

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DIVISION 39 9WR
4709 Golf Rd, Skokie, IL
04 April, 2018 Minutes**

*Uniform of the Day is Tropical Blue or appropriate civilian attire.
Meeting 1st Wednesday of Month*

**1900 hrs. Fellowship
1930 hrs. CALL TO ORDER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chas Hague

ATTENDEES: DCDR Tom Remec, VCDR Tim Darrey, IPDCDR/SO-IS Bob Reczek - From 39-02: FC/SO-PB Chas. Hague, VCF/ SO-SR Bridget Darrey – From 39-04 FC Shawn Landa (via phone) - From 39-06: FC/SO-VE John Lenhard, SO-MS Jay Katzman, SO-VE Marc Pullman, SO-CM Gregory Kmiec, member Adam Klein - From 39-08: FC/SO-PA and NS Ron Dziagwa, VFC John Cusack Jr. – From 39-10: FC Joe Conte

Guests: D-CAPT SOUTH - David McArtin stopped in to distribute the District awards achieved by Division 39 and it's members. See listing in awards section below.

SWEARING IN OF STAFF OFFICERS

Approval of the Previous Meeting MINUTES for: March 2018

1st motion – Robert Reczek 2nd motion – John Lenhard Motion – Passed

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS

- An AUXFS class will be held the weekend of June 1-3, 2018 (Friday evening 6:30 p.m. to Sunday afternoon approximately 3:00 p.m.), in Grand Haven, MI. Maximum number of participants is 16, and berthing is being provided by Station Grand Haven. Hep A vaccine is required, the first of two shots must be completed prior to the class with record of the shot provided. This can be done by your primary care physician. Non-reimbursable orders will be provided for meals throughout the weekend. Mileage will be paid by District. Send an email to Gayle Sedlock DSO-FS with an explanation of your interest in the class and commitment to serve beyond the basis class. Complete the attached form and email it to glsedlock@chartermi.net Point of contact for the class is Gayle Sedlock DSO-FS (H: 616-844-9972; C: 616-402-3200).
- DDC-P Gary Markle is still looking for someone to be appointed to the DSO-PE position which has not been filled this year. If you are interested in volunteering, speak to Gary at 773-710-0291 or email him at gary@cgauxchicago.org.
- Elections. While some may consider this to be a little early to discuss this topic, in fact our flotillas and divisions should be promoting their positions to encourage finding the most capable candidates. Those who have completed AUXLAMS and AMLOC certainly will have a training advantage over those who don't. Check these division agendas and minutes for announcements of training in these two areas.
- Escanaba.

- As a part of the education program DSO-LP Bill Schur provided current guidance in how we must handle contracts which may go through our hands. Essentially, the requirements are that an unsigned contract must be provided to DSO-LP Schur who will review it. Following are his actual words:

1. The following language must replace any hold harmless or indemnification provisions.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is a component of the United States Coast Guard, per 14 USC Ch. 23 Section 831.

Accordingly, as an agency of the United States Government, neither the Auxiliary nor the United States Coast Guard as a whole may assume liability for injury or damages of any kind, nor may the Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard release others from their own liability, except as provided for in the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), known as 28 USC Ch. 171 Section 2671 et seq.

Therefore neither the Auxiliary nor the United States Coast Guard as a whole will assume liability of any kind except as provided in the FTCA.

2. The following language must be added as a stand-alone force majeure provision: The Auxiliary and the United States Coast Guard will not be responsible for any contractual obligations and their performance of them if such performance is impaired or prevented by events and circumstances beyond their control. Such circumstances beyond their control include, without limitation, Acts of God such as natural disasters, floods, rains, storms, snow, ice, hail, hurricanes and tornadoes; Acts of War; law enforcement duties, labor strikes, work stoppages, Acts of Congress, Executive Orders, Federal Government shutdowns, diseases and epidemics.

3. Under no circumstances may any Auxiliary member personally guaranty any part of any contract.

- Details of requirements for EAA. The EAA "Air Venture 2018" event in Oshkosh, WI is scheduled for 23Jul to 29Jul. This event has become huge, and there is a significant need for coxswains, boat crew, and radio watchstanders. In order to check the schedule and make selections of shifts that work for you, go to the District 9WR website, sign in, select Events and then use the dropdown menu to select EAA signups. At the bottom of the page you can click on "To SignUp for this Event." The menu of all choices then appears for your examination. You should hurry, because open spots are going fast even though there are more than three months to go.
- One of the losses caused by the cancellation of D-Train is the amount of money collected for the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. Commodore Johnsen mentioned that last year, District 9WR lead all districts for contributions in 2017. This association is a valuable resource --- particularly for junior enlisted. Consider donating when you get an invitation in the mail or attend any D-Train.
- CAPT Stuhlreyer, CO of SLM, provided a lot of input as he continued his tour of the lake. Of particular importance is his recognition of the Auxiliary's contribution in helping the active duty members make a selection of the best retirement program for each of them. In particular, he praised two members of SLM, one of whom is Bob Bush (39-06). This is another way the Auxiliary can provide resources to help the active duty.
- Hardware-related items
 - ID cards will be generated by using the old printer.

The rebuilds of Coasties are in progress and deliveries are being made as each is completed.

Another important topic to be discussed will be the implementation of discipline-improving changes to the operations of our monthly meetings.

And finally, the last item to be placed in this topic will be the final form of the budget which was discussed and approved at the March meeting.

MEETING GIVEN TO VCDR Timothy Darrey

- Division 39 --- 39% of membership have no quals/certs
- Flotilla 39-02 --- 40% of membership have no quals/certs
- Flotilla 39-04 --- 55% of membership have no quals/certs
- Flotilla 39-06 --- 34% of membership have no quals/certs
- Flotilla 39-08 --- 24% of membership have no quals/certs
- Flotilla 39-10 --- 50% of membership have no quals/certs

SCORECARD FOR MANDATED TRAINING				
ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	% COMPLETED	MONTHLY CHANGE	Need 100, 700*
Division 39	134	72%	+5%	12
Flotilla 39-02	20	83%	+12%	2
Flotilla 39-04	22	30%	+11%	1
Flotilla 39-06	61	78%	+6%	4
Flotilla 39-08	17	60%	-1%	1
Flotilla 39-10	14	47%	+10%	4
Note: These are raw numbers based on the AUXDATA report run 30DEC2017 at 1300.				
* Members who only need ICS 100 and ICS 700 to complete the training.				

STAFF OFFICER REPORT - Reports due to VCDR the Saturday prior to Division Meeting

SO – Name	Office	Report Status	Additions
CM – Greg Kmiec	Communications	Y	NN
CS – Jeff Gilmore	Communication Systems	Y	A – Jeff will be leaving our Division. Position will be open temporarily.
DV – Stuart Galesburg	Diversity	Y	A
FN – Ron Tragasz	Finance	Y	A
HR – Virginia Haase	Human Resources	Y	A – Uniforms available at the exchange.
IS – Robert Reczek	Information Systems	Y	I have added a column for reported hours on the top left of my report.
MA – Carol Deleskiewicz	Materials	Y	A
MS – Jay Katzman	Marine Safety	Y	Honor Flights will be starting for this year, the first one will be April 11 th . Please contact Patrick Jenzake of Division 35 for more information.
MT –	Member Training	X	Position Open
NS - Ronald Dziagwa	Navigation Systems	Y	The counts for 2016 Aton verifications are incorrect.
OP – Charles Hague	Operations	Y	Division 39's required OPS Workshop is Saturday, April 21 st , at 0900 in the Skokie classroom. The 4 hour Watch Stander TCT has been rescheduled to April 11 th . Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Watch Stander.
PA – Ron Dziagwa	Public Affairs	Y	I need one more person to help with The Healthy Kids Day at the Lattof YMCA in Des Plaines on April 27 th .
PB – Charles Hague	Publications	Y	The 39r went out, it should be on the website. Ron Dziagwa put together a newsletter for Flotilla 8.
PE – Bob Auchinleck	Public Education	Y	A
PV – Edward Siegel	Program Visitor	Y	A
SR – Bridget Darrey	Secretary/Records	Y	NN
VE – Marc Pullman	Vessel Examination	Y	NN

Y= Reported N= Nothing to Report X= No report submitted A=Absent NN= Nothing New to Add

Updates to FC Reports:

39-02 – Nothing New, we did have a quorum; 39-04 – We have been combining our meetings with 39-02, we did not have a quorum; 30-06 – Nothing New, we did have a quorum; 39-08 – Nothing New, we did have a quorum; 39-10 – We have met twice this year, we did have a quorum at both.

Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) Report – Minutes from Recent Meeting

USCG Auxiliary

Watchstander Opportunities

Chief Bure has said he welcomes Auxiliarists to train for, and hopefully become, Coast Guard Communications Watchstanders.

There are no prerequisites to attempt this, but keep in mind it is a Coast Guard qualification.

Training will be provided mostly by active duty personnel at the station, and may occur alongside an active duty trainee. All enlisted personnel that are assigned to the station must complete this training.

There is a limit of 2 trainees at a time. If there are no new active duty personnel in need of training, then 2 Auxiliarists can receive training at one time.

It is anticipated that there will be a high demand for this opportunity, so interested Auxiliarists will be enrolled in training on a first-come-first-served-basis.

To be as fair as possible, requests to begin this training will be considered for email received by VCDR Tim Darrey at timothy.darrey@9wr-uscgaux.org, beginning on _____ 10:00 AM.

Auxiliarist will be responsible for obtaining a hard copy of the Communications Watchstander Qualification Guide - COMDTINST M16120.7A.

These publications are also extremely useful in completing the course:

- Radiotelephone Handbook - CGTTP 6-01.1
- THE COAST GUARD FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) AND PRIVACY ACTS MANUAL - COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION M5260.3
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANUAL - COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION M2000.3C
- LIGHT LIST Volume VII GREAT LAKES
- U.S. Chart No. 1
- Coast Pilot 6
- NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE MANUAL VOLUME I: NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM
- U. S. COAST GUARD ADDENDUM TO THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE SUPPLEMENT (NSS) - COMDTINST M16130.2F

Any questions should be directed to Tim Darrey.

MEETING RETURNS to Tom Remec, DCDR

OLD BUSINESS

SO-MT Vacancies – **Still looking to fill position**

NEW BUSINESS

Boarding Team Handouts

SO-CS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Digital Communications Committee: Domain has been renewed for one year (T Darrey) and Email host is renewed for two years (M West)

NEWS / EVENTS -- Mark your Calendar

Operations Workshop 21 April, OK for PPE Inspections

CGSTA Wilmette Harbor Open House Date and Committee, 19 May - Confirmed

CGSTA Wilmette Harbor Chili Cookoff – to take place in fall, fall cookout to take place mid-season during summer.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES:

Reczek - Aux Achievement Medal & Annual Perform VE/PV & Ops

Katzman - DCO Letter of Commendation, 2nd Place PV, Annual Performance VE/PV & PE

Dzwiaga - 1st Place PV Plaque, 2nd Place VE Paddle, Annual Perform OPs, PE & VE/PV

Raith G 2nd Place CREW, Annual Perform Ops
Darrey, T 2nd Place MT Inst. Annual Perform Ops & PE
Raith, M 3rd Place CREW, Annual Perform Ops
Kmiec 10yr Anniversary
Mutz 15yr Anniversary
Tragasz 15yr Anniversary
Darrey, B Annual Perform PE
Jacobson Annual Perform VE/PV
Klein Annual Perform Ops
Mukuyama Annual Performance VE/PV
Gilmore Annual Perform VE/PV & PE
Libauer Annual Perform PE
OConnell, D Annual Perform PE
Auchinlek Annual Perform PE
Bornstein Annual Perform Ops

Division 39 Second Most Active Division
39-06 2nd Place Most Active Flotilla
39-06 2nd Place Member Growth
39-02 2nd Place Member Training

Norris – PE Team Evanston Swims Certificate



OPEN FORUM

APRIL REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY FLOTILLA 39-06 and 39-04

MAY REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY 39-08

ADJOURNMENT

1st motion – Joe Conte 2nd motion – Chas Hague Motion –

FELLOWSHIP

Flotilla Commander Reports

Flotilla 39-2 Des Plaines Charles Hague, FC, Bridget Darrey, VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Wednesday Prairie Lakes Community Ctr 515 E. Thacker Road, Des Plaines IL
March meeting planned for National safe Boating week. We will be asking for proclamations from communities in our area, holding Public affairs events at Bass Pro Shop and Cabela's, working the Canoe Marathon and Station Wilmette Open House, and des Plaines spring Festival. Also Des Plaines Earth Day. We are holding Boat Crew Refresher Class on Monday evenings. Next meeting will be held 18 April. Member training will cover 7029 and 7030 forms.

Flotilla 39-4 Four Chicago Shawn Landa, FC, William Weisfuse, VFC
Meeting 1930 2nd Thursday. Chicago Maritime School. 5744 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL
We had our combined meeting with 39-02 on March 21 in Des Plaines.

Flotilla 39-6 Wilmette Harbor John Lenhard, FC, Dan O'Connell, VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Thursday 4709 Golf Road, Skokie IL
Sixteen members were present representing a quorum for the March 15 Flotilla meeting. One guest was present, Bill Luksha, a leader with the local Sea Scouts BSA Ship 2015. Bill shared a little about the Sea Scouts during the meeting.

It was pointed out to those present that some new items have been posted on the bulletin board including updated Training Management Report, Certification Currency Report, information on the 3 new Flotilla Committees, and a listing of Acronyms used by the military.

The upcoming event calendar is full and volunteers were solicited for several of the Dates. Events included the West Marine Spring Sale and ABS class (March 17), Operations Workshop (April 21), YMCA Healthy Kids day (April 21), Evanston Swims Water Safety Classes for 285 second graders (May 2), Wilmette Harbor Station Open House (May 19).

FSO's added any additional comments to their monthly reports and following that, each of the 3 new committees provided updates. Tom Remec did a PowerPoint presentation providing training on proper ribbon placement. Meeting concluded at 9:20 PM.

Complete March 15 Meeting minutes are under separate cover.

**Flotilla 39-8 Chicago Air Ronald Dziagwa, FC, John Cusack, Jr., VFC
Meeting 1930 3rd Monday Schaumburg Regional Airport 905 W Irving Park, Meeting Room
#113, Schaumburg IL**

Our March Flotilla meeting started out as always, with membership training. My FSO-MT has promised to always offer one hour before the start of our regular meeting, any help that is needed by any member in getting Mandated Training completed, but this month no one asked for it. Our VFC then taught us how to use Google Docs in the future. Not all of the FSOs were present, so I really don't now how this will work out, but our VFC is in charge of putting the agenda together, so we will have to try it his new way. We again not have a quorum for our February meeting, so we had a lot of work to be done in the three hours we were there this month. The Flotilla's Agenda was sent out last month, yet three members still failed to respond at all when asked to if they would be at the meeting. Those members still have not told me if they wanted to always be listed as not being able to attend a Monday Flotilla meeting, like other members have also stated. It is not fair to make other members drive sometimes long distances in sometimes bad weather, when it is known ahead of time that we will not have a quorum and we will not be able to hold a regular meeting and conduct official Flotilla business. I would rather see more of us doing other Coast Guard Auxiliary activities promoting Boating and Water Safety than just holding meeting.

On 15MAR18, I went to a Flotilla's new meeting location in Division 37 where only the FC was there and only one other member showed up at the actual Flotilla's meeting starting time, so they had no quorum. Later, one other member showed up, but that still did not make a quorum for them, so they also had no official meeting. I am seeing and hearing more of this all over, so I don't feel that bad that our Flotilla is having that same problem, but still don't like it, so we discussed this at our meeting and a motion was made, seconded and passed to hold our Flotilla meetings every other month, just this year. We also discussed other ways in getting members to our meetings and we will be voting at our next meeting on the possibility of having a July picnic, besides our annual Flotilla Dinner in the Balloon Room of Pilot Pete's restaurant.

Our Flotilla again was very active since my last FC report and you can see by our individual FSO reports what we have been actually doing since then.**Flotilla 39-10 Ten Chicago Joe Conte, FC, Juanita Silva, VFC**

Meeting 1900 2nd Thursday 5801 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL

Major activities:

Flotilla planning to conduct ABS Class beginning in April, evaluating different possible locations;

Member in training for Instructor;

Members planning to train for crew;

Member manning a table at the Addison Trails H.S. (in Addison) college fair on April 4th

Division Staff Reports: SO Officer

SO-CM Greg Kmiec --- 39-02 Michael Valente, 39-06 Greg Kmiec, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa Radio Facility NM9TP had been erroneously listed as a 39-06 resource; it should be listed as a 39-08 resource. FC 39-08 has submitted a request to the DSO-CM in order to correct this and change NM9TP from 39-06 to 39-08 .

SO-CS Jeff Gilmore ---- 39-02 Andrew Weiler, 39-04 Carlos Gonzalez, 39-06 Jeff Gilmore, 39-08 Scott Migaldi, 39-10 Yvette Ocasio

Flotilla 39-02 still has a dated & broken URL on the Division website. This URL shows up in AUXDIRECTORY, AUXDATA, the National Unit Locator, and the Division 39 website. The District website properly points to the WOW II URL and it appears the WOW II version is working correctly at the local level. I've re-escalated the issue & request for resolution up through the DSO-CS to National to get this fixed, but we still have heard nothing back.

I've started my assessments of the Flotilla websites, but am running behind. I hope to start getting that feedback to the FSOs sometime in April.

SO-DV Stuart Galesburg ---- 39-06 Stuart Galesburg, 39-08 John Kane

Nothing to report

SO-FN Ronald Tragasz ---- 39-02 Ron Tragasz, 39-06 Tom Remec, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10

DR	CR	
3/16/2018	5427.00	District Dues
3/20/2018	1023.00	Flotilla 39-04 dues
	2836.50	Flotilla 39-6 dues
3/22/2018	11.19	POTUS charge
7002.43	9994.59	Running Sub totals
	-7002.43	
	2992.16	Account Balance

SO-HR Virginia Haase ---- 39-02 Virginia Haase, 39-06 Robert Mack, 39-08 John Cusack, 39-10 Joe Conte

THIS MONTH EVENTS/ ALERTS:

Flotilla 39-10 _1_ APPLICATION(S) COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO DSO THIS YEAR

Flotilla 39-08 _1_ APPLICATION COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED

• **ALEC BARLOW - SOURCE CGAUX JOIN US ONLINE FORM ROBO FC SIGNED, COMPLETED AND RESUBMITTED TO DSO**

Flotilla 39-06 _1_ APPLICATION(S) PENDING

• **KIRK MCINERNEY - SOURCE _____**

Flotilla 39-02 _0_ APPLICATION(S) COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO DSO

1 PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS THIS MONTH

• **FLOTILLA 39-02 Shoshana Sachs Source: CGAUX WEBSITE**

ID CARDS SUBMITTED:

• **39-02 ANDREW JOSEPH WEILER (NOVEMBER 2017)**

ID CARD RENEWALS:

• **39-06 DANIEL WALTER OCONNELL (RE-SUBMITTED March 2018 after 2 + wait)**

• **39-06 RICK CONWAY (RE-SUBMITTED MARCH 2018 after 2 + year wait)**

• **39-02 ROBERT W RECZEK (SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 2017)**

CHANGE OF STATUS PAPERWORK: NONE

COMPLETED ITEMS:

• **ID CARD RENEWALS:**

• **NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:, IQ, ,BQ, , STATUS**

• **CHANGE OF STATUS PAPERWORK:**

• **OTHER**

ID CARD RENEWALS:

IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR FLOTILLA MEMBERS' ID CARDS FOR RENEWAL OR FOR NEW MEMBERS, send them directly to Keith B Destree, ADSO-HR USCG Aux Ninth Western Region

(uscgaux.destree@gmail.com. He is handling all ID card processing for Leslie Fryer Harness.

Please copy me on your ID card renewal e-mail so I can keep a running record of dates of ID card submissions in my SO-HR reports.

ATTACHED PHOTOS AND RENEWAL FORMS MUST BE LABELED WITH THE MEMBER'S NAME AND CORRESPONDING MEMBER'S ID NUMBER.

Submit the electronic photo and the electronic form together with the name on the file corresponding to the name and ID # of the member or it may get lost in the system.

April 2018 HR report --- Joe Conte Flotilla 39-10

As many of you already know, the Coast Guard Exchange now offers official Coast Guard Auxiliary uniforms and accessories through their website shopcgx.com. Please remind your members that this new and convenient source is available. If members are not already on the CG exchange e-mail list, they should contact the exchange at 1-800-572-0230 or email customerservice@cgexchange.org. Additionally, be advised that the exchange from time to time offers "Scratch and Save" discounts of 5 to 50% off the entire order. I could find nothing that said that uniforms were excluded from these discounts.

SO-IS Robert Reczek ---- 39-02 Robert Reczek, 39-06 Robert Bush, 39-08 James Fellers, 39-10 Brent Barker

SEE ATTACHMENTS

SO-MA Carol Deleskewicz ---- 39-02 James Davy, 39-04 Carlos Gonzalez, 39-08 Richard Grinius, 39-10 Juanita Silva

1. Received email from David Kotwitz, DSO MA 9WR regarding new item: Paddle Tip Reflector Kits. Forwarded to all

Division 39 FSO-MAs. I can forward the email to anyone else who may be interested.

2. An electronic copy of the ANSC catalog updated in March 2018, was emailed to all Division 39 FSO-MAs.

3. Per Randy Ernst at National Supply, the Inky and Sammy coloring books are still not in stock but suggested I check back with him the week of 4/2.

4. Received inventory of supplies available for open house at Coast Guard Station Wilmette Harbor. These are

currently located in the Skokie office. I will still be submitting a supply order for items we want for the Open House but do not have in stock.

FSO-MA reports are as follows:

DesPlaines (39-02)	JAMES T DAVY	Nothing to report
Ten Chicago (39-10)	Juanita Mercedes Silva	No report submitted
Chicago Air (39-08)	Richard A Grinius	No report submitted
Four Chicago (39-04)	Carlos Alberto Gonzalez	Nothing to report
Wilmette (39-06)	Carol M Deleskewicz	Nothing further to report

SO-MS Jay Katzman ---- 39-06 Jay Katzman, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa

Fish barrier upgrade repairs have started on the Chicago Ship and Sanitation Canal.

Chief Lashbrook is organizing the Chicago Memorial Day Parade. MSU has been gradually increasing their participation in these events. If you are interested please let me know. I will provide one list to Chief Lashbrook. Uniform is SDBs with Combo Covers - More detailed information to come.

Blessing of the Fleet event on May 18 -19th

Flotilla 08 MS Report = Our Flotilla held MS events since my last report, at the Old Country Buffet in the Bricktown Square in Chicago during two of their Military Mondays and at one of their Thursday Family Nights. We also again held another event at the Golden Corral in Gurnee, during Spring Break at the CiCi's Pizza Buffet in Niles and we were at West Marine in Chicago for their Spring Super Sale, playing the "Do You Know Where Your Liter Is" game. Three employees there got zero correct answers and some asked to get a second chance in replaying the game. All of West Marine's employees did get a chance to play the game as well as many of their customers. We talked to many customers in the twelve

hours we were there about Marine, Boating and Water Safety and many took home brochures with them that we had displayed on the table. **SO-MT POSITION PENDING ---- 39-02 Barry Jacobson, 39-06 Tom Remec, 39-08 Paul Bornstein,**
See report toward the end of Division Commander notes

SO-NS Ronald Dziagwa ---- 39-06 Michael Raith, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 John Rogers

39-02 FSO-NS:

No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-04 FSO-NS:

No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-06 FSO-NS:

Nothing to report.

39-08 FSO-NS:

Still nothing to report since D-Train was cancelled and there is no word about if our DSO-NS will be having a class at the Fall D-Train. It is still very early in the new year, but remember anyone can report a discrepancy. Attached is the weekly light list:

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

39-10 FSO-NS:

No report received.

I still haven't heard or received any info from the DSO-NS or any of the ADSO-NSs about what is to be inspected in our AOR this year. The Ninth District Light List is updated still weekly and can be viewed on line at anytime. Remember, anyone can and should always report a Discrepancy, but always check first, to see if someone else hasn't already done that here:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/corrections/V7D09.pdf>

SO-OP CHARLES HAGUE ---- 39-02 Timothy Darrey, 39-06 Richard Conway, 39-08 Rhett Dennerline, 39-10 Joe Conte

Operations workshop to be held Saturday, 21 April. All members involved in Operations for 2018 should attend. Location TBD. Jim Cohen preparing presentation materials. . There will be a PPE inspection and likely a one-hour TCT refresher class to follow.

Preparations are underway for the 2018 Surface Operations season. We have three Operational Facilities (Boats) including 251067, 251090 (both to be operating out of Station Wilmette Harbor) as well as 222033 which is destined for the Fox Chain. Win D39 we currently have NINE Coxswains, five crewmembers, four crew trainees qualified to get underway from our Flotilla plus a number of 2018 crew trainees currently working on their in-port tasks.

Signup for the Oshkosh EAA Surface Patrol and TCO Watchstanding are now online at the 9WR website, contact Tim Darrey for further info or assistance!

39-02: Boat Crew refresher classes continue on Monday evenings at Oakton Arms during the months of March and April as needed. Attendance has been good and a wide variety of topics have already undergone review. Facility 222033 will be uncovered within the next month.

39-04: No report received.

39-06: The Crew Training classes which are held on Saturday mornings are not just for trainees; anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of any of the training topics is welcome to join in. Station Wilmette Harbor has scheduled a TCT class on April 4 for station crew and Auxiliary watchstanders. Our flotilla currently has three members who are qualified to stand watch at SWH. Flotilla 39-06 has three members (Rick Polad, Jim Cohen, Rick Conway) who are qualified watchstanders at Station Wilmette Harbor. We've been reporting on them as part of Operations since what they're doing is different from the AUX Communications program.

Rick Conway

39-08: John Cusack, 39-08 Trainee and Ron Dziagwa, NS w/PQS who plans to do more navigational aid and bridge inspections on boats that are facilities in Division 39 this year.

39-10: Potential crew trainees from Flotilla 39-10 include Juanita Silva and Yvette Ocasio; Nothing new to report from the flotilla regarding operations at this time.

**SO-PA Ronald Dziagwa ---- 39-02 Barry Jacobson, 39-06 Position Open, 39-08 Richard Grinius, We participated in the following PA events;
Stood watch at the Rockford Boat Show**

Stood watch at Our World Underwater

Stood watch for 4 days at the Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic

The flotilla is working PA for on the following events:

National Earth Day April 22

Working on holding the new Paddle Sport Seminar in Rosemont

The Flotilla is in the planning stages for National Safe Boating Week

Planning to obtain NSBW Proclamations

Working on Station Wilmette Harbor Open House

Getting things ready for Des Plaines Park District event and Des Plaines River Canoe Marathon

Setting up P A displays at Mt. Prospect and Des Plaines libraries

Working on setting up a PA display and VSC area at Bass Pro Shop the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend

39-04 FSO-PA:

No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-06 FSO-PA:

No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

39-08 FSO-PA:

We again had events since my last monthly report at CiCi's Pizza in Niles, Old Country Buffet in the Bricktown Square in Chicago during one of their Family Nights and during two of their Military Days. Also, we were again at the Golden Corral in Gurnee, at a Burger King in Chicago, at World Kidney Day at the Chicago City College Wilbur Wright Campus and again at the Lansing Airport for the South Suburban Illinois Pilots Association's Safety Day.

We will be back again June in Bolingbrook for the Cavalcade of Planes at Clow International Airport and at Romeoville's Lewis Airport for their annual EAA event this year's Open House called Wings over Wheels and at the Schaumburg Regional Airport for their annual Father's Day EAA Breakfast. Hopefully we will also be back at Wings Over Waukegan to name just some of our Flotilla's future plans for this year.

39-10 FSO-PA:

No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled.

I still want to try to have a Division 39 PA Booth at the Chicago Air and Water Show this summer, but need help and didn't really want to ask other Divisions for their help, since we can do it ourselves, but I have to send these monthly reports to our DSO-PA and she already told me I have to offer the participation to all members of the 9WR. I don't think everyone will fit in the small booths/tents the City of Chicago uses there, but right now I am still in the planning stage anyways. We can talk more about this at the Division meeting and the actual event is first in August.

This month in April we have Healthy Kids Day at the Y's across the U.S. I always received a free table at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles. Sometimes in their hallways and last year in their basement. Since this year they are heaving the event on a Saturday the same day of our Division's OPS workshop, I asked the Lattof Y in Des Plaines for a free table to use on their Healthy Kids Day on Friday 20ARR18 between 1630 to 1930. I couldn't get anyone last year from my Flotilla to help me and since I am this year's SO-PA, can I at least get one other member from the Division to help me out there? We also have other future PA events in the Division, and to mention a few, they are at the Chicago Yacht Works on the 14th of this month, National Safe Boating Week with the start up at Station Wilmette Harbor's Open House on the 19th in May and the Chicago Yacht Club's Annual Power and Sail Tech Show in June on the 1st and 2nd. SO-PB Chas Hague ---- 39-02 Chas Hague, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10 Brent Barker

February (now March, ick) Thirty-Niner in progress, for distribution as soon as completed and approved by Division and District. No reports received from Flotilla Publications officers. (except 39-02, and that only because I talk to myself) Received report from SO-PB 39-08, will publish newsletter in near future.

SO-PE Robert Auchinleck ---- 39-02 Virginia Haase, 39-06 Dan O'Connell, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 Juanita Silva

Flotillas 02, 06, and 08 all show upcoming classes in the national class finder.

As part of Flotilla 08's April 28 class, they hope to qualify a new instructor. I have gotten feedback that there may be some confusion on how to handle the new state requirements for ABS. Below are some clarification items:

- We should have the students take the state test corresponding to the state where they will do most of their boating. This means instructors should be prepared to support boaters from every state.
- For the exam, we should replace question 41-50 on the existing ABS test with the new state questions. The total test should remain a 50 question test.
- An overall passing grade of 80% is still required. There is not any requirement for students to pass a certain number of state specific questions

SO-PV Edward Siegel ---- 39-02 Edward Siegel, 39-06 Jay Katzman, 39-08 Ron Dziagwa, 39-10 Juanita Silva

no report will be out of town in April

SO-SR Bridget Darrey ---- 39-02 Bridget Darrey, 39-04 Paula Wix, 39-08 Ronald Dziagwa, 39-10 Brent Barker

SEE TRANSCRIBED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING FOR SO-SR REPORT

SO-VE Marc Pullman ---- 39-02 James Davy, 39-06 Marc Pullman, 39-08 John Cusack, 39-10 Joe Conte

1) Chicago Yacht Works: Communications with operations manager to coordinate vessel exams for April Spring Fling event; recruit vessel examiners for event.

2) Chicago Yacht Club: Communications with Division 35 to partner for June open house.

3) Crowley Yacht Yards: Meeting with owner to discuss future events;

4) Communiications with Ben Watts Marina, Chain of Lakes State Park, Chicago Harbors and Evanston Launch Ramp