

North Star Flotilla Banner

Flotilla Commander Rosalind Butziger called the meeting January 16, 2014 at 7pm to order.

**Members present:** Tammy Cole, Derek Robert, Bob Pardi, Bob Misenor, Charles Jenison, Vanessa Jenison, Nick Butziger, Deb Anderson, Roz Butziger, Meg Rosera, Glenn Rosera, Mike Quinn, Steven O’Rourke, Normand Caron, Karen Caron, Robert Van Herpe, Maureen Van Herpe, Gary Davis & Elizabeth Davis.

**Guests:** Steven Quinn & Kathryn Quinn

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

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

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

**(FC) Flotilla Commander’s Report:** Presentation thank you gift to Bob Pardi for all his service to the flotilla last year as VFC.

**Awards given to:**

**Nick Butziger**: Auxiliary Performance Award…..**Arnold Butziger**: Star Sustain Service Award…..**Meg Rosera**: 8 hour Team Coordinator Award…..**Glenn Rosera**: 8 hour Team Coordinator Award…..**Charlie Jenison**: 8 hour Service Award

**Roz Butziger** gave calendars to members based on the schedule set by the staff at two staff meetings this month.

**Roz Butziger** & **Glenn Rosera** presented with In Charge Certificates

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

**Staff Reports:**

**(PE) Public Education: Nick Butziger** discussed the upcomingpublic education classes to begin February 3 and the importance of participation by instructors and members. Please come the first night to help. Class $85.00 & $60.00 for any additional family member sharing materials. CD’s and materials passed out to all the instructor’s present.

**(PA) Public Affairs: Maureen Van Herpe** advertising the upcoming classes in the Warwick Beacon, Pawtucket times, Newport News & other local papers. Flyers are also going to be printed. **Karon Caron** stated she advertised it on the local Craig’s List and that the Brewers Yacht Club is willing to send out the information regarding the classes to their members via email.

**(VE) Vessel Examination: Bob Pardi** discussed the upcoming mandatory Vessel Examiner Refresher on March1, 2014 at 9am and the new Vessel Examiner Training on April 7, 2014 & April 14, 2014 at 6:30pm

**(PV) Marine Dealer Visitation: Derek Robert** discussed courtesy calls to area businesses to promote boating classes and the North Star Flotilla. He asked for volunteers to assist him in reaching out to other local businesses in the surrounding communities. Adding contact information to the brochures was discussed and agreed upon.

**(OP) Operations: Charlie Jenison** discussedthat this year will be a busier season withthe Charles W. Morgan coming to Newport (potential date June 17,2 014 & returning to Mystic August 9,2014), Air Show May 17,2014 & May 18,2014, Swim the Bay, training days with Castle Hill and many other activities. There is aSAR Day planned for July19.

**Social Coordinator: Derek Robert** discussed the many upcoming social events. (See the calendar) Bowling is planned for the upcoming month of February. Date February 9, 2014 at 2pm followed by cocktails at Timmy’s One Bay Avenue. Derek will print up a flyer and forward it to all members with further details of the event.

**(MS) Marine Safety: Gary Davis** discussed setting up a booth on boating safety at the training classes & at The Brewers Yacht Club welcome night. **Bob Van Herpe** discussed doing fire extinguisher training.

**(NS) Navigation Systems: Mike Quinn** discussed how the District Conference was well attended. They won a Charter Data award. It was voted and agreed upon to order and pay for new paper charts. Digital charts are free online.

**(PS) Personal Services: Mary Quinn** absent – sent report saying she was in contact with one prospective member. She will be working with AFSO Meg Rosera contacting members who are not active.

**Communications: Bob Van Herpe** discussed doing some radio training at the next Flotilla meeting. In April, he will set up a Radio Net on Sunday mornings. He also discussed doing some radio work at headquarters.

**Membership Training: David Butziger** absent-sent report**.** Training will take place at all meetings by various members, with a special October CPR & First Aid training. Our five nurses will help.

**(MA) Materials / (IS) Information Systems: Mike Quinn** discussed PE forms, IS forms and the importance of reporting hours to him. Also would like copies of CPR cards for the records. He has ordered all the material for the upcoming training classes, the Boat Show & Boating safety. Twelve new GPS’s were bought and can be loaned out. Roz will distribute the “Wish List” items.  **Mike Quinn** discussed The North Star website, which is updated. **Roz Butziger** will update the calendar and send it to Mike.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: Tammy Cole** sworn in as the newest member**. Bob Van Herpe** asked for volunteers for Sunday afternoon at 4pm on February 2, 2014 for breakdown & clean up. **Dave Monti from the Providence Journal** wrote an article on the Coast Guard Boating Classes. The article was published January 15, 2014 and will be posted to the website. Motion by **Mike Quinn** to spend $270.00 to purchase new charts approved.

**Adjournment: 9:00pm**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Tammy Cole - Secretary**