



## Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2015

Meeting was preceded by a wonderful Potluck dinner. Thanks to all for the great dishes and desserts!

**Meeting was called to order** by VFC Karen Caron at 7 pm

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

We especially thought of Doug Henson who passed away and Janet St. Jean rehabbing from a stroke and Nick Butziger who was hospitalized.

**Those attending:** Mary & Mike Quinn, Steve O'Rourke, Elizabeth & Gary Davis, Don & Marie Bailey, Derek Robert, Charles Jenison, Tom Wilcox, Debbie Pass, Normand & Karen Caron, David Butziger, Ken Shallcross, Irving Wood, Robert Misenor, Ray Young, Jim & Cyndi Robert, Donna Bagdasarian, Tim O'Brien, Don and Debra Anderson & Richard Booth

**Guests:** Bob Bagdasarian who is transferring from 07-02, Nancy Shallcross, Mike & Molly Murphy and a Marine Science Technician with the Coast Guard Makio Tazawa.

**FC – FC Roz Butziger** was absent. There were no Division awards this month. Division is still looking for watch standers for the Newport Boat Show.

**FSO/SR** (Secretary) Minutes of last meeting- August- were approved as emailed.

**FSO/FN –** (Finance) Norm Caron passed out the written report which was approved.

**VFC Karen Caron** called upon Staff:

**FSO/HR** (Human Resources/Personnel) Mary Quinn introduced our guests and recognized our 2 newest members Donna Bagdasarian and Ray Young. Matt Choyce also received his member number but was unable to attend. She reported we have 59 members and 5 more including guests Mike and Molly Murphy. Mary and Mike are working with potential members and meeting with them at the headquarters as people are available.

**FSO/PE** (Public Education) Nick Butziger was absent but he had asked Mike Quinn to forward our winter course information to the Division to be given out at the Newport Boat Show.

**FSO/PA** (Public Affairs) From Glenn's contact at the Warwick Beacon we (Roz) will be writing an article each week with a trivia question and the first one was today! It's free and great advertising for the flotilla. Mike will also post the trivia question and answer on our website. Check it out in the Beacon or online at [www.warwickonline.com](http://www.warwickonline.com). Check out our Facebook page and like and share! **USCG Auxiliary North Star Flotilla 013-07-06.**

**FSO/VE** (Vessel Examiner) Derek Robert said that although VE's have slowed there are still people asking for them to be done. See him if you need help getting in the 5 required Vessel Exams and reporting them on the 7038 forms. People in REYR have been contacted regarding their interest in the program going forward.

**FSO/MT** (Membership Training) David Butziger held a session of the Mandatory Training courses before the meeting on Influenza and the course on Ethics and Personal Gifts after the meeting. Next month he will be holding another training session. The mandatory training extension was explained so the newest members would be aware of the requirements. Crew training on the water is continuing for new crew members and he will be coordinating with Charles Jenison in Operations.

**FSO/MS** (Marine Safety) Gary Davis explained to the new members and guests what Marine Safety is all about and highlighted some of the programs they can get involved in. Everyone should make an effort to pick up trash in the water to help keep the Bay and Ocean waters clean and safe.

**Social Coordinator-** Derek Robert is still looking into a Potter Cove Rendezvous before boats come out of the water. The hayride possibly at Oakdale Farms in Rehoboth with dinner in October is not looking good. He is looking at a possible trip to Mystic Seaport for the exhibit "Ships, Clocks and Stars – The quest for Longitude" and dinner out at Latitude 41 restaurant on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. November will still be a bowling event and a Change of Watch in December. He will get out information as soon as he knows more.

**FSO/OPS** (Operations) Charles Jenison reported he is working with new members and other trainees to get them crew qualified and current crew members to get their hours done. He has scheduled patrols for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> for those purposes. He reported two people should be ready for their check rides. Congratulations to Elizabeth Davis on attaining her crew qualification!

**FSO/PV** (Program Visitor) Bob Misenor reported visits are ongoing and explained the program to new members and guests. There has been an increase in fatal boating accidents all over the country this year. We need to connect with the boating public wherever we can.

**FSO/CM** (Communications) Bob Van Herpe a flagpole for the building has been purchased and the radio antenna will be put on top.

**FSO/IS** (Information Services) Mike reminded people to report their hours. He explained to the new members and guests what can happen if the hours aren't reported and are in the right categories. Programs can be defunded as the ATON program almost was several years ago. He also briefly reviewed our website [www.northstarflotilla.com](http://www.northstarflotilla.com) and mentioned the Google calendar section to find out on-going happenings in the flotilla.

**FSO/NS** (Navigation Systems) Mike briefly explained the program and reported that of the ATONS that need to be verified each year, only 15 are left. All of the bridges have been completed. He explained the NOAA chart update program and how you can get recognized for your chart updates. District 1NR (1 Northern Region) is first in the country for updating with our own Division 7 first in the district. Mike is second in the division in the number of chart updates. Great job as always Mike!

**OLD BUSINESS-** Charles Jenison reported from the nominating committee on the Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander positions up for election in October. The candidates are Karen Caron for FC and David Butziger for VFC. Please come to the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting! We need a quorum for the vote to be valid. If you only attend one meeting in the year, let it be this one!

**NEW BUSINESS-** None

**GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm