



## Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2015

Meeting was preceded by desserts. Thanks to all for the treats!

**Meeting was called to order** by FC Roz Butziger at 7 pm

VFC Karen Caron led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

We especially thought of Doug Henson and Janet St. Jean.

**Those attending:** Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Bob Van Herpe, Mary Quinn, Steve O'Rourke, Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Davis, Gary Davis, Don Bailey, Derek Robert, Charlie Jenison, Paul Marcaccio, Tom Wilcox, Debbie Pass, Normand Caron, Karen Caron, David Butziger, Ken Shallcross, Irving Wood, Robert Misenor, Ray Young

(Others just for training at end of meeting)

**Guests:** Tim O'Brien, Bob Bagaranian,

**FC** – There was no Division meeting this month. Roz presented the flag designed and hand-painted by Maureen Van Herpe. They are for sale to members only at \$10 to use when on our moorings. If you don't have a flag it is suggested that you carry your Auxiliary membership card. The Portsmouth Harbor Patrol will be checking for people illegally using our moorings. There were several who refused to move, and one even said he was a police officer and had permission from the "main office". The real police have been notified. If this happens to you, take pictures and get numbers.

**FSO/SR** – Minutes of last meeting- July- were approved as emailed.

**FSO/FN** –Norm Caron passed out the written report. He has the list of members owing dues here, so do see him before the meeting is over and give him a check if you have not yet done so. After Sept 1 there has to be a late fee of \$10 assessed.

**VFC** Karen Caron called upon Staff:

**FSO/HR** (Human Resources/Personnel) Mary Quinn introduced our guests, Tim O'Brien, Bob Bagarianian from 07-02, and our newest member, Ray Young who is from our winter BS&S class. Mary set a Get Well card to Janet St. Jean as she recuperates in physical therapy rehab. She reported we have 56 members. Mark and Sandra Crowe have just passed their security clearance, so the bottle-neck appears to be starting to break! Mary and Mike are working with potential members and meeting with them at the headquarters Tuesday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

**FSO/PE** (Public Education) \_ Nick said Glenn was in contact with the marina and working on setting up a GPS class and perhaps a youth safety class.

**FSO/PA** (Public Affairs) Glenn and Meg have contacted the Warwick Beacon and we will be writing an article for them each week with a trivia question. We are sending them samples next week. The flotilla Facebook page has been resurrected. Go on our page and like and share! **USCG Auxiliary North Star Flotilla 013-07-06.**

**FSO/VE** (Vessel Examiner) Derek Robert said he has been in contact with some of the VE's about getting in the 5 required Vessel Exams and reporting them on the 7038 forms. There are several people in REYR and he will be contacting them regarding their interest in the program going forward. The season is continuing well. He passed decals to VEs who needed extras.

**FSO/MT** (Membership Training) David Butziger held a session of the Mandatory Training courses: Civil Rights Awareness, including the PowerPoint, at the end of the meeting. He will be holding training sessions as we go along. Crew training on the water is continuing for new members and he will be coordinating with Charles Jenison in Operations.

**FSO/MS** (Marine Safety) Gary said some in the Division are doing Harpats and if anyone wants to join them, let him know. Uniform of the day is ODUs and black boots. VE's should remember that we have a supply of marine safety information to pass out when they do Vessel Safety Checks.

**Social Coordinator-** Derek reported that we would be having a Potter Cove Rendezvous in September after the Newport Boat show weekend and a hayride possibly at Oakdale Farms in Rehoboth with dinner

in October. November will be a bowling event and a Change of Watch in December. He will get out information on the rendezvous and hayride very soon.

**FSO/OPS** (Operations) Charles reported on the reduced annual rendezvous. There were several boats out of commission this month, and we look forward to having all back joining in the fun in the future. Some were in Newport for overnight, then to Mystic Seaport, on the Montauk, and finally Block Island. Weather was good. Pictures to follow.

Working with new members and other trainees to get them crew qualified. Has a list of members who need more hours and will send status of crew and coxswain training.

**FSO/PV** (Program Visitor) Bob Misenor reported information is getting out to merchants.

**FSO/CM** (Communications) Bob Van Herpe is putting up a flagpole with the antenna on top. Will be done soon.

**FSO/IS** (Information Services) Mike is in Pennsylvania and will report next month, but he is still keeping up with all the data. Report your hours to him. Don't let them pile up!

**OLD BUSINESS-** Enjoy our new TV! Bob Van and Nick installed it. It also has internet access so it can be used as a computer. It debuts tonight with the training presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Nick reminded VE's and others that launch operators at marinas and yacht clubs need a license, and need to be in a drug program.

Roz appointed a nominating committee for next year's elected officers. The committee will consist of Bob Van Herpe, Glenn Rosera and David Butziger.

**GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY:** Derek was doing VE in Wickford and found very sloppy VE checks. There was no legible name on form so no way to contact the examiner. Remember to be meticulous when doing VE's. We have no way to police what the Power Squadron may be doing on VE's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Mandatory training: Civil Rights Awareness

