

The meeting was called to order at 1900. Joe Amore led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held for all those who have crossed the bar and who serve in harms way.

**Board and Staff present:** Ron Booth, DCP; Henry Marchi, VCP, PE; Dick Lemar, FC 33, CS; Joe Amore, FC 34; Jeff James, FC 35, MT, Rick Lutes, FC 37; Alan Gould, VFC 37, VE; Charles Pencinger, FC 38; Scott Crocker, VFC 38, PS; Joe Antanavich, IS; John Swenson, PV; Al DePietro, PA; Charles Grossimon, PB; Sheryl James, SR.

**Guests:** BMI Dan Mills

### **Flotilla 33 - Richard J. Lemar FC**

▪ The February meeting was called to order on 16 February at 1915 with 15 members and one guest, James Crocker, SO-PS. ▪ The Secretary's report was read and approved. ▪ FSO-FN report was read and approved and a copy of Flotilla 33's finance audit was forwarded to the SO-FN. ▪ We reviewed the Goals for 2006 and found that most staff officers will try to increase their current workload by 10% across the board. ▪ Our Holiday party, complete with Yankee Swap, was held on 10 February at the Lowell Motorboat Club in Lowell with twenty-five members and guests present. Since this party was close to St. Valentines Day each of the ladies present received two long-stemmed roses. Awards were presented to Joe Antanavich for passing the NAV RULES examination and Gary Stapleford IPFC was presented with an engraved clock and certificate of appreciation for his outstanding accomplishments as Flotilla Commander for 2005. ▪ James Crocker, SO-PS, was on hand to conduct fingerprinting for our last group of members completing their SF-86 Security Questionnaire. ▪ In March we have two PE courses starting. On March 6<sup>th</sup> at Salem High in Salem, NH we have an 8 week Coastal Navigation and on March 14<sup>th</sup> we have a 9-week Boating Skills and Seamanship class at Nashoba Tech in Westford, MA. ▪ Two committees have been formed, one for our June dinner meeting and one for the National Safe Boating week. ▪ Our next Flotilla meeting will be held on 16 March at 1900 at the Chelmsford PD.

### **Flotilla 34 Joe Amore, FC**

▪ Flotilla 34 had a potluck dinner meeting on 9 February at the Station. We invited the Station personnel to join us. RCO Keslof attended as our guest and reviewed the Division meeting notes for January. ▪ The Flotilla voted to allow Bud Kuran to switch from our current web-hosting vendor to GeoCity. Bud has been working with Dick Lemar to create a new Flotilla web page that should be up and running by 1 April. ▪ We also finalized our BS&S class schedule for 2006. The spring class will start Wednesday 22 March, 2006 from 6:45-9:00 PM and will be held every Wednesday evening at the Station for 7 weeks with the exception of 12 April, which is the beginning of Passover. Therefore the last class and exam will be held on 3 May. In this session we will cover chapters 1-8. The fall session will cover chapters 9-13 plus GPS. Classes will begin Wednesday 4 October 2006 from 6:45-9:00 PM. Classes will be held every Wednesday evening for 7 consecutive weeks. The last class and exam will be held on 15 November.

### **Flotilla 35 - Jeff James, FC**

▪ The Flotilla held its last meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Lucy's Community Hall in Methuen. The next meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>. ▪ Our DCP was present to swear in the staff officers. ▪ PE dates were decided and new equipment was voted on. ▪ We will hold a member training session on marine safety at our March meeting, hoping to broaden the Flotilla's interests a little bit. ▪ I would like to thank the Division and Flotilla 38 for their donation of an Auxiliary ensign. ▪ At present we are working on a grant from OMC in conjunction with the Maritime Museum with the understanding that we will not use Auxiliary boats. ▪ On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Mass. Audubon Society's "Biodiversity Day" at their Joppa Flats Sanctuary.

### **Flotilla 37 Rick Lutes, FC**

▪ Our 13-week BS&S class started February 20<sup>th</sup> with 8 people. Due to the school vacation we may have more joining us next Tuesday. We are entertaining the possibility of running a Basic Navigation course this spring. ▪ Three members are in Boat Crew training and are progressing with the group. ▪ One member has expressed interest in the AUXCOM class to be run in March by SO-MT. I am preparing slides to run an APC course for the SO-MT in March. ▪ The Flotilla had a training meeting in February. RCO Keslof and crew were kind enough to present the American Heart Association CPR course. Members and family that attended enjoyed the presentation. ▪ Our youth group are preparing for a presentation, which they wish to give in the spring, possibly in conjunction with the National Safe Boating week in May.

### **Flotilla 38 - Charles Pencinger, FC**

▪ The most recent meeting of Flotilla 38 was held on 2 February 2006 at the Starboard Galley Restaurant with 23 members and 3 guests. ▪ The Flotilla staff officers for 2006 who missed the January meeting were sworn in. ▪ New member Adam Pappalardo passed his OS security check. ▪ Flotilla 38 has 3 members participating in Boat Crew training. ▪ The next PE class starts on March 14 at Pentucket Regional Middle School. ▪ The Emergency Contingency plan and training were discussed as well as the various ICS levels.

### **Aids to Navigation - Felix H. "Bud" Kuran, SO-AN**

§ Nothing new.

### **Career Counselor**

N/A

### **Communications - Gary Stapleford, SO-CM**

▪ All COM'S are normal. Nothing new to report.

### **Communications Services/Webmaster - Richard J. Lemar, SO-CS**

▪ **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Updated the following pages. • **What's New page:** Added the FEMA ICS and Member Training links, including **Member Training Portal, Incident Command IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800 and the full FEMA on-line course list.** • **Calendar page:** With the totally redesigned Calendar page we now have Newburyport Tide chart links for February, March, April, May, and June 2006. • **Home page:** Updated information on the D-3 website. • **PE page:** Listed the BS&S course for Flotilla 34. • **Flotillas:** • I have been working with Flotilla 34, helping them with re-designing, and giving their website a new look. Currently they have 8 completed pages and 3 pages under construction. They have also been given the go ahead to proceed with the next stage to formalize the website. I expect that all paperwork on the new site will be forwarded to the DSO-CS as soon as their FSO-CS, Bud Kuran, returns from a well-deserved vacation in Florida.

- Flotilla 33 has updated their Home page with a new photo of the Coast Guard Barque Eagle (WIX-327) with the Coast Guard medium endurance cutter Escanaba (WMEC-907) in the background. I took this photo after a tour of the Barque Eagle in 2003. Also updated the PE page.
- Flotilla 38 has updated their Member Information page to include meeting dates, information on Boat Crew training, CPR training at CG Station MR, and a link to the Spring Conference Hotel website. • **LOOKING FORWARD** to attending the District Conference in April.

**Finance - John Carver, SO-FN Approved as Read.**

**Information services - Joseph Antanavich, SO-IS**

▪ All received paperwork has been entered into AUXDATA. ▪ All but 2 Flotillas have submitted paperwork for AUXDATA entry so far. District tracks these so don't be bashful about sending paperwork to me. ▪ As far as the **ICS courses** are concerned **nobody will lose qualifications this year** if they do not take them because they are not mandatory but **next year they will be mandatory and you will lose your qualifications.** ▪ **A reminder regarding mission entry, anyone attending meetings, conferences, training, etc., submits their time on the 7029 form unless they are the lead for a training mission or putting on a class at a conference. Anyone attending a workshop, other than the instructor, is listed as a trainee.** ▪ As usual we have had a few glitches involving qualifications of all types. Most have been resolved at this time. Anyone that has gone into REYR status because of a lack of a 2005 workshop must attend a 2006 workshop as a start to be reinstated. Some workshops can be done on line. **The process of reinstatement goes through the DCP and not directly to the OTO or the Cape Office. Those that are in REYR for lack of hours, VSC's, MDV's, etc., must make up those hours as a trainee with a qualified person prior to being reinstated. Those hours and missions do not count toward this year's requirement.** If one does not intend to or can't complete the 2006 requirements please discuss this with your FC before going through the reinstatement process. The FC will provide guidance in resolving the problem. ▪ **"I am still looking for a backup for my SO-IS job, preferably from 38. My other auxiliary hats interfere with the timely input of data into AUXDATA. If I should die or be hauled off to Bellevue Sanatorium the Division will be in deep you know what without a backup.** Do you remember this request from a few months back? I will probably keep repeating it until I get a backup."

**Marine Safety - John McDermott, SO-MS**

▪ **Marine Safety & Environmental Protection District Staff 2006** ▪ DSO-MS Ronald Doescher ◦ **Sector ADSOs** ▪ ADSO-MSB (Sector Boston) Robert Jackle ▪ ADSO-MSO (Sector-NNE) Gordon Nash ▪ ADSO-MSP (Sector-SNE) Lee Harrison ◦ **Program ADSOs** ▪ ADSO-MSF (Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety) Robert Childs ▪ ADSO-MSW (Marine Mammal Observers) Pamela Korejwa ▪ ADSO-MSE (Education) Ronald Doescher ▪ At the District Conference (21, 22, & 23 April) in Nashua, NH there will be Marine Mammal Observers training/ qualification sessions on Saturday for new candidates, and a refresher on Sunday morning for previously qualified members. Please contact ADSO-MSW, Pamela Korejwa, at [Pkorejwa@msn.com](mailto:Pkorejwa@msn.com) for more details and to pre-register. The Joppa Flats Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary of the Audubon Society on Plum Island is planning an Environmental Awareness Day for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine). Jeff and Sheryl James have been in contact with Lisa Hutchings of the Education Center who is running the event and has indicated that she would like the Coast Guard Auxiliary to take part.

**Materials - Wayne Cedres, SO-MA & DSO-MA**

§ The District Store has voted **changes in shipping charges** effective immediately. The steep jump in prices from National in October 2004 skewed the shipping charges, which were based on 2003 prices. To correct this I propose to change them as follows:

<b>Cost of Order</b>	<b>New Shipping Charge</b>
\$0.00 - \$10.00	\$2.00
\$10.01 - \$25.00	\$3.00
\$25.01 - \$75.00	\$4.00
\$75.01 and up	\$6.00

The SO-MT is having a class on AUXCOM and I have books for the class. I hope to be able to make Saturday's crew training class and will deliver them at that time.

**Member Training – Jeff James, SO-MT**

▪ Crew Training is ongoing at the Station on Saturday mornings. ▪ Flotilla 37 held CPR training on February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a CPR session on March 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the Crew training. Frank Keslof is also running 2 sessions at Station MR for the active duty people. ▪ AUXCOM begins on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Station from 1900-2100. To date I have had only one response from one member. It may not happen for lack of participation. ▪ Flotilla begins their APC course on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Station. ▪ **TCT** will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Plum Island Boathouse. **You must pre-register.** ▪ Anyone who is interested in watchstander should figure it would take approximately 40 hours to become qualified. ▪ ISAR training will probably start around the beginning of April. We are still looking for candidates. ▪ For those who missed it in previous years, or who just want to refresh their skills, on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Boat Crew training we will be doing flares, fire fighting, and the pump. I know it is early but we will have extra mustangs for those who need them. ▪ I am looking for a subject for a fall session, whether it is AUXOP or something else. I am also thinking about having workshops so our members can hone up on their boating skills without having to make a major commitment (such as winterizing your boat) and having guest speakers come in. ▪ I am also looking for feedback on whether or not the Division would be interested in a one day MDV/PV training session.

**Operations - John Merrill, SO-OP**

▪ Nothing to report at this time.

**Public Affairs- Al DePietro, SO-PA**

§ Nothing to report.

### **Publications - Charles Grossimon, SO-PB**

- The first 2006 *Tidal Waves* is in the process of being cleared by District and will be ready for distribution very soon. Copies will be e-mailed to the Flotilla Commanders who will, in turn, e-mail them to their members. Any hard copies desired will come from either the Flotilla Commanders or the FSO-PB's. ▪ **Note:** After discussion at the meeting this was amended to include *Tidal Waves* being posted on the Division 3 website to be read or downloaded at the members pleasure. ▪ The next deadline for *Tidal Waves* will be 15 April 2006.

### **Public Education - Henry Marchi, SO-PE**

- Public Education classes will be starting soon. Division 3 has 5 BS&S classes and one BCN class scheduled which are all on web sites. I have been getting at least 2-3 e-mails a day for class information. ▪ Division 3 will have over 86 hours of class time posted for the spring sessions. I would say this is a VERY WELL DONE by all. Let me know if everyone is set for instructors. ▪ **Note:** The question was raised at the meeting about qualifying as a NH certified instructor. The NH on-line test site is being redesigned and no new instructors are being trained at this time. Auxiliary certification is still recognized in NH but to register a boat in NH you must also get a NH certification (answer the required state questions) to meet state requirements.

### **Personnel Services - J. Scott Crocker, SO-PS**

- Flotilla 38 has a new member in training. ▪ Still doing fingerprints for the Security Packets.

### **Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor (PV) - C. John Swenson, SO-PV & DSO-PV**

- **Accomplishments:** I have been working at the District level to establish supervised PV visits at the April District Conference in Nashua, NH. I will call on some of the leading PV's in Division 3 to assist with this project. Because the conference will be held in our AOR it makes sense that Division 3 should take the lead in this "field trip". ▪ **Problems & Concerns:** We must certify more Program Visitors across the District if we are to "grow" RBSVP. It has become apparent that the supervised visit requirement has been and is an impediment in this process. On the other hand with the emphasis on the on-line PV exam the supervised visit becomes more important than ever. It may be the applicant's only chance for a "one-on-one" before they begin their own visits as PV's. ▪ **Looking Ahead:** There will be "supervised visits" offered at the April District Conference held in Nashua, NH. **Advanced registration is required and it will be limited to 10 applicants.** Evidence that the applicant has passed the exam (score & date) or, for re-certification, evidence of the date REYR status began will be required. Registrations should be made with David A. Butzier, ADSO-VP, 121Greenwood Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also E-mail him at [david@butzier.com](mailto:david@butzier.com).

### **Vessel Examination - Alan Gould, SO-VE**

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### **BMIDANMILLS:**

Dan wanted to pass along Chief Jackson's appreciation to all those who showed up for the Station orientation sessions and that he was impressed with how well they went. In fact another session will be scheduled to accommodate those who were unable to make the first two. TBD.

**DCPREPORT:** No Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Personal Security Packets** – letters are being sent out to all members who have not filled out their security forms. **June 1<sup>st</sup> they will suffer a loss of qualifications. In December they will be deleted from the membership rolls.**
- TCT – The DCP stated that if only a few people register the class will be held at the Station instead of the Plum Island Boathouse.

Meeting took a break at 1945, resumed at 2010.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mutual Assistance Fund – The District is looking for \$2.00 per member (your call).
- FEMA courses are doing well; ICS 200 & IC 800 for Operations/ ICS 100 & IC 700 for anyone in a leadership roll.
- Boston Light Program – a recruitment effort is coming up for interpreters and watch standers.
- Division Staff – when sending in your monthly report would you please CC your District counterpart?

### **GOOD OF AUXILIARY:**

- March meeting – (March 30) will be a dinner meeting at the Starboard Galley. The "attitude adjustment" begins at 1800. **No Uniforms!**
- **Ill Members:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 2030.

**Host Flotilla for April is Flotilla 38.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl James, SO-SR