

Minutes of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla D7-06-11 Monthly Meeting Held on Tuesday March 3, 2015 at Base Miami Beach.

The meeting was called to order by FC George Zima at 7:35 pm

Attached is a list of the members that were present at the meeting. Also present DCDR 6 William Tejeiro, MD and SO HR Hortensia E. Sampedro of 6-7.

Ted Tunidor, Alfredo Schwartz and Julio Garcia from 6-9 were present with their radio telecommunications hardware and a demo of their TCO skills to members. FSO VE Eddie Lim led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ricardo Torres delivered the invocation.

FC George Zima summarized the following important points to keep in mind:

- i) Goal of having a presentation at every meeting to generate more interest; help improve attendance.
- ii) Current 6-11 membership stands at 87. Attendance at monthly meetings averages between 20-30; he'd like to see 50-60 attending.
- iii) Flotilla 6-11 is the oldest flotilla in the Division, founded on August 1, 1941 and going on 74 years this year ! 6-11 must continue to play its important role in the future as it has done in the past.
- iv) BZ is operational today because members like Silvio Rodriguez, Monica Zima, Mathew Paulini and others contributed much to get it operational.
- v) "BZ" is a tribute to Bob Zukowski who contributed \$20,000 toward the facility but has since left Florida. We are also looking into a 2<sup>nd</sup> facility.
- vi) In addition to Operations, vessel examination is also an important area since it plays a significant role in the boating community and working with our sea partners at our booths and marinas.
- vii) We must continue to strive for better and more qualified instructors.
- viii) So other 2015 goals must include more boat crew, more coxswains, a 10% increase in qualified VE's e.g. by each VE inviting another member to a VSC not just for the camaraderie but to persuade them to be a VE.
- ix) Urged all to complete the FEMA ICS ( Incident Command System) online classes , ICS-100 and ICS-200 and also ICS-700 and ICS-800 .

- x) Urged all to attend Communications and CPR classes and save a life !
- xi) Attend Membership Training classes especially on the subject of how to wear your uniform properly in public .e.g. black socks, correct shoes. Active USCG personnel have observed Aux members NOT wearing their uniform properly. A letter will be sent out as a reminder.
- xii) FC will look into small weapons training classes.
- xiii) Members should always consult the USCG Aux Manual when in doubt.

FC Zima thanked Bob “Admiral” Evans for his years of contribution to the Auxiliary. With 100’s of stories to share, Bob is now the new 6-11 FSO-RBS PV. Dr. W. Tejeiro read and presented a special Proclamation honoring Bob. He received these four certificates: Auxiliary Performance Award, Commodore Certificate of Excellence (RBS), Century Club Award & Commodore Certificate of Excellence (VE)

FSO OP Daniel Prezebel coxswain received the following awards:

- # Auxiliary Performance Award (Ops) June 2013
- #Sustained Auxiliary Service Award ( for contributing 750 hours or more a year)
- #Member Performance Award RBS 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, 2013 Presented on Jan 26, 2014
- #Auxiliary Member Service Award ( 5 years)
- #Member Performance Award – Ops / Patrol – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2013, Jan 26, 2014
- # Div. 6 Boat Crew 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jan 2013

The following received special mention / awards for the five years Sustained Auxiliary Service : FSO IS Victor G. Barreras, Christian Castro ( also passed his CPR), FSO MA Roy Hamlin, Roger LLanes and FSO PA Nichole Betterson .  
VFC Arnaldo Perez also received several awards.

FSO VE Eddie Lim’s Report:

- # conduct at least one VSC blitz a month; two e-mail reminders plus phone calls to all VE few days prior to the Sunday event
- # VSC blitz featured in our 6-11 Clubster page
- # in Jan 2015 - 16 inspections, 11 decals issued

# Feb 22 2015 VSC at Watson Island attended by eight members / VEs. Leo Cordero from 6-9 joined us

# introduce a “quiz” at all future blitz so all VEs can “stay on top of their game” e.g. how to determine capacity when the vessel capacity plate is missing.

# Form 7012 Vessel Safety Check – VEs to take advantage of the space below “Decal Awarded Yes / No “on the top RH corner, to make notes e.g. cell phone

#all members should commit to memory the link to online requests for a VSC – <http://SafetySeal.net> so we can actively promulgate this to boat owners.

# the last VE Workshop on how to correctly complete Form 7012 was conducted by Roger Kidder on May 20, 2014. It may be time to conduct another class.

# USCG literature and especially Federal and State Regulations and Navigation Rules booklets will be available at all blitz.

# Hortensia E. Sampedro Coxswain 6-7 suggested as a SOP all VEs ask boat owners if we can contact them about joining the USCG Aux then to let her know.

FSO OP D. Prezebel reported that a Swedish couple was invited on a two hour fam. ride on a BZ patrol in our AOR on Feb 21 2014. The couple presented us with a Swedish CG Aux flag and a teddy bear. In return FSO Ops presented them with our 6-11 poker chip coin. BZ is running well; Silvio Rodriguez repaired the LED lights; BZ crew now completes a new form documenting violations e.g. fishing or diving under a bridge. Form will be submitted to FSO Diversity he will then submit it to Div.Ops.

Newly appointed FSO PV Bob Evans’s report: 6-11 covers marine dealers ( six in our AOR) , other flotillas don’t (!), empty literature boxes must be regularly stocked.

Copies of the new Florida’s Recreational Boating Requirements ( 9/2014) is now available in our storage room in MOC.

Yvette Perez reported for Monica Zima on the new member orientation class at the MYC on March 27 2015.

FSO IS Victor G. Berreras reminded members to submit their hours in a timely fashion so as to attain the 750 hours Sustained Service Award. When more hours are recorded for 6-11 more funding for 6-11 should follow ! Members will receive an email when their hours are inputted. HE will conduct a class for all Flotillas on how to fill in the AUX DATA form.

FC Zima announced the dates of the first BS & S Program for 2015 – April 15 through May 27. Venue: Palmetto Bay Branch Library located at 17641 Old Cutler Rd, Palmetto Bay FL 33157. Cost \$65 included all materials. Members are urged to actively promote this. A Boating Safety for Young Sailors class at MOC is being planned for May this year.

Yvette Perez urged all members to attend the Change of Watch Luncheon & Awards Ceremony at MOC on Sun March 15 2015 from 1400-1800 hrs. Cost is \$28 per person to cover Use of the room, food and other related expenses. Spouses, family and friends are all invited.

#### Old Businesses

- 1) Y. Perez also reported that four members have yet to pay their annual dues.
- 2) Ricardo Torrez reported that the last TCT was cancelled due to no funding. He suggested conducting this one hour TCT class before or after our monthly meeting.
- 3) Y. Perez announced she and the following will form the Budget Committee Nichole Betterson and David Adams.
- 4) National Safe Boating Week Committee. E. Lim and Y. Perez will assist VFC.

SO HR Hortensia E. Sampedro announced there will be a one hour TCT class by 6-7 at 7.30 pm at the American Legion Post 98, 303 Alhambra Circle. She reminded members to always ask boat owners if they wont mind the AUX contacting them.

At 8:45 pm Ted Tunidor briefly presented an amateur radio ops overview to members. Julio Garcia 6-9 invited members to their open house at Opa Locka Air Station on April 19, 2015 @ 0900 hrs. There will be a full display of different

communications equipment. He will assist anyone interested in setting up their own "Go Box" which will work on AC or DC current, has a TV screen, weather etc.

DCDR 6 Dr. W. Tejeiro reported the following:

- 1) DIRAUX is appealing for help from the members to assist with data entry, filing etc.
- 2) Division is down in Operational staff ( 15% in Div 6 and 18% in Miami Beach).
- 3) New flexible approach allows us to approach boat owners to join the Auxiliary and to use their boat as new facility.

SOHR Sampedro thanked FC Zima on giving a historical perspective of 6-11; that we approach boat owners with vessels 18-25 ft to join the Auxiliary; she will share recruiting.

FC Zima reported there will be a Aids to Navigation class on March 11 2015 at CTC 6-1.

MOC and MYC need our help mon March 20 @ 7.30 pm since BZ is stored there. Hopefully we are able to send three members.

Yvette Perez reminded members to help out at our booth at Bass Pro Shop next Saturday March 7, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 2131 hours motioned by Ricardo Torres and seconded by Ruben Bruno.