



**FLOTILLA 092-06-04**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2023**  
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**CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

MEETING FORMAT: In-Person and Virtual

ACTUAL START TIME: 19:32 hrs

Pledge led by: Gary Krause

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total Attending: **12** In-Person: **7** On-Line: **4** Retired Member: **1**

**SECRETARY REPORT - Kevin Settle**

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

Motion to Accept by: Russ Cromwell

Second Motion by: Jack Benton

Vote: Passed

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT - Peter Baillie**

- No activity. Balance remains at \$3194.93

Motion to Accept by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: No Vote due to no activity or change since last month.

## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Bill Ferry**

- Tom Cole on Vacation
- Joe Bercik back from Fantasy Baseball Camp
- Boat Show Volunteers (Ferry, Cole, Kole, Jones, Rutter)
- Tom Cole on fire with Training
- Maybe he'll catch up to Kevin Settle'
- Youth Protection Training for Everyone (and Safe Swim &
- Michele Rosich - fixed some thorny issues with AuxData II.
- Need Snack Volunteers (Pop in the Fridge, Chips on the Counter, etc)
- Shed Up-Righting (Benton, Cromwell, Cole, Rutter, Ferry & Ferry)
- Jack Benton leading charge on Boat Crew
- Jack and Russ Cromwell printing Manuals
- OPS Training - Regular Scheduled Events, Contact Bill Ferry or Jack Benton
- We are already talking about the Memorial Day Parade
- Betsy MacIntyre needs CULINARY ASSISTANCE

## **REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - Dave McCollum, (Given By VCDR Russ Cromwell)**

- **The 9ER District had a Formal Board and Staff meeting on January 14, 2023. After the introductions were made, we received remarks from Buffalo Sector Commander, Capt. Mark Kuperman. Capt. Kuperman's remarks were significant and addressed the Auxiliary as "a force multiplier" necessary to the active Coast Guard in accomplishing their objectives in 2023. To emphasize the need, he related to a few statistics from the Buffalo Sector for 2022:**

**2275 Search and Rescue missions**

**557 Lives Saved**

**3416 Lives Assisted**

**84 Lives Lost**

**\$51 million in property lost**

**(Continued)**

**The 3,316 responses in the Sector is an overwhelming responsibility – especially when it is only a fraction of the overall mission objective of the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary can play an important part in helping reduce this through more Vessel Examinations, Public Education, Crew and Coxwain Training, and a visible presence with the public. New Crew and Coxwain Qualification Handbooks have been introduced which parallels the active Coast Guard training. With this, the Auxiliary may be asked to participate with the active-duty surface efforts due to the shortage in active-duty manpower. So, the bottom line is for us to increase the Vessel Examinations, emphasize Safe Boating efforts through Public Education with Dockside Advising, more Program Visitation and get qualified to provide manpower support with watchstanding and boat surface operations.**

- **Staff Reporting is a necessary means of giving results to the Coast Guard an account of our Auxiliary efforts. No report indicates no activity. No activity shows no value. No value eventually falls into disestablishment of the Flotilla. Lets get those reports in and up the chain of leadership.**
- **7029 Reporting. The same applies to hours given in support of the Auxiliary. Please turn in your hours on the 7029 every month as evidence of your Auxiliary and Recreational Safe Boating efforts. Otherwise, our value is diminished as the “force multiplier” as referred to by Capt. Kuperman.**

**VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Jeff Rutter**

- **VFC contacted staff members to remind them that their January report was due.**

## FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

### **FSO-AS Jeff Rutter (Aux Scout) [rutterj@gmail.com](mailto:rutterj@gmail.com)**

- Safety at Sea Zoom meeting Monday February 13 @ 8:00 PM
- Safety at Sea has been set for Saturday 22 July 2023.

### **FSO-CM Peter Baillie (Communications Officer) [angusbaillie@yahoo.com](mailto:angusbaillie@yahoo.com)**

- No activity.

### **FSO-CS Tom Cole (Communication Services) [tomcole430@gmail.com](mailto:tomcole430@gmail.com)**

- No Activity

### **FSO-DV Dave McCollum (Diversity) [daveaux0604@gmail.com](mailto:daveaux0604@gmail.com)**

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### **FSO-HR Dave McCollum (HumanResources)[daveaux0604@gmail.com](mailto:daveaux0604@gmail.com)**

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### **SO-IS Michele Rosich (Information Services) [merosich@windstream.net](mailto:merosich@windstream.net)**

- No report at this time.
- Requesting members to turn in their hours monthly so that they can be entered into AUXDATA II each month.

### **FSO-MA Robert Koenig (Materials) [capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com](mailto:capt.bobonlake.erie@gmail.com)**

- No Activity

### **FSO-MS Bruce Kole (Marine Safety) [brukole@gmail.com](mailto:brukole@gmail.com)**

- I am planning training sessions that address both Marine Safety and Environmental Protection for the coming year.
- January will address MS with a short session on the America's Waterway Watch program. Discussion will focus on the Lorain Port area.
- In February we will start identifying current issues affecting the Great Lakes, particularly the Lake Erie Watershed.

- As we move through the year we will develop an Outreach Plan to boaters and the public at large.

**FSO-MT Jeff Rutter (Member Training) [rutterj@gmail.com](mailto:rutterj@gmail.com)**

- Spring D-Train is coming up fast. District Training Conference takes place March 17-19 at the Clarion Hotel Marina and Conference Center in Dunkirk, NY. Nearly all of the training sessions are on Saturday, March 18. If you didn't get the email from Russ with all the info, please let him know and he will get it sent to you.
- District 9WR will be offering the AUX COM class on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings in February via ZOOM beginning February 7. US Coast Guard Stations throughout the district have been asking for more radio watch standers, so this is an important class. We will study two Chapters per night and hold two sessions per week. Therefore, the class will last three weeks. Instructors Mike Scott and Chris Stahlman will be joined by other communications experts in our district. To sign up for this class, please send an e-mail to 9WR DSO-MT Bob Allen at "[uphigh63@aol.com](mailto:uphigh63@aol.com)" There is no charge for the class, but Auxiliary members may wish to have the Student Study guide printed out in hard copy for ease of study.

**FSO-NS Thomas D Raszka (Navigation Systems) [flybuoy2@yahoo.com](mailto:flybuoy2@yahoo.com)**

- No Report Made

**FSO-OP Jack Benton (Operations) [trilogy1850@gmail.com](mailto:trilogy1850@gmail.com)**

- 1. Flotilla 6-4 conducted 9 Security Checks at Station Lorain for an average of 5 hrs for January.
- 2. Russ and I printed copies of the new Aux Boat Crew Qualification Handbook for its Mentors and Trainees. Mentors will be assigned to trainees in February.

**FSO-PA Kevin Settle (Public Affairs) [kevmac447@yahoo.com](mailto:kevmac447@yahoo.com)**

- Members of Flotilla 06-04 worked the Cleveland Boat Show assisting Division 7.

**FSO-PB Russ Cromwell (Publications) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)**

- No Activity

**FSO-PE Bill Ferry (Public Education) [clevelandbill@mac.com](mailto:clevelandbill@mac.com)**

- No Activity

**SO-PV Russ Cromwell (Program Visitor) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)**

- No Activity

**FSO-VE Russ Cromwell (Vessel Examination) [auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)**

- 1) Workshop for VE is out and required to be done to stay certified as a VE. Self attestation form needs to be signed and sent to Michele Rosich FSO-IS when VE workshop is completed
- 2) Engine Cutoff Switch (ECOS) has been added to the 7012 form. Old forms can still be used but VE needs to write in on the old form that the ECOS was checked. I asked Bob Koenig to check with his auxiliary supply depot to see if the newer form is available. If it is, I asked him to order 4 pads so we can share among the flotilla VE's.
- 3) Process for turning in VE's in for credit is similar to last year.
  - a) Send the Forms 7012 (or 7012A for PWC) and the 7038 form to Michele Rosich FSO-IS to enter in Auxdata II. Please CC me ([auxruss@twc.com](mailto:auxruss@twc.com)) in the email.
  - b) Once the VE is interred into Auxdata II your VE will than count as completed and will be added to the report at the end of the month.
  - c) VE results from your 7012 form will be added to a spreadsheet so we can get an idea what we are finding in VE exams this year.
- 4) The 2023 VE inspection tags have been delivered to Bill Ferry FC and Dave McCollum DCDR. Initially each VE will be given 5 VE inspection tags to start with from the flotilla tags. If you need more inspection tags right away or do not wish all 5 tags right

away, just let us know. Extra tags will be on hand during meetings and at our Vessel Outreach Events if you need more.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **AUXPAD Jeff Burdick (or Bill Ferry)**

- Bill met with the AUXPAD instructor at the Cleveland Boat Show. There was a display at the show with water and demo's. Division 7 members that were there will be helping our Flotilla get up to date in the near future.

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Jolyn Jones**

- FOR NOVEMBER: Sympathy cards for Ron Behl family, Marge Bratton family and her son.
- THINKING OF YOU CARDS: Judy Bell, Serena Dawkins
- GET WELL CARDS : Dave McCollum, Kevin Settle, George Herizal
- DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CARDS: Bill Ferry, Jeff Rutter
- JANUARY BIRTHDAY CARDS: Jack Justice, Linda Seabold, Tom Raszka, Rose Melko
- JANUARY ANNIVERSARY: Dave McCollum, Serena Dawkins, Jeff Burdick, Brook Fenner, Ron Williams
- FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Michael Bores, Allan Rosich, Serena Dawkins
- FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY: Robert Koenig, Robert Hemminger, Michael Bores,Chris Kuebler
- Purchased 120 Bulk Birthday/ Anniversary cards, 50 Bulk Birthday cards. Ok by Flotilla commander.
- I'm hoping I didn't miss anyone. If so I can add a side note to mention in March. Happy birthday/ Auxiliary Anniversary date.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE (Benton, Kuebler, Krause, and Cole)**

- Audit Committee was formed at the January Meeting.
- Members received information from Peter Baillie, FSO-FN.
- Each Member examined the information, and
- The Audit found the Financial Records to be in order.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Follow up on Committees

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- In the face of Coast Guard wide shortages of active-duty Culinary Specialists (CS) the Auxiliary Culinary Assistance program is experiencing increasing requests for help. Once we have a list of those interested we will try to set times for a zoom call that are mutually convenient.
- Need a Parade Committee and Decision on Memorial Day Parade and any other parades we want to be involved in this year.
- We are in need of many committee's. Social, Awards, Historical, Safety at Sea, Parade, Honor Guard, Uniform .... Please let FC know what you are interested in being involved with.
- D-Train is in March and the Flotilla will give any member not under orders \$50 to help differ their expenses. If they attend and submit a receipt, they will be reimbursed.  
Motion by Jack Benton, 2nd Russ Cromwell, passed by all in attendance.
- Work day at the station 9-12 in the office and on the facility. Please let Russ or Bill know if you will be there.

### **GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION**

#### **Black History Month Presentation - Jolyn Jones**

Painting displayed that was painted by Auxilarist Jolyn Jones as she gave a very informative presentation about the subject, Dr. Olivia Hooker.

#### **Marine Safety Presentation - Bruce Kole**

Video presentation "America's Waterway Watch"

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum



- IPDCDR – Open
- Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry
- VFC - Jeff Rutter
  - Thanks to Jolyn& Bruce for their presentations. Hopefully Michele will give an AUXDATA II presentation next.
- IPFC -Russ Cromwell
  - Excellent Presentations by Jolyn & Bruce. I think Bill & Jeff deserve a round of applause for how well they are doing leading the Flotilla. Member Ron Beihl has passed away. The Aux will not be a part of the service, but you can attend the service in uniform if you would like. Details to come.
- Senior Active Member - George Harizal
  - Everyone is doing a good job especially Bill who is very enthusiastic.
- Retired members –
- Guests/ Other members (None)

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Motion to Adjourn by: Russ Cromwell
- Second Motion by: Gary Krause
- Vote: Passed
- Actual Adjourn Time: 20:41hrs

Submitted by FSO-SR Kevin Settle 2/12/23

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>		
March 17, 18, 19	Spring D-Train	Dunkirk, NY
March 24	Flotilla Fish Fry	To Be Announced
April 22	Auxiliary Social Event	To Be Announced
May 20 - 26	National Safe Boating Week	Everywhere
May 20 (Tentative)	VSC Outreach Event	Bay Boat Club
May 29 (Tentative)	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 15 - 17	Fall D-Train	Dunkirk, NY
Sept 23	Auxiliary Social Event	To Be Announced
Dec 9	Flotilla Holiday Party	To Be Announced

<b>TEN MOST SENIOR MEMBERS</b>	
<b>ENROLLED</b>	<b>NAME</b>
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

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