

Division 3 Meeting 28 February 2008

1915 Call to order

Pledge of allegiance led by FC 34, a moment of silence for those who have crossed the bar.

Guests

BM1 Joe Haskins, USCG

COMO Renelle Leblanc, DCO 1NR

Gloria Kuran, FL 34

Gary Stapleford, DSO-CM

Roll Call:

Present: Henry Marchi, DCP 3; Charlie Grossimon, VCP 3; Ron Booth, IPDCP 3/RCO-SB; John Merrill, FC 33/SO-OP; Dick Muir, VFC 33, Bud Kuran, FC 34; Alan Gould, FC 37/SO-VE; Rex Kelly, VFC 37/SO-AN; James Scott Crocker, FC 38/ SO-PS, Richard J. Lemar, SO-CS, Joe Antanavich, SO-IS; Wayne Cedres, SO-MA; Charlie Pencinger, SO-MT; Rick Lutes, SO-PE

Finance Report, Accepted

Secretary's Report, Accepted

FC reports

Please Note: *Italicized print = Previously submitted reports*

Flotilla 33: New member in Flotilla. Chris Swimm now in AP status.

The regular meeting of Flotilla 33 was conducted on February 21st. There were 10 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Introduced our newest member Christopher Swimm. He will be attending Boat Crew training.

Conducted Training on the New 7030 Mission Report form. And conducted training on Member Training and E-Learning.

Scheduled training at the March meeting will be Sexual Harassment.

April meeting will be held at a local restaurant in Dracut.

Flotilla 34: 3 new members, and another coming out of BS&S

Two of our new members, Adam Perrin and Dan Hamel, have been assigned their CG member numbers. Dan Hamel our newest member is a student at the University of New Hampshire and will be in New Zealand for the next month and a half working on an environmental project with a participating New Zealand university.

FL-34's Spring BS&S Public Education Course. Started last Wed (Feb 20) at the CG Station. Class is running from 1845 – 2100 hrs, and will run for 8 weeks until Apr 9. Currently have 15 students enrolled with an additional 4 possible.

Already one of the students is planning to join the Auxiliary / FL-34.

Have sent in Offer for Use for my facility. This will give FL-34 two operational facilities operating in the Merrimack River this year.

Have received a supply of 2008 Safety Check Decals and am planning to conduct Inspection days at several of the local Marinas in our area. I am only qualified VE in our Flotilla and am planning sessions to get 3 of our VE's who are in Reyr back up to speed.

Next Flotilla meeting is scheduled for 13 Mar at the MRCG station.

Flotilla 35: Not present

Held its January meeting on the third of January.

Flotilla 37: Nothing to add.

*Our monthly meeting was held Feb 19, 2008 at 1900 hrs. (It was postponed from Feb 12 due to snowstorm. TCT training at it's finest)
We had 7 members present, 2 guests and 1 new applicant present.
Jeff James from Flotilla 35 attended the meeting to discuss ATON verifying and some MS programs available for the Flotilla members to participate in.
Henry Marchi, DCP attended the meeting and updated the Flotilla on several subjects, including discussing the need for watchstanders at Station Merrimack.
Our BS&S boating class starts March 3, 2008 and we have 12 people that have expressed interest in attending the class. We have purchased 2 cases of the 13th edition of the BS&S course, we expect that based on past experience that we will have close to 20 people attend the class.
Dick Lemar, SO-CS will attend our Flotilla meeting in March to provide a Sexual Harassment workshop/training as required by the USCG AUX.
Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2008 @ 1900 hrs, VFW, Ipswich, MA*

Flotilla 38: Nothing to add.

*Our January 2008 meeting was suspended due to the proximity of the District Conference.
Sometime between 23 Jan and 30 Jan the boathouse was broken into. The bottom window in the galley was broken and entry made. Nothing appeared to be disturbed or missing. A temporary repair was done and the building is usable again.
We have three new members in AP status and at least several more prospective members have been contacted.
Our winter dinner meeting was held at the Starboard Galley restaurant on 8 Feb. A good time was had by all!
Our next Fl. 38 meeting will be Thursday, 6 March at 1930hrs. at the boathouse. We are scouting up the video for our flotilla annual Sexual Harassment training by Kirsten Johnson-Dumaresq. If anyone has knowledge of the whereabouts of the video, PLEASE contact either Kirsten or myself as soon as possible, thank you.*

SO-AN Rex Kelly
Nothing to add.

Many thanks to John O'Connell for his work.

There is nothing to report from the flotillas as there was no activity. Jeff James and I are planning to hold a 2 day seminar on ATONS. Day 1 - discrepancies and bridges, Day 2 - Chart updating and Small Craft facilities. Time, place, and date TBA.

SO-CM Fred Beaulieu
Nothing to add.

Gary Stapleford and Dick Muir continue the division Net on Sundays. No other activity.

SO-CS Richard J. Lemar
Nothing to add.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Updated the following pages.

What's New page: Cleaned up various items and added a reformatted web friendly version of the January Minutes with a new look.

Calendar page: New look! February and added a link for Newburyport Tides for February.

Updated: Home Page with the February meeting date.

Updated: Division 3 e-mail addresses.

Updated: Cleaned up all Items on the flotilla 33 What's New Page and added a reformatted web friendly version of their January Minutes.

Placed: Advertisements for the flotilla 33 Membership Drive on Craigslist.

Nautical Minute: Has been well received by members of Flotilla 33. Beginning in late February I will be including a mix of nautical words and definitions used by Pirates from the 1700's.

Power Point Presentations: On the 14th of February I attended classes in Power Point in Marlborough. At the conclusion of the class we were asked to put together a small 6 page mock presentation in Power Point. I naturally chose an Auxiliary presentation named "Boat Crew Training". My presentation was well received. If anyone in Division 3 needs help with putting together a presentation for either MT or PE feel free to contact me.

SO-FN John O. Carver

Nothing to add

A reminder that Flotilla 2007 Financial Reports are due at the District level by 3/1/2008.

When complete flotillas should forward a copy to me so that I may forward a copy to the District Finance Officer. I have received one report to date, from Flotilla 33.

SO-IS Joe Antanavich

IQ means that BSS is needed for member to take Boat Crew. When someone passes VE and IT they get two letters. One has sign offs for the practical tasks. Until it is returned back to the Cape Office, the qualification isn't done.

SO-MA Wayne Cedres

Nothing to add.

SAILING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

The Education Department will make an announcement soon on the release of the new Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course. AUXCEN has stock ready for shipment.

Course Title: Sailing Skills and Seamanship Stock No: 100400 Quantity: 10 books/case Cost \$231.15

Supplement: Sailing Skills and Seamanship

Stock No. 100400 Quantity: 10 supplements/case Cost: \$23.15

Please order directly from AUXCEN

Instructor materials or information will be available from the Department of Education's website

Since the items are ready for shipment, I tried to find them on the AUXCEN web site. I have been unsuccessful.

Also, the stock number doesn't look correct. In the past they have all been 5 digits, not 6. I will foreword more info as it becomes available.

SO-MT Charles Pencinger

Organizing 8 hour TCT course, either May 3 or 10th.

AUXNAV March 12, 19 March,

Basic Navigation at Plum Island Plum Boathouse.

Pump 5 April, Flares 12 April.

Boat crew training continues Wednesday nights @ the PI boathouse. We have 8 trainees from FL38, 4 from FL 37 and One from FL33. AUXNAV starts Tuesday 25 March at 1900 at Pentucket Regional Middle School Rt. 113 on the W. Newbury/Groveland line. Please let me know who is interested in attending from your flotilla.

I have downloaded the Instructor workshop and can present it at a mutually agreeable time for the group. This workshop is mandatory to maintain your instructor Qualification.

SO-PV C. John Swenson

Not present.

SO-OP John Merrill

New ALCOAST, recently, regarding new PFD policy. 50 mph rated PFD's will be required only on boats that can exceed 35 mph. NSAR 26 July at ISC.

Operations Workshop is being planned for Saturday April 19th.

Recently there has been notice that requirements for PFD's used in operations will be changing. At the moment exactly what may happen is not clear. The situation is being monitored.

SO-PA Bob Deschene

Nothing to add.

SO-PE Rick Lutes

Division needs to reimburse 37 for a case of A.C.N. books.

New issue of the district newsletter provides information on new paddle craft education outreach. I have not received any plan from district to implement.

FSO-PE's should send Dick Lemar richard.lemar@comcast.net their flotilla public education offering. For further exposure the offering can be sent to the district web master at dso-cs@a013.uscgaux.info to ensure plenty of official information.

There will be a mandatory instructor workshop this year. For mandatory workshops, all instructors are required to attend in order to maintain their qualification.

SO-PS James Scott Crocker

Nothing to add.

SO-SR Charles Grossimon VCP

Nothing to add.

SO-VE Alan Gould

West Marine 10% coupons can be downloaded to be given out to VSC recipients.

VCP Charles Grossimon

Hopefully a new secretary by April. Please send your reports up and down to the chain, to your DSO and to the FSO's.

DCP Henry Marchi

Paddle craft program packets being put together. Visited 34 and 37 addressed paperwork issues. A lot of activity is not being recorded. District is hoping to better the amount collected last year for the CG Mutual Assistance Drive. April Conference is an awards banquet. Flotillas 37 and 37 have Sexual Harassment Prevention training scheduled. Can also be done online.

IPDCP Ron Booth

District directory is in the mail. May 17-24 is National Safe Boating Week. LT Parker at Sector Boston has requested that we, tell students in BSS classes to stay away from LNG tankers. Educated the new boaters.

Break 2000

Reconvened 2017

DCP introduced COMO Renelle LeBlanc, DCO

- Awards conference coming up in April. There will be awards at the luncheon and banquet. TCT will be available at the conference. There will be various training sessions. Humane Society of Mass grant request is in progress for Operations equipment. NSAR competition this summer, any help would be appreciated. Auxiliary night at Boston of Pops on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Information needs to be passed along to the Flotillas. Get what you need done for qualifications. Division 3 is a very active division.

Member Training Session

Gary Stapleford, DSO-CM

- Staff Officers must be AUXCOM qualified to be able to inspect equipment. They also need ICS 100 and 700 and in order to maintain a facility.
- New narrow band VHF repeaters are being installed throughout the District. There will be mobile, base and Hand-helds involved in this system.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ron Booth, IPDCP

- Motion to buy 4 dinner tickets to April conference dinner for CG Personnel, Seconded by C Pencinger.
- Motion Passed.

- Team Coast Guard Award. An award given to an active duty Coast Guard person, which is going to BM2 Mike Barker, USCG

- BMC Brent Zado, USCG, OIC Station Merrimack, is being promoted to Senior Chief (BMCS)

Motion to appropriate money to Flotilla 37 to reimburse for Exam Books, not to exceed \$250.00 by Rick Lutes, SO-PE, seconded by James Scott Crocker FC 38.
-Motion Passed.

Ill members

No word on John Swenson as of late.

-March meeting will be a dinner meeting 27 March at Starboard Galley. 1830 casual attire.

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