

North Star Flotilla Banner

Meeting was called to order by Flotilla Commander Bob Van Herpe at 7:15 pm on November 14, 2013

Members present: There was a quorum. Mike Quinn, Mary Quinn, Glenn Rosera, Meg Rosera, Charles Jenison, Gary Davis, Bob Misenor, Bob Van Herpe, Norm Caron, Karen Caron, Roz Butziger, Nick Butziger, David Butziger, Bob Pardi, Elizabeth Davis, David Siesel

Guests: Chandler Tittle, Kathryn and Steven Quinn

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence for departed members.

Secretary Report: Minutes of the September meeting accepted as e-mailed. No October meeting due to Govt. shut down.

Treasurer’s Report: Accepted as presented.

**(FC) Flotilla Commander’s Report: Bob Van Herpe** presented the following awards:

David Butziger – 10 year Service, Sustained Service, MS Training, Underway hours, PV, Nav Rules exam, David Siesel – Sustained Service, 51 VE’s, 16 PV’s, Nav Rules exam, UPV Instructor

Glenn Rosera – Incident Development, Flotilla Leadership, IC 100, 700

Gary Davis - IC 200,

Mary Quinn – Sustained Service

Karen Caron – IC 100, 700

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Also – Many thanks to Derek Robert for winterizing the flotilla moorings in Potter cove. We all appreciate it.

**ELECTION:**

Report of the Nominating Committee was sent out two months ago. Nominated are:

For FC – Rosalind Butziger

For VFC – Glenn Rosera

Election results – unanimous. Sec. was directed to cast one ballot for the above slate.

There were 50 people at the annual pig roast. Many thanks again to Bob and Maureen Van Herpe.

DCDR Charles Jenison said the Providence Boat show is Jan 27 to Feb 3.

**VFC – Staff Reports**

**NS** (Navigation Systems) Mike Quinn put our headquarters on the chart. NOAA is very receptive to our chart updates. We have made over 70 corrections to the Narragansett Bay chart.

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The last patrol was last night. We have done 100% of bridges and aids.

There is a graphic from GPS to Google Earth. :You can download and keep a record of your patrol.

**IS** – Mike said we are way down on reported VFC’s. Derek is usually our major examiner and so far he has reported only 6. There must be more out there.

**MS** – Gary reports that Marine safety has been quiet lately.

**PE –**Roz reported we have 19 certified instructors in the flotilla. Our three courses start on Feb 3 for both Sail and BS&S, and on Thur Feb 6 for ACN. We need all members engaged in the courses. Preference sheets were passed out. If you are willing but not confident, we will teach you. We also need correctors, tutors, and people for coffee and meet and greet. We now have cartridges to rearm the inflatable PFD’s for classroom demonstrations.

**PV** – Siesel says marine dealer visits are continuing.

**VE** – Derek was absent. FC said Nick has been putting on very informative webex for UPV. Why is there a reluctance to involve VE in UPV? DSO wants UPV to keep separate. Nick mentioned it is important for VE’s to know the difference between rec and UPV, and know what to do when they come across a UPV. Are they selling fish? Then they are commercial. Over 25 ft? Needs to be documented. Then tell them to get a UPV, even if they are part time.

**MT** – Nick District Conference in Newport Do plan to attend.

It is important to attend at least some of the workshops. Not far to travel. Lots of good information.

Sat 8:45 – 11:45 or Sun, a mandatory VE training.

Also 2 of the new mandatory training and tests. All but 2 are online. It is a rolling 5 yr certification.

Non-proctored tests. Look at your training report. What do you need? There is a 4 hr TCT offered too.

**HR** – Mary Quinn-Sent a gift basket from the flotilla to Tom Wilcox who had surgery. He sent a thank you note. Sent 4 emails to potential new members.

Introduced Chandler Tittle, who may join us. And welcome to Bob Misenor who has transferred to our flotilla. Welcome, Bob! We are glad to have you with us!

**Old Business** Charles took out the air conditioner. We need a work party.

Remember the Christmas Party/Change of Watch is on Sunday Dec 8. Islander, Rt 117 Warwick. Flyers are available, although they were emailed out to all. Email [roz@butziger.com](mailto:roz@butziger.com) with your reservations. Noon to 3:30 pm. $22. All inclusive. Bring wrapped gift for Robbers’ Christmas. (Yankee Swop).

**New Business** Can we compile MMSI# so boats can communicate better? Privacy was a problem.

David Siesel said how about voluntary lists?

Bill submitted by Mary for get well basket. Voted to pay the bill.

Thanks to all who brought the yummy snacks and desserts.