

Flotilla Meeting June 25, 2011

Attendees: Bob Van Herpe, Maureen Van Herpe, Shirley Dudley, Garth Dudley, Bill Anderson, David Siesel, Doug Henson, Nick Butziger, Donald Anderson, Debbie Anderson, Mike Quinn, Mary Quinn, Roz Butziger, Charles Jenison, Richard Gallipeau

Guests – Kathryn Quinn, Steven Quinn, Sam Gallipeau, Sharon Gallipeau

A cookout at the Flotilla building preceded the meeting. Thanks to all who helped with the cookout.

The meeting was called to order at 1710

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for departed members was observed by all present.

Mike Quinn introduced our new members, Don and Debbie Anderson.

May minutes were accepted as presented.

PS - Mary states we have 54 members and 2 members in AP status, 6-7 emails were sent out to attendees of our PE class to invite people to join us at the meeting but there have been no replies yet.

There is also one possible new member who would be a transfer from a Flotilla in Massachusetts.

FN – Garth read the treasurers report.

FC– Nick reported on the last Division Meeting; The Everbridge has been discontinued for the Division.

Division will now be paying for refreshments at the Division Meetings rather than rotating the costs through each Flotilla.

This year's Change of Watch will now be considered a social gathering and awards night, because there will be no new officers sworn in.

Awards: Congratulation to our members who received awards, ribbons, or stars for their ribbons.

Members in attendance receiving awards were: Bill Anderson (60 hours Coast Guard mission), David Siesel (Marine Safety Ribbon), Nick Butziger (Marine Safety Ribbon), Nick Butziger (40 year service ribbon).

ATONS : Several Flotilla Members received The Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, and its accompanying ribbons. The recipients at the meeting were: Bill Anderson, Garth Dudley, Shirley Dudley, Doug Henson, David Siesel, and Bob VanHerpe. Nick Butziger and Mike Quinn received a star to add to their existing ribbons. The Flotilla members expressed great appreciation for Mike's successful effort to insure that all of the ATON verifiers were recognized for their hard and accurate work in this important program.

Public Education – Summer BS&S Classes are held Mon. & Thurs. Thanks to Dick Bolt and Joe St. Jean for teaching this class. The last class is June 30th.

Winter PE classes will begin Jan. 30, 2012, and will continue for 16 sessions. Probably will be the same cost as last year, except to pass on the increase in cost for charts. Discussion: contacting marinas to put PEC information on their websites. Charlie will check with our home marina.

Discussion: A Warwick Boy Scout troop is interested in taking a state certification class. S&R Narragansett wants a course. More information will be gathered.

Discussion: possibly doing other mini courses (radar, GPS, nav.)

VE - Charlie and Eric Paradis did 7-8 VE's today. Sunday is apparently a better day to do VE's than Saturdays. Mike has more VE stickers.

It is vitally important to turn in an accounting of how many have been accomplished, and to report your hours!

MD – David Siesel – Reported that anyone can qualify for this designation, but each member needs to take an online exam to be qualified. Maureen has a meeting with Benny's in Smithfield to possibly display information. The General Manager of Dick's Sporting Goods is working with corporate level to get approval for a display. There is also a possible contact at Job Lot to display information.

Operations – Anyone going on a patrol needs an ODU or some other approved Auxiliary uniform.

Nick reminded the attendees that Mike goes out on Wednesday nights for ATON patrols.

Some members need to re-qualify for crew/coxswain –Mike will send out email to those members.

Bill Anderson wants to go on patrol with his boat.

Nav. Systems – Mike said the Thursday workshop was well attended, including 12 from the Northstar Flotilla.

PATONS – the computer listing has been modified so that a mouse click on the Aid name brings up not only information about the Aid, but also a Google map of the Aid's location. Currently, about 40 to 50 PATONS have been verified of the 143 total due for this area this year.

Bridges – Mike reported that they are about 50% completed.

IS – Reports will be sent out. Re-qualify, etc.

Nick reemphasized the importance of submitting 7029's for all time spent on CG work, or in planning for accomplishing such work.

Communications – Doug Henson did a presentation on Radio Communications.

New Business – 2012 dues must be sent to Higher Headquarters by July 1. If you have not paid your dues by June 30, you must add a \$1.00 late fee to whatever dues you owe.

Social – Discussion for flotilla members get -together this summer/early fall. Maureen will check several options and send out emails regarding plans for the get-together.

Training – Nick; Federal requirements for all recreational boaters.

The bowline knot was practiced.

Respectively Submitted

Shirley Dudley