



## **Minutes for North Star Flotilla Meeting Thursday July 14, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm with Pledge of allegiance and Moment of Silence for departed members.

In attendance: Maryanne Moran, Mary Quinn, Mike Quinn, Richard Boldt, Joe St. Jean, Douglas Henson, Joyce Scotto, Derek Robert, Enis Paridi, Robert Pardi, Debra Anderson, Donald Anderson, Eric Paradis, Roz Butziger, Nick Butziger

FC Nick Butziger presented District and Sector Awards

Derek Robert – PATON and VSC  
Maryanne Moran – AUXOP and PATON  
Bob Pardi – PATON  
Rosalind Butziger – 40 years Service

FSO/ HR – Mary Quinn reported Bob Freidman transferred into North Star Flotilla. She has several more prospective members in the works, including Chuck Stengel, whom she is contacting

FSO/PE – Roz Butziger reported the Summer PEC had 22 graduates of the RI Safe Boating course, including 18 graduates of the BS&S course. Thanks to Dick Boldt and Joe St Jean who did the bulk of the teaching, with some of the lessons by Nick. Nick also taught a course for the Coventry Firefighters, and will be teaching one for the Sea Scouts. A one lesson PEC will be taught at a summer camp at RISE Gymnastics.

FSO/VE – Derek Robert said there have been 116 VSC's completed already with more on the way. He has decals and passed out some to any who needed them.

FSO/COMs – Doug Henson showed all a pamphlet with HF Channels, distress calls etc. Have the booklet aboard and follow proper procedures. Channel 24 has an automatic radio check (Your own voice will come back to you so you can actually hear just how your radio sounds at that time).

Operations – Many are up for their 3 year qualification. Nick has emailed all of them. Frank Cotter said more people are needed for Swin the Bay on Sat July 23.

We need more of our boats inspected and out on patrol! We have 5 Coxswains – Nick Butziger, Mike Quinn, David Butziger, Joe St Jean, Don Bailey. Carolyn Belmore has not sent paperwork for Joe in a timely manner from the Cape Office, so he is still waiting for that before he can go out.

FSO/NS – Bob Pardi said we did such a great job last year, we need to get out there this year. Can do it on patrol or not on patrol, but do it! About 10 North Star members attended the ATON/PATON workshop put on by Mike Quinn. Derek volunteered to do the Assonet Bridge Mike needed done. Mike said Discrepancy photos can be added to the report. Please – 1 buoy – 1 record – 1 photo! Put only the AID you are referring to.

Social Coordinator (Absent) Maureen has sent out a flier for input on our VJ Day Weekend Rendezvous. BI many said was very expensive, both for the gas and the dockage. Could raft out in the harbor. Wickford Harbor has free Jacuzzi, free kayaks, BBQ area, \$2.60 a foot and \$8.00 electricity, right near the village for shopping, restaurants, BUT – only available Sunday! East Passage Yachting Center has a restaurant, pool, grills, and is also reachable by car. \$3.75/ ft. More will be sent out based on boat-owner input.

FC asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee. Two volunteers: Bob Pardi and Roz Butziger. They were appointed.

FSO/IS – Mike Quinn said we have only 1 operational radio facility. All others have expired. The Website is up to date.

FSO/MT – (Absent) There was a UPV explanation.

Break for Fellowship and pie and cake.

Membership Training – Navigation – chart work in teams.

Ended 9:30 pm