

Minutes – North Star Flotilla Meeting – October 14, 2010

Annual Election Meeting

6:00 pm -The meeting was preceded by a cookout. Thanks to Doug Henson, Charlie Jenison and Garth Dudley for being the chefs.

In attendance: Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Bob VanHerpe, Doug Henson, Tom Wilcox, Debbi Pass, Garth Dudley, Shirley Dudley, Derek Robert, Charles Jenison, Mike Quinn, Steve O'Rourke, Joyce Scotto, Irving Wood, Enis Pardi, Bob Pardi, Rich Gallipeau, Gary Davis, Elizabeth Davis, David Butziger

Guests: **Benny Peters, Division 7 Commander**, Anthony Caetano, Steven Quinn, Kathryn Quinn

Flotilla Commander Nick Butziger called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for departed members.

FSO/SR – Roz emailed last month's minutes.

FSO/FN – Garth submitted a detailed report on paper.

FC – Reported that at Div 7 meeting Tues, our own Charlie Jenison was elected Division Vice Commander. Congratulations, Charlie.

Benny Peters – The January Conference will be in Quincy MA. Sign up by Dec 1 for seminars.
Also – The Division 7 Change of Watch (COW) will be Jan 14 at the Newport Yacht Club.

FSO/PE – Roz announced an Instructors' Seminar on Thur Oct 21 at 6 pm. Dinner provided.
North Star has 17 official instructors. Proctors and instructors are welcome. Share ideas.
Asked Mike to order 5 cases of BS&S books. Some for summer course. Also 100 1210TR charts.

The Providence Boat Show is Jan 13- 16 right before we begin our courses.
Bob said Maureen wants to get out a three fold flier to the marinas.

Auxop changed – there is a new guide
Optional areas like Patrols etc.
Auxop school in Yorktown, VA in June – all expenses paid!

Derek reported for Debbie that Sunday Dec 12 from 12 to 4 pm is North Star Change of Watch at the Islander Restaurant in Warwick. Debbie will get out a flier.

FC – Coxswain class has 13 people – several from another flotilla – 78. We did a hands on training – Docking in adverse conditions. Oct 28 is the next Coxswain training.

VFC –Bob reported on Project Rudolph – thanks to everyone who is participating, 13 more letters came in tonight. Join us Oct 16 at Wood Items & More to paint or write more for our soldiers.

Benny Peters discussed the calling tree debacle. We are, after all, part of the Coast Guard family and they need to account for everyone. What if someone is missing? What if they are on vacation? How can we best handle this? You can opt out of it if you want. If you know someone is in Fla – just include them in the “accounted for” list.

Bob Van will make up a calling tree and present it at the next meeting.

Awards were presented for crew hours to Doug Henson, Derek Robert, Charlie Jenison, Garth Dudley.

Congratulations!

FSO/MVD – Dave Seisal absent. We have certificates to give to cooperating stores.

FSO/VSC – Derek reports checks are slowing down. He did 3 on Columbus Day. Our flotilla has done 245 VSC's. 5 facilities done. What about the rest?

FSO/CM – Doug Henson has telecommunications standard handbook and CD for radio in-house (or at headquarters).

There are lots of practical things – what to say, etc. These are on-line.

Benny asked if Matt Puglia is doing a course.

FSO/MS – Gary Davis did a 25 min. presentation on the Good Mate Program – Ocean Conservancy Website. It is a good outreach for people. He would like some of this to be included in our public education courses. He and Elizabeth volunteered to pick up debris on a section of Conimicut Point. They had 120 lbs of trash! This is an important part of stewardship of our coastline and waters.

Benny – Sea Partners is a spin-off of American Waterways Watch. Go into schools – do as part of the Good Mate.

Gary said you can just borrow The Box of aids, and go!

Bob Pardi reported over 100% for ATON's. We keep adding to it. Amazing how many are off station! This is important work and our flotilla has done an outstanding job!

FC – Remember Chart Updating is ongoing. You can do it from the shore. There is training.

Mike Quinn said in the winter there will be a chart updating class.

FSO/PS – Shirley said Anthony is here tonight as a new member. Welcome!

FSO/IS – Mike gave a 20 minute presentation on involvement with ATON, PATON and chart updating, as well as the forms needed to be submitted. We have done 54 MDN's, 254 VSC's, 55 safety patrols, 29 ATON patrols. We will be doing it next year too. Private lateral aids and seasonal aids have to be checked annually. The website is up to date. SEND IN YOUR FORMS!!!

FC – Newport Playhouse – dinner, play, and caberet – all for \$34. (\$68 for two) including tip!
Friday Nov 12 6 pm. Email Nick to reserve. Non-refundable – we have to pay for the reservations. If you can't go at the last minute, give your tickets as a gift to a friend. Sounds like a great time! Join us!

UPV (uninspected passenger carrying vessel) inspector course Nov 7, taught by the Coast Guard. There is an exam, plus an oral board by regular Coast Guard. If you miss a question you need to submit the correct answer in writing. It is to inspect charterboats.

Norm Choquette has been appointed District as well as Div 7 Finance Officer. He is a CPA

ELECTION

Run by Benny Peters, Division 7 Commander. Bob Pardi submitted the names of Nick Butziger for flotilla commander and Bob VanHerpe for vice flotilla commander.

Motion by Tom Wilcox for secretary to cast one vote for each. Seconded by Rich Gallipeau. Unanimous.

Congratulations Nick and Bob!

Meeting was followed by TCT training.