



## **Flotilla 092-07-16**

**Flotilla Commander: Paul Markovic**

**Flotilla Vice-Commander: Gail Sutton**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**10 JULY 2019**

**1900**

**Call to order at:** 1913

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Berwald, Velcio, Carmean, Mencke, Bartok, Sopko, Macintyre, Sutton, Markovic

**Visitors and Guests:** Spencer Furin, prospective member

**Auxiliary Moments:** Gail Sutton

#### **Flotilla Commander/Vice Commander Comments:**

Markovic reviewed an article from USCG Proceedings that highlighted various CG Auxiliary surge missions post-9/11. Within six months, the Auxiliary had logged nearly 250,000 hours, 10,139 people, conducting 7,454 sorties. 80% of the Auxiliary was involved.

Markovic also noted the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NASA moon landing this month. Only 65 years had passed since the Wright Bros first flight and only 8 years since the first American launched into space. An excellent example of what can be done with a concerted National will.

**Review/Acceptance of 08 May 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Accepted

#### **Review Division 01 July 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Award/Certificate Presentations:** Berwald, SO/FSO-VE, presented Mencke with a certificate and ribbon for completing his qualification as a VE. Congratulations!

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#### **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 Diversity activity to report for June.

**FN (Finance) – Carmean**

Accepted

Not Accepted

Beginning balance 01 April 2019	\$3,755.00	
Withdrawals/expense	\$31.00	District dues for Mencke
Deposits	\$36.00	Dues received from Mencke
Deposits - Interest	\$0.15	
Balance ending 30 April 2019	\$3760.15	

Division dues check (Mencke - \$4.00) not cashed and will be reported on July report.

**FS (Food Service) - Macintyre**

During June, our Flotilla logged 150 AUXFS hours. Monday and Wednesday support for galley at Station Cleveland Harbor continues. Macintyre and Sutton with assistance from Pizon and Mencke covered the galley at Station Cleveland Harbor from 03-12 June during CS1's vacation leave. Sutton, Macintyre, Suda, Kvasnok, and Basile assisted with the reception for the Celebration of the Life of CDR Molly Waters 31 May. Macintyre and Sutton provided the morale meal on 4 July for Active Duty/families and Auxiliary/government supporting safety patrols that day with total served 40. Basile will be CS on Morro Bay for 5 days.

**HR (Human Resources) – Velcio**

District 9ER is in the process of providing a series of four HR training webinars, which focus on recruiting. The first was held on June 11 and the second on 6/25. The date of the third session is to be announced.

**IS (Information Services) – Open**

From Division 07: All members in areas that require risk management also need to complete the Introduction to Risk Management online before any assignment to duty can be given. Many members have not completed 7029s. FCs/VFCs are asked to strongly encourage their members to submit their 7029s as soon as possible, even if the actual form is not used. A list of hours or screenshot is acceptable.

**MA (Materials) – Hottois**

Email me with any materials you need at [michaelhottois@msn.com](mailto: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**

Paul Markovic and Mr. Suvak (MSU) continue to be busy conducting UPV exams and, as part of their outreach, are requesting Division 7 personnel to pass along any contact information of interested parties for them to pursue further with. Special thanks to Baker and Smith for UPV exam referrals. It appears that younger Captains may be more open to the exams.

MSTC Forbis will soon be starting the training for interested Aux personnel. He indicated that there is an urgent need at this time for Aux Assistant Facility Inspectors (AUX-EU).

Carol Velcio forwarded a very interesting "Beach Clean-Up Guide" publication for Aux personnel to use when planning clean-up events. A copy was dropped off to MSTC Forbis for his record, review and comment. A PDF download of this is available on the Prevention website at [http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wowII/P-DEPT/Cleanup\\_4page\\_v5.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/P-DEPT/Cleanup_4page_v5.pdf).

### **MT (Member Training) – Macintyre**

Markovic Qualified as a UPV Inspector and received Marine Safety Training Specialist award. Boat crew task focused training has moved to the water and continues by Markovic, Macintyre and Sutton. Pizon's training will be interrupted by his time in MN. Sutton and Macintyre are conducting AUXFS training for Mencke and a member of Div 6 in the Galley at Station Cleveland Harbor. Sopko, Markovic, and Macintyre have taken Youth Protective Training. Ron Baker is planning a First Aid/CPR/AED/Pathogens training class at Station Fairport. Date is TBD, but in the near future. Contact Baker directly if interested. All Aux who were authorized to teach TCT are now authorized to teach the new RM refresher course.

### **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**

No missions flown in June.

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

Facility North Sea repositioned from Catawba to Cleveland on 27 June. Patrolled for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks safety perimeter. Markovic crewed for check ride for Division 06/07 trainees (QE COMO Sopko) 22 June, Paddlefest 22 June, and Division 07 training mission on 30 June.

### **PA (Public Affairs) - Open**

From Division 7:

11 July 2019 Tall Ships Parade of Sail at 1600

12-14 July 2019 Tall Ships in Cleveland

20 July 2019 Whiskey Island Paddlefest

27 July 2019 Sea Scout Safety Day at Lorain with Division 6 from 0800-1700.

5 VE Blitzes were scheduled during June. One was cancelled because of high water and boats not in the water

MetroParks are now charging for powered boat launching. Season passes are \$25 for Seniors/Military/Veterans, \$30 for Cuyahoga County/Hinkley residents, \$35 for out of county. Season passes can be purchased at Lakefront Administration Building, 8701 Lakeshore; E 55th Street Marina, Emerald Necklace Marina, Rocky River; Wildwood Marina. Daily launch fee is \$5, credit card only. Note: Receipts can be kept and used towards the purchase of an annual pass.

### **PB (Publications) - Open**

From Division 7: Articles/information requested. Summer issue will be published after July.

### **PE (Education) - Hottois**

No 07-16 activity.

From Division 07: No Activity except that Virginia Suda of Flotilla 7-5 informally taught boating and sailing topics to the Edgewater Yacht Club Wet Hens Women's Sailing group including Knots, jib sail sizes, anchoring, how a sailboat winch works, how to deal with and override line on a winch, getting on and off a boat, especially with big water and docks under water, sailboat parts, and reading weather radar, when weather prevented them from sailing on two occasions in June

### **PV (Public Visitor) – Pizon**

Thirteen Marine safety visits were completed for the month of June as well as handing out paddle craft safety literature at a beginners Kayaking Class.

### **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

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.

NOTE: Wildwood Yacht Club has been rescheduled to 27 July from 1000-1500. Please let Berwald know if you plan to attend.

Stats from VE blitzes to date:

#### **Discrepancies**

<u>Flares</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Lights</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Registration</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Flame Arresters</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Emergency Flag</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Nav Rules</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Battery Covers</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Placards (Oil/Trash)</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Throwable</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Horn</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Numbers</u>	<u>1</u>

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### **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:** See ALCOAST COMMANDANT NOTICE below.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Diversity:** The flotilla has met the requirements for the NACO 3 Star Award for excellence in Diversity and the Flotilla's application has been submitted.
- **E-mail Addresses:** Make sure addresses are current – yours and verify your destination
- **Sea Scouts:** 27 July approximately 0800 – 1700. There will be 7-8 activity stations. More details to follow. Contact DCDR Suda if interested in volunteering. Division 7 needs to fill a Sea Scout Coordinator position. If you are interested, please contact DCDR Suda.

#### **New Business:**

- **Invasive Species:** See note below from DSO – MS Richard Evans and attachment on Aquatic Hitchhikers.
- **Air Show:** 31 Aug – 02 September. Volunteers are also needed for Saturday set-up at 0800. Contact Roger Kish, Flotilla 07-06 if interested in volunteering.
- **Coast Guard Unit Commendation:** Will be awarded to all Auxiliarists who were members between June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019. The award was issued on June 23, 2019. Congratulations to all.
- **Mentoring:** New process with a checklist to assist introducing new members to the Auxiliary.
- **Flotilla Elections for FC & VFC:** Will be held at 13 November meeting.
- **August 2019 Flotilla Meeting:** Location change to Lakeside YC as guests of Francine Pate. Details to follow.

#### **Active Duty News:**

**MSU Cleveland:** A departing ceremony was held on 21JUN for the MSU XO, LCDR Beckman, at MSU Cleveland. His new position will be at the D9 Prevention office in Cleveland.

**D9:** Change of Command 06 JUN 19. Nine (9) Division 07 Auxiliarists provided support.

**Station Fairport:** Change of Command 17 JUN 19. New OIC is BMCS Skinner.

**Station Cleveland Harbor:** OIC change of Command 22 JUL 19. BMC Nyland will retire.

#### **USCG News:**

**Government Shutdowns:** From USNI News – “The House committee authorizing Coast Guard activities approved a measure that would guarantee the service's active duty and civilian personnel are paid in the event of a federal government shutdown, as part of a two-year spending authorization bill.”

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1953

**Next Meeting Date:** 14 August at 1900 at Lakeside YC. Details to follow.

#### **Fellowship**

#### **Presentations/Workshops/Training**

07-16 facility, North Sea, Catawba launch video.

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#### **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

**23 November:** Division Change of Watch at Georgetown Vosh in Lakewood

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#### **Other notes:**

**Invasive Species:** Please encourage Auxiliary members who do RBS, VE's, PE classes, DA surveys, PA events, etc., to include invasive species in their conversations, if they haven't already. This year's high water conditions make our jobs tougher and conditions more favorable for invasives. Our environment is changing quickly. In my recent conversations with Great Lakes environmental professionals, I was offered the following suggestions to be shared, basically in order of priority.

The public can help stop the spread of invasive species by doing the following:

1. Learn to recognize invasive species that threaten our region at [www.sleloinvasives.org](http://www.sleloinvasives.org) and also [www.nyis.info](http://www.nyis.info).
2. Take simple steps to reduce their contribution to the spread of invasives by cleaning, draining, drying their watercrafts & equipment, cleaning their shoes and checking for hitchhikers while hiking, planting native species in their gardens, buying locally sourced nursery stock.
3. Searching for and reporting invasive species observations via [iMapinvasives.org](http://iMapinvasives.org)
4. Considering the impacts of climate change on invasive species management techniques (warming climate will influence the advancement of more southern adapted species into northern regions.)
5. Considering restoration as part of invasive species management strategies
6. Getting involved
7. Municipal leaders need to engage in preparedness strategies especially considering forest pests that threaten urban trees (emerald ash borer for example).

Please consider the important roles Auxiliarists can fill in supporting this awareness. Our support can have a great impact.

#### **ICS 300:**

From LCDR Jeanita Jefferson, Commandant (CG-CPE-2) Washington, DC

A FEMA – NIMS compliant ICS-300 / 400 will suffice in lieu of the USCG ICS-300 or 400 course. Members who have taken an alternate course and want to submit it for further certification, must provide their

completion certificates of meeting any prerequisites as determined with the specific PQS. The best person to facilitate this process is the local Area, District, or Sector ICS Coordinator.