

Minutes for the Herring Bay Flotilla meeting, 15AUG22

      The meeting was called to order at 1903. Present were Brian Shrift, Chris Jensen, Frank Voltaggio, Jose' Peña De La Guardia, Joe DiStefano, Donna McMillian, Gini Shrift, Paul Manicone, and Robin Ainsworth. It was determined that our number was sufficient for a quorum. Guests- five potential members have been in touch with us, we have extended the invitation

**Introduction**

Shrift and Jensen welcomed everyone to the hybrid meeting. It was reminded that the meeting is recorded.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Phil Wentz.

**Member Training**

None

**Approval of July Minutes**

DiStefano made a motion to approved the July minutes, Jensen seconded the motion, which was voted on without opposition.

**Flotilla Commanders Report:**

Division Updates-

Disenrollment’s for inactive members are due to D5S by 01OCT22.

Presentation of awards:

* DHS Outstanding Unit Award “For outstanding service to the Department of Homeland Security and the United States of America from 25 August 2017 to 30 November 2020 during multiple devasting hurricanes, a Presidential-declared National Emergency along the Southwest Border, and the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus global pandemic…” This award was given to all Auxiliary members as of 30NOV20.
* DiStefano received both the Auxiliary Sustained Service Award and the Instructor Award.
* Ainsworth received the Auxiliary Sustained Service Award and a Meritorious Team Commendation.

Under Orders/Assigning Duty Reminder that we must receive written confirmation (email/text) to acknowledge orders, from either FC, VFC or FSO.

Also a reminder that we do/must report in AuxData II.

**Vice Flotilla Commander’s Report/Staff Officers Reports:**

Robin Ainsworth

* FSO-CS- Will be placing our PA events/Newsletter on the website
* FSO-SR-July’s 7107 form was emailed to D5S on 12JUL22

Paul Manicone

* FSO-AS-No Report

Donna McMillan

* FSO-FN Distribution of the paddle for Phil Wentz; set up verification of PayPal for upcoming dues; McMillan will be emailing out invoices.
* Finance- bank balance as of 8/1/22 is $**3256.62**
* **Motion to approve the August Budget- Jensen moved, second from G.Shrift, the motion passed without opposition**

Brian Shrift

FSO-IS-There is a new District Staff Officer for IS, Ms. Barbara Allen

Jose' Peña De La Guardia

FSO-MA– No Report- no activity

Travis Ball

* FSO-VE-No Report

Bonnie Houghton

* FSO-MS- No Report

Joe DiStefano

* FSO-MT- Please see **Submitted Reports** below
* FSO-PE- Please see **Submitted Reports** below

Frank Voltaggio

* FSO-PA Public Affairs- Oct 1 event
* FSO-PB Publications- The Fall Newsletter is currently being worked on- Voltaggio welcomes any contributions

Chris Jensen

* FSO-PV- Done a bunch more- venues are starting to fill up. But it is slowing down
* FSO-NS- No Report

Staff Officer Vacancies-

* FSO-CM
* FSO-HR
* FSO-OPS- if no one is interested, may need to work with a neighboring flotilla to help out
* FSO-DV

**COVID**

New variant BA.5 strain-less aggressive, more transmissible

We are moving into an endemic phase (moving past pandemic phase). This may be something we live with, similar to the flu.

**Old Business**

Continuity of Operations Plan has been tabled to the winter.

**New Business**

* The new Staff Officer for Operations (SO-OP) is Jim Ferrell (from Flotilla 23-01); John Fewer is the new QE person.
* A question was raised on how we are getting enough of our crew people to get submission? We will have an OpFac, what we are lacking are Coxswains; we will have a facility, just need the coxswains. Manicone mentioned two people to reach out to. B.Shrift mentioned/suggested getting on other flotilla’s facilities – work an exchange type program across the Division- switch out members/crews to keep qualifications and skills. John Fewer, Ron Price. DiStefano suggested that we need to have more of an exchange amongst other Flotillas in our area.
* Flotilla Elections- B. Shrift presented the list of eleven eligible Flotilla members who may run for FC and VFC this fall. The elections will be held on 14NOV22. At this point it is unclear if we will be able to vote electronically, or not.

**After Action Report**

• National Night Out- Jensen reported that attendance was lighter this year, but it was still a great time. We gave away a lot of coloring books.

**Upcoming Flotilla Activities**

* September 12 @ 1900 – Business Meeting (Hybrid)
* **October 1 – North Beach VFD> PA event > TBD-more information coming**
* **Oct 8 & 22 – Safe Boating, (Voltaggio, Jensen, DiStefano and maybe Manicone and B. Shrift) Anne Arundel County Library (PE) > DiStefano**
* October 10 @ 1900 – Business Meeting (Hybrid)
* **October 15 – Suddenly in Command (Harbour Cove) > Joe (Frank, Chris, Paul)**
* November 14 @ 1900 – Business Meeting (Hybrid) - ELECTIONS

**Open Discussion**

Possible upcoming events to plan for:

Parade of Boats in both Deale and Annapolis during the December Holiday season.

Cold-water training class was at (DNR for DNR) happens in October

Deale Fire department (open house in the past that we’ve participated in)

Donna Wentz, Phil’s daughter, extended her gratitude for those who were able to attend Phil Wentz’s service on 09AUG22 and the gift of the paddle.

Someone got recruited to the Gold side- Sully has been certified to recruit on the Gold Side- three-week commitment.

We keep losing people to drowning- still need to get documentation in Spanish

Question about ID cards- last tracker update from Joanne- July 15th- Voltaggio and Peña De La Guardia are logged into the system

September- Fleet Week (week of the 10th) at the Baltimore Harbor-need volunteers; September 25th- “6th annual Bay Bridge Paddle Board”- need volunteers

October-Oyster-Fest-our flotilla sometimes supports that event, held in Shady Side <https://captainaverymuseum.org/oyster-festival-202>; also, there is a Powerboat show the first weekend in October

Bay Bridge kayak race-our flotilla can perform kayak safety checks- Voltaggio will look into it.

Safety at Sea-Sea Scouts-need volunteers

**Adjourn**

Manicone moved to adjourn the business meeting, Voltaggio seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition at 2022

The next meeting will be **Monday, 12SEP22, at 1900, in-person at Cedarhurst and hybrid**

**Link for recorded meeting** (bookmark as it will remain the same):

[OneDrive (live.com)](https://onedrive.live.com/?cid=3c9746054f332640&id=3C9746054F332640%2179620&authkey=%21AJi8nzv0tKOEPxE)

Websites of interest:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-23-07>

<https://www.facebook.com/flotilla2307>

<https://5nr.org/member-links/uscg-auxiliary-acronyms/>

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=v-dept&category=workshops>

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=calhsf0ve8u3ur43h0f58gn9ao@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York>

**Submitted Reports:**

**FSO-PE Report, August 2022.**

**Edgewater library MD Boating Safety Course.**

Instructors: Please keep the dates October 8 and October 22 on your calendars. We will need to have at least three or four instructors for this course. The Library will give us up to $400 ($20./person), however, we need a W-9 to be completed.

**Harbour Cove marina.**The marina general manager has offered two possible dates for a “Suddenly In Command” course to be given at the Marina: Saturday, October 1, or Saturday, October 15. He is planning a marina-wide oyster fest for the same weekend and would like us to offer the course in the morning of the day we select. You will recall that this course was to be given in July, but had to be canceled because the Marina couldn’t procure the 27 bushels of crabs needed to pull this off. Since there may be a competing PA event on October 1, the October 15 date is probably better. We can discuss this at the business meeting.

**FSO-MT, August 2022**

District 054 is still working on a plan for a V-Train, September 23 to 25, 2022.  It had been scheduled as an in-person, D-Train.  Planning is still underway for an in-person training later in the Fall.

MSEP Marine Safety and Environment training, 15 and 22 Aug; 12 and 19 Sep 2022, 1930-2130, Zoom login information is available from the Sector calendar (<http://www.auxsecbalt.com/>)