dawson, Dixon, Ramer

Members not in Uniform: Moatz, Savage, Sheetz

Apologies: Munroe, Euker

Absentees: Ingliosi, Euker, Munroe

- f. Recognition & Pledge – N/A

- g. Adoption of Minutes – October 14, 2019 adopted

h. FC Opening Remarks –

Uniform protocol was discussed (see Pledge Attachment). New members will receive information on how/where to order them.

Flotilla resumes were discussed. Members need to locate historical credentials to finish the resumes.

Please send copy of CPR card to be recorded in AUXDATA - send copy to Dick McConnell (sgtmac69@verizon.net)

Discussion of Division dues being raised from \$5 to \$10 and taken into account for the 2020 Budget

Charter Date: 12/6/1974 - 45th anniversary for 4-11

Commandants remarks for Veterans Day discussed

Timely Everbridge responses are the individual member's responsibility....and are recorded

i. FSO Reports for 2019 – VFC

PUBLIC EDUCATION: PE – Anderson

January 15 will be the start of the Sailing Course-5 people **registered (but not paid!)**

Dawson will invite students from ABS Course to a flotilla meeting

New Website for courses: Dixon working on design of website.

Web Master: Anderson

Web Designer: Dixon-working on designing it

Credit Card Enrollment: Euker

Timing for launch of this website is critical to attract additional students for the Sailing Course. Flyers would also be a useful adjunct

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: PA – Ramer

Planned future events – **Atlantic Boat Show – AUX booth – February 26**

HUMAN RESOURCES: HR – Munroe

Mentors were reminded to keep in close contact with their mentorees

SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNICIAN: – Dixon

Status of Facebook 26, Instagram 118 (# of followers)

American Legion in Wayne should be asked to follow

VESSEL EXAMINATION: VE – Sheetz

Personally completed 5th vessel examination but nothing planned for remainder of the year

MEMBER TRAINING: MT – Dawson

Email from Nick Montalto SO-MT, Div. 4 discussed-Frank Williams of division 17 of NJ is offering an AUX ACN course at Delaware Sector Bay

DIVERSITY: DV – Ramer

Start with the application for next year's NACO 5 star award

Look into recruiting younger group - **maybe visit colleges (Villanova, Easton, Cabrini)**

MATERIALS: MA – Anderson – (Assistant – Dixon)

Additional ribbons were ordered to keep in inventory.

PROGRAM VISITOR: PV – Anderson - nothing to report**NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: NS – Dawson**

See handout

OPERATIONS: OP – Munroe-absent**INFORMATION SYSTEMS: IS – Munroe**

Distribution of 7029 forms-circulated form for hours in Aug., Sept. and Oct.

FINANCE: FN – Moatz

Please see handout - discussion of projected budget compared to balance

SECRETARY/RECORDS: SR- Euker – (Assistant – Dixon)**j. Instruction: Outside/Inside Speaker Series – Monkhouse*****“Maryland Clean Boating/Petroleum Control”***

Environmental and law enforcement aspects of fuel discharge were discussed as well as best practices in preventing spills.

k. FIVE MINUTE BREAK**l. Old Business**

PLANS (*confirmation*) for EOY/COW celebration; December 14– Anderson

noon-2pm, December 14, Saturday, \$20 pp; Caterer Menu

Luncheon Address by Munroe: “History of the Main Line Flotilla”

Headcount **to be** taken and menu discussed.

Will invite late member Dennis McGeehan’s wife

Dress Code: Tropical Blue or suit and tie

Anderson to distribute a flyer detailing location and timing of the event to obtain a definitive headcount of members, spouses and/or guests. Event to be held at St.

Dauids Episcopal Church, 763 S. Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087

m. New Business

Possibility of SeaScouts joining our Flotilla was discussed by Mr. Gingras

Flotilla GAR evaluation-postponed

Volunteer for Fireside Chat #10 (*Dixon or Savage?*)

Division COW is scheduled for January 11, and every member should expect an invitation in the mail. Members were encouraged to attend. **For our Flotilla gift**

basket for the raffle, Mr. Dawson will provide the dinnerware set that he purchased last year before the COW was cancelled.

Fireside Chat #8 – "Boat Sharing Clubs" – Ramer

Freedom Boat Club-this concept is for people that want the experience of having a boat but not having to clean, refuel or maintain a boat. There is an initial fee of about \$5,000 and a monthly fee depending on what option plan fits your needs. You can book up to 4 time slots at one time. Flotilla found this idea very interesting.

- n. **What Knot To Do in July** – Postponed – *Munroe* (Rolling Hitch)
- o. **McGeehan's Nautical Term of the Month** – Postponed – *Munroe*
- p. **Guest Speaker Coming Attractions** – **yet to be identified**
- q. **Comments for the Good of the Flotilla & Auxiliary** – *Membership & Guests*
- r. **Adjournment**
- s. **Fellowship**

Calendar: Next Flotilla Meeting: **Noon on Saturday, December 14, 2019**
 Next Division Meeting: 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**
4-11 EOY/COW Celebration: 12:00 pm on December 14
 Sailing Course January 15 at American Legion
 Division COW January 11, 2020
 Philly Boat Show: 6-8 March, 2020
 DTRAIN: 13-15 March

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Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276317272820354/>

Facebook Business Page: <https://www.facebook.com/flotilla053411/>

Instagram: @flotilla4_11

Website: www.5NR.org :: Flotilla 4-11 – Main Line, PA

FEMA Courses: http://ntc.cgaux.org/ics_support.php

Classroom: AUXLMS

Attachment:

Handout: **Dawson stuff**

Prologue and Pledge for New Members – *conducted by FC*

The pledge you are about to take is your commitment to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, an organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety and providing assistance to the United States Coast Guard in the fulfillment of its civil functions. You accept this membership as a volunteer, and as a member you are charged with certain responsibilities and obligations. These include your willingness to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary

and its purposes, to faithfully execute your duties, and to **participate in its authorized programs** to the best of your ability and to the extent that time and circumstances permit.

As an Auxiliarist, you enjoy certain honors and privileges, among them, **wearing the Auxiliary uniform** and flying the Auxiliary Ensign. **Wear the uniform neatly and correctly** and fly the Blue Ensign proudly. Remember that your conduct reflects directly upon the image of both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

The satisfaction you derive from your Auxiliary membership will be in proportion to your level of participation in the organization's activities. The success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will depend upon the extent of your participation and upon the quality of the Auxiliary leaders that you, the member, select.

(ASK THE AUDIENCE TO RISE)

If you feel that you can be an **active and productive member** of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

“I, (your name), solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes, to faithfully execute my duties, and to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.”

/DCM

Commandants Message for Veterans Day

Veterans Day was established as Armistice Day in 1919 to commemorate the Allied victory and honor the heroism of service members killed during World War I. Veterans Day is now a time to remember all those who have answered the call of duty to protect and preserve the promise of this great Nation.

For over 223 years, the men and women of the United States Coast Guard have answered the call. Over the past year, we remembered and honored many of those who gave their lives in service to our country. At Aviation Training Center Mobile, we dedicated a monument to the crew of Coast Guard Helicopter 6535. At Training Center Cape May, we dedicated Bruckenthal Hall, in honor of Damage Controlman Third Class Nathan Bruckenthal, who was killed by a terrorist bomber in 2004 while serving his second tour in the Arabian Gulf. We observed the 35th anniversary of the loss of our shipmates aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Cuyahoga and the 70th year since the loss of the Escanaba to an enemy torpedo. We also gathered to say farewell to BMCS Terrell Horne III and CDR Ray Evans, two Coast Guard heroes a generation apart who each embodied the very best of our Service.

Even as we pause today to remember their service and that of all veterans, we must also remain mindful of those who continue to stand the watch whenever duty demands.

In keeping with our long tradition, many in our Coast Guard family will gather at the Coast Guard World War Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery to honor our veterans. The Coast Guard World War Memorial recognizes the crews of the cutters Seneca and Tampa who lost their lives in combat during World War I. We recently rededicated this restored

memorial to their sacrifice following the tremendous leadership of our Washington D.C. Chief Petty Officers who championed repairs to damage done by many decades of weather and exposure. Through their efforts, our memorial is once again a worthy tribute to those who gave so much and serves as an enduring inspiration for all Americans. I encourage all those in the Washington, D.C. area to bring their families to Coast Guard Hill in Arlington National Cemetery at 1400 EST on 11 NOV and join us in observing the manners of our profession as we pay tribute to our veterans.

Thank you to all Coast Guardsmen and veterans from all U.S. Armed Services for your selfless service protecting our freedoms and your continuing contributions to our Nation.

Semper Paratus.

Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant, and Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard