



06-04 FLOTILLA MINUTES for MAY 2021 Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER RUSS CROMWELL AT:

DATE of meeting: 5/12/2021

LOCATION of meeting: Online Meeting

Meeting Start TIME: 1930hrs

Pledge By: All Members

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total MEMBERS Attending: 15

Total GUESTS Attending: 0

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes to the last meeting Report Russ Cromwell FC
No minutes sent out. Sorry

No meeting minutes sent out, no vote taken.

FC - Comments

Our flotilla needs minutes for meetings on a regular basis. (Currently, last year's (and previous year) secretary has not been able to attend meetings due to work demands.)

We need to have to have meeting minutes sent out on a regular basis. Especially when we get busy working again and information from meetings need to get out in minutes in a timely manner.

Is anyone interested in the FSO-SR position? It is a lot of work but the position is very important to the flotilla.

Any volunteers to do the meeting minutes and working as the flotilla FSO-SR?
(Kevin Settle volunteered later in the meeting)

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:

Finance Report Peter Baillie FSO-FN
Balance carried form January was \$3615.12. No income or expenses for April.
April end of month balance is \$3615.12.

Vote Optional for standard report:

Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition, page 459) states that The chair may ask for a treasurers report, which may be as simple as balance on hand. This report requires no action from the assembly.



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*As chair you may simply thank the treasurer and state that the report will be filed.
The treasurer or chair may ask if any one has questions*

Actions & Budgets need to be voted on.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT: Russ Cromwell FC

- 1) Thanks to VFC Jeff Burdick for getting out the email requesting flotilla staff reports. It is up to each Flotilla Staff Officer to send a report by the end of each month, even if it's a report that says, "no activity or no report for the month". That way we know if there was something to report or not.
- 2) Another ID Badge was received by a member, that makes four so far. There are more in the queue.
FC has a few more requests for Badge ID's. There are a couple of requirements if you need a new ID Badge.
 - In order to have a badge you must be at least IQ status. If you are AP status you cannot get an ID.
 - If FC does not have a picture on file for you, we need one with red background and good face detail, while wearing a Tropical Blue Uniform shirt.
- 3) On 5/6/21, FC Replayed online "David Delgado's Joint Division/Flotilla Training from 4/13/2021 - Speaker G. Fondran, CDO 9ER Command Ctr." Very interesting program on how the SAR Response Control Center operates.
- 4) Just for everyone's info the Governor of Ohio is removing most restrictions from covid in a few weeks. The State of Ohio will go to "strong suggestions" instead of mandates. (See Below)

COLUMBUS, OH — Ohio leaders will replace some statewide mandates for individuals, opting instead for "strong suggestions," Gov. Mike DeWine said Tuesday. The governor then issued an "urgent health advisory" he called "Ohioans protecting Ohioans." The advisory contains many of the same guidelines that the stay-at-home order did, but the guidelines are no longer mandatory. The new advisory recommends maintaining social distancing and lifts travel restrictions. Also, Ohioans are no longer mandated to stay at home. Businesses will still need to follow the previously outlined health and safety regulations and mass gatherings are still prohibited.

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT: Greg Little Div Commander

Flotilla 06-04 had a \$35 dollar donation made in our name from an online presentation I made. \$35 was donated to the CGMA Fund.

Nothing has changed as far as what we can or cannot do. Some Aux Members have been issued orders.

If you need VE Stickers see FC Russ Cromwell.



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STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS:

Staff Reports for April 2021

FSO-CM Peter Baillie (Communications Officer)
anguskbaille@yahoo.com

There is no communications report for April.

FSO-CS Tom Cole (Communication Services)
tomcole430@gmail.com

No activity for April

FSO-DV Dave McCollum (Diversity) daveaux0604@gmail.com

No report sent in
FC - Working on the Diversity award for 2020.

FSO-HR Dave McCollum (Human Resources)
daveaux0604@gmail.com

No report sent in.
Dave is working with one new prospective member (and his parents). He is 17 years old and is considering the Coast Guard after he graduates. Contact April 3 Planning gathering Avon Brewery- when guidelines open up. BRSBA

FSO-IS Michele Rosich (Information Services)
merosich@windstream.net

No Report sent in.
Everyone please get your reports in a timely manner.
Working with Auxdata II
Trying to get caught up with paperwork. Auxdata II does not always co-operate. Michele is having Hip surgery at the end of month may be slow returning calls. Will try to get all hours and filing caught up before then.

FSO-MA Robert Koenig (Materials)
capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com

No Report sent in
Ordered Orange decals for Canoes & Kayaks. Also ordered some paddle tip reflectors.
Also order paddle craft safety check sheets for Jeff Burdick
Ordered supplies for safety town. Got three different coloring books for Bill Ferry. Bill will have 150 Coloring books. FC advised there are more in the shed if



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we need them.

FC advised we need to do an inventory of what is in the shed for VE Inspections.

FSO-MS Jeff Burdick (Marine Safety) flyrod11ft@gmail.com
Marine safety no report.

FSO-MT **We need a Member Training Officer** (Member Training)

FSO-NS Thomas D Raszka (Navigation Systems) flybuoy2@yahoo.com
No flotilla activity

Information from Jack Benton--- Chief Palmer advised anyone wanting to do ATON checks needs to send a Covid form directly to him. Then Chief Palmer will send a list of what needs to be checked, and that is coming in the next 2 weeks. Chief Palmer is the ATON Officer for Sector. Contact Jack Benton for info and email.

FSO-OP Jack Benton (Operations) trilogy1850@gmail.com
No activity but trying to schedule work on our facility now that the weather is improving.
Cover has been removed from the facility and Jack glued on the panel for the depth sensor. Dave & Jack did some electrical work. Top is not on.

FSO-PB Russ Cromwell (Publications) auxruss@twc.com
No activity

FSO-PV Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) auxruss@twc.com
No activity

Russ checking with a couple places to see if he can stop in for visits.
FC advised Div Commander thinks we can have someone with us to do visits.

FSO-PE Bill Ferry (Public Education) clevelandbill@mac.com

Public Education reports the following tentatively scheduled activities:

Saturday, May 22nd, a Vessel Safety Check event at the Bay Boat Club (BBC), Bay Village, Ohio. Time to be determined. Boaters who are members of the Bay Boat Club will be invited to schedule a VSC on the premises of the BBC.



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This event is in conjunction with the Sea Scouts based at BBC and timed to coincide with the start of National Safe Boating Week. The Mayor of Bay Village will be present to open the day, which includes other things not related to VSCs. Auxiliarists Ferry and Burdick have expressed interest and depending on the response to BBCs marketing efforts to its members, we might need another one or two VEs. NOTE: This event has NOT YET received authorization from USCG Aux. (Bay doesn't need too many examiners)

Saturday May 29th, a Vessel Safety Check event at the Lorain Harbor Boat Club (LHBC), Lorain, Ohio (next to Station Lorain). Time to be determined, but probably Noon until about 5:00pm. The LHBC is having a National Safe Boating Week event, including dinner for its members, that day. Thus, more members will be present than might be usual. Members may schedule VSCs throughout the time period allotted. Especially important to LHBC is to have their two teaching vessels examined (and though I did not ask, one might be sail).

Auxiliarist Ferry will attend this event, and we may need two or three more VEs.

NOTE: This event has NOT YET received authorization from USCG Aux.

SAMPLE FOR THE LORAIN HARBOR YACHT CLUB EVENT available upon request, ask FC.

Wednesday June 16th, the Vermilion Police Department is holding its "Safety Town" that week. On the 16th, Auxiliarist Ferry will present two sessions (morning and afternoon) to the kids on the topic of Boater Safety. As usual coloring books will be passed out, and the children will try on PFDs. **No additional Auxiliarists are needed for this event.** NOTE: This event has NOT YET received authorization from USCG Aux.

Anyone able to assist Bill with the events please contact him.

The only other activity to note is that Auxiliarists Burdick and Ferry have both been active in the Facebook community called **"Lake Erie Boaters"**, which has 18,900 members. With other boaters known to Burdick and Ferry, we've sort of established an informal Public Education campaign to spot safety issue questions posed by members of the group and to gently and not in a preachy way present information about Boater Education and Vessel Exams and other safety information. This happens naturally and not with a "top-down" approach. Lots of the members of the group are already converts and say what we would say if asked, "take an approved boater safety course, have your boat examined for required equipment, and wear your PFD". Most times, an Auxiliarist doesn't even have to speak up - other boaters who know do the talking for us. And that sense of community is amazing, and though we probably cannot measure it, it saves lives.

SAFETY AT SEA CANCELED FOR 2021. PLANNING ON HAVING ONE in 2022. More info in Old business.



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FSO-PA Greg Little (Public Affairs) glittle48@gmail.com
No report turned in
Did an online PA presentation for University Club of Lorain about Aux activities.

FSO-VE Greg Little (Vessel Examination) glittle48@gmail.com

FC has the VE stickers for our flotilla please contact him for more. The first ones I sent out were from the division stock.

Information from BILL FERRY for Vessel Examiners.

As of 1 Apr 2021, a new Federal law is in effect. This requires operators of boats under 26 feet in length powered by 3 or more HP motors to use the **ECOS** or “**kill-switch**” if one is installed. An earlier (2018) law requires manufacturers, distributors, and dealers to install ECOS on such vessels.

What is important is that if the boat does not currently have an ECOS, it is “grandfathered”.

If there is an ECOS, it **MUST** be used while operating on plane or above displacement speed.

I have a link for you, from the USCG:

<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-devices.php>

A lot of boaters are expressing concern that they have to get an ECOS installed. Not true.

Obviously, this should be part of our VSCs this summer.

AUXPAD

No report sent in.

FC - Both Bill Ferry and Jeff Burdick are trying to obtain required training for “AUXPAD”

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ON-HOLD** AED on old until we have a discussion on questions flotilla members have.

(from April meeting - Last meeting, we discussed the purchase of an AED for the flotilla/facility use. A vote was taken to allow \$500 to be used for the purchase of an AED. However, there were some questions that still need to be answered about the AED. FC has frozen the money for the purchase until members can get questions answered.)



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- Projects for spring
 - Boat
 - Get Cover Off - Main Cover off, framework and small cover still on.
 - Work on boat repairs/updates - Jack started the install of the depth sensor by gluing on the mounting pad on the stern of the boat.
 - Bimini -----IN but not put up yet. Will need a "FRAME" created to mount the Bimini on top.
 - Trailer
 - Trailer Roof -----Bruce Kole, Gary Krause and Russ Cromwell re-viewed the work on the trailer at the trailer. Gary is asking his Camper Dealer what would be recommended for the trailer top.
 - Clean and possible repaint ---- no activity.
 - Update decals to current information--- Bob Koenig found some decals but they are not cheap.
 - Fence overgrowth. ----- CG said no reason to have the growth for privacy.
 - Clean outside of the fence for overgrowth
 - Clean the fence from overgrowth.
 - Fill the hole outside the fence.
 - ✓ We have approval from the Port Authority, Jack will confirm with CG Lorain Station Chief that we have a final permission to start.

ALMOST NEW BUSINESS:

- This year's Safety at Sea is **cancelled** there will be a tentative date for the 2022 Safety at sea event.

I think Jack's email summary gives a good understanding as to why 2021 was canceled.

1. We have a new Admiral as of today.
2. Until the CG allows us to gather with more than 10 people, were shot down.
3. We will be getting a new total change at Station Cleveland in June.
4. We don't know what the SS policy will be.
5. Our movement into full gatherings will be slow at best, so we don't have the time to do it right and be comfortable, if we will ever.

- **Some Core Classes are required to be updated every 5 years.**
 - We have had two online opportunities for the 5 core classes that are required.
 - FC will create and send DVD for those that do not have a computer and will also send self-attest form.
 - FC will try to contact each person that needs the required core classes this month. They do not take long to complete, and they are REQUIRED.

CLOSING REMARKS:



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Division Vice Commander – Dave McCollum

We are looking for a Secretary/Recorder for the Division.

Senior Member –

George Harizal – Good online meeting, nice software.

FC Russ Cromwell - Checking on Auxiliary Band for George.

- We are getting orders for PV & VE take advantage of this. If you have a PV, VE or something else you want to do, apply for permission now.
- Thanks to Bill for his effort in getting his programs together and the information he found on the
- Thanks for attending and Be safe out there!

Auxiliary Member Kevin Settle -

Kevin asked what was involved in doing the meeting minutes. Kevin decided he would give it a try to doing flotilla minutes as long as someone assists so he could learn the process. FC promised to assist on the minutes until he felt comfortable enough to do them on his own.

BIG THANKS KEVIN!!!

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn by: Jack Benton
2nd: Bill Ferry
Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting @ 20:43hrs

Minutes submitted by
Russ Cromwell & Kevin Settle