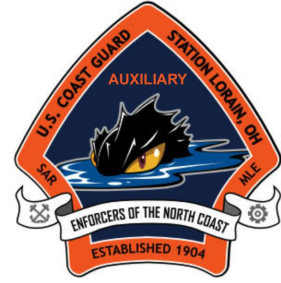




FLOTILLA 092-06-04
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2023
<http://uscgauxlorain.us/>



CALL TO ORDER BY FLOTILLA COMMANDER

MEETING FORMAT: In-Person and Virtual

ACTUAL START TIME: 19:31hrs

Pledge led by: Chris Kuebler

Invocation By: Al Rosich

Total Attending: 16 In-Person: 11 On-Line: 4 Retired Member: 1

SECRETARY REPORT - Kevin Settle

Prior Meeting Minutes Report - Kevin Settle FSO-SR

No additions or corrections

Motion to Accept by: Jeff Rutter

Second Motion by: Tom Cole

Vote: AYE

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT - Peter Baillie

- No activity. Balance remains the same as the previous month.
- Motion to accept: Al rosich 2nd Bob Keonig

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Bill Ferry

- May was a very busy month for Flotilla 092-06-04. As we head into the Operations season, also known as the soft-water season, the pace of activities is quickening.

- May saw the end of Station Checks at Station Lorain, and a welcoming back of the Active-Duty Coast Guard.
- FSO-VE Russ Cromwell put together a Division-wide training session on current and best practices in Vessel Examination, and held a repeat session for those who could not attend the first. This training comes just in time for the Vessel Examination busy season, which is generally May and June.
- Boat Crew Members continued with the regular monthly training provided District-wide by Commodore Lauer and his crew of trainers.
- The Boat Crew, under Coxswain Jack Benton, continued maintenance and upgrade work on AUX 64, the Flotilla's Facility boat.
- At the end of the month, National Safe Boating Week was held 20 May through 26 May. In conjunction with this event, our Flotilla engaged in the following activities:
 - 1). A Vessel Examination outreach event at the Bay Boat Club, Bay Village, Ohio on Saturday the 20th; and
 - 2). An AuxPad Ashore outreach event at the Bay Village Senior Center on Tuesday the 23rd; and
 - 3). A Vessel Examination outreach event at the Lorain Harbor Boat Club, Lorain, Ohio, on Saturday the 27th.
- Importantly, the above Vessel Examination outreach events look like they will be a permanent addition to our Flotilla schedule. This is based on the excellent relationships forged between Flotilla and Boat Club personnel.

REPORT FROM DIVISION COMMANDER - Dave McCollum

- Trip to Erie Maritime Museum on hold.

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT - Jeff Rutter

- Memorial Day Parade was held in Cuyahoga Falls on May 29th. Jack Benton, Dave McCollum, Russ Cromwell, Don Schoonover, Bruce Kole and Jeff Rutter from Flotilla 6-4 participated. Next year we may look into something closer, such as the Lorain Memorial Parade.
- Bill has already mentioned it and Jack will go into a little detail later about the station checks, but I just wanted to say how important they are not only to the Coast Guard, but also to the teams that come to the station multiple

times a month to make sure it is safe and secure. We received the following thank you email from BMCS Steven Ruh at CG Station Cleveland Harbor:

Aux Team,

Just wanted to extend my sincerest appreciation for your watch-standing at Station Lorain this winter. Your commitment to provide safety and security there during the off-season provides great peace of mind. Thank you.

The Aux team he is referring to is:

Team 1 - Bill Ferry, Jeff Burdick, Joe Bercik

Team 2 - Jack Benton, Russ Cromwell, Greg Little

Team 3 - Dave McCollum, Tom Cole, Tom Raszka, Jeff Rutter

Team 4 - Peter Bailey, Bruce Kole, Gary Krause

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

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

- During May, we finalized the Safety at Sea registration portal information with BSA Lake Erie Council. This led to the registration portal being opened for the event which will be held July 22, 2023, provided registrations are sufficient. We have a cap of 48 participants, but will hold the event if we reach 30 registrants.
- Activities in the AUXSCOUT area include continued planning for the Safety at Sea to be held Saturday 22 July 2023 at Station Lorain Ohio. As a reminder, Safety at Sea is a joint venture of Divisions 092-06 and 092-07. Our use of the Station for the Event is Authorized by OIC-Cleveland. Sea Scouts have had the date for some time, and a Boarding Manual has been distributed. Registration for the event will begin soon. By a month prior to the event, we will know whether our Registration numbers are sufficient to proceed. Those Auxiliarists who will join in presenting the event should start now by making sure the date is available, and review your plans for your responsibility on the event date. Questions to Bill Ferry clevelandbill@mac.com or Jeff Rutter FSO-AS 092-06-04 at rutterj@gmail.com.
- Several Members throughout the Division have updated their Youth Protection Training. Every Auxiliarist who has contact with youth (such as at an event like

Safety at Sea) is required by the Auxiliary to take this training. Furthermore, you must take it again every two years. The course is online, viewable in the comfort of your own home, in your own chair, on your own device at:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

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

- Discussions are underway in Division 6 addressing issues with comms between facilities and Station Cleveland Harbor in Station Lorain's AOR.

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

- Added April Flotilla meeting minutes to our website.
- A few updates to the flotilla website and calendar.

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

- We are doing a Division NACO application.

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

- New applicant, was supposed to be here tonight.

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

- Members' hours have been entered into AUXDATA II.
- Reminding members who haven't turned in hours for May to please do so .

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

- Orders for materials and stamps.
- Stamps are being sent to Jolyn

FSO-MS Bruce Kole (Marine Safety) brukole@gmail.com

- Flotilla members that participated in the June 3rd Rocky River Watershed Council Clean-up reported experiences they had assisting the **70 or more participants at the event**. This was the Flotilla's first participation in the 26th year of this event.
- Dave McCullum and Bruce Kole attendend the June 25 Change of Command at Marine Safety Unit Clevelsnd. Welcome to LCDR Daniel M. Parker.
- Outreach Opportunity:
- July 21/22 Paddleboard, Kayak & Canoe Paddlefest... **paddlers from over 15 states**. Parade of Lights on the Cuyahoga- 21:30, Cleveland

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

- Robert Lauruer held a District Operational Training class on May 2.
- Robert Lauruer presented a District OPS Training class on May 16. The instructor was Commodore Rich Phillips and the topic was IPAD Navigation.
- Russell Cromwell presented a “VE & PV Getting on the Same Page Workshop” on May 17th and 25th.
- Fall D-Train will be held September 22-24. Please mark your calendars and make your plans early.

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

- No report for ATON activities.

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

- Eighth and final Station Lorain Security Checks were done on 24MAY23. Our team's made 82 visits since September last year, a total of 57 hours and 50 minutes.
- Our boat crew work party completed repair work on the fuel tank deck and engine covers just in time for our 2nd annual Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day parade on the 29th.
- The Coast Guard returned to Mann Station Lorain for the season on Friday the 26th. It's important to remember to check in with the Lorain OOD on any visits to the station.

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

- Safe Boating Week
- May 20, 2023 through May 26, 2023

Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2023. Flotilla 06-01 & 04 were in attendance.

- Flotilla 092-06-01 Members

Edward Monaco

Jonathan Christian Cwalina

Mark Galan

Kenneth E Jacobs

- Flotilla 092-06-04 Members
 - William Ferry
 - Allen Knish
 - David Charles McCollum
 - Jeffrey Raymond Rutter
 - Jack E Benton
 - Bruce Paul Kole
 - Donald Cameron Schoonover
 - Russ Cromwell Jr

Out Reaches Completed

- 05/20/23 Flotilla 01 VSC Out-Reach; Portage Lakes, Akron
- 05/20/23 Flotilla 04 VSC Out-Reach; Bay Boat Club, Bay Village
- 05/23/23 Flotilla 04 AUXPAD Ashore Out-reach; Bay Village
- 05/27/23 Flotilla 01 VSC Out-Reach; Portage Lakes, Akron
- 05/27/23 Flotilla 04 VSC Out-Reach; Lorain Harbor Boat Club, Lorain
- 05/28/23 Flotilla 01 VSC Out-Reach; Portage Lakes, Akron

Coming events:

VE Out Reaches Planned

- 06/17/23 Flotilla 05 VSC Out-Reach; North East Yacht Club, Cleveland

Vermillion Police Department Safety Town

- 06/17/23 Flotilla 04, PE Out-Reach; Bill Ferry & Jeff Rutter

Cleveland Coast Guard Station Open House (Recruiting Drive)

- 06/10/23 Russ Cromwell and Jeff Rutter will represent 9er Division 6

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

- Have had a few items sent to me and a few possibilities that I have gathered on my own, but not much.
- The items gathered are more of an interest then flotilla/division activities news.

- I have few pictures but members not in uniform (work party type events) so using them would be in question.
- Time I have available is a big issue. Too many auxiliary duties and PB ends up being low priority to the other auxiliary jobs.

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

- During May, the Flotilla organized an AuxPad Ashore Public Education outreach event. This was the talk about kayaking and paddle craft safety to the Bay Village Senior Center's "BV60+" group, which is for active seniors. Members Jeff Burdick and Bill Ferry joined two representatives from the American Canoe Association (ACA) to share safety information.
- At the event, Members Burdick and Ferry brought their own kayaks, as examples of a well-outfitted fishing kayak and a basically-outfitted recreational kayak, respectively. Between the USCG Aux and the ACA, we had two tables of various kayaking safety and convenience gear, and a table of literature and take-homes, including free PFD Whistles, Paddle Reflective Stickers, and IF FOUND stickers for paddle craft.
- Approximately 15 to 20 persons were in attendance, including a City Councilperson at Large.

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

- Created a VE/PV Workshop called "Getting on the same page" This was to help PV's and VE's get a better understanding of required information that they should know, procedures requested, and to share general information between PV's and VE's.
- Workshop "Getting on the same page" was offered on line on two dates, 5/17/2023 and 5/25/2023. Feedback for the workshop has been very good.
- 66% of flotilla PV's attended our online workshop.
 - 4 members that are not a PV or a VE attended the workshop!
Bruce Kole, Gary Krause, Tom Raszka and Michele Rosich
- Suggested last meeting that PV's is to have a "theme" when they go on a visit. (This suggestion was also in the Division PV/VE workshop)

- Requested at flotilla meetings and in the Division Workshop any PV forms that will be sent in for auxdata should also be sent to SO-PV for data gathering and the SO-IS for verifying data entry.
- Notice was forwarded to me that there will be documentation to cover new laws in more detail for the Emergency Cut of Switch, Fire Extinguisher Requirements and the Life Jacket label changes. (These items were explained in more detail in the "Getting on the same page" division workshop!)
- 13 PV's Reported from 2 Flotilla 04 PV's for the month of May
- Below is a summary report of PV's for our Division 06. Flotilla 04 had 21 of these processed (15 of these PV's came from Kevin Settle!)

PV Summary for 2023 as of this report.	
2	PV reported as IN Process
22	Reported AND in Auxdata II
24	Expected Total for Auxdata II
8%	Percent NOT in Auxdata II
92%	Percent in Auxdata II

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

- Created a VE/PV Workshop called "Getting on the same page" This was to help VE's and PV's get a better understanding of required information that they should know, procedures requested, and to share general information between VE's and PV's.
- Workshop "Getting on the same page" was offered on line on two dates, 5/17/2023 and 5/25/2023. Around 50Feed back for the workshop has been very good.
- 50% of flotilla VE's/PV's attended our online workshop. (was same percentage for division)
- 2 flotilla members attended the workshop when it was offered the 2nd time.
- 4 flotilla members attended the workshop even though they were neither a VE or a PV!

- Requested at division meetings that VE's send copies of all VE forms sent in or entered into Auxdata II to the SO-VE for data gathering and the SO-IS for verifying data entry.
- We found out one flotilla member needed to turn in the 2003 VE workshop. As soon as he was notified it was done and it is now in Auxdata II that he did it. Our flotilla now has the 2023 VE workshop done for all members.
- Received revised new VE and REYR Certificates of Compliance from Glen Harman DSO-VE 9ER. A new requirement mentioned is the need of an "Activity Log Number" in reference to the training of a new VE or someone from REYR. If you do not have access to the Activity Log Number, request assistance from your FSO-IS staff officer. Thanks Glen for the updated information!
- Notice was forwarded to me that there will be documentation to cover new laws in more detail for the Emergency Cut of Switch, Fire Extinguisher Requirements and the Life Jacket label changes. (These items were explained in more detail in the "Getting on the same page" division workshop!)
- VE Outreaches done for May (Thanks to Bill Ferry FC!)
 - VE Outreach at Bay Boat Club
 - VE Outreach at Lorain Harbor Boat Club
- 22 VE's reported for May
 - 13 VE's were added as completed in Auxdata for May
 - 9 VE's were reported as in process but not turned in for entry into Auxdata.
- Below is the summary from the division VE numbers, 23 of the VE's came from flotilla 04.

VE Summary for the Year 2023	
10	VE reported as IN Process
58	Reported AND in Auxdata II
68	Expected Total for Auxdata II
15%	Percent NOT in Auxdata II
85%	Percent in Auxdata II

BUSINESS MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

- The trip to Erie Maritime Museum on hold.
- We need to compensate Russ for a computer purchase, (tabled by Russ)

NEW BUSINESS

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AWARDS:

Certificate of Appreciation from Flotilla 06-01 for Memorial Day Parade

- Peter Baillie
- Dave McCollum
- Bruce Kole
- Jack Benton
- Jeff Rutter
- Bill Ferry

TRAINING

- **Stop the Bleed - Tom Cole**
- Training after the Business Portion on “Stop the Bleed” presented by FSO Tom Cole on the best methods for bleeding control for First Responders.

GENERAL AUXILIARY DISCUSSION

CLOSING REMARKS

- Division Commander - Dave McCollum - Everyone in the Aux should post at least 1hr a month for the Auxiliary. Read an email, attend a meeting, anything.,
- IPDCDR – Open
- Flotilla Commander - Bill Ferry
- VFC - Jeff Rutter - Joyln Jones should be sent a card to get well.
- IPFC -Russ Cromwell
- Senior Active Member - Jack Benton - Good meeting we should have training every meeting. More people should join online for the meetings.
- Retired members –
- Guests/ Other members - Peter Baillie - Dues should be in by Aug 31st

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion to Adjourn by: Peter Baillie 2nd Chris Kuebler
- Vote: Aye
- Actual Adjourn Time: 20:32

IMPORTANT DATES		
04 Jul 2023	Lorain Fireworks Boat Patrol	Lorain
22 Jul 2023	SAFETY AT SEA (CANCELED)	Station Lorain
04 Jul	USCG Anniversary Celebration	Everywhere
AUGUST	WE NEED A GET-TOGETHER	??????
02-04 Sep	Cleveland Air Show	Cleveland
22-24 Sep	Fall D-Train	Dunkirk, NY
09 Dec	Flotilla Holiday Party	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	August	
March		September	
April		October	
May	Rutter	November	
June		December	