

Carol Moppert reviewed numbers referencing hours for our Flotilla performance in 2017. Some of the numbers review activity, qualifications, number of active members. We are close to the national medium. Between 2014 and 2016, we had more members reporting hours. New statistics for our Flotilla where we get rated between 1 to 5. A rating of 1 means an underperforming of the national medium. In 2016 we were all 5's. We had more people getting certifications. Only 38 flotillas have straight 5's. Suggested goals for 2018: Build awareness, expand public education, establish a recruitment and mentoring plan, and expand fellowship events. Mentoring a person should be through the year. Fellowship should have more participation in events.

- E. There will be a Public Affairs event at Dinner Key Marina on Saturday, December 9th. Anyone can participate. We will have exhibits there and this is a public outreach event.
- F. Tony Lapicola discussed the need for our members to submit their hours. We have about 36 active members, but only about 15 people submit their hours. Get your hours to Tony on the 7029 form. James Guilmartin will get the attendance list to Tony on missing hours. If you are a regular member, but not an officer, your hours go under section 99E on form 7029. All training participation hours go under 99D. On the 7029 website, it explains the category. Meeting time, prep time, arrival, travel, post time, go under 99A if you are an officer. Go to the D7 website to get to the online form. It saves the hours entered. Save it, then press submit. The Coast Guard gets \$28 per hour on their budget for our hours submitted. The more hours submitted helps the USCG budget.

VIII. New Business

- A. Awards: No awards.
- B. Comments from the Floor: Frank Sullivan has items and things from Ed Burbank, who has passed away. If you see something you like, you can make a donation to the Flotilla. If members don't want these items they will be given away. No other comments from the Floor.
- C. Change of Watch: Sunday, 28 January 2018 at 1000 hours, at the Miami Shores Country Club, Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, Florida 33138.

Setting of the date for our next business meeting: Wednesday, 07 February, 2018 at 1930, Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

Motion to adjourn made by Patrick Powell; first made by Mel Sandberg, second made by Scott Blumenthal. Motion approved by acclamation.