



FLOTILLA 092-06-04
MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2023
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CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER

MEETING FORMAT: In-Person and Virtual

ACTUAL START TIME: 19:31hrs

Pledge led by: Bob Koenig

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total Attending: In-Person: 6 On-Line: 6 Retired Member: 1

SECRETARY REPORT - Kevin Settle

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

No additions or corrections

Motion to Accept by: Jack Benton

Second Motion by: Russ Cromwell

Vote: Aye

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT - Peter Baillie

- No activity. Balance remains at \$1198.83
- Paid \$53.20 reimbursement to Jolyn Jones for Sunshine cards.
- Everyone should start thinking about their dues. Sept is coming fast.
- Motion to accept: Michele Rosich 2nd Dave McCollum

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Bill Ferry

- The season for waterway cleanups is here. Please share information about waterway cleanups that you hear about. It seems that these happen without us ever hearing about it - keep your ears attuned. We would like to help.
- I need a Parade headcount. The Parade Organizers provide a Challenge Coin to every participant and they want to know how many to order. BUT, we also need to start firming up plans. Basically the same as last year, but a more nuanced schedule post-parade: a less fancy lunch, and no traffic accidents.
- An ALCOAST went out last week announcing that Auxiliarists would now have the privilege to buy liquor at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX). I understand pricing is attractive, and selection is pretty good. Please drink responsibly. Now if we could only get the privilege to buy uniform items that we need ...
- At D-Train, the Coast Guard informed us of an upcoming mega-event for which the 9th District is already making plans. This is the Total Solar Eclipse, which is going to cross directly through Lorain County and across Lake Erie, on 8 April 2024, in the afternoon. A total solar eclipse is an important scientific, and for some, spiritual, event that will draw people from all over the world. The Lorain County Emergency Management Agency has written schools in the County suggesting they close on that day - as the County is expecting an influx of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million visitors. As you can imagine, this puts a strain on EVERY system - from police and fire, to water rescue, to wastewater treatment. There are not enough restrooms or porta-pottys. Traffic will be snarled. And people will be looking up, instead of around. Put this date in your calendar - and brush up on your Incident Command, Radio, and other OPS skills. And if you're not able to be part of the solution - then please be safe, but you have GOT to see this thing. A solar eclipse is a strange event - this will be my third. It's a big deal. Not long-lasting. But big.
- BZ to all who joined in the Fish Fry a couple weeks ago at Donauschwaben in Olmsted Falls. A couple hiccups on access to the place, but mostly a very good time was had, as well as very good food. And good German Beer. Would try it again - but might plan for a LATER time - the place did clear out a bit after a while

- Finally, I want to thank Dan Perez, Dave McCollum's Grandson-in-Law, who joined us on Saturday for our work party. Dan thought up and executed a repair plan for a failing deck panel from the Facility Boat. He ground away at the fiberglass and hammered away at the half-rotten wood, and prepared the panel for new wood stringers and re-installation in the boat.

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - Dave McCollum

- Planning a trip to Erie Maritime Museum on a bus.
- All Flotilla's will be combining calendars for activities so we can participate with each other.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Jeff Rutter

- Thanks to all that turned out for the work party at the station on Saturday. Russ, Dave, Dan, Jack, Jeff, and Bill.
- If anyone needs uniforms or accessories, we have a uniform bank with over a hundred items, to include ODU's, dress uniforms and uniform accessories. Please don't buy anything until you have checked the uniform bank.
- VFC contacted staff members to remind them that their March report was due.

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

FSO-AS Jeff Rutter (Aux Scout) rutterj@gmail.com

- Our next AUXSCOUT All-Staff Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, April 16th, at 2030 Eastern time. Please put that on your calendar. Login instructions will be sent out a few days before the meeting.
- Safety at Sea has been set for Saturday 22 July 2023.

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

- No activity

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

- Added March flotilla meeting minutes to our website.

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

- Dave will be sending out a reading about our purpose.

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

- No Report

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

- There have been 2 more members that have done their VE Workshop for this year.
- Those who haven't done their VE Workshop – it is due by June 30, 2023 in AUXDATA II.
- Just a reminder to do your member activities for the month of March and send it to me to be entered into AUXDATA II.

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

- Need anything ordered let me know.
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FSO-MS Bruce Kole (Marine Safety) brukole@gmail.com

- **Best Practices:** It's that time of year to start getting boats ready. It is also the season to avoid maintenance pollution. Avoid using products containing chlorine, phosphates, ammonia, hydrocarbons or any other product labeled hazardous to humans. Hazardous to you is hazardous to the aquatic environment. Conduct all sanding and scraping away from the water. Use a tarp under work areas. Reuse or recycle shrink wrap. Be sure to remove nylon straps that do not recycle. (see OHSU-FS-1532_Shrink-Wrap-Recycling-For-Ohio-Marinas). Nearby participating "Clean Marinas" include Huron Yacht Club Vermillion Power Boats, Spitzer Riverside, Whiskey Island Marina, Wingfoot State Park Marina, Buckeye Sports Center, and Sippo Lake Marina.
- **Prevention Directorate** "Notices of changes to MSAM PQS section 10" have been forwarded to Division 6 VCs or FSOs.
- **Coming Summer Events:**
 1. "Fifth Annual Paddleboard, Kayak & Canoe Paddlefest" Cleveland," July 21-22, 2023 (recruitment and PE opportunity).

2.Operation Rogue V, District 9 ICS-emergency response exercise with Coast Guard, Reserves and Auxiliary. late summer. Volunteers needed for all stages from planning to finish. Contact Paul Markovic if interested.

- **Free subscription:** "Proceedings, the Coast Guard Journal of Safety and Security at Sea", is available by sending your Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Country, plus Email(optional) to: Commandant (CG-5PS), ATTN: Proceedings, US COAST GUARD STOP 7509, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20078-9398.

FSO-MT Jeff Rutter (Member Training) rutterj@gmail.com

- Spring D-Train was held March 17-19 in Dunkirk, NY. Flotilla 06-04 had members McCollum, Cromwell, Benton and Ferry attending D-Train
- Commodore Bob Scofield presented a course on March 7, "2023 Handbook Changes for Surface Operations,"
- A two part Risk Management/TCT Refresher offerings for Crew Quals was presented on March 20 & 22, with an additional course to be presented on April 12 & 13.
- Jolyn Jones has completed about 4 hours of the Aux CA class also known as aux 🍳 chef. After the last class she will complete some of the sign-offs at station Cleveland. She then has 1 year to get all of the sign offs.
- Boat Crew training is ongoing.
- Robert Laurer will offer another OPS Workshop on 4-20-23 at 1900 hrs. If you didn't get the email with the zoom call link, let me know.

FSO-NS Thomas D Raszka (Navigation Systems) flybuoy2@yahoo.com

- No Report

FSO-OP Jack Benton (Operations) trilogy1850@gmail.com

- 10 Station Lorain (SM) Security Checks were performed for March by the Flotilla.
- 3 Operations members attended D-Train in March.
- 2 District Operations Training Zoom sessions were conducted in March.

FSO-PA Kevin Settle (Public Affairs) kevmac447@yahoo.com

- Memorial Day Parade at Cuyahoga Falls
- Vermillion Safety Town June

FSO-PB Russ Cromwell (Publications) auxruss@twc.com

- No activity. Nothing was turned in to use for a newsletter.

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

- We have been asked to speak at the Bay Village Community Services Department, for their group called BV60+, which is for residents of age 60-ish and older, who wish to be active with other 60+ folks. Among their activities are a popular pickle-ball league, walking club, and kayaking! Jeff Burdick and Bill Ferry will represent the Auxiliary, while our friends Stephanie and Robb Koscho of LocoYaks will take the “good cop” part of the routine. Planned for a May weekday evening, date to be announced.

SO-PV Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) auxruss@twc.com

- No Activity reported for RBS visits for March 2023
- Some materials that were ordered by FSO-MA were received and put in our storage area waiting to be shared on PVs.
- PVs, please make sure your shopping list for RBS visits is given to Bob Koenig, our FSO-MA. He will need some time to process the order so give him a heads up early.
- Flotilla Members, If you're interested in being a PV, please let me know.
- Flotilla Members, who is interested in doing dockside advising? Please let me know.

FSO-VE Russ Cromwell (Vessel Examination) auxruss@twc.com

- No VE's reported as completed by flotilla VE's for March 2023.
- VE's remember there is a required 2023 workshop to be completed. Contact me for details if you haven't completed the workshop yet.
- If you have not received your 2023 decals and need them, please contact Bill Ferry or Jeff Rutter.
- Planning to have a VE online meeting on March 24th. We will discuss procedures, forms and miscellaneous.

SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (or Bill Ferry)

- No report

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Jolyn Jones

April Birthday

- Robert Hemminger 4/25
- Brooke Fenner 4/26
- Thomas Cole 4/30

ANNIVERSARY:

- MARIE Shimandle 4/6/ 1970
- Linda Seabold 4/20/2011

BUSINESS MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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AWARDS: Given By Division Commander Dave McCollum

Russ Cromwell - Certificate of Appreciation

Bill Ferry - Certificate of Appreciation

Bill Ferry - Outstanding Service Award

GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION

Presentation By George Robinson on Knots and Rope. (Very Interesting)

- George Robinson, who will speak about ropes, lines, knots, hitches, bends, and all manner of knowledge about fastening, hoisting, or other things one can do with rope.
- George is a retired sashmaker, and was a Navy Seal, among many other things. George and I have become friends - he's a true renaissance man - can hold a conversation about anything - or at least, I haven't stumped him yet.
- This talk is not necessarily for OPS folks - but should help those so engaged.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum
- IPDCDR – Open
- Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry
- VFC - Jeff Rutter
- IPFC -Russ Cromwell
- Senior Active Member - Tom Raszka “Looks like its going to be a good season”
- Retired members – Rose
- Guests/ Other members
- Bo Koenig - Story about Lost Kyakers

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion to Adjourn by: Jack Benton 2nd Chris Kuebler
- Vote: AYE
- Actual Adjourn Time: 20:34hrs

IMPORTANT DATES		
May 3	Division Meeting	Online
May 10	Flotilla Meeting 7:00/7:30	Live/Online
May 20 - 26	National Safe Boating Week	Everywhere
May 20	VSC Outreach Event (0900-1400)	Bay Boat Club
May 23	AUXPAD Outreach (18:30)	Bay Senior Ctr
May 27	VSC Outreach Event (1100-Dinner)	Lorain Harbor BC
May 29	Memorial Day Parade	Cuyahoga Falls
June 24	VSC Outreach & PICNIC	To Be Announced
July 6 - 9	Cleveland Tall Ships (MAYBE)	Cleveland
July 22	SAFETY AT SEA	Station Lorain
Aug 4 - 5	USCG Anniversary Celebration	Everywhere
Sept 2 - 4	Cleveland Air Show	Cleveland
Sept 22 - 24 (NEW)	Fall D-Train	Dunkirk, NY
Sept 23	Auxiliary Social Event	To Be Announced
Dec 9	Flotilla Holiday Party	To Be Announced
2024 Apr 8	Solar Eclipse	To Be Announced

TEN MOST SENIOR MEMBERS	
ENROLLED	NAME
06 Apr 1970	Marie R Shimandle
04 May 1978	George A Harizal
27 Jul 1979	Karen Kamm
11 Jun 1991	Christine A Raszka
11 Jun 1991	Thomas D Raszka
19 May 1992	Jack E Benton
31 May 1994	Alan M Rosich
07 Jul 1997	Kenneth C. Sarnecki
01 Jul 2003	Russell W Cromwell
12 Nov 2004	Michele E Rosich

MEETING TREAT VOLUNTEERS			
January	Ferry	July	
February	Jones/Ferry	August	
March	Jones	September	
April	Rutter	October	
May		November	
June		December	