

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Division 095-39, U. S. Coast Guard Station Wilmette Harbor
10 Harbor Drive, Wilmette, IL 60091

Division Board Meeting Agenda for 7 September, 2019

Meeting Times: Fellowship and Dinner 1900, Call to Order 1930
Uniform of the Day is ODU. Regular Meetings are first Wednesday of the month except as noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by _____

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS and/or NEW MEMBERS:

Approval of the Previous Meeting MINUTES for: August, 2019

1st motion: _____ **2nd motion:** _____ **Motion Carries? Y** _____ **N** _____

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS: DCDR Tim Darrey

Passing of Member Amy Seeley, Celebration of Life on Saturday, 21 September at ZümBier, 3232 W Monroe St, Waukegan, IL 60085

Commodore's initiative to combat dramatic increase in drownings on the Great Lakes.

2018 Recreational Boating Statistics, Attachments

Successful August Division meeting was attended by at least 19 members. All five Flotillas were represented, a quorum was met and the Fellowship Dinner was well received. Please remember that your \$7 not only covers the cost of your dinner but helps cover the cost of the Active Duty members sharing that dinner with us.

Election Committees and Succession Plans – 5 Flotillas PLUS Division

Air & Water Show Recap

Upcoming Surface Operations Opportunities; Big Shoulder Swim 7 September, Tough Cup 28 September.

Chain of Leadership Revisited

Flotilla 39-02: 60 years of service recognition from the Illinois State Senate and the Illinois House of Representatives.

- o Flotilla 39-02: FC Charles Hague, VFC Bridget Darrey
- o Flotilla 39-04: FC: Adam Klein, VFC: Moshe Tishel
- o Flotilla 39-06: FC John Lenhard, VFC Daniel O'Connell
- o Flotilla 39-08: FC Richard Grinius, VFC Ronald Dziagwa
- o Flotilla 39-10: FC Brent Barker, VFC Joseph Conte

MEETING GIVEN TO VCDR Shawn Landa

CORE TRAINING

UNIT	MEMBERS	% COMPLETE	CHANGE
Division 39	145 (+1)	86%	+1%
Flotilla 39-02	25	96%	+4%
Flotilla 39-04	26 (-1)	73%	+3%
Flotilla 39-06	60 (+1)	92%	+0%
Flotilla 39-08	17 (+1)	82%	- 6%
Flotilla 39-10	17 (no change)	76%	+0%

Note: These are raw numbers based on the AUXDATA report run 04 September, 2019 at 1017.

STAFF OFFICER	OFFICE	REPORT STATUS
Name		
CM – Greg Kmiec	Communications	No Report Submitted
CS – Andrew Weiler	Comm Systems	No Report Submitted
DV – Stuart Galesburg	Diversity	No Report Submitted
FN – Ron Tragasz	Finance	Report Submitted
FS – Ron Dziagwa	Food Service	Report Submitted
HR – Robert Reczek	Human Resources	Report Submitted
IS – Robert Reczek	Information Systems	Report Submitted
MA – Ryan Joslyn	Materials	No Report Submitted
MS – Jay Katzman	Marine Safety	Report Submitted
MT – Michael Valente	Member Training	Report Submitted
NS – Richard McNulty	Navigation Systems	Report Submitted
OP – Charles Hague	Operations	No Report Submitted
PA – Ron Dziagwa	Public Affairs	Report Submitted
PB – Charles Hague	Publications	No Report Submitted
PE – Bill Russell	Public Education	No Report Submitted
PV – Ron Dziagwa	Program Visitor	Report Submitted
SR – Bridget Darrey	Secretary/Records	Report Submitted
VE – Marc Pullman	Vessel Examination	Report Submitted

MEETING RETURNS TO DCDR TIM DARREY

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWS AND EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS) Evanston Swims

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES Flotilla 39-02 60 Years of Service

OPEN FORUM

AUGUST REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY: Dinner arranged by Division Bridge and supported by individual donations.

SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY: _____

ADJOURNMENT

1st motion: _____ **2nd motion:** _____ **Motion Carries? Y** _____ **N** _____

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIP MAY FOLLOW, please help share the task of restoring our meeting place to its original condition following the meeting.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

CM (Communications), SO Greg Kmiec: No Report Submitted

CS (Communications Services), SO Andrew Weiler: No Report Submitted

DV (Diversity), SO Stuart Galesburg: No Report Submitted

FN (Finance), SO Ron Tragasz: See 07/01/2019 bank statement under attachments...

FS (Food Services), SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FS Member, 39-02 FS Member, Christine Gressick

No report received. 39-04 FC, Adam Klein: No report received and there is no FS Member in his Flotilla. 39-06 FS Member, Gail Raith: No report received.

39-08 FSO-FS, Ron Dziagwa: We have reserved Balloon Room for our annual Flotilla Dinner on 16SEP19 starting at 1800 to 2100 at Pilot Pete's after the annual, before the start of the meeting, Fly In Spot Landing Contest. The contest will be from 1800 to 1830, but all pilots participating in the contest must notify the FC at least seven days before the event. At our last Flotilla meeting, only cookies were served because of a problem of getting the sub sandwiches to Schaumburg of time for Fellowship, before the start of the meeting. 39-10 FSO-FS, Brent Barker: No report received.

095-39 SO-FS, Ron Dziagwa: The Division monthly meetings are continuing with Fellowship starting at 1900 to 1930 with food that can be purchased for \$7.00 Also, your \$7.00 does go towards paying for the food and fellowship with the Active Duty that will be stationed there, on our 1st Wednesday of each month.

HR (Human Resources), SO Robert Reczek: See attachments

IS (Information Systems), SO Robert Reczek: See attachments

MA (Materials), SO Ryan Joslyn: No report submitted

MS (Marine Safety), SO Jay Katzman: As the military services each roll out new policies regarding hemp-derived products like cannabidiol, or CBD, the Defense Department is not mincing words. "It's completely forbidden for use by any service member in any of the services at this point of time," said Patricia Deuster, Director of the Human Performance Laboratory at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

The warning, along with the policies issued recently by the Air Force, Coast Guard and Department of the Navy, comes as CBD is becoming increasingly ever present across the country in many forms, from coffee additives and vaping liquids to tinctures, candies and other foods, carrying promises of health benefits ranging from pain and anxiety relief to sleeping aids and inflammation reduction.

In July, Coast Guard Commandant ADM. Karl Schultz issued a Coast Guard-wide message reiterating the military's "zero tolerance" policy on marijuana use and announcing a ban on Coast Guardsmen entering shops and mobile dispensaries and using online stores or delivery services that sell marijuana. Hemp was removed from the federal government's list of controlled substances under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, which passed last December. By law, hemp that contains less than .3 percent THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, is legal. But while the legislation removed cannabidiol from the Schedule I list of illicit substances, it did not necessarily legalize all CBD products. And since the products are unregulated and untested, there's no way to tell exactly what a person is buying or using.

But that order did not specifically address CBD use. In an interview with CDR. Matt Rooney, Chief of the Policy and Standards Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, said members should "err on the side of caution." "If they have a desire to use a product that may or may not fall into the definition of what's prohibited, they should seek guidance or use caution."

Deuster said service members need to understand that, although CBD products are popping up everywhere, it remains illegal under federal law for CBD to be listed as a dietary supplement or appear in food. The problem is there is no regulatory framework to ensure that the CBD products being sold meet the Farm Act," Deuster said, adding that there is no research, other than studies done on the impact of CBD on seizures, to support many of the claims made by product manufacturers.

"CBD is everywhere. We are waiting for the FDA to do something," "Don't believe what the companies are telling you," Deuster said.

Ron Dziagwa, FSO-MS – 08 We again this year, on the first Tuesday of the month in August, had my version of the "Do You Know Where Your Litter Is" game at the very large National Night Out Annual Event in Norwood Park hosted by the 16th Chicago Police Department. Besides the Litter Game, which is very popular, I also manned our AWW/PA and Recruiting table there for six hours. We also helped out again playing the Litter Game, the Extremely Popular and most attended Chicago event of every year, at the Chicago Air and Water Show.

MT (Member Training), SO Mike Valente: Report Submitted but unfortunately the attachment could not be copied nor opened. Please contact

MT (Member Training) Bill Russell: No Report Submitted

NS (Navigation Systems) SO, Rick McNulty: With the very busy 095-39 OPs schedule trying to qualify and/or requalify boat crews and the CG patrols for on-the-water events, I have only just received a few completed bridge inspections of our 26 assigned 2019 NS bridge inspection missions. It seems that 39-08 FSO-NS Dziagwa has been in frequent communication with ADSO-NS Spaulding on a regular basis, per his 39-08 FSO-NS reports. I've had no comms with the ADSO-NS with the exception of the initial 2019 095-39 NS assignments and my request to him back in April for clearer copies of the mission assignments that he sent. It is my opinion that it would be in the best interests of the Division that I step down as 095-39 SO-NS, effective immediately, to allow Mr. Dziagwa to take on the position of 095-39 SO-NS because of his regular communication with our ADSO-NS Spaulding. I believe this will streamline Division Navigation Systems comms more effectively with our current ADSO-NS. It has been a pleasure working with the Division staff to maintain a strong unit. I would like to provide my remaining paid monthly Division meeting meals to the station personal and any quests that join the meeting through the end of the year. The following **highlighted** bridge inspections have been completed by: **Gail Raith / Michael Raith**

South Branch Structures Lake St. Bridge / Randolph St. Bridge / Washington St.

Bridge / Madison St. Bridge / Monroe St. Bridge / Adams St. Bridge / Jackson Blvd. Bridge / Van Buren St. Bridge / Eisenhower Exp. Bridge / Harrison St. Bridge / Roosevelt Rd. Bridge / CSX Railroad Bridge #1 / CSX Railroad Bridge #2 / 18th St. Bridge / Amtrack Bridge / Canal St. Bridge / Cermak Rd. Bridge / Dan Ryan Exp. Bridge / South Halsted St. Bridge / South Loomis St. Bridge / South Ashland Ave. Bridge / South Damen Ave. Bridge

South Fork of South Branch Structures Canadian National Railroad Bridge / Adlai E Stevenson Exp. Bridge / Archer Ave. Bridge / 35th St. Bridge

39-02 FSO-NS Report: (vacant) FC Charles Herbert Hague – nothing reported

39-04 FSO-NS Report: Avraham Sigler – nothing reported

39-06 FSO-NS Report: Michael Jacob Raith – nothing reported

39-08 FSO-NS Report: Ronald Walter Dziagwa – The ADSO-NS recently called me for an update on verifying Bridges, since all of our PATRONS are done for the year. I told him that at my this week's Flotilla meeting, I asked our coxswain about doing some Bridge Inspections and he told me he was now helping out other coxswains getting new boatcrew trainees completing their quals. I also called other boat owners with no luck, but don't feel bad because he as the ADSO-NS, can't get anyone either and that just not sound or seem right. More talk about this at our actual Division meeting.

The week 35 update to the 2019 USCG Light List, Volume Seven link is here:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightListWeeklyUpdates>

The Ninth District Light List is updated still weekly and the "Summary of Corrections" can be viewed online at any time. Please remember, anyone can and should always report a Discrepancy, but always check first to see if someone else hasn't already done that here. Here is the link to the latest report (35-2019) of corrections: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/corrections/V7D09.pdf>

OP (Operations) SO Chas Hague: No Division Report Submitted

Flotilla 39-02, Tim Darrey FSO-OP 1) Oshkosh was extremely well represented and the following members participated... Darrey, T - Coxswain & Boat Crew, Darrey, B - Boat Crew, Hague, C - Boat Crew Trainee, Telecommunications Operator, Reczek, R - Boat Crew, Weiler, A - Boat Crew Trainee

2) Chicago Air and Water Show was also staffed by a number of 39-02 Members...

PA (Public Affairs) SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FSO-PA, Barry Jacobson: No report received.

39-04 FC, Adam Klein: No report received, but one member is to be appointed as the FSO-PA in his Flotilla.

39-06 FSO-PA, Kimberly Saccaro: No report received. 39-08 FSO-PA, Ron Dziagwa:

The following PA events were held by our Flotilla since my last report. We again were back at the New China Buffet in Chicago with our boating and water safety brochures and coloring & activity books for the kids, making them Sea Partners and Life Jacket Leaders. We again were at our monthly event at the CiCi's More Than a Pizza Buffet in Nilens and back at the Old Country Buffet in the Bricktown Square in Chicago where we were there on three of their "Military Days". We also were at the second and third days of Jeff Fest again in their Children's Area in the Jefferson Memorial Park in Chicago.

This year, we again had the same lack of coloring books, but since of the special request from the Admiral, we did attend the event pushing more on Water Safety, especially because of the highest ever drownings recorded in the Great Lakes. 39-10 FC, Brent Barker: No report received, but one new member will soon be the FSO-PA in his Flotilla. 095-39 SO-PA, Ron Dziagwa:

For the second year in a row, the City of Chicago gave us a free tent and this time four eight foot tables and eight chairs to use at the 61st Annual Chicago Air and Water Show. There is always over one million people in attendance, even this year with the rain delay of the start on Sunday. We also had a better tent location with a great traffic of people, but we were located between the U.S. Air Force and the Tuskegee Airmen tents. That only problem was that they had more Promotional Material to give out and even though we did run out of our 9WR supply of coloring books, the Active Duty helped out the two of us that showed up to work on Sunday by being there this year. She did bring out some material from the USCG Recruiting Office to give out to the winners of the Litter Game.

No qualification/certification is needed to help out at Public Affair events, so there should not be a problem to get some members to volunteer some time at PA events, but there is. Right now only 14 members in our Division have logged any PA time from our 144 active members. Last year we had 20 members logging PA time that gave a total of 681 hours for the year and with one third of the year still

ahead of us, we should beat last year's hours, but we need more members doing PA events. This year, I am again planning to be at a churches Block Party. They have great advertisement and hopefully a good attendance. So far only one member gave a suggestion to me on maybe doing a PA event, but there are so many locally that other members in our Division can be at, but I would like them to also tell their FSO-PA about them. I am again asking all FCs and their FSO-PAs to please log your PA hours as such, since over two thirds of the year is already over and please tell me all of your future PA plans.

PB (Publications) SO Chas Hague: No Division report submitted
Flotilla 39-02, Chas Hague, FSO-PB: Managed to get the Bilgewater out

PE (Public Education) SO Bill Russell: No report submitted

PV (Program Visitor) SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FC, Chas Hague: No report received and still no one appointed to be the FSO-PV in his Flotilla. 39-04 FC, Adam Klein: No report received, but one member is to be appointed to be the FSO-PV in his Flotilla. 39-06 FSO-PV, Jay Katzman: No report received. 39-08 FSO-PV, Ron Dziagwa: Once again, at least one Recreational Boating Safety Program Visit was made each and every day since my last report, in and around the Chicago area by our Flotilla. I am still trying to find why one of our members did take and pass the On Line PV test, but still has not completed his requirements to be certified. He has been emailed, but has not been to a Flotilla meeting in a while. 39-10 FSO-PV, Juanita Silva: No report received.

095-39 SO-PV, Ron Dziagwa: Flotilla 39-08 is still planing to hold a 2019 National PV Workshop during one of their future Flotilla meetings, but they now being smaller, yet a very active Flotilla, is busy doing other more important required missions. The new target date to hold the Workshop is now in November. Members in our Division have been told that being certified as a Program Visitor is one of the easiest qualifications to get and keep, by only having to do four Program Visits a year. Going with brochures to your dentist twice a year, for your yearly doctor check up and just leaving brochures at one public location of your choice, is all you have to do to keep current. Of course we would like you to do more than just the minimum year, to help further promote Boating and Water Safety.

SR (Records) SO Bridget Darrey: See Attachment (SO-SR Report)

VE (Vessel Examiner) SO Marc Pullman: At a District VE conference on August 13th, the importance of wearing life jackets was re-emphasized. The District is also soliciting input from VEs for the upcoming D-Train. With the close of the summer, the requests for safety checks has significantly dwindled. Nevertheless, Division VE activity has continued: 39-02 performed 9 safety checks; 39-06 dispatched a trainee to Belmont Harbor for a District blitz, and continued to service boaters at Lloyd Beach and the Highland Park ramp; 39-08 was also active at the Belmont blitz and handed out many safety brochures as it has continued to do so at multiple venues; 39-08 continues to balance its VE activity with its many PA events; 39-10: Logged several safety checks as well.

39:02 FSO-VE Jim Davy: I had one VE in Burnham this past month and a reinspect due to dirty flame arrestors.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS

Flotilla 39-02: FC Charles Hague, VFC Bridget Darrey: No Report Submitted. DCDR Note: Flotilla 39-02 has been recognized by both the Illinois State Senate and the Illinois House of Representatives for 60 years of service in Des Plaines.

Flotilla 39-04: FC: Adam Klein, VFC: Moshe Tishel: 39-04 is focusing on the mentoring of a number of new members, seeing that they obtain qualifications and planning for their appointments to flotilla staff offices down the road.

Flotilla 39-06: FC John Lenhard, VFC Daniel O'Connell: Due to the spike in Lake Michigan drowning (30 drownings in 30 days) each of us is being asked to remind everyone to wear their life jackets whenever they are on the water and to be alert to rip current warnings. Tell them how to survive a rip current if they are ever caught in one. Anita has taken the lead in walking the local beaches to determine what we might do to improve safety and has come up with several good suggestions. Please be mindful of the chain of leadership anytime you have a question, comment, suggestion, or complaint. There was an incident recently where a member (NOT FROM OUR FLOTILLA OR DIVISION) had a complaint and bypassed their FC, FSO, and everyone else and went straight to the District Commodore. This did not go over well! Please always follow the Chain of Leadership and Management and first talk to your FC or FSO. Any questions, always begin at the lowest possible level! A reminder that letters of intent to run for next year's FC or VFC are due to me by September 19. The election is November 21. Tom Remec has agreed to chair the screening committee assisted by Adrienne Allen, Donna Feldman, and Mark Frankl. The screening committee will assure that all candidates have met the minimum requirements for office. John Lenhard encouraged all qualified members to consider applying for either position. Both positions are for a one year term. It is a great experience. Please notify John Lenhard of your intent by email. John Lenhard & Dan O'Connell will be available to answer any questions in person, on the phone or email. John Robertson has stated his intent to run for FC. John Lenhard will be out of town for the September meeting. Thanks for all you do in serving the Auxiliary!.

Flotilla 39-08: FC Richard Grinius, VFC Ronald Dziagwa: Boating Incident prompts renewed directive for USCGAUX operations, standards and code of conduct. Record Drownings prompts emphasis for public education, rip current dangers. Letters of Intent for future Bridge positions to be submitted for 2020 Year. Election Committee formed, Paul Bornstein, Bob Brutvan, Dale Pollack

Flotilla 39-10: FC Brent Barker, VFC Joseph Conte: We were one shy of a quorum, so we basically had an hour long discussion of CGAux business and current events with those who showed up.

END OF AGENDA, STAFF AND FLOTILLA REPORTS