

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

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

Division Board Meeting Minutes for 3 April, 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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Key Topics will be D-Train Recap, Operations Workshop, NSBW, SO-MT Opening, Dues, Results of Division Silent Auction Contribution for D-Train, Meeting w/CGSTA Wilmette Harbor Command

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by **John Robertson**

ATTENDEES: DCDR Tim Darrey, VCDR Shawn Landa - From 39-02: VFC/ SO-SR Bridget Darrey, SO-HR/SO-IS Robert Reczek, Member Bill Luksha - From 39-04: FC Adam Klein, Member Matthew Praznowski - From 39-06: VFC Dan O'Connell, SO-VE Marc Pullman, Member John Robertson - From 39-08: VFC/SO-PA Ron Dziagwa – From 39-10: FC Brent Barker

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS and/or NEW MEMBERS:

Approval of the Previous Meeting MINUTES for: MARCH, 2019 with Corrections: the budget was passed with 5 ayes not 7.

1st motion: Ron Dziagwa 2nd motion: Adam Klein Motion Carries? Y X N _____

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS: **None**

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTS: DCDR Tim Darrey

D-Train was well attended by members of Division 39. A number of newly accepted members participated in the New Member Academy plus the new 4-hour TCT at both the Saturday and Sunday sessions. The EAA Oshkosh information session on Sunday was well attended and very well received. The Division Bridge appreciates the efforts of those who attended.

March Division meeting was a great success and well attended by 16+ 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.

The 2019 Operations Workshop will be held Saturday, 6 April, 2019, beginning at 0800. At this workshop, information about the upcoming patrol season will be disseminated, gear is normally distributed however that is delayed this season, members who have gear will have it inspected, and planning will be done for the season. The workshop will be held in the Community Room at Generations / Oakton Arms, on Oakton Place in Des Plaines. Oakton Arms is one block south of Oakton Street between Webster and Lee Streets, behind Sam's Market. NOTE: The Workshop will begin at 0800 Saturday and wrap up by 1100. Please do not park in the Oakton Arms lot; park on Oakton Place between Auto Zone and the facility. We need to be considerate of the people who live at Oakton.

National Safe Boating Week will begin on Saturday, 18 May and runs through end of day Friday, 24 May. It will kick off on Saturday with the Open House at our own Station Wilmette Harbor. The event will culminate in the long awaited SWH Chili Cook Off!

Dues have only been paid by all but one Flotilla to date. That remaining Flotilla must immediately meet their obligation.

Division continues to seek a Division Staff Officer for Member Training.

Commodore Mullally had requested that each Division contribute a \$25+ value gift towards a silent auction to take place at D-Train, proceeds go to CGMA. Through generous donations on the part of Rick McNulty and Moshe Tishel we were able to locate a very nice chrome plated aluminum ship's porthole with a mirrored glass. We added the CGAUX crossed anchors to the mirror and it brought in \$100! In addition, some individually donated CGAUX certificate frames drew another \$75.

A very positive meeting took place including the Division Bridge, newly appointed AUC Bob Mack, CGSTA OIC Chief Adam Bure and XPO BM1 Jeff Cantanzarite. Operations planning and logistics, the open house with chili cook-off and staff introductions were all covered. It was agreed that the use of the Station mess deck for Division Meetings worked well for both the Active Duty as well as the Auxiliary.

Each Flotilla / Division MUST have in place a formal meeting space agreement that has been approved by the DSO-LP.

Bravo Zulu to 39-08 FC Richard Grinius. Doing a great job despite challenges and along with his members is exploring a return to an earlier meeting place that is part of O'Hare International Airport.

- 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

Division 39 --- 33% of membership have no quals/certs (1 percent improvement)
Flotilla 39-02 --- 35% of membership have no quals/certs (No change)
Flotilla 39-04 --- 44% of membership have no quals/certs (No change)
Flotilla 39-06 --- 29% of membership have no quals/certs (1 percent improvement)
Flotilla 39-08 --- 17% of membership have no quals/certs (No change)
Flotilla 39-10 --- 47% of membership have no quals/certs (No change)

SCORECARD FOR CORE TRAINING (Baseline Report)

ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	%	MONTHLY
		COMPLETED	CHANGE
Division 39	139	82%	+5%
Flotilla 39-02	23	87%	+4%
Flotilla 39-04	29	62	-7%
Flotilla 39-06	55	91%	0%
Flotilla 39-08	16	81%	0%
Flotilla 39-10	16	75%	0%

Note: These are raw numbers based on the AUXDATA report run 2 April, 2019 at 1345.

STAFF OFFICER	OFFICE	REPORT STATUS	ADDITIONS
Name			
CM – Greg Kmiec	Communications	No Report Submitted	Absent
CS – Andrew Weiler	Comm Systems	No Report Submitted	Absent
DV – Stuart Galesburg	Diversity	Nothing to Report	Absent – A letter for community colleges and high school recruitment is in legal.
FN – Ron Tragasz	Finance	No Report Submitted	Absent – Recv'd report 4/3
HR – Robert Reczek	Human Resources	Report Submitted	If a flotilla does not have a FSO-HR the FC is to go into AAMS to receive and update contact with potential members.
IS – Robert Reczek	Information Systems	Report Submitted	Report your hours
MA – Ryan Joslyn	Materials	No Report Submitted	Absent
MS – Jay Katzman	Marine Safety	Report Submitted	Absent – Chicago lock will operate during fireworks
MT – TBD	Member Training	Report Submitted	Position open
NS – Richard McNulty	Navigation Systems	Report Submitted	Absent
OP – Charles Hague	Operations	Report Submitted	Absent
PA – Ron Dziagwa	Public Affairs	Report Submitted	Nothing new to add
PB – Charles Hague	Publications	Report Submitted	Absent
PE – Bill Russell	Public Education	No Report Submitted	Absent
PV – Ron Dziagwa	Program Visitor	Report Submitted	We are 22 nd out of 161 Divisions. Overall since 2002 we rank 10 th out of 161 Divisions.
SR – Bridget Darrey	Secretary/Records	Report Submitted	Still working on SR report
VE – Marc Pullman	Vessel Examination	Report Submitted	4/13 Chgo Yacht Works Blitz. On vessels 39.4' or longer, the Coast Guard wants a paper copy of the nav rules on board.

MEETING RETURNS TO DCDR TIM DARREY

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – 39-02 Member Rolf Larson passed away in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chili Cookoff to be combined with Open House per CGSTA OIC and XPO's request.

NEWS AND EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

Operations Workshop, 6 April, National Safe Boating Week, 18 May thru 24 May

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARDS

Bridget A Darrey, Flotilla 02, 5 Years

Timothy F Darrey, Flotilla 02, 5 Years

Daniel W O'Connell, Flotilla 06, 5 Years

Rhett Dennerline, Flotilla 08, 5 Years

Moshe Tishel, Flotilla 04, 10 Years

Charles S Crossland, Flotilla 04, 10 Years

James A Cohen, Flotilla 06, 10 Years

Gail E Raith, Flotilla 06, 10 Years

Brent J Barker, Flotilla 10, 10 Years

Steven C Vlach, Flotilla 06, 15 Years

James R Fellers, Flotilla 08, 15 Years

Michael C O'Malley, Flotilla 10, 15 Years

Joseph C Conte, Flotilla 10, 30 Years

SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD

John T Cusack, Jr, Flotilla 08, 750 Cumulative Hours

Timothy F Darrey, Flotilla 02, 5000 Cumulative Hours

Joseph M Conte, Flotilla 10, 7500 Cumulative Hours

ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARDS for 2018

Flotilla 02, Barry J Jacobson, 23 Vessel Safety Checks and 94 RBSP Visits

Robert W Reczek 7 Vessel Safety Checks and 81 RBSP Visits

Timothy F Darrey, 47 Credit Hours as Lead in Public Education

Timothy F Darrey, 84 Hours in Surface Operations

Flotilla 04, Adam Klein, 95 Hours in Surface Operations and 5 Hours in Support

Flotilla 06, Jay R Katzman, 18 Vessel Safety Checks, 1 Comm Exam and 195 RBSP Visits

Jay R Katzman, 21 Hours in Surface Operations, 721 Hours in Marine Safety

John H Mukoyama, 17 Vessel Safety Checks and 75 RBSP Visits

Daniel W O'Connell, 31 Credit Hours as Lead and 38 Hours as Aide in Public Education

Gail E Raith, 163 Hours in Surface Operations and 27 Hours in Support

Michael J Raith, 171 Hours in Surface Operations and 20 Hours in Support

Thomas M Remec, 59 Credit Hours as Lead and 20 Hours as Aide in Public Education

Flotilla 08, Paul A Bornstein, 105 Hours in Surface Operations

Ronald W Dziagwa, 41 Credit Hours a Lead in Public Education

Ronald W Dziagwa, 273 Vessel Safety Checks and 809 RBSP Visits

OTHER AWARDS

Thomas M Remec, Service Appreciation – DCDR during CY 2018

Presidential Lifetime Award

Chas. Hague – Flotilla 2

John Johnson – Flotilla 2

Tim Darrey – Flotilla 2

James Cohen – Flotilla 6

OPEN FORUM

If you would like to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Arlington Heights on Monday, May 27th please contact Bob Reczek.

Bob Brutvan needs his 7015. 39-08's air program is close to being operational again.

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

MAY REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY: Dinner arranged by Division Bridge and supported by individual donations.

ADJOURNMENT

1st motion: Ron Dziagwa 2nd motion: Brent Barker Motion Carries? Y X 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: From 39-08: I finally got the needed female to female Barrel SO-239 connector to be also anonymously given to our Chicago Air Flotilla late last year. This completes what was needed to get our Flotilla's Base Mobil Radio back in AUXDATA

as a Facility, since the missing material fiasco. Our radio was also last listed as a 39-06 Facility and even the DSO-CM would not or could not correct that obvious AUXDATA input error from about five years ago. Please note that SO-CM and I have been trying to correct that error during the last two years with no luck, but now it should be corrected because all paperwork was done and turned in about three months ago.

CS (Communications Services), SO Andrew Weiler: No report submitted

DV (Diversity), SO Stuart Galesburg: No report other than will not be able to attend April or May Division Meetings.

FS (Food Services), SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FS Member, Christine Gressick: No report received. 39-04 FC, Adam Klein: No report received and there still no FS Member in his Flotilla. 39-06 FS Member, Gail Raith: No report received. 39-08 FSO-FS, Ron Dziagwa:

Our Flotilla talked about having a picnic connected with one of our Flotilla meetings this year before the start of summer. This would be besides also having another Spot Landing Contest before our Annual Flotilla Dinner in the Balloon Room at Schaumburg Regional Airport in September. A committee chair was appointed and more on this in the near future.

39-10 FSO-FS, Brent Barker:

No report received.

095-39 SO-FS, Ron Dziagwa:

I was again asked by the ADSO-FS at DTRAIN, if I would be at Division 35's Chili Cook Off at Station Cal Harbor and that's when I told him that the flyer I received said it was again at the Calumet Yacht Club. Two days later, I was emailed another flyer stating that their 8th Annual Chili Cook Off, would be at Station Cal Harbor on Saturday, 06APR from 1200 to 1400..

Of course all of you know that our Division's combination Chili Cook Off and Cold Weather Ice Training demonstration was cancelled the last couple of days before it's 12MAR date because of thin ice. **Hopefully next year we can have this all set up by the February Division Meeting.**

FN (Finance), SO Ron Tragasz: No report submitted (death in SO-FN family)

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: Chicago St. Patrick's Day River Dyeing and Parade marks the unofficial start of the boating season in downtown Chicago. MSU Chicago facilitates marine events, such as the river dyeing and inspects the vessels that cater to the thousands of visitors who celebrate the event along the Chicago Riverwalk. Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor was present with one of their 29 foot response boats to help keep the public safe and secure. Our Spring D-Train has passed. Of the 22 training sessions that was offered this time, one was the HAZWOPER session. This acronym stands for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response. This course covered the 5 groups that first responders at the minimum awareness level should know.

1. Understand what hazardous substances are and their risks in an incident.
2. Understand potential outcomes of an emergency with hazardous substances.
3. Recognize hazardous substances in an emergency.

4. Be aware of their own surroundings and needs.
5. Notify the communication center appropriately.

On March 4th, celebrating Women's History Month, the Chicago area women in maritime gathered to celebrate women on the water and discuss diversity in the maritime industry. Panelists included Rear Admiral Joanna Nunan, Coast Guard Great Lakes Commander; Commander Zeita Merchant, Commanding Officer of MSU Chicago, and representatives from the tour boats, recreational vessel, and large cargo vessel segments of industry. The Marine Safety Unit Chicago Waterways Division recently amended the Navy Pier Fireworks display area to better maintain safety on the water. The Navy Pier Fireworks Final Rule has been published and will be in effect starting April 3, 2019. This Final Rule adjusts the safety zone to relieve congestion, continue to ensure a safe distance for spectators, and allow the Chicago Lock to remain open during the duration of the fireworks shows held on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

FSO-MS 08 Ron Dziagwa (See PA Report as this report provides the same information)

MT (Member Training), SO (TBD): From DCDR Tim Darrey, We are looking for an interested member to take over this important office. Flotillas 2 and 6 continue their boat crew classes in Des Plaines and Skokie, respectively.

From Flotilla 39-08 FSO-MT Brent Barker Upcoming MT sessions will include the following:* Core training review for new members * Protocol & Etiquette * Uniforms * Vessel Exams

NS (Navigation Systems) SO, Rick McNulty: The Navigation Systems program at D-Train was very informative regarding instruction and procedures in verifying and reporting of Private Aids to Navigation. Chart and Coast Pilot updating was also covered. The larger than expected turnout required the presentation to be moved to a larger conference room which is a good sign for the NS program.

39-02 FSO-NS Report: Vacant FC Charles Herbert Hague – Nothing reported

39-04 FSO-NS Report: Avraham (na) Sigler – Nothing reported

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

39-08 FSO-NS Report: Ronald Walter Dziagwa - Still nothing really to report. Spring just arrived, but our to do list has not as of yet, but remember that anyone can report a discrepancy, but most PATONS are not back in service till 15April. The week 13 update to the 2019 USCG Light List, Volume Seven 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 anytime. 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 or if it is now past the time of the service of that ATON or PATON till 15April. Here is the link: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/corrections/V7D09.pdf>
End of report.

39-10 FSO-NS Report: Vacant FC Brent Janssen Barker – Nothing reported

OP (Operations) Chas Hague: Facility 033 still covered. Tentative plans being made to get it repaired and under way. Operations Workshop to be held 6 April at Generations / Oakton Arms in Des Plaines. Everyone involved in Operations from any Division are invited. Uniform = ODU. Bring gear for inspection. Plans for upcoming season to be disseminated and discussed. A makeup session for those crew who cannot make it to this session will be held, date TBD.

PA (Public Affairs) SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FSO-PA, Barry Jacobson: Stood watch for 4 days during the Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Participated in the Benfold Division of the US Naval Sea

Cadet Annual Review & Inspection Met with Special Events coordinator at Cabela's about PA Displays
Preparing for a special event at Cabela's

Already have the following events scheduled for National Safe Boating Week: Station Wilmette Harbor Open House, Des Plaines Park District Fun Fair, Des Plaines River Canoe Marathon, Cabela's (2 days), Several PA displays at libraries, Bass Pro Shop (2 days), Attending various City Council meetings to receive NSBW Proclamations, Radio interview

39-04 FC, Adam Klein: No report received and still no one appointed as the FSO-PA in his Flotilla, but at least one of their members has in the past and promised in the future to help me out at events.

39-06 FSO-PA, Kimberly Saccaro: Nothing to report other than 39-06 members received an email from me last week regarding several PA event volunteer opportunities in the coming months

39-08 FSO-PA, Ron Dziagwa: The following PA events were held by our Flotilla since my last report;

The Super China Buffet in Norridge is almost always packed with people in their main dining room and again this time was no exception. We were there with our boating and water safety brochures and stuff for the kids. We were also back again at the CiCi's Pizza Buffet in Niles **on another Wednesday for their Kids Special with a paying adult.** At the Old Country Buffet in the Bricktown Square in Chicago, we were there on two more of their "Military Days" this time. We were at both the New China Buffet in Chicago and back at the Super China Buffet in Norridge. We also returned to the McDonald's PlayPlace in Chicago near the North Branch Channel. The first Active Senior Expo this year was held a new location in Naperville in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Attendance was great as was the location

39-10 FC, Brent Barker: No report received and still no one appointed as the FSO-PA in his Flotilla, but while I was attending their meeting, one of their new members was very interested in helping out at events in the future.

095-39 SO-PA, Ron Dziagwa: I am again asking the two FCs in our Division without FSO-PAs to appoint a one in their Flotilla. If your Flotilla has nothing to report, then that's all they would have to email in monthly, but I'm sure they will be able to get at least one member in their Flotilla interested in participating at an event sometime during the year. 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.

PB (Publications) SO Chas Hague: Thirty-Niner distributed early in March. Next issue planned for June, after Safe Boating Week. Members doing NSBW events are encouraged to take pictures and write brief descriptions for publication. Flotillas 39-02 and 39-08 publishing newsletters.

39-08: The cut off date for entries to our First Quarterly Edition of the Chicago Air-Mail should of been 15MAR19. I just again took over the PB office on 18MAR at our Flotilla meeting, when I found out that the member that was appointed to be our new FSO-PB, did not have the time to do it also, since he already had another FSO position. I still plan to somehow get our first edition out of the Chicago Air-Mail to our members NLT 31MAR. Our Flotilla still had events scheduled to the end of the month and I will put something together, although it may be small in content.

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

PV (Program Visitor) SO Ron Dziagwa: 39-02 FSO-PV: No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled. 39-04 FSO-PV: No one was put in that office and it does not have to be filled. 39-06 FSO-PV: No report received. 39-08 FSO-PV: Since the partial government shutdown was over, our Flotilla is back doing at least one Program Visit each day. 39-10 FSO-PV: No report received.

From SO-PV; I am planning to get each FC that does not already have a FSO-PV, to appoint one, even if they are just in training to be one. Being a Program Visitor, I believe the easiest qualification to get and to keep current. Here is how we did last year with a total of 96,200 PV's done Nationally. All 17 Districts/Regions reporting: District 7 came in 1st Place with 24,941 PV's reported. Our 9WR came in 6th Place with 4,907 PV's reported. Our Division 39 is in 1st Place with 1,320 PV's reported in the 9WR, out of the nine Divisions in the 9WR.

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

VE (Vessel Examiner) SO Marc Pullman: Preparations have been made for April 13th blitz at Chicago Yacht Works. We have provided them a virtual safety check to post for their boaters and CYW has set up a registration sheet to schedule VSCs. Flotillas have posted the event and are in the process of recruiting VEs, trainees and members in REYR.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS

Flotilla 39-02: FC Charles Hague, VFC Bridget Darrey: Meeting held on 20 March. Training held on sexual harassment also new Vessel Safety Check procedures and lifejacket markings. Committee formed, and planning started for Safe Boating week. Eight members attended D-Train. Our members did Presentations, and our Flotilla won First Place—recruiting streamer. Next meeting will be held 17 April. Training in proper uniform wear.

Flotilla 39-04: FC: Adam Klein, VFC: Moshe Tishel: 39-04 continues to improve as a Flotilla and the level of members getting re-involved and just the level of renewed fellowship is encouraging and exciting! We had another full meeting this past month with great discussion and participation. Meetings are now live streamed via Facebook for members unable to attend in person. Our four new members; JOSE AGUSTIN MEDRANO JR, NATALIE MARIE AMARO, MATTHEW JOSEPH PRAZNOWSKI, EDWARD ROBERT BROOKS, all received their numbers and are official! We look forward to them completing crew training and advancing in their USCG Aux. Careers. As an added honor our new member Matthew was sworn in again at D-Train by Como. Mullally!

Flotilla 39-06: FC John Lenhard, VFC Daniel O'Connell: 12 members were at the March 21 Flotilla meeting representing a quorum. Several key members were traveling with kids during Spring Break and could not attend. Chiara Awatrammi attended the meeting as a guest following a personal interview at Starbucks with Lenhard a week earlier. Chiara is enthusiastic about joining us and completed an application.

Members were reminded that Introduction to Risk Management LMS on-line Course (100202) must be completed by April 30 for most of us. This includes all FSO's and for most certifications including VE, Boat Crew, Watch Standing, Food Service, Interpreter, CPR provider, etc. That's pretty much everyone. As of this writing, 24 have taken Intro to RM, 11 that need it to maintain their currencies have not taken it, and the remaining 19 members have not taken it but are encouraged to do so. Members were asked to take a look at the Training Management Report on the Bulletin Board to see if they are still "in the Red" for this course.

39-06 ramping up for the season with Boat Crew classes every Saturday, ABS classes March 16, April 6, 13, and 27. Blitzes being planned and to be announced soon. Dan has created several new posters for training room wall describing several of the qualifications and how to get qualified for each.

Several individuals have contacted Bob Mack, FSO-HR for information concerning membership. The Mentoring Committee, chaired by Jay Katzman, is responsible for facilitating assignment of a mentor for each new member who has completed and submitted a membership application. The mentor will work with new members during their first 6 months assisting them as necessary through their Core Training,

ordering of their uniform, and whatever additional guidance they need. Sort of a “go to person” for the new member. If you are interested in being a mentor and helping a new member get up to speed as quickly as possible, please talk to Jay. This is an important place to serve and contribute to the Auxiliary.

Flotilla 39-08: FC Richard Grinius, VFC Ronald Dziagwa: No report from Flotilla 39-08 NOTE: from DCDR and VCDR... We had the opportunity to attend the March meeting of Flotilla 39-08. Richard Grinius is doing a commendable job as the new FC despite recovering from recent hip replacement surgery. A new member was in the process of being recruited and Richard’s twin brother who is a new Auxiliant from California was a guest. There is discussion of relocating the Flotilla back to the O’Hare area. Richard shows great promise to inject new life into a previously challenged unit!

Flotilla 39-10: FC Brent Barker, VFC Joseph Conte: Member participation is increasing. We are seeing a steady increase in meeting attendance, confirmed quorum, etc.

Recruitment efforts are paying off. We inducted one new member (Mark Corter). We're working with other candidates.

Our Spring Boating Class (ABS) is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 3 April. It will run for 6 weeks. (Wednesdays from 19:00 - 21:00)

Several members are responding to the district call for increases in member qualifications. A few examples: Yvette Ocasio is our new IS officer. She has already begun preparing for C-School. I submitted her STTR form, and we are waiting for approval. I'll keep you posted re: the others.

Flotilla staff officers have already submitted their March reports.

I plan to attend the April meeting for Division 39.

END OF AGENDA, STAFF AND FLOTILLA REPORTS