

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
WHITTIER FLOTILLA 170-02-04**
Electronic Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES FROM February 9, 2022

Call to Order: FC Mark Parmelee called the meeting to order at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by FC Mark Parmelee

Members Present:

Dave Brubaker	Jim Chase	Yvonne Chase	Rae DeLey
Jason Fink	Jennifer Holmes	John Larsen	Kathy Lyday
Russ Lyday	Katie Parmelee	Mark Parmelee	Scott Parmelee
Roy Stoddard	Terry Stoddard	Fred Voss	Sue Whitney
Skip Widtfeldt			

Quorum met: 17 members present.

Guests: Lynn and Chris Kent (boat in Whittier), Larry Johnson (boat in Cliffside Marina called Sabbatical)

Changes or additions to the agenda: None offered

Awards and Recognition:

- Coast Guard Team Commendation Award stars to add to ribbon. Twenty-nine Members authorized to wear multiple stars with this ribbon.

Past Flotilla Commander Announcement:

- John Larsen has VE decals for 2022

2022 Required Annual Workshops due by June 30, 2022: (See January 25 ALAUX 003/22 email from Coast Guard for links to the workshops).

- Webinar based workshops
 - Surface Operations – all Crew and Coxswains (and trainees). If interested contact Bill Reiter or Dave Brubaker for dates to attend.
 - Telecommunications – Rae and Fred and anyone else with this certification.

- Team Coordination Training – all crew, coxswains, ops trainees and elected officers (it will be given at several sessions with 12 people max. per session) John Larsen will be leading some of the sessions.
- Individually Completed Workshops on-line – Send self attestation form to Jean or Katie when completed to get credit for the workshop.
 - Instructor
 - Vessel Examiner

REWK vs. REYR certification status:

- REWK means that you have not completed the required workshop by June 30, 2022. Before you can use your certification to complete tasks you must complete the workshop.
- REYR means that you did not completed the required tasks to stay current in the previous year. For example if you do not complete the vessel exam workshop then you cannot conduct any vessel exams that year. Therefore your certification has lapsed and you will be treated as a trainee until you take the workshop and required number of vessel exams for previous year before your certification can become current.
- Getting out of REYR requires authorization through your chain of leadership and approval by the DIRAUX office.

Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

See attached written reports.

Marine Safety: Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in becoming qualified in UPV (uninspected passenger vessel) before the boating season.

Public Education: John reported there are 26 interested students for the BS&S class will begin on Feb. 22 via Zoom.

Division/District Reports: Jim Chase (Immediate Past Commodore) reported:

- SB 148 – A bill in Juneau proposing to license boat operators. You can look at the bill on the legislative website.
- The 3-Star Diversity application has been changed. It is not available on-line, Jim will distribute to the Diversity FSOs.

Bulletin Board:

- March 26th at 0800 hours will be the annual dry suit testing at the YMCA at 5353 Lake Otis Blvd. in Anchorage. This event is being coordinated by Roy and Terry Stoddard, contact them with any questions.
- Dockside/shoreside training in April, on-the-water training will be in Homer later this summer.

- April 23 VE (Vessel Examiner) Workshop, was mentioned (note the workshop can be completed individually on-line)
- April 30th VE Event at West Marine
- UPV Program – if interested in getting certified for uninspected passenger vessel exams, contact Jennifer so she can help you get certified before boating season.
- May 21 Whittier VE Day hopefully with a fellowship on the porch of the Caboose.
- Currently the untucked ODU uniform is the only ODU that is permitted. If you still are wearing a tucked ODU uniform then contact Roy to order the untucked version.

Regular Business:

Financial Report: Terry discussed finance activity for January. The only expense was 4 cases of books purchased for BS&S class. The 2021 final report has been finalized and sent to the DSO.

Meeting Minutes: Katie presented the draft January meeting minutes. Kathy Lyday stated that she was present at the January meeting but not reflected on the attendees list.

Approval of Financial Report and Minutes:

- *Jennifer moved to approve the Jan. Financial Report and Meeting minutes with the addition of Kathy's name.*
- *Seconded by Yvonne.*
- *Motion passed*

New Business:

D-train Training: Feb.25-27 via zoom, there is no change. The Zoom links will be forthcoming. You are encouraged to attend any of the excellent classes on Saturday and Sunday. Look at Feb. 22nd email from Christina Newell to see the agenda and Zoom links.

D-train silent auction item: The Flotilla 2 items will be 1.) A basket of Gift Cards and 2.) A basket of items for rock fishing, for a total cost of about \$150. Jennifer offered to take the items to the winners if they live where she flies.

Natural Disaster Phone Tree: Will implement after Saturday training at D-Train.

March 30th Awards Ceremony for Whittier Flotilla: ~~The DIRAUX staff will be here in person to present awards to flotilla members. We hope to include a social event with the ceremony. The time, date and location will be a separate announcement.~~ (Since the meeting we have learned March 30th will not work.)

April 30th VE at West Marine: This will be a good opportunity to get trained. In addition to vessel examiners we may need volunteers for traffic control. Jason is working on publicity for the event.

Special Member Training:

Marine Safety: Jennifer presented the steps required to obtain certification for MSAM (Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist) and MEES (Auxiliary Outreach Prevention Specialist). The outreach programs include Sea Partner, Good Mate from Ocean Conservancy, and Americas Waterways Watch. See the attached slides for the required steps. If you are interested in obtaining these certifications, contact Jennifer (FSO-MS) for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 1830 hours.