

Flotilla 070-02-07

Eatonton, Georgia

COW 2015. Meeting minutes for January 26, 1015

Meeting was called to order by FC John Sprague-William

Attendance sheet was signed by all members and guests. A legal quorum was established, and 3 guests were recognized

David Kisner welcomed all and then led the Pledge of Allegiance

The swearing in ceremony for new commander of Flotilla 27 was performed by DCDR Pat McMenamini, with assistance by John Sprague-Williams. David R Kiser was sworn in as our new flotilla commander and was warmly congratulated by all.

Minutes for the meeting of Dec. 9 were read and approved as written

Reports

Boyd Ellison FSO-OP No operations this month.

- Division ops. is asking for a complete inventory of all PPE gear .
- Mandatory TCT refresher and emphasis on leadership development was stressed.
- Navigation exercises will be done after each meeting and members were encouraged

to participate in the TTC exercises via WebEx.

The Division Report was given by Pat McMenamini, DCDR

- An excellent power point is available regarding the filling out of forms. It breaks the forms down into groups and is an excellent learning tool. A copy will be sent to Jan Sprague Williams for her perusal.

- Division is encouraging flotillas to move members out of AP in a timely manner. Methods to shorten the time from 18 months to 12 is being discussed, on the division level. The main problem seems to be the time taken for background checks.

- We have seen an overall increase in reaching our goals in every category; some as high as 10%.

- Leadership development is the overall and most important goal for this year. There have been age bracket changes and more young members are being recruited.

- 6 years ago the updating of courses was started and is an ongoing project. It takes an average of 2 years to update one course.

- There are lots of areas for expansion and we appreciate all that is done by members.

Awards The following awards were distributed'

Flotilla Staff Certificate of appointment Wendy Clayton, John Sprague William, Jan Sprague Williams , Boyd Ellison, Dave Kisner and Harry Beardsley

Coast Guard Unit Commendations were awarded to Zach O'Bryan and Nancy Sellstrom for their service and to the above recipients for their continued service.

Zach O'Bryan was acknowledged as the new vessel examiner

Old business

- Monthly meetings will now be held at Wagers in Macon. Scheduling for day of the month and time were resolved. The new meeting date will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Wendy will confirm this time with the restaurant. This meeting place is near the Kia exit and Dave will distribute a map and reminder before the next meeting. Also, it was requested that all members attend in uniform (tropical blue) or proper civilian attire.

- There are several mandatory training sessions that must be completed this year. Most are on line and can be done easily at home. They do not all have tests. Don't wait until the end of the year.

New business

- Congratulations to Dan Varga for his recruiting success. Potential new members were discussed as well as the form needed for application. A new version of the form has been written but is not yet available for use. It was suggested that we continue with the old and transfer data later.

- New goals for 2015 will be addressed at the next meeting. John Sprague Williams reported on the progress of the 2014 goals. Most were met, new members were recruited , new facilities acquired and partner visits as well as vessel safety checks have increased. Brochures have been distributed to all areas and discussion ensued re; new areas to explore. It was noted that the number of vessel exams was not reached.

- Splash Day will be held at the Sinclair Marina on March 27,28,and 29. A table and booth will be manned.

- Finger print cards are hard to acquire in some areas. Pat suggested writing to McGill Corco SO/MA when new supplies are needed.

- New qualifications for crew and coxswain were discussed. Crew must be able to plot and use 60 D Street and Coxswains must now demonstrate proficeintcy in night patrols; part of which must be with GPS.

- A partial list of all the patons on Lake Sinclair was distributed to members. It was requested that the lat. and long. of those encountered be noted and recorded on the chart. Any deviation, or those not already listed should be noted. This is an optional exercise and would be most appreciated.

- Some dues are still outstanding. The flotilla must pay the division, please cooperate.

- Dave distributed a short quiz on running lights. All members participated as a group and the quiz was well received as an excellent review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. Lunch and a member training session was held following the adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Sellstrom