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- Sea Scouts will have another big push in the CG auxiliary in 2020. Much more information will be coming.
- Currently meeting report cycle is from the 15 to the 15. Example January 15 to February 15 would be February report. February 15 to March 15 would be March report. This is confusing some members. At next Division meeting we will consider options.

## VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT:

First time as VFC, I am new to this staff office and I am still learning.

## AWARDS / CERTIFICATES /PLEDGES:

Division Commander Greg Little provided the 2020 STAFF OFFICERS PLEDGE for the following staff officers:

- |                   |        |                           |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| ○ Jeff Burdick    | VFC    | (Vice Flotilla Commander) |
|                   | FSO-MS | (Marine Services)         |
| ○ Peter Baillie   | FSO-FN | (Finance)                 |
|                   | FSO-CM | (Communications)          |
| ○ Dave McCollum   | FSO-HR | (Human Resources)         |
|                   | FSO-DV | (Diversity)               |
| ○ Tom Cole        | FSO-CS | (Communication Services)  |
| ○ Robert Koenig   | FSO-MA | (Materials)               |
| ○ Michelle Rosich | FSO-IS | (Information Services)    |
| ○ Tom Raszka      | FSO-NS | (Navigation Systems)      |







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- **FSO-MT      Member Training                      OPEN**  
    No Report
- **FSO-NS      Navigation System                      Thomas Raszka**  
    No Activity
- **FSO-OP      Operations                      Jack Benton**  
    No activity but planning Crew Training & Refresher soon. Also, here will be the TCT Refresher coming up.
- **FSO-PA      Public Affairs                      Greg Little**  
    All members are PA Officers.
- **FSO-VE      Vessel Exams                      Greg Little**  
    2020 boat VE stickers have arrived. VE's can have some now if they need them.  
    There will be a Vessel Exam Refresher workshop. Date TBD.
- **FSO-PB      Publications                      Russ Cromwell**  
    No recent activity. Goal is to get a newsletter out by end of January.
- **FSO-PE      Public Education                      Bill Ferry**  
    Tom Raszka may have a lead for an OBEC class in April. More information to follow.
- **FSO-PV      (MD) Marine Dealer                      Russ Cromwell**  
    No Activity

## **COMMITTEE REPORT:      SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - MARGE BRATTON**

- Wish all that have birthdays for December and January a happy Birthday.
- Wish happy USCGA anniversary for the following members.
  - 1 Year              Jeff Burdick, Brook Fenner, Ronald Williams
  - 4 Years             Dave McCollum
  - 7 Years             Keith Marsh
  - 23 Years            Serena Dawkins 23yr
- Marge said to mention in front of Flotilla to Thank Peter Bailly for list of current member and years of service. Because of his efforts Marge has the information she needs for her report and it is greatly appreciated!



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## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Flotilla T-Shirts for active flotilla members (for meetings and participating in events)**

Dave McCollum researched and found some T-Shirts that would work. But there was a lucky accident of misplacing the Quote for ordering. Dave did find the missing quote for ordering but while he was looking for the quote he still researched for other vendors. Dave found a Polo shirt that was less expensive then the T-Shirts he had originally found. The new Polo might even have the embroidery available. Dave is now pursuing the graphics for the Polo shirt and get clarification on the embroidery and total price.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- JACK BENTON - received an email invitation to **Black River Celebration: Visioning Session on January 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM ET. RSVP required. If interested send email to Jennifer at [jbracken@loraincountymetroparks.com](mailto:jbracken@loraincountymetroparks.com).** Light breakfast will be provided.

**Jack said it** is a great opportunity for the Auxiliary and Non Profits to have representation from organizations. It will outline what the LCMP and other organizations in the city have done for the Black River and future plans. A lot of City leaders will be attending.

- FC (Russ Cromwell) - Suggested that magnetic car signs be purchased for VE's when there is a Blitz. Will be discussed at future meeting.
- FC - requested some ideas for committee changes. How can we get more activity in Committees?
- FC – Suggested that flotilla purchase shoulder boards for new FC/VFC if there isn't a set already available for them. Some light discussions on topic and was tabled for a later meeting.
- FC – Need every member to keep eyes and ears open to find some events that the flotilla can participate in. We need to get the flotilla out in the public more, so they know we are here.
- FC – There will not be a planned Pre-Meeting the night before a regular meeting. However, we will have at least 6 fellowship events for 2020. When asking the flotilla if a weekday or weekend would be easier to plan for making a fellowship gathering. We had a show of hands for weekends or weekdays and it was almost equal for both.
- FC – What fellow ship event is interesting to members? Need some idea and some suggestions on places to have a fellowship dinner.
- FC – How does the flotilla feel about moving the White Elephant in December to an earlier month.
- Members Question – Will the boat be able to be used for 2020?

Jack Benton was ill and could not make the meeting. FC (Russ Cromwell) asked if IPFC (Dave McCollum) had any idea on the facility (boat) status.



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Dave McCollum gave an excellent report on the facility status as he knew it.

- Vessel did have some issues to resolve last year (expenses covered by boat crew)
- Boat has some issues to resolve before its ready for the water. Research on cost is in process.
- There may be an outside of Auxiliary resource for covering the facility expense to get the boat in use for this summer.
- Facility is NOT owned by the Auxiliary at this time.
- Flotilla treasury did NOT invest or pay for anything for the facility
- For the year 2019 the operations group covered all expenses out of their own pockets. This was for facility prep, dockage, winter storage, winterization, repairs... etc.
- By USCGA rules, flotilla treasury can NOT support the expenses of a facility.
- Other avenues of covering the facility expenses is currently being researched.

## **CLOSING REMARKS:**

**FC**

**Russ Cromwell**

- We all need to do a better job on reporting our time for AuxData. To wait to the last month of the year makes things more complicated then they need to be, and its harder on our IS officer Michelle.
- This flotilla is ours and FC requests Input form All Members on the direction of the flotilla!
- Be sure to get some of the treats brought in for our meeting by Ken Distler. Thanks Ken!

**IPFC**

**Dave McCollum**

- Mentioned LCR Tournament if anyone was interested.  
(LCR = Dice game of Left-Center-Right)

**SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING**

Tom and Chris Raszka

- No Comment

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion to Adjourn by: Al Rosich  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Gordon  
 Vote: Passed

Adjourn Meeting Time: 2145 Hrs.



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Kens Treats!



Thanks Ken! Was GREAT!

Minutes Respectively Reported by:  
Russ Cromwell FC and Jeff Burdick VFC