

# FC Reports for 6 June 2020 Division Meeting

## Chris Labuda – 20-01

- Two successful flotilla meetings were conducted using [freeconferencecall.com](https://freeconferencecall.com)
- Members were trained on joining through their computers, smartphones and standard phone call.
- Member status has been checked and verified
- Members have reported engaging in training
- Support to the AirAux continues
- All other flotilla activities continue to be on hold

## Mark Sonder – 20-02

### THEMES

Theme for 2020: “Growing Together”

Theme for COVID: “Stay Happy, Healthy, and Educated”

*Continued GOAL:*

To have Division accept my motion to refund \$200 to either the Flotillas or its VFCs directly who attended D-Train in Durham.

After being let down by the representative from District in their Go-To-Meeting video platform, we had to yet again rely on ourselves to make this happen and at an additional expense to our Flotilla. After doing some research and getting our own subscription, we had a successful April, May, and June online monthly meeting to conduct our business.

In our May online meeting, we had Ken Link, FSO-FN as our featured speaker. His topic was: “Who’s Flying Over My Head: The History of the USCG Aviation for the last 100 Years in Beaufort.”

In our June online meeting, we had Dr. Victoria Thayer, Ph.D. as our featured speaker. Her topic was: “Diversity of Marine Mammal Strandings in North Carolina.”

Flotilla 20-02 was both delighted and honored to have 2 such knowledgeable speakers presenting to us!

Please know that USCG Senior Chief and Officer in Charge of Station Ft. Macon, James Zerinskas, has been present for all our online meetings from beginning to end!

As the FC, I made a nomination to our Commodore to have one of our members Robert Terwilliger, FSO-NS named as The Auxiliarist of the Month. In fact, based upon my recommendation, it was determined by the Commodore that Mr. Terwilliger did in fact earn this award which was issued for the month of April. Bravo Zulu to him and to the team around him!

Other “honorable mentions” of our members, during this time of Covid and their accomplishments who are staying happy, healthy, & educated were:

Reverend Jim Daub

- All required training courses
- 4 video training courses for the Aux Chaplain Program

– ASIST Program, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Certified

Bill Mauney

– ATON Verifier 2020 Refresher Training

Bob Terwilliger, FSO-NS

– PV on-line training course

– ATON Verifier 2020 Refresher Training

Mark Sonder, FC

– COVID-19 Corona Virus Awareness Training

– Good Mate exam (GMATE) ocean and waterway conservation training

Don Cleveland, FSO-PE

– Weather Safety Briefings, hosted by FAA

– FAA Medicals, hosted by the FAA

– Decision Making for Pilots, hosted by FAA

– GTN VNAV Pilot Training, hosted by Garmin

– Coping with Interruptions & Distractions In The Cockpit, hstd by FAA

Jeff Perkins, VFC

– FEMA’s IS-200, ICS-210 & IS-800 Emergency Preparedness Courses

– IMSEP Course (Intro to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection)

We are waiting for the green light to reestablish our PV, PE, and PA, in-face programs.

During our Tropical Storm Arthur Emergency Response Telephone Tree etude, we were 91.7% efficient.

Lastly, although our Flotilla traditionally does NOT have a July monthly meeting, we are seriously considering, at least for this Covid year, holding this meeting to continue to keep cohesiveness and engagement of our members. A decision will be made shortly if we will move forward with this preliminary plan.

## **Karl Mielenhausen – 20-04**

One MOM patrol was conducted with OPFAC 22103 prior to the standdown order from D5SR. OPFAC 201204 is berthed at the New Bern Grand Marina and is operational for when the time comes. We have sufficient PPE from Station Hobucken to support operations on just these two OPFACs.

The April and May flotilla meetings were conducted over the internet. Members who were not at the March meeting were mailed their annual member letters and outstanding awards and ribbons.

Our Emergency Response Plan was revised and the calling tree tested immediately prior to TS Arthur.

We are keeping our website updated and continue to publish the monthly newsletter.

All other activities ceased as of 17 March. There was no participation nor press communications regarding Safe Boating Week.

## **Tony Lopinto – 20-06**

Flotilla 20-06 has been making use of electronic communications to continue to remain active during the Covid stand down.

1. Flotilla meetings conducted with Go-to-Meeting have been well attended by our membership. Attendance levels have rivaled our normal in person meetings.
2. Andy Anderson, FSO-OPS, conducted a series of on-line training sessions for Crew Candidates. We have been able to get through most of the required on shore tasks. We will recheck candidates for proficiency when we can get back to face to face activity.
3. Our instructors who participated in the on-line Crew training sessions have accumulated sufficient hours to satisfy minimum currency requirements.
4. Dave Silberstein, FSO-VE, conducted an on-line VE workshop for our VEs.
5. Form 7001 submitted for one new member, Neil Sullivan. This brings flotilla membership to 31.

## **Glen Baxter – 20-10**

The flotilla's level of activity was greatly diminished due to the current COVID 19 pandemic and constraints in place for public safety.

March: Members attended Division 20 Training Day at Garber Church located in New Bern. Many flotilla members were able to receive required annual operations training and briefs for the coming boating season. Conducted our last in-person monthly Flotilla meeting on 10 March. Several Public Affairs events were completed prior to stand down. There was the Dr. Bogus Show on the local Talk Radio station on 9 March and Swansboro School Career Day on 12 March. Several public affair and public education events had to be cancelled due to due to shelter in place orders.

April: Minimal activity to report for this month. Members encouraged to complete on-line courses and to update CORE courses that are due every five years. There was NO monthly Flotilla meeting but did conduct FSO meeting via ZOOM on 30 April. Leadership maintained contact with members to ensure everyone was well.

May: Another slow month. Members attended Vessel Exam and SAR webinars. Elected leadership attended D5S COMO Thornton webinar. Made contact with membership to push out information in preparation of Hurricane Arthur that was a miss. Conducted a highly successful ZOOM flotilla meeting with 14 members in attendance on 12 May. Submitted screen shot to SO PB for future use. Local TV station WCTI-TV (12) aired Safe Boating Week footage from previous year with our FSO PA in the footage and an article for Safe Boating Week was submitted to the Tideland News. All other scheduled public education and public affair events are postponed. Advised members to keep track and maintain contact with those requests for vessel exams and Boating Safety classes. Anticipate AUX DATA II training soon. Certain members are beginning to receive Links for the new system. Members of 20-10 are anxious and motivated to resume operations and outreach to the boating public.

# SO Reports for 7 December Division Meeting

## Tom Wiggins SO-CM

*Not reported*

## Mark Sonder SO-CS

COVID-19 information with links published on Division Website.

Calendar events were added, changed, and cancelled.

20-01

- Updated Uniforms page

Melissa McLauren reporting

20-02

- updated 2020 (cancelled) dates in Calendar
- COVID info posted
- As we have new members, an updated Telephone Calling Tree was created and posted on our website.
- Our Waterways and Boating Safety Info tabs both increased content

Mark Sonder reporting

20-04

- The "Channel Marker" newsletter was posted to our Flotilla website.
- Our Flotilla Website Calendar announcements continue to be updated with cancellations, postponements, rescheduling, important CG, CDC, and NC government information and notifications plus the National Training Directorate's new COVID-19 AWARENESS TRAINING link and information.
- A new menu item and link to "Learn Online Courses" has been added to our Flotilla website "Home" page, to allow all people easy access to online boating safety courses from our Flotilla Website.
- Email communications have been shared.
- Efforts were made to direct and inform the general public to search our Flotilla Website for a wealth of helpful water/boating/weather safety information.
- The updated Flotilla Emergency Response Plan document, a link to the IT page for AUXDATA II, and a link to Safe Paddling Skills & Tips video tutorials have been posted.

Theresa Bendicksen reporting

20-06

- Updated website pages and added latest Flotilla newsletter to site.
- Updated Flotilla history page
- Updated Uniforms page
- Added new Flotilla newsletter and Calling Tree document

Melissa McLauren reporting

20-10

- Made minor changes to the web site. Coordinated a Zoom meeting with FSO's as a proof of concept for a Zoom Flotilla meeting the following week that was well received.

Fred Jelinek reporting

## ISSUES

- Calendar Events: Members do not let me know what to publish
- "Toolkit" remains in waiting for review phase.

### **Al Powell SO-DV**

*Not reported*

### **Ben Reed SO-FN**

#### **Division 20 054 SR Financial report May 31, 2020**

**April 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020**

**Balance as of April 1, 2020                      \$6242.11**

**Division Income**

**Dues    \$26.25**

**TOTAL INCOME                                      \$26.25**

**Division Expenses**

**District Dues                                        \$22.50**

**TOTAL EXPENSES                                  \$22.50**

**Income over Expenses                            \$3.75**

**Balance as of May 31, 2020                    \$6245.86**

### **Robert Kirk SO-FS**

*Not reported*

### **Tom Labuda SO-HR**

*Not reported*

## **Karl Mielenhausen SO-IS**

*Not reported*

## **Ben Reed SO-MA**

*Not reported*

## **Dan Boyette SO-MS**

*Not reported*

## **Dale Benson SO-MT**

Flotilla 20-01

- Nothing significant to report

Flotilla 20-02

- Continue to encourage members to take on-line courses and assist them in clarifying qualifications such as the Trident Program.
- Tutoring members interest in CFVE Qualifications.
- Reminding members of MS webinar training
- Completed mentoring of a new member for qualification as an FSO-PE.
- Answered questions on the Auxiliary, how to use the Aux Manual, and what courses are available to new members.

Flotilla 20-04

- Nothing reported

Flotilla 20-06

- Virtual Boat Crew classes have been held on a weekly basis.
- A virtual VE workshop has been held for a number of members.
- Several members are taking and have completed USCG-A on line classes, including requalification in the required Core Training courses.

Flotilla 20-10

- Encouraged members to participate in webinar training for Marine Safety and achieving AUXOP qualification,
- Vessel Exam Webinar
- Requalification in CORE training courses that were completed in 2015.

## **Danny Collins SO-NS**

*Not reported*

**Jeffry Michael SO-OP**

*Not reported*

**Tom Marchisello SO-PA**

*Not reported*

**Don Lindberg SO-PB**

Photographed Flotilla 20-06's activities for inclusion in *20-20 Vision*.

Completed the February and March issues of *20-20 Vision*; e-mailed both issues to our FCs, PBs, USCG Stations, DIRAUX, and other interested parties.

I am available to assist flotillas to start a newsletter.

I urge all flotillas to submit photos and articles for *20-20 Vision*.

**Bruce Clarkson – SO-PE**

*Not reported*

**Jeff Perkins SO-PV**

*Not reported*

**Eric Reese SO-SR**

Nothing to report.

**Wayne Mulligan SO-VE**

*Not reported*