



Flotilla 092-07-16

Flotilla Commander: Paul Markovic

Flotilla Vice-Commander: Gail Sutton

Meeting Minutes

14 August 2019

1900

Call to order at: 1900

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Carmean, Sopko, Sutton, Markovic, Ryan, Macintyre, Mencke, Bartok, Pate, Johnson, Henwood, Summer, Berwald, Hottois

Visitors and Guests: Spencer Furin

Auxiliary Moments: Gail Sutton

Flotilla Commander/Vice Commander Comments: Thank you to Francine Pate for her assistance in securing this evening's venue for the Flotilla meeting. Also thank you to Bruce Berwald for his leadership in scheduling, organizing, and conducting the eight 2019 VE Blitzes which resulted in 149 VSCs. Overall, 287 VSCs to date. We would not have had this success without Bruce's leadership. Also discussed was Division 07 Aux involvement with this month's successful USCG Band Concert at the Maltz Center. Background on the Band and musicians was presented, as this is a part of the Coast Guard that many of us have had little interaction with. All were encouraged to see the Band perform.

Review/Acceptance of 10 July 2019 Meeting Minutes: Accepted

Review Division August 2019 Meeting Minutes

Award/Certificate Presentations:

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

CS (Communication Services) - Basile

Nothing new to report other than a few documents are in the process of being uploaded to the website.

DV (Diversity) - Velcio

No activity to report.

FN (Finance) – Carmean Accepted

Beginning balance 01 July 2019	\$3,760.15	
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Withdrawals/expense	\$4.00	Division dues for Mencke
Deposits	0.00	
Deposits - Interest	\$0.15	
Balance ending 30 April 2019	\$3,756.30	

FS (Food Service) - Macintyre

Auxiliary support continues at Station Cleveland Harbor. Monday and Wednesday augmentation continues by Sutton and Macintyre. 4th of July Morale picnic was funded, prepared and served for active duty on duty, their families, all Auxiliarists and law enforcement personnel supporting the safety perimeter for the fireworks. 40 were served. Sutton and Macintyre participated. Macintyre and Suda also supported Station Erie 06-09 August. Request for support for 05 Aug Morro Bay Change of Command – 2 FS from Div 6 assisting. Request for augmentation for Station Marblehead received – working with 09 Central. There will be a class on slow cooking/smokehouse at Station Oswego on 26 October. Contact Macintyre if interested.

HR (Human Resources) – Velcio

--Three potential new members are working on applications.
 --National HR Aux has announced a change in the way potential new members requesting information about the Auxiliary through HR Robot are handled. National will make the initial contact(s); viable prospects will then be referred to the SO-HR for the district through the AMMS system.

IS (Information Services) – Open

From Division 07: I continue to enter missions/hours for Division 7 members. Before forwarding your missions/hours to me, please review the form (7029, 7030, etc. to make sure that you're using the correct form, correct mission code, correct number of hours, etc. Suda submitted hours for Safety at Sea, Band Concert, and Tall Ships. FCs – please continue to emphasize with your members to complete 7029s as response to date has been less than optimal.

MA (Materials) – Hottois

Email me with any materials you need at michaelhottois@msn.com. Give me your complete address and phone number and I will have the materials sent directly to your address. Please supply the item number(s) from the catalog if possible, to ensure you receive the correct item(s).

MS (Marine Safety) - Pizon

From Div 07: The first meeting for Aux personnel interested in pursuing MSU training and qual certification was conducted by MSTC Forbis at MSU Cleveland at 1000 on 05 August with 16 attendees – 8 Aux/8 Active Duty. The meeting provided an opportunity to meet the MSU active duty team and to discuss those quals that will most support them at this time: Pollution, Facilities, and Container. Regular training to start 06 Aug from 0900-1200 and continue each Tuesday. Training arrangements on Reserve weekends and/or evenings are being investigated for those unable to attend during the week.

The second MSU training session was held on 13 August.

MT (Member Training) – Macintyre

Markovic, Macintyre and Sopko participated in training during the Safety at Sea event with Sea Scouts on 27 July Macintyre and Sutton are studying baking with CS2 Smith at Station Cleveland Harbor. Sopko did QE check rides for Flt. 75 members Rogers and Delgado, who both certified as boat crew.

NS (Navigation Systems) - Sutton

No activity this month. Report NS discrepancies directly to Baker or Suda in order to reduce volume of communication to ANT Buffalo.

OPS (Aviation) – Jones

There were 14.2 operational hours over four missions.

OPS (Surface)/RSSO (Rescue & Survival Systems) - Markovic

Facility North Sea patrolled for 4th of July fireworks safety perimeter and 09-11 August for the USA Triathlon. 09 Aug Triathlon swim event was terminated early due to water quality/sea state, 10 Aug event timing was reorganized after start, and 11 Aug event was also terminated early. Henwood was an event Kayak coordinator. COMO Sopko reported that Paddlecraft Afloat was approved. Details are being developed.

PA (Public Affairs) - Open

12-14 July 19 We had Tall Ships in Cleveland, 18 volunteers with 16 from Division 7 and 2 from Flotilla 64 in Division 6. 139.5 hours watch standing and 33 hours behind the scenes.

20 July 19 Paddlefest was at Whiskey Island - Ed Scheffner and Andy Kilian participated.

27 July 19 Sea Scouts Safety at Sea Day at Station Lorain.

27 July 19 Final VE blitz was at Wildwood Yacht Club.

30 July 19 Division 7 assisted The United States Coast Guard Band for a concert at The Maltz Performing Arts Center in Cleveland.

31 August-02 September 19 The Cleveland Air Show

PB (Publications) - Open

From Division 7: Articles/information requested for summer issue.

PE (Education) - Hottois

No 07-16 activity.

From Division 07: Fall 2019 BS&S, Sailing, and Coastal Navigation classes at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood will begin Wednesday 18 September and run through Wednesday 20 November (note: Coastal Navigation will end 13 November).

PV (Public Visitor) – Pizon - 15 more Marine visits have been made including handing out safety literature to paddlers, as well as the paddle reflector kits.

VE (Vessel Exams) – Berwald

VE Blitzes:

11 MAY 2019	Edgewater Boat Club (part of Edgewater Marina)	7	Inspections, poor turn out, bad weather
18 MAY 2019	Lake County Yacht Club	1000-1500	14 Inspections
25 MAY 2019	Channel Park Marina	1000-1500	15 Inspections
01 JUN 2019	Edgewater Yacht Club	1000-1500	33 inspections
08 JUN 2019	Wildwood Yacht Club	Cancelled	– high water, boats not in water
15 JUN 2019	Forest City Yacht Club	1000-1500	19 inspections
22 JUN 2019	Olde River Yacht Club	1000-1500	30 inspections
29 JUN 2019	Whiskey Island Yacht Club	1000-1500	19 inspections
27 JUL 2019	Wildwood Yacht Club	1000-1500	12 inspections

Please wear ODUs or appropriate clothing along with Life Jackets & Boat Shoes

When conducting VEs on your own, remember to request an Assignment to Duty and copy Berwald on your 7038 submission.

Thanks to all who participated in the Blitzes - 149 VSCs were completed. A total of 287 VSCs have been performed by Division members.

Committee Reports:

None

Education:

AUX 10 IS C School: Philadelphia 11-15 April, Charleston 12-17 June, Orlando 18-22 Aug, and Fall 2020 DTrain

AMLOC: Novi, MI (5-7 Sept) and Orlando (19-21 Sept); STTR required

AUXLAMs: Part A Dunkirk, NY (13-15 Sep), Part B Murfreesboro, TN at D8E DTRAIN (19-21 Sep), and Part B Baltimore, MD (27-29 Sep)

ICS 300: Tentative 1Q or 2Q 2020 in Cleveland

TCT Refresher: D9CR Dtrain Novi, MI (06, 07, 08 Sept), D9ER DTrain, Dunkirk, NY (15 Sept 0800-1200)

Old Business:

- **Sea Scouts:** 27 July 0800 – 1700. Division 7 Aux. put in 78.7 hours that day on site and 2 other members previously helped in the background. Division 6 Aux put in 204.3 hours. 60 Sea Scouts/Adults and 30 Aux participated. Event was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated.
- **Air Show:** 31 Aug – 02 September. – Suda will distribute/mail tickets. Meet at Station at 0700 for Saturday set-up to be completed by 0830. Additional booth and Coastie help are needed – contact Kish as soon as possible.
- **Flotilla Elections for FC & VFC:** Will be held at 13 November meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating committee, please contact Markovic or Sutton. Those eligible are encouraged to consider running for an elected office.

New Business:

- **USCG Festival Grand Haven, MI:** Macintyre presented an update of the event, as well as photos of Sutton honored as D9 Auxiliarist of the Year.
- **Fall DTrain:** September 13-15th in Dunkirk, NY. Leadership Training AUXLAMs A is available; Part II for assisting in National Deployment Call-ups (ICS/IMSS) by Mr. Wasco; SEASCOUTS will be a headliner program; gain your CPR or First Aid certificate; brush up on your Auxiliary computer skills; hot-wash on OPS post-season briefing; and other areas of interest with Dockside Advising, Diversity, Coastie and Food Service workshops. Sunday will be the hard to get 4-hour Risk Management Refresher (qualifies prior TCT instructors, too). You can get paddle craft, VE/PV/PE updates and ID pictures. A special briefing on the US Lifesaving-Gold Medal Heroes, Public Speaking Made Easy and the Aviation Safety Workshop. Let Markovic or Sutton know if you did not receive the brochure.
- **Uniforms:** Please ensure that your uniforms are always neat, complete, and presentable. Markovic provided suggested ODU laundering instructions.
- **Auxiliary Hot Weather Uniform:** COMO Sopko reported on the D9 decision to allow the Auxiliary Hot Weather uniform subject to approval of Coxswain, Order Issuing Authority or Event leadership. See recent email from DCDR Suda for more details.
- **New OTO.** See communication at the end of the agenda.
- **Cell Phone Use Policy.** See communication at the end of the agenda.

- **Dues:** 2020 Dues will be voted on at the 11 September Flotilla meeting. It was suggested that the dues be maintained at \$36.00. Please bring a check to next meeting or mail dues to Carmean after final approval.
- **Future Flotilla Meeting Location:** At the 11 September Flotilla meeting, a possible change to Lakeside YC for future meetings will be discussed and potentially voted on.
- **Drowning Incidents:** COMO Sopko reviewed background on the increased incidence of drowning deaths in the Great Lakes Region and Flag-Level attention requiring involvement of Active Duty, Reserves, and Auxiliary.

Active Duty News:

Station Cleveland Harbor: OIC change of Command 22 JUL 19. New OIC is BMCM Steven Beasley. Morro Bay held a Change of Command. CS2 Smith has joined the Station.

USCG News:

Commandant's Town Hall – Paul Markovic. A summary of the recent Commandant's Virtual Town Hall was presented. Topics included Active Duty/Auxiliary Q & A, move of AuxData to USCG's first cloud-based system, updated tattoo, weight, and female hair standards, and the new ODU based on the USN Type III uniform (using current ODU color/fabric) to be rolled out over the next several years. Current ODUs will likely continue to be authorized as long as they are serviceable. Also, a tropical weight version will become available.

Presentations/Workshops/Training

Coast Guard Lore and Learnings – June Ryan. Ryan presented an overview of the various types of Auxiliary covers, standards for proper wear, storage suggestions, and a brief history of USCG covers. Hair grooming standards were also reviewed.

Motion to Adjourn: 2042

Next Meeting Date: 11 September at 1900 at Lakeside Yacht Club.

Fellowship

2019 Calendar of Events

07 Division meeting: First Monday of month at 1930 Station Cleveland Harbor

07-03 Flotilla meeting: Second Wednesday of month at 1900 Station Cleveland Harbor

07-05 Flotilla meeting: Second Tuesday of month at 1930 Station Cleveland Harbor

07-06 Flotilla meeting: Second Saturday of month at 1000 Station Fairport Harbor

07-16 Flotilla meeting: Second Wednesday of month at 1900 Edgewater Yacht Club

17-21 January: Mid-America Boat Show at the I-X Center

23 January: PE classes (BS&S, SS&S, Nav) begin at Garfield Middle School, Lakewood

6 February: ABS Independence Community Center

2-3 March: Operations Workshop Station Cleveland Harbor

14-17 March: Spring DTrain, Dunkirk, New York

18-24 May: National Safe Boating Week

18 May: Community Safety and Wellness Fair at the Westlake Recreation Center from 1000-1300

18 May: Station Fairport Open House from 1000-1400. Bring your lifejacket if attending.

27 May: USS Cod Ceremony

1-9 June: National Fishing and Boating Week

15 June: Water Lantern Festival, Cleveland

20 June: Summer Fellowship. Details to follow.

11-14 July: Tall Ships in Cleveland
26 July-04 Aug: Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI
27 July 2019: Sea Scout Safety Day at Station Lorain with Division 6 from 0800-1700
31 August, 1-2 September: Cleveland Air Show
12-15 September: Fall DTrain Dunkirk, New York
14-16 September 2019: Cleveland North Coast Boat Show
23 November: Division Change of Watch at Georgetown Vosh in Lakewood

Other notes:

Cell Phone Use Policy:

From: S. L. JOHNSON, CAPT COMDT (CG-BSX)

To: All DIRAUX (dpa)
All Auxiliary (AL AUX)

Subj: CELL PHONE USE ONBOARD AUXILIARY FACILITIES

Ref: (a) U.S. Coast Guard Boat Operations and Training Manual Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32D

(b) Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3E

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this policy letter is to provide guidance on the use of cellular phones, phone applications, and handheld devices while underway on Auxiliary surface facilities under orders.

2. ACTION. All Auxiliarists must comply with the provisions in this Policy Letter. Internet release is authorized

3. BACKGROUND. Reference (a), chapter 3, section F.2 states the use of cell phones/texting devices and phone applications aboard Boat Force assets is prohibited without permission of the Coxswain; permission can be granted only on a case by case basis. This policy was incorporated into the annual Auxiliary Operations Workshop presentations but was never incorporated into Auxiliary directives.

4. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of reference (b).

5. MAJOR CHANGES. Major changes to the communication policy specifically the use of cell phones/texting devices and phone applications:

a. Auxiliary Patrols. A facility must have two-way communications with any Coast Guard unit; any Auxiliary Station or Detachments; any federal, state, or local agency (e.g., Army Corps of Engineers, police, fire department, etc.); or any local marina that agrees to maintain the scheduled communication guard, relay official information between the Coast Guard and Auxiliary facility. Local marinas must understand and agree to immediately report a loss of communications with the Auxiliary Patrol to the Coast Guard when the reporting period is exceeded.

b. VHF-FM is the primary method for communications during ordered patrols. The use of mobile phones and phone applications aboard Auxiliary Surface Facilities (vessels) is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Coxswain and only on a case by case basis. The Coxswain should take into consideration a variety of factors using risk management principles before allowing the use of mobile phones. When a crew member is allowed to use a mobile phone, the Coxswain will assure that there is a proper lookout posted and the rest of the crew are attentive to their duties. The helmsman is prohibited from using a mobile phone.

6. DISCLAIMER. This Policy Letter is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it a rule. It is intended to define requirements for Auxiliary personnel and is not intended to, nor does it impose legally-binding requirements on any party outside the Coast Guard.

7. QUESTIONS. Questions concerning this policy letter should be directed to the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Auxiliary Division COMDT (CG-BSX-1) at CGAUX@uscg.mil. This policy letter and other policy documents are posted on the CG Auxiliary website at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=risk-mgt>

8. REQUEST FOR CHANGES. Units and individuals may recommend changes in writing via the chain of command to Commandant (CG-BSX-1), ATTN: Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Auxiliary Division (CG-BSX-1), U. S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE SE, WASHINGTON DC 20593-7501.

New OTO:

From DCAPT Ron Baker: I am passing this down the COL to the DCDRs, VDCDRs, FCs, and VFCs information about the new OTO.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and open a dialogue between us all. I am reporting aboard to the D9 DIRAUX/OTO position, previously as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC SEA DOG in Kings Bay, GA. I have had the privilege of working alongside the Coast Guard Auxiliary in two of my previous tours in District 9; Sturgeon Bay, WI, Washington Island, WI and Wilmette Harbor, IL. I learned a lot about your operational and support capabilities from you all during that time and have come to learn that you have developed into even greater roles since then. As I transition into my new role here at the district, do not hesitate to reach out for anything that I can assist you with. I look forward meeting you all at the upcoming NACON and DTRAINS and creating lasting partnerships going forward.

V/r

BOSN3 Jason Kellermeyer
D9 DIRAUX/OTO