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North Star Flotilla Banner

Flotilla Commander Rosalind Butziger called the meeting May 15, 2014 at 7:25 pm to order after fellowship of a Pot Luck Supper.

**Members present:** Derek Robert, Bob Misenor, Charlie & Vanessa Jenison, Roz, Nick and David Butziger, Glenn Rosera, Mike & Mary Quinn, Normand & Karen Caron, Gary &Elizabeth Davis, Don Anderson, Dick Boldt, Bob Van Herpe, Maryann Moran, Irving Wood.

**Guests:** Steven & Katherine Quinn and Glenn Hanna

**Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence for departed members & veterans.**

**Flotilla Commander Report:** A piece for a quilt celebrating the 75thanniversary of the Auxiliary wassigned by all members present.

Thanks to 11 Watch standers: Carons, Misenor, Woody, Charles, Chandler, Don Anderson, Steve O, Dave B, Dave S, Roz

Thanks to Derek for another great event- Wright’s Farm -21 members gathered for a wonderful dinner

Big Day – June 14 – Lt Cdr Fred Seaton, Director of Auxiliary- visiting with us all day. Must have ALL VE’s, and everyone else in uniform. Need people to walk the docks, man the cell phones and radios, sign up boats, enter data, make burgers, etc. VE’s from other flotillas will be participating as well.

This will take the place of our regular June meeting. It was decided to have Hot dogs and Burgers for workers at lunch.. A donation jar will be put to defray the cost for non-flotilla members.

STEAK FRY at 6 pm – Just North Star people – meeting at 7 pm. Glenn in charge of the steaks. The flotilla will pay for the steaks.

Air Ops Phil Cox will do training, along with our SAR training, to prepare us for next big day – SAR Day- Sat July 19.

Questions on VE Day were discussed:

How should we handle those at the other Brewer’s marinas who want VSCs?

Put on Another VE day for them (but no steak fry meeting etc.). No, however include Cowesett marina on VE Day primarily by sending over the other flotilla participants and taking names and telephone numbers for later. An email address was set up by David Butziger (vsc@northstarflotilla.com) where Brewer members can sign up before the event so we have an estimate of VE’s needed on that day. Karen Caron to co-ordinate an email with Adam Plante at Brewers to be sent out prior to the event.

Calendars – consult them. Tammy sent them.

Thanks to the staff who attended the Staff Meeting Mon May 5. Karen, Norm, Dave, Glenn, Roz, Nick, Tammy, Charles, Mike, Exciting plans.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of the April meeting accepted as e-mailed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Accepted as presented.

**(VFC) Vice Flotilla Commander’s Report: Glenn Rosera**

**Staff Report:**

**(PE) Public Education:**  –Nick ACN Continues, June PEC starting

**(PA) Public Affairs:** – Karen Caron ass’t PE – Alan of Brewer’s sending out great PR for our courses and VE Day

**(VE) Vessel Examination:** – Bob Pardi Absent. Written report emphasized VE Day as well as the two Game Nights to promote VE. More later.

**Membership Training:** – David Butziger – Crew & Coxswain training Monday nights. COMs training tonight with simulated radio calls. Also some SAR Training on Sierra search pattern.

**(OP) Operations:** – Charles Jenison – Reviewed the upcoming Air Show. Materials to lend to facilities on patrol. 76 has obtained:

2 heaving lines, 3 rain jackets, 4 whistles, 3 mirrors, 2 dye markers and 6 inflatable cartridges for PFD’s

Mike, our materials officer, will have these to lend facilities doing patrols. Posting on website.

SAR Day coming July 19 – Saturday. We will learn different SAR patterns, use good Coms, and try air to surface direction. Save July 12th for the Training Day at Castle Hill. Flyer on event to follow.

**(PV) Marine Dealer Visitation:** Derek Robert – Program up and running. Certificates in backroom, will check on window decals.

**Social Coordinator:** –Derek Robert – Next event May 24 Potter Cove Rendezvous.

**(MS) Marine Safety:** – Gary Davis – Spotting oil pollution on your travels – call it in. One of the Coast Guard‘s mission is Marine Environmental protection. Get out the word especially about using biodegradable cleaning products. Talk up the Good Mate program on VEs. Putting out pamphlets for VE Day, and we’ll have members to answer questions.

**(PS) Personal Services: -** Mary Quinn – Prospective member/visitor - Glenn Hanna. New members – Jim and Cynthia Robert received their numbers. Contact has been made with 2 other perspective members.

**Communications:**  – Bob Van Herpe – will laminate boat coms cards. Radio net starts next month. More in email to follow.

**(MA) Materials/(IS) Information Systems:**  - Mike Quinn-Reviewed how to update your qualifications/areas of specialty – medical, welding, anything in AUXDATA. He also gave a demo on Online Skills Bank or 7028 Change of member info and reviewed the forms available on the website www.northstarflotilla.com. Coast Guard budget has been cut again and they will be looking for Auxiliary members to help out.

**(NS) Navigation Systems:** – Mike Quinn reviewed the process of changing the Jamestown Bridge designation on the chart updates. Over half of the bridges have been reviewed in just 2 patrols.

**Old Business:** Discussed the flooring options for the backroom area, cost, usage, etc. Bob Misenor has a roll of linoleum left from a project and is willing to donate it to the flotilla. Members accepted the offer. Bob Van Herpe will head up the installation. We will need a work party to install the floor and antenna before the VE Day.

**New Business:** –none

**Good of the Auxiliary:** –none

**Adjournment: 9:00pm**