



053-04-11

Semper Paratus

MAINLINE FLOTILLA MINUTES

August 9, 2021

- **Meeting Call to Order** – Monkhouse
- **Verification of Quorum** - Monkhouse
 - Present: Anderson, Moatz, Monkhouse, Munroe, Sheetz, Zambrana
 - Apologies/Regrets: Dixon, Ramer, Gingras, Savage
 - Absent: Meade, Inglosi, Leidy, Murray, Phinney, Webster
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – Anderson
- **Opening remarks** – Monkhouse – deferred remarks until later

Reports

- **FSO-CS** – Please continue to look over our flotilla webpage and social media and make suggestions of what you would like to see
- **FSO-FN (pro tem)** Anderson reported a balance similar to last month. However, certain details have yet to be accessed from Frank Ingiosi.
- **FSO- HR** – Jan volunteered to coach Omar on VE training. And to do same for other 2 recruits. He also provided a Handout describing in detail where to obtain uniforms, as well as costs. Best sourcing is from the CG Exchange and CG Aux Association Store.
- **FSO-IS** – Jan offered to help train an assist IS officer
- **FSO-MA** – Bill to order VE handbooks
- **FSO-MT** – Willing to help new members with courses needed to complete. Look for direct links on left hand page on MEMBER TRAINING webpage.
- **FSO-OP** – Monkhouse – no report
- **FSO-PA** – Ramer: no report. Discussion emphasized the need to hold PA events close to water to further the chances for the attendees to be interested in boating safety as well as recruitment. A bigger and better canopy should be ordered with Flotilla information already printed on the front.
Precise instructions on location are needed for upcoming events.
- **FSO-PE** – Sailing class set for Wednesdays 9/29-11/17 at Mainline School Night and Boat America will be on Tuesday's 10/5-10/26 at Lower Merion HS. Jan to supervise Lower Merion and Bayard to supervise Mainline
- **FSO-SR** - no report
- **FSO-VE** – Don has decals. An in-depth discussion was held on Courtesy Marine Inspections and several members were interested in learning more about the requirements. A discourse is Appended below.

- **New/Old Business** –
Plans for Outing with 4-76 were discussed
Letters of Intent (LOI) addressed to the FC were due before the next meeting
- **Motion to adjourn**

Next Meeting: September 13, 2021 @1900

Appendix: CGAUX Inspections

BDA/DCM

HONOR

RESPECT

DEVOTION to DUTY

Preparing for a USCG Auxiliary Courtesy Inspection



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Have you ever noticed the decals on the side of a mast that identify a USCG Auxiliary inspected vessel? Have you ever wondered what that was about and if you should get one? The simple answer is yes, you should, for two reasons. The first reason is that the inspection is free of charge and designed to help you comply with current national and local regulations, which will help you avoid a citation and fines should the US Coast Guard board your vessel for an inspection (which they do with some frequency). The second reason is to help ensure the safety of your vessel by making sure you have what you need to deal with an emergency.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free courtesy inspections to boaters who wish to ensure that their boat and equipment meets all federal and state safety requirements. The vessel examiners who perform these examinations are specially trained and informed on the latest legal requirements, but they have no legal authority. The goal is to prevent boaters from receiving equipment-related citations from the Coast Guard and to prevent accidents by promoting vessel safety.

These inspections are intended to be an educational experience. The vessel examiners check that all required safety items are onboard and in good working order. If they find everything in compliance, they will award a decal to affix to your boat. If not, they will review any violations and discuss how to comply. If requested, they will also review the proper use of any safety equipment, such as life saving devices and fire extinguishers.

To find out when inspections are scheduled for your area, contact the Department of Information and Communication Services via e-mail at webmaster@cgaux.org or call Coast Guard Customer Infoline at 1-800-368-5647. If you have a group interested in organizing a local inspection, you may be able to arrange for a special appointment. The website shared by the USCG Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron is a good one for preparing yourself and your vessel for an inspection. They have information on all the requirements to help you prepare, a listing of the items that most often cause a boat to fail an inspection, and contact information for arranging an inspection in your area. Click on the link below.



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Vessel Safety Check/Required Equipment List
NUMBERING (for registered vessels) NAME and hailing port for documented vessels - Proper spacing, minimum 3" block letters, visible color
REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION - Papers must be original, on board and current
NAVIGATION LIGHTS - Must operate and show proper configuration
SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE - Horn, whistle, or other device
BELL - Boats 20m [65.6 ft.] or longer
PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD) - One wearable for each passenger, minimum of 2. Boats 16+ ft also one type IV throwable
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - Mounted, current tag, minimum for size & type of boat (HALON/FE241/CO2)
VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (VDS) INLAND - Flag, Signal light, etc.
VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (VDS) INTERNATIONAL - Minimum flares/aerial rockets or approved signals, not expired

BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER - Approved type, tight installation, clean

VENTILATION - For closed compartments with potential for explosive vapors and an ignition source. Installed blower must work - warning posted

FUEL SYSTEM - Tanks secure. Over 7 gal are considered permanent & must be grounded and vented. Hoses in good condition, no leaks

ANCHOR & ANCHOR LINE - Suitable for the boat and the boating area

ALTERNATE PROPULSION - Boats under 16 ft, paddle, oar, etc.

DEWATERING DEVICE - Pumps must work, extra manual bailer

OVERALL VESSEL CONDITION - Bilge & equipment room clean, well maintained. Not overloaded or overpowered, no auto parts

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS - Batteries secure, terminals covered, well-organized wiring, proper fuses/circuit breakers

GALLEY/HEATING SYSTEMS - Secure system, proper tank installation. No flammable material nearby

MARINE SANITATION DEVICE - Approved, overboard discharge sealed

MARPOL TRASH PLACARD - Boat 26 ft +, written plan 40 ft +

POLLUTION PLACARD - Boat 26 ft & over, w/machinery compartment

NAVIGATION RULES - Boats 12m (39.4 ft) and over

STATE REQUIREMENTS - Comply with all safety requirements

Additional items

The following items are not a requirement for the decal. Instead, these additional items are required under Federal and State laws. The Vessel Examiner checks these item to assist the boater in determining if the vessel meets the requirements of these laws.

CAPACITY PLATE - Visible, monohull power boats, under 20 ft

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE LABEL - Monohull power boats under 20 ft, w/installed engines, except outboards, manufactured after 10/31/72

HULL ID NUMBER - All boats manufactured after 10/31/72