

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 7-16 Meeting Minutes
Edgewater Yacht Club
14-FEB-2018

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by Flotilla Commander Gail Sutton. Flotilla Vice-Commander Paul Markovic also presided over the meeting. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the November 8, 2017 Flotilla business meeting were approved as they had not been sent via electronic mail to members of the flotilla. The annual Holiday Party was held at the home of Betsy and Joe on the evening of Tuesday, January 17. Flotilla Commander Gail Sutton presented award certificates to members of the Flotilla. Since this was an evening to socialize, an overview of the following Auxiliary activities were distributed to those present. Many of those activities were discussed at the February meeting.

Staff Officer Reports

-CM/CS (Communication/Computer Services)

Dave Basille reported that the flotilla meeting minutes continue to be added to the members' section of our website. Log on to the website in the member section.

FN (Finance)

Les Carmean The beginning balance on January 1, 2018 was \$3738.95. There were not expenses. Deposits were \$0.15 (INTEREST). The balance ending January 31, 2018 is \$3739.10. Due to the departure of Roger Blanchard from the Flotilla we need a flotilla member for the second signature on checks. Flotilla Commander Gail Sutton offered to be the second signature on the Flotilla checking account.

-HR (Human Resources)

Carol Velcio reported that Gerry Henwood and Sue Sweeney are working on their applications. NS (Navigational Systems). She also reported that we have a potential member who is completing the new member packet. As of December 31 we have 28 members in our Flotilla. We had 27 members from 2013 to 2015. There were 29 members in 2016 and 28 in 2017. The member analyses for 2017 is 2 new members, 1 transferred into our flotilla, 3 dis-enrollments and 1 death.

-NS (Nautical Systems)

Gail Sutton reported that there has been no activity this month.

-OPS (Operations)

Joe Sopko's reported that OPS are normal. His marine facility is in winter storage. There has been no RSSO activity this month.

-FS (Food Service)

Betsy Macintyre reported that she and Gail Sutton continue to augment in the galley at Station Cleveland Harbor every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday except during the government shutdown. On February 21, 2018 the galley was closed for a prolonged absence of CS1. The galley will not reopen before mid-March at the earliest. AUXFS support will resume when the galley is reopened. Any qualified AUXFS or anyone interested in training and actively supporting the Neah Bay should contact Betsy. You must be able to manage ladders and narrow companionways, and that augmentation or gap coverage involves weekly service. Remember to let Betsy Macintyre know about any request for or planned active duty assistance that is not on an already regularly recurring schedule so you can be assigned to duty. This assignment to duty is mandatory. Thanks to all who participated in the anonymous scenario-based sanitation quiz sent to all our qualified AUXFS. This voluntary participation has identified areas needing

clarification in our classes and workshops. OTO Henderson is working on setting up a 4-hour TCT for the Auxiliary at Station Cleveland Harbor either on February 24 to March 24. This will be open to all Auxiliarists. We thank everyone who participated in the Sanitation Program. Betsy and Gail also filled the gap for breakfast and lunch for three days during the CS's leave. Christmas dinner was served to active duty and their families at Station Cleveland Harbor.

-MA (Materials)

Michael Hottois reported that he can be contacted by the following e-mail if you are requesting materials: michaelhottois@msn.com. Include your home address and telephone number. He will have the items directly shipped to you. The Supply Center Catalog PDF can be found at this web address: <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=013-02-01&category=online-order-form>. Make sure you supply Michael with the order number of the requested items.

-VE (Vessel Exams)

Bruce Berwald informed members that some VE stickers are smeared. If you receive any, turn them into Bruce for a replacement (Do not throw them away).

-PA (Public Affairs)

Andy Killian encouraged Auxiliarists to volunteer at the Mid-America Boat Show. Contact Virginia Suda if you are available. Carol Velcio and Andy Killian will again have a display table at the Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, March 3 from 3:00 – 5:00. The event will be held at Quicken Loans Arena. Children and the parents will try on life jackets.

-PE (Public Education)

Betsy asked Auxiliarists to let her know if they are interested in the Task Force Review for Boat Crew PQS. Gail Sutton will conduct a Safety Presentation to the Ocean Paddle craft Club on January 27, March 24, and April 21 at Station Cleveland Harbor. We have been assisting Flotilla 7-5 with their Boating Skills and Seamanship class at Garfield School in Lakewood. The final exam is scheduled for March 28. Joe Sopko will be the lead instructor for an ABS class at Edgewater Yacht Club on Saturday, February 17. There will be an All-day ABS class held at the Solon Community Center on Saturday,, March 10 and also one at the Independence Civic Center on Saturday, April 7. A Paddle craft course will be held at the ODNR Building on Saturday, April 14.

PUB (Publications)

No activity this month.

-PV (Public Visitor)

Larry Pizon reported that there was no activity this month.

-MS (Marine Safety)

Larry Pizon reported that there was no update for this report.

-AV (Aviation)

Ken Summer reported that he flew a mission prior to today's meeting. Carol Velcio took several photos.

-RSSO (Rescue and Survival Systems)

This office has been moved to FSO-OP.

-DV (Diversity)

Carol Velcio visited the Westgate Mall CG Recruiting Station. Flotilla 7-16 is committed to achieving the NACO Diversity Award in 2018.

-MT (Member Training)

Gail Sutton coordinated a Paddle craft Safety Presentation at Station Cleveland Harbor on January 27. Although the class was cut short by a frozen water main, closing the station, the 30 attendees expressed a commitment to return for the presentation at a later date. A series of Paddle craft Safety classes are

planned. Utilizing the Cold Water Boot Camp Video, Marine Safety Unit Video on Paddle craft on the River and the Paddle craft Safety Power Point. The venue has been changed to ODNR offices on # 49th Street. The dates are to be determined. Those classes will be open to Auxiliarists and the general public.

-Old Business

Members represented the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Mid-America Boat Show.

Adopt-a-Coastie – This program is 'in progress'. We are obtaining additional active duty/auxiliary feedback.

New Business

Future Meetings – we will request suggestions for presentations and training areas.

The Spring 2018 D-Train will be held March 16-18 in Dunkirk, NY.

The OPS Workshop will be held at Station Cleveland Harbor on March 3-4 from 0900-1700.

New Member applicants after February 1, 2018 must complete the BQ2 online training prior to AP status.

We may partner with the Power Squadron for Vessel Examinations.

Opportunities are available for Communications Watch Standing.

Auxiliarists should have received copies of the Annual Summary Letters.

Presentations

June Ryan gave an excellent presentation title Admiral's View – Coast Guard District 9 and Uniform Regulations – Name Tags.

The next Flotilla meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 1900 at Edgewater Yacht Club.