



Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2011

Meeting was preceded by a pizza, pasta, and salad supper with pot luck desserts.

Meeting was called to order by FC Nick Butziger with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Those attending: Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Bob Van Herpe, Maureen Van Herpe, Mike Quinn, Steve O'Rourke, Bill Landry, Doug Henson, Joyce Scotto, Gary Davis, Anthony Caetano, Derek Robert, Charlie Jenison, Eric Paradis, Maryanne Moran, Debbie Pass, Tom Wilcox

Guests: Don Anderson, Debbie Anderson, Joyce Antonacci, Peter Antonacci, Gus Santos, Steve Rayhill, Mary Rayhill, Austin Paradis, Steven Quinn, Kathryn Quinn, Jesse LaBonte

IPFC, and Div Vice Commander Charlie Jenison presented awards from Division not previously given out:

(Some received awards at the Division Change of Watch)

Awards to:

Gary Davis for over 50 hours in Marine Safety Programs

Mike Quinn for over 50 hrs as coxswain, over 50 hrs underway, as Lighthouse Keeper, and 50 hrs in public affairs.

Maryanne Moran for becoming AUXOP, for 63 hours underway, 50 hrs as crew, And 10 years in the CG Auxiliary, 72 hrs boat operations, 300 hours CG missions

Derek Robert for over 50 Vessel Safety Checks in 2010

Nick Butziger for being third in MT for the District, for being third in the District for Instructor hours, for over 750 hours of service, 50 hrs in Marine Safety, 32 hrs lead instructor, 50 hrs coxswain

FC swore in Anthony Caetano and Eric Paradis. Congratulations and welcome!

FC swore in Doug Henson as FSO/Coms. Congratulations.

FC – Report on Division Meeting

In January we received Most Outstanding Flotilla. If we want it again, we have to get in our hours. PE hours are turned in by the PE officer, but put in all other hours, time studying, travel, preparing reports, etc. Mike will be reminding you of this too.

FSO/SR – Minutes of last meeting were approved as emailed. There was no March meeting due to so many members being involved with PEC two nights a week already.

North Star Flotilla received a donation in memory of Charles Jenison's father, Lester Jenison, an avid boater, from RISD team of Calvert Middle School, in Central Falls. Thank you very much. We are sending a note of thanks.

FSO/FN –Garth is in Florida (as are so many) He sent in his written report

VFC – Bob Van Herpe called upon Staff:

FSO/PE (Public Education) Roz reported two of our three classes have been completed with 21 graduates in BS&S and 4 in Sail, with 4 still to take the exam. (As of this date one more took it and passed). Gary Davis gave a presentation on AM Waterways Watch and Bill Anderson gave a talk on Boating Concerns – Receiving a commercial tow, Salvage etc Thanks to all Instructors and Proctors for their wonderful teaching, tutoring, correcting, and much more.

All RI DEM applications have been mailed in and the students should be receiving their State cards soon (I am told they already received them.)

We ran a 1 lesson Youth course – safety rules, parts of the boat, knots. If you know of any youth groups looking for an evening's program, this is a good way to get into teaching. We have coloring books, kids' handouts, little projects etc. If you let us know the age group, Gary and I can design some lessons and handouts for you. Several members can do it together.

Advanced Coastal Navigation continues here at the hdqrts every Monday night through May with 19 students. Nick can use help.

Our BS&S Summer course starts Thursday June 2. It runs Mondays and Thursdays 7 – 9:30 for four weeks. Dick Boldt and Joe St. Jean lead that course, but we should come down and give them support when we can, especially with the charting and marlinspike.

We will need to do a good job getting out the word. I want to put signs at the head of each dock.

Maureen will get the announcements out too. Any other ideas?

FSO/VE (Vessel Examiner) Derek Robert said Vikki Lee Morin would like help with her VSC's. Derek plans to do these himself, as well as other VSC's. He has his name and number out on cards for the public. Paul Marcaccio's Power Squadron status was accepted so he just has to do his 5 for this year. Doug Henson will be glad to travel anywhere to do them. Please let him know people who want them done.

Charlie Jenison said Flotilla 72 is planning a VE Day at Brewer's Cove Haven Marina on May 21 and request VE's to go and help. Power Squadron will be on hand also for this joint operation.

If anyone wants to become a VE, let him know and he will arrange to take them on safety checks, after their open book test online.

He has the flotilla's allotment of stickers for the year.

Bob asked him to set up VSC's for other members soon so they can do their 5 and more.

Nick asked Derek to send 5 stickers to each of our flotilla VE's right away.

FSO/AN (ATON) - Bob Pardi reports we had wonderful participation from the members of this flotilla. Bob will update the hours on his list at this time. We have members also who did PATONs (private aids to navigation). A new training session will be offered by Mike Quinn on May 4 at 7 pm at Kent County Hospital – in the green building. Both experienced and those wishing to become qualified ATON verifiers are encouraged to attend. Also training for bridge patrols.

FSO/COMS (Communications) Doug Henson explained the three stages of Coms training – depending on what you wish to become involved in.

1. AuxCom course – all theory
2. TCO – Telecommunications operator- can operate a Coast Guard station responding to distress. Extensive training.
3. Support emergencies, pass 100, 200, 210, 700 etc
4. You can even stand watch at a Coast Guard Station, but that requires a considerable commitment of time and training. It is very rewarding.

There is also the new DART – Distress assistance response training with land-based drills.

FSO/HR (Human Relations)- Welcome our guests: Don and Debbie Anderson, Steve and Mary Rayhill, Gus Santos, Joyce and Peter Antonacci – esteemed graduates – with honors – from our BS&S course.

FSO/MT (Membership Training)- Done at the end of the meeting. Lost in the Fog exercise
Maneuvering Boards.

FSO/MS (Marine Safety) Gary said the PaddleSmart presentation will be done at the next meeting. Harbor Patrols (HARPATs) are good to get into. Don Sullivan will go through the process with anyone who wants to do this. Call him 9-5 Mon – Fri. You need to wear ODU's with boots. Coast Guard often goes along.

FSO/MV (Marine Dealer Visitation)-Absent, but reports that things are going well. Nick and David met with Benny's Corporate Mgr. and were well received. Stores have asked for more. To get into this program, just read a booklet, take a test and do a couple of visits with a qualified visitor. Just ask, and set up a box at places you normally go. Crow's Nest, boating store, etc. Anywhere!

Social Coordinator- Maureen Van Herpe reported we had a very successful Seal Watch Outing on March 20, with 21 people attending. Great weather, lots of seals, and nice refreshments at the Newport Yacht Club afterwards. She showed a powerpoint of the outing.

She is soliciting any requests or ideas for spring events. Thinking about a May rendezvous in Potter Cove, and going to a PawSox game. Box seats \$11.00. Also a Shipwreck Party in September, and a trip to Newport Playhouse for dinner, play and cabaret on a Friday night, \$34. per person all inclusive. She will get out information soon on all these.

FSO/OPS (Operations)Will work with Social coordinator on Potter Cove Rendezvous .

FSO/IS (Information Services) Mike gave training on the use of online forms. Now get your hours in.

FSO/MAT (Materials)

OLD BUSINESS- The Division Change of Watch has been changed to an Awards Dinner. No Brass – just a get together. January 14, 2012. Save the evening.

NEW BUSINESS- Flotilla 72 is having a Safe Boating Day May 21 and would like help giving safety checks from our flotilla as well as from the Power Squadron. A nice joint program. Charlie Jenison will send out something on that.

GOOD OF AUXILIARY: ACN class every Monday night. Please remove and fold tablecloths, put up two more tables, leave out only 20 chairs, turn tables 45 degrees.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15