



Flotilla 092-07-16

Flotilla Commander: Paul Markovic

Flotilla Vice-Commander: Gail Sutton

Meeting Minutes

11 September 2019

1900

Call to order at: 1901 by FC Markovic

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Carmean, Berwald, Velcio, Pate, Mencke, Markovic, Sutton, Hottois, Summer

Visitors and Guests: None

Auxiliary Moments: Gail Sutton – Auxiliary-Sea Scout Safety event video.

Flotilla Commander/Vice Commander Comments: Markovic reviewed the tragic events of 9/11, as well as the USCG Auxiliary response. A moment of silence to was conducted remember those lost and injured, as well as those still suffering. Also reviewed was data from DCDR Suda with courses required to be taken by members to remain current. A separate e-mail will be forthcoming.

Review/Acceptance of 10 July 2019 Meeting Minutes: Accepted

Review Division September 2019 Meeting Minutes. Highlights were reviewed. Minutes will be emailed this week.

Award/Certificate Presentations: None. Presentations at DTRAIN will be reviewed at the October Flotilla meeting.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

CS (Communication Services) – Basile

Agendas and minutes are uploaded and linked to the members page. Please let me know if you have any issues or questions. If you have suggestions for a photo you would like to use for the home page, please share it with me. I can pre-load several and have them change on certain dates.

DV (Diversity) - Velcio

No activity to report this month.

FN (Finance) – Carmean Accepted

Beginning balance 01 August 2019	\$3,756.30	
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Withdrawals/expense	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Deposits - Interest	0.15	
Balance ending 31 August 2019	\$3,756.45	

FS (Food Service) - Macintyre

Sutton and Macintyre continue to augment at Station Cleveland Harbor Mondays and Wednesdays. Macintyre, Mencke and Sutton have assisted with training and CS coverage on the Neah Bay. There will be a class on slow cooking/smokehouse at Station Oswego on 26 October. Contact Macintyre if interested.

HR (Human Resources) – Velcio

One enrollment packet was submitted (Spencer Furin).

IS (Information Services) – Open

From Division 07: Continued to have systemwide problems with AUXDATA/JAVA while trying to enter missions/hours. 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.

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

No report.

MT (Member Training) – Macintyre

Markovic, Velcio and Mencke are attending weekly training at MSU Cleveland. Markovic attended the Auxiliary Leadership Training C School (AMLOC) in 09 Central. Mencke and Macintyre doing AUXFS training on the Neah Bay while covering for CS2's approved leave.

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

Four missions were flown for 12.5 flight hours.

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

Facility North Sea patrolled the safety perimeter for the Cleveland Air Show 31 August-02 September. Discussed the variety of surface safety issues encountered during the missions.

PA (Public Affairs) - Open

From Division 07:

31 Aug- 02 September 2019 Cleveland Air Show

13-15 September 2019 D Train, Dunkirk, NY

14-16 Sept 2019 The Cleveland North Coast Harbor Boat Show

16 Sept 2019 Legion Act, as of this date, anyone who served in the military during the period of 7 December 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress, will be eligible to join the American Legion. This is an eligibility change that will expand the pool of potential members.

18 Sept 2019 Boater Safety, Sailing and Coastal Navigation classes will begin at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood, Ohio and will run through 20 Nov 2019.

PB (Publications) - Open

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

PE (Education) - Hottois

No 07-16 activity.

From Division 07: There has been no new PE activity in Division 7. Flotilla 7-5 has Fall 2019 BS&S, Sailing, and Coastal Navigation classes starting at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood beginning Wednesday 18 September and running through Wednesday 20 November (note: Coastal Navigation will end 13 November). Class time 1900-2130 each week.

PV (Public Visitor) – Pizon

15 more Recreational Boating Visits were done during the month of August including marinas, boating and paddle craft rentals, bait shops, and retail stores selling life jackets and boating equipment. A total of 45 have been completed for the summer of 2019.

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	100

0-1500 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.

Overall Division 07 VSC performance was reviewed. Flotilla 07-16 achieved the highest number of VSCs. **If you have not submitted your 7038s – please do so ASAP.**

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:

- **Fall DTrain:** September 13-15th in Dunkirk, NY.

New Business:

- **Auxiliary Mishap Investigation Results:** See communication from CAPT Floyd District 9 Chief, Prevention Division at end of agenda.
- **Dues:** Vote on 2020 dues. Suggested that dues remain at \$36.00. Voting results: Dues for 2020 at \$36.00 were approved by the members in attendance. Please forward a check for \$36.00 to Lester Carmean no later than 09 October.
- **Flotilla Elections for FC & VFC:** Nominating committee: June Ryan and Carol Velcio. Those eligible who are interested, please submit your notice of intention to run for elected office to Ryan and Velcio as soon as possible. Elections will be held at the 13 November meeting. Please consider running for a Flotilla elected office as new leaders are always valued.
- **Future Flotilla Meeting Location:** Discuss and vote on a change to Lakeside YC for 2020 meetings. Discuss locations for October and November meetings. Voting results: A meeting location change to Lakeside Yacht Club was approved. Members will be responsible for purchasing beverages from the club, if desired. Current meeting time and dates will not change.
- **New PE Seminars:** The Education Directorate has announced three new seminars for our use – Waterfowl Hunting and Boating Safety, Introduction to Basic Boating Safety, and Kids and Paddlecraft.
- **Member Transfer:** We are sorry to say goodbye to Jolyn Jones who has transferred to the Lorain Flotilla to be closer to her residence. Flotilla 07-16 wishes Jolyn all the best.

Active Duty News: MSU Commanding Officer LCDR Elliott will be advanced to CDR.

Station Cleveland Harbor Liaison: Francine Pate briefed members on the 21 September river closure (0645-1715) due to the 24th Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta. 2500+ athletes in 56 events from 15+ states and Canada will compete. Pate will forward details to FC Markovic.

USCG News:

2018 Recreational Boating Statistics (Abridged):

The U.S. Coast Guard released its 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics Report Tuesday, revealing that there were 633 boating fatalities nationwide in 2018, a 3.8 percent decrease from 2017.

Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2018, accounting for 100 deaths, or 19 percent of total fatalities.

Half of a boating party perished in Alabama in July 2018 when an inebriated passenger bumped into the operator, who had also been drinking, which caused the operator to swerve and crash into a bridge piling at about 25 mph. Two people were killed, including one who was struck by the boat's propeller. The operator had a blood alcohol concentration level of 0.15, nearly twice the state's legal limit of 0.08.

Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, machinery failure, and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Where the cause of death was known, 77 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

Where boating instruction was known, 74 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction

The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (50 percent), kayaks (13.5 percent), and canoes (7 percent)

AMLOC/Risk Management: DTRAIN example.

Presentations/Workshops/Training:

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting Date: 09 October 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: 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: Cleveland North Coast Boat Show

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

21 September: 24th Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta

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

2020 Calendar of Events

16-20 January: Mid-America Boat Show at the I-X Center

Other notes:

Auxiliary Mishap Investigation Results:

Ninth District Auxiliary,

On June 29th, an Auxiliary vessel mishap occurred during a patrol while on Coast Guard orders for a marine event in the Ninth District. The vessel with six Auxiliarists onboard allided with a bridge while traveling to the patrol location. Fortunately, no one was injured. As a result, an investigation was initiated and recently completed. The investigation determined the Coxswain of the vessel was intoxicated at the time of the bridge allision and subsequently blew a .262 BAC and was issued Federal tickets for boating under the influence and negligent operations. Additionally, the investigation showed that two of the crewmembers onboard the vessel were aware the Coxswain was intoxicated and indicated that this was a "normal occurrence" over the past several years. The crewmembers failed to take action to prevent the Coxswain from operating the vessel or report his intoxication. As a result, I have disenrolled the Coxswain and two crewmembers from the Auxiliary.

It baffles me that this incident was ever allowed to occur. I know that you too are extremely disappointed in the actions of a few members of our team. This should be a wakeup call for all of us to re-examine our cultural norms, how we operate, and apply our Service's Core Values.

Again, I would like to stress to our Auxiliary crews the importance of applying Team Coordination Training during all aspects of Auxiliary operations. It is imperative to strictly follow the Risk Management cyclical process of Identifying Hazards, Assessing Hazards, Developing Controls and Making Decisions, Implementing Controls, and Supervising/Evaluating. Determining the level of risk against the probability of a mishap occurrence for an identified hazard and being assertive to take the corrective action required is vital for safely completing a mission. Performing these functions are critical when assigned to duty and goes to the heart of our Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion Duty.

Please do not think the inappropriate actions of a few members takes anything away from the outstanding reputation of the Great Lakes Auxiliary. I am extremely proud of the Auxiliary and the tremendous work you all do. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Coast Guard and our Nation.

Sincerely,
CAPT Kevin D. Floyd
Chief, Prevention Division
Ninth Coast Guard District