



North Star Flotilla Meeting - Thursday August 9, 2012

Attendance:

Enis Pardi, Bob Pardi, Roz Butziger, Nick Butziger, Mike Quinn, Mary Quinn, Bob Van Herpe, Charles Jenison, Irving Wood, Garth Dudley, Gary Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Scott Gardner, Dick Boldt, Doug Henson

Guest: Sue Fredericks, who found our flotilla on a National website

FC Bob Van Herpe called the meeting to order at 7 pm with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for departed members

Div VC Charles Jenison reported on the flotilla involvement with the arrival of the Eagle in Newport. Charles welcomed people at the gate, Nick managed the arrival of dignitaries and Mike patrolled. Afterwards Charles was invited to a special dinner on the deck of the Eagle. Charles also reported that Auxiliarists can go through special training and serve as navigator on board the Eagle!

Staff Reporting to FC

FSO/SR-Debbie Anderson emailed out the July meeting minutes. They were accepted as emailed.

FSO/FN – Garth said 19 members still need to send in their dues to avoid the late payment. People who do not send in their dues soon should remember we are under new rules now and they may be disenrolled. Please hurry. Send a check made out to North Star Flotilla for \$55. if a single member, or \$85 for a couple. Send it to:

Garth Dudley

225-4 Main Channel

Warwick, RI 02889

Please hurry! We don't want to lose you!

VFC Bob Pardi called for his staff reports:

FSO/PE – Roz stated that one kids' course had been given with one more coming. Also, Bob Pardi taught a PEC for some people from the fire department and guests, including the police chief. This was a State Course. If anyone knows of any other group wanting a summer PEC, please call me.

VE – absent. Bob Van has completed his requirements, but Derek needs to send a letter to get Bob Van out of REYR.

FSO/MT – Nick gave training on Best Practices in Fog Conditions, including a radar demonstration, and review of rafting. Dick Boldt reminded people if you are rafting sailboats, don't line them up perfectly or the spreaders might hit. Nick showed how to hook your radio up to the GPS. "Data in" on the radio and "Data out from the GPS. *If lat-long is displayed on your radio, you are connected.*

MMSI # is free! <http://www.boat.us.com/MMSI/> Remember – if you sell your boat, take the radio or go onto the site and change registration to the new owner, or you will be libel! He wants to set up Ops training on the water for Wed nights. More to follow. Also, go to our website, hit the UPV button, print it out and give the information to anyone who has a captain's license. Gary added that all VE's should carry UPV information.

FSO/MS – Gary said people can do land patrols, and interested members can go with them to learn. People do find things this way. The Pollution Responder Course at MSO Providence did hands-on collection sampling pollution. Responders go in Govt vehicles looking for sheen, ground spills etc.

FSO/OP – Nick said patrols are going along, but we need more boats inspected. Bob Van Herpe's paperwork still is not recorded. Mike said he will look into it right away. Then they can do two-boat training on patrol. Nick mentioned some members are planning an informal rendezvous at Potter Cove this coming three day weekend. Some boat crew members do not have enough hours because their patrol was not put into POMs. Let's keep current on our paperwork. Nick will facilitate getting the Red Gypsy patrol hours recorded.

FSO/HR – Mary introduced a prospective member, Sue Farnsworth, and is in contact with several prospective members. She has invited them to join us at a meeting, and has also contacted our summer PE students.

FSO/AN – Bob Pardi mentioned that most of the Aids to Navigation reporting this summer so far is being done by one or two people. We need to get others involved. The Division has a new GPS for anyone to use on PATON or ATON patrol. You can do this on a boat or even driving to marinas etc. A great program for anyone to get involved in.

FSO/IT – Mike has the website up to date. Send him pictures of events or patrols, etc.

FSO/ MAT – Mike reported he has stickers and 500 Federal Regulations booklets. He has MDV stickers also.

FSO/IS – Mike projected up the members' reports and explained how to read them. Emphasized the importance of doing your hours and staying out of REYR. Many people have to get involved with paperwork to get you reinstated. Easier to just keep up with your hours. And – reporting your hours!!!

FSO/COMS – Doug had no formal report, but lots of coms this past weekend with the Eagle in town. Roger-WILCO-over and out, good buddy.

Old Business: Shipwreck Party!! Sat. Sept 22 with Sun as a rain date at Bob and Maureen Van Herpe's house. 146 Pray Hill Rd Chepachet. We voted on a pig roast. Bob will get a flier out right away. Bring family and friends and get ready for a great time! There is a minimum number of people, but if we do not get 30 people, it will be a steak fry instead. Same time, same place. AND – we have to give the count well before the event, so get your tickets early!

New Business:

Mary said there is an opportunity to take the Aux Chef course and then be qualified to cook at a Coast Guard station.

Mike made a motion to send \$25. To Hospice in memory of John Kellam, a former member who passed away. Seconded by Roz. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.