

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
WHITTIER FLOTILLA 170-02-04**
In person at BP Energy Center and via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES FROM November 9, 2022

*Including 2022 information incorporated from the
November FSO written reports in italics*

Call to Order: FC Mark Parmelee called the meeting to order at 1734.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by FC Mark Parmelee

Members Present:

Jim Chase	Rae DeLay	Jason Fink	John Larsen
Russ Lyday	Jared Nelson	Katie Parmelee	Mark Parmelee
Roy Stoddard	Terry Stoddard	Sue Whitney	Skip Widtfeldt

Quorum met: 12 Members present.

Guests: Steven Flanery a former member of the Whittier and Anchorage Flotilla in 2007-2012.

Changes or additions to the agenda: ILead is not ready to be presented at this meeting.

Awards and Recognition:

Jason Fink - Certificate of Training for Public Affairs Officer
Jason Fink - Superior Performance of Duty for his hours of Auxiliary work
Mark is writing up award nominations from our flotilla next year's D-Train

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports: These reports include comments made at the meeting *and written FSO reports for the month.*

FSO-CM: Throughout the summer, status of radio receivers on Pigot and Naked Island were reported to benefit operational facilities. *Fred wrote - Off Season; Annual report: two trips on the upper Kenai with a drift boat and one fishing trip in the Cook Inlet off Happy Valley*

FSO-CS Scott got the Whittier Flotilla website approved and published to the new web system. *Scott wrote - No updates to the website this past month. Please let Scott know if there are any changes or additions you have that could improve the site.*

FSO-DV Yvonne's work was recognized by the flotilla receiving a 2021 Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. This summer she submitted an application to recognize our efforts in 2022.

FSO- FN: Terry reported dues have been collected from all members. We now have 48 members of the flotilla.

FSO-HR Sue wrote - No new membership applications have been processed this past month. For the year, our record isn't much different; nothing has been sent to Juneau for enrollment processing. We've had several interest inquiries, dispersal of information paperwork or responses to questions, and several follow-up attempts by phone or email. Four interests were generated via the AAMS system and its vetting process which now replaces our past online robot system. Two interests were generated by our own members personal outreach and networks. The Auxiliary table at the Air Show produced five interests, though only two of these began to materialize. To date this year, two members have transferred out. Finally, unfortunately, we're also discovering that our auxiliary network, whether related to current membership status or applicant interest, needs to stay wary and alert to bogus public media posts. This may not be just an HR issue.

FSO-IS Jean has been busy all year entering volunteer hours the flotilla members have submitted. At this time over 3,000 hours are shown in AUXDATA 2. Jean wrote - Please give Jean or Katie your remaining hours for 2022 or input them yourself. The end of the year is a busy time for all of us, especially the FSO-IS.

FSO-MA Roy kept up with material requests throughout the year. Roy wrote - Materials department been quite this past month. We are working on our District Training for February, and we will be placing an order for items to be placed in our District Store for purchase at our training. If anyone needs anything ordered please let me know, National Materials Center is working on their end of the year inventory and some items might be unavailable if they are needed quickly.

FSO-MS Until Jennifer Holmes transferred to Florida she offered training in marine safety and led a harbor cleanup in May.

FSO-MT Rae wrote - Aux Mandatory classes are still looming out there for some of us. The Public Library has new software and hardware (computers). I hear the internet has also gotten faster. If anyone wants to meet me at the public library and run through some Aux classes let me know. Flu? Security? Ethics anyone?

FSO-NS Having a boat in Whittier, Dave Bronfman has offered to check the condition of navigational aids out of Whittier.

FSO-OP Bill wrote - Although limited to two facilities and poor weather a lot was accomplished this year. We were able to catch up from the pandemic restrictions, getting 4 Coxswains and 2 crew members recertified. In addition, we had one member certified as a Quality Examiner for District 2 and two members from other flotillas receiving their initial crew certifications. We participated with the Civil Air Patrol in a joint exercise proving their direction-finding techniques were accurate enough to begin surface search plus proving we had good communications between the aircraft and the surface facilities. With the help of Phil Schnering of the Seward Flotilla, we were able to get two coxswains and one crew member certified in night operations. The downside of the summer was the lack of new trainees in the flotilla as well as being one facility short. The goal for the next season is to get more members in the crew training program.

FSO-PA Jason wrote - Contributions to the website. I gave a short training on public affairs is everyone's job. I went to C-School in Florida.

FSO-PE John reported BS&S will finish on Nov. 15 at the BP Energy Center.

FSO-PV Jim Hendley reported - We have completed 41 visits total. There were two new locations. The ones he visited had good displays with plenty of appropriate information. Ashley is the West Marine Manager and was happy with the displays. Dewey's didn't have much to say other than "someone stopped by and checks and tidied up the rack." Cabela's, Bass Pro and Sportsmans Warehouse all had positive comments.. The PV's did a super job.

FSO-SR Katie wrote - We began the year with 5 Zoom only meetings and then converted to hybrid (Zoom plus in person meetings) from June onward. In all there have been 9 meetings with minutes finalized for each of them. Soon we will have all the minutes for 2022 included in our flotilla website.

FSO-VE Russ's program saw 23 the flotilla vessel exams for the year. John Larsen is working on his UPV certification

FSO-Fellowship Katie wrote - Saturday Dec. 10th is our winter party. You can see the invitation in your Nov. meeting invite from Jason. Please RSVP with what you plan to bring so we have a balanced meal and place set for you at the table. Annual Recap: This year we resumed fellowship dinners after our monthly meetings once we returned to meeting in person. Our annual Spring Fellowship in Whittier held at the Caboose deck in May again had sunshine. In July we had a combined farewell and birthday celebration for Jennifer and Bill. Roger organized an 83rd birthday party for the CG AUX on the deck in Whittier in June and again the sun shone. We handed out near 100 pieces of cake to boaters and visitors to Whittier. It was a wonderful chance to celebrate what we stand for and share our mission with the public. We look forward to seeing everyone at our holiday party on Dec. 10th.

FSO-Caboose Jared offers to be in Whittier more often next summer. A lease extension was granted for the caboose. John took charge of improving the look of deck and caboose.

FSO-Rescue and Survival Systems Jim reports that BMC Emmons has provided all of the gear that crewmembers needed to perform crew duties. All equipment is up to date so we should be good to go for next season.

Financial Report:

All dues have been paid. We started with 52 members and end the year with 48 members. There were room rentals and some education expenses this month.

Meeting Minutes:

October 12th Flotilla minutes - No comments or changes.

Approval of October 12 Meeting Minutes and November 9 Financial Report:

- a. Roy Stoddard moved to approve the Minutes and Financial Report.
- b. Seconded by John Larsen
- c. Motion passed

Bulletin Board:

1. Nomination Committee reported that the flotilla is still in need of a VFC for 2023.
2. Feb. 16-17th will have a Leadership Academy in Anchorage.
3. Feb. 16-18 the D-Train will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage.
4. Anchorage Boat Show will be Feb. 17-19 at the Denaina Center so we have several events for flotilla members to attend at the same time.

New Business:

1. Allen Attama, a New York CG Aux member, is requesting help from members to help him move his daughter's belongings to a storage unit in December. Mark has his contact information. Please let Mark know if you are interested in help with this moving operation.
2. The Head of the Bay in Whittier is the location for cruise ship dock planned by Norwegian Cruise line and Totem Alaska. There will not be any impact to the auxiliary operations in the next few years.
3. Mark requests that the Golden Anchor be returned and be presented at the Holiday Party.

Meeting adjourned at 1917 hours.

Fellowship dinner will be at Outback Steak house