

USCGAUX Division 3
First Northern

June 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes

X Ron Booth DCP	X Henry March VCP	X Frank Keslof IPDCP
Richard Lemar FC33	John Carver VFC33	X Felix (Bud) Kuran FC34
Sylvia Poirier VFC34	Gerald (Jeff) James FC35	X Frederick Murphy VFC35
X Rick Lutes FC37	X Alan Gould VFC37	X Charles Pencinger FC38
X James (Scott) Crocker VFC38		
X Bud Kuran SO-AN	X Gary Stapleford SO-CM	Richard Lemar SO-CS
John Carver SO-FN	X Joseph Antanavich SO-IS	X Wayne Cedres SO-MA
John McDermott SO-MS	Jeff James SO-MT	John Swenson SO-PV
X John Merrill SO-OP	X Robert Deschene SO-PA	SO-PB
X Henry Marchi SO-PE	X Scotty Crocker SO-PS	Sheryl James SO-SR
X Alan Gould SO-VE		

Guests: Richard Muir Flotilla 33, Commodore Penelope Pendergast, Past Commodore George Pendergast, Harbormasters Ray Pike, Don Jansen, George Milliken.

Meeting was called to order at 1900.

FC Reports:

Richard Lemar FC 33:

- On 23 June we had our annual June Dinner Meeting with ten members and ten guests present.
- Awards were presented to various members.
- Eugene Bernstein gave a brief discussion on what we could expect from Tall ships 2009.
- Flotilla 33 is proud to announce that we are in the process of receiving a new member. Chris Alexander the retiring Director of the Auxiliary.
- Our next flotilla meeting will be on 19 July at 1900 hours.

At a previous meeting the "Auxiliary Port Supply number" for West Marine number was given to the Aux. West Marine has advised that the number is for USCG use on Government Credit Cards.

Henry Marchi VCP advised that the Port Supply regional sales manager had advised that the number was for the Auxiliary. Henry will check on this with Port Supply. Charlie Pencinger explained he had been told as a non-profit entity that we could have an account but only for safety related items that are required to carry.

Bud Kuran FC 34:

- FL-34 meeting held Jun 15 at FC house in Amesbury, MA with 11 members present. and 1 guest. A short meeting was held, followed by the Annual Flotilla Cookout and all had a good time. Best turnout so far this year.
- Plan to conduct a two day boating class / VSC inspection session tentatively scheduled for July 14 / 15 at Larry's Marina. Will use the BS&S texts, 8 lessons.
- Flotilla operational activity has started is ongoing with Bud working crew on Defiant.
- Flotilla supplies of VSC decals and associated material on hand. Handed out decals and forms.
- Of FL 34's two operational facilities only one has hit the water so far. Joe will be launching his boat shortly and it will be off to Beverly, his homeport.
- Next FL meeting will be on July 12 and will be held on Anita Rossi's Tour Boat. She will have it down on the Merrimack River for the summer cruise season.

Jeff James, FC 35: (omitted from distributed reports)

- The last meeting was held on 6/7/07 at the LPD Community Room with 8 members and one perspective member present.
- Our next meeting will be on 8/4/07 since it was voted to not have a July meeting.
- The Flotilla has done 2 very successful Sea Partners/ PA missions (Joppa Flats Biodiversity Day & Salem NH Cancer Society Relay event) as well as 2 PA/ Waterway Watch sessions while doing VSC.
- Flotilla MT is ongoing.
- Operations have not yet begun.

Alan Gould FC 37:

- Members recently completed the AuxWea study group and took the exam with SO-MT.
- Resubmitted all training hours for the winter sessions since they didn't make it into AUXDATA.
- Boatcrew training started on the Merrimack with 2 flotilla members.
- Recent flotilla meeting/cookout at Al Gould's house welcomed 3 more applicants to the flotilla. (All Kayakers) and the swearing in of two members.
- Still waiting on AP MacDougall's clearance paperwork.
- Anticipate Flotilla MS missions on behalf of the Salt Marsh Management Group after Green Head season in conjunction with SO-MT and all flotilla kayakers (about 12).
- Coordination of a Sea Kayak Demo Rescue and Overview for the Division Staff and Bridge as well as available station personnel at 1830 at the CG boat dock before the June meeting.

Alan Gould VFC 37 reported that we have kayakers interested in Marine Safety projects as requested by Jeff James ADSO-MS. Flotilla 37 has 2 new members going thru the BQ process and have completed the class.

Charlie Pencinger FC 38:

- The most recent meeting of Flotilla 38 was held on 07 May 2007 at the Plum Island boathouse with 16 members and 0 guests.
- The July monthly meeting will be a cookout at the Plum Island boathouse on 29 June.
- Flotilla 38 has 2 OPFAC's in the water, on patrol and available for assistance to the Coast Guard upon request. We have one PCQP trainee.
- Flotilla 38 had a very productive VE day at Cashman Park on 16 June.
- Dues notices have been sent out and we have had more than 50% response so far.

Charlie Pencinger FC38 reported Flotilla 38 had a productive VE day, and has a cookout coming up.

The Harbormasters gave a presentation about the Jet Ski Races and Fireworks, which were being held that weekend. It was pointed out to them that Auxiliary Boat Crews have an 8-hour maximum endurance limit. Further discussions were directed to the Coxswains who were assisting with the event.

The Sea Kayakers who made the before meeting presentation have been recruited for Jan 2008 conference.

Did not receive a finance report to include with the minutes.

Staff Reports:

Gary Stapleford SO-CM Report:

All COMS normal. VHF Radio Net each Sunday. I will now be ADSO-CM/HF.1NR Operated HF Field Day on 23 and 24 June

Subject: HF Field Day Operations
Operations of "NF101313"

232000Z Made call to OCEANA RADIO on C6B solid copy
232105Z Log in to HF Regional Net solid S9+10 copy
232135Z Changed FQ to B4B solid copy with NF03DM Net Control.
241230Z Made call to Radio MARCUS HOOK good copy
241600Z No Digital Broadcast nothing heard
241801Z Made solid S9+10 contact with National Net NF81472. Made a number of realys and calls for National and NF5CM.
All in all I found it a good test, don't know what went on with the Digital PSK31 message, did they send it?
END OF LOG NF101313

Took part in the High Frequency (HF) contingency communications held this past Saturday. Did a lot of relaying of message traffic. This is part of a national communications under Memorandum of Understanding. The HF contingency station is operating in full digital mode.

Bud Kuran FC34 asked how to test DSC Radios. Gary advised the DSC Emergency function should not be tested.

Bud Kuran SO-AN:

(1) Private Aids to Navigation Workshop

Attended the Private Aids to Navigation training session held June 14 at Boston ICC. DSO-AN Frank Larkin presented a briefing on how the new PATON "On line" Verification process will work. Division 3 members who attended the session were FC-33 Dick Lemar, ADSO-AN Boston Jeff James, SO-SR 3, Sheryl James, and myself. Will be scheduling patrols to verify the PATONS on the Essex, Parker and Merrimack Rivers. We are also now responsible for the aids in Hampton Harbor.

- (2) Will need to review the new PATON procedures with Div 3 members conducting bridge / PATON inspections. There have been some problems occurring in reporting that need to be corrected.
- (3) Problems with Defiant have curtailed patrols for the past 2 weeks. Everything corrected and will be back on the water this weekend. Aid inspections are planned during the patrol.

There is a new set of procedures for ATONs. Attended a meeting in Boston 2 weeks ago with Frank Larkin DSO-AN to go over the new procedures. Need to get everyone online with new PATON reporting system

Richard Lemar- Communication services:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Updated the following pages.**
 - **What's New page:** Cleaned up various old items and added the May Minutes.
 - **Calendar page:** June this month's picture is the 47 MLB out on patrol.
 - **PE Page:** Cleared all Spring PE classes.
 - **Flotilla 33 Website:** Updated all pages.

Joe Antanavich SO-IS:

- I'm behind in data entry because all the procrastinators in the division decided to send their paperwork to me all at once. Not a grumble but just a reminder; district policy is that paperwork be submitted within 15 days of mission completion. The bottom line is all suffer when that happens as I only have so much available time (like the rest of us) to devote to the auxiliary. Data entry at this time is devoted to the priority area for this time of year; operations, VSCs, MDV's and the like. The other missions will be inputted into AUXDATA after those are done.
- Another item that I would like to touch on is that it is the flotilla FC or MT officer that forwards the paperwork to the Cape Office to turn on the IT, VE, MDV and other qualifications (not boat crew) not the IS officer. The paperwork is forwarded after verification that the required practicals have been entered into AUXDATA. That information is available to anyone through AUXINFO.
- I will be requesting a sum of \$70 to cover the cost of ink at the division meeting. The majority of mission reports are sent to me via e-mail and are not of the e-mail format and that uses up a lot of ink. District supplies me with paper

but not ink.

Big chunk of paper came in all at once. VSC's (Vessel Safety Checks), MDV (Marine Dealer Visitation) and under-way-surface operations are up to date, rest need to be processed. Reminder paperwork is to be in within 15 days of mission.

E-Mail forms require prior OK from IS officer. There is a short form and a long form. There is a specific E-mail form to use. The other form requires printing 8 pages if I don't catch it.

Wayne Cedres SO-MA:

Wayne Cedres DSO-MA, SO-MA

The district store is now completely closed. All material has been removed and the fax number has been disconnected. Do not send any more orders of any kind including PE. Anything received will be returned to the sender. Most sources of items that were sold thru the store are available in the uniform procurement guide that is on the national web site or can be ordered direct thru the AUXCEN site. If anyone has a specific problem, I will try to help. It's been a pleasure serving the members all these years and wish everyone good sailing and calm seas. A new DSO-MA will be taking over at some point in time, I don't know when. I will not be the DSO-MA next year nor will I be involved in the conference store in the future. I feel the way we are headed is going to severely limit what is sold and increase waiting times at the registers resulting in dissatisfied customers and I don't feel I could adequately serve the members under these conditions.

District store has been closed. We will be having the store at the conferences but we will not have inventory. It will be shipped on consignment. Looking for someone to take over DSO-MA

John McDermott- Marine Safety:

- Marine Mammal Observer – FSO-MS 33 Dick Muir reports that MMO trips out of Newburyport aboard the Prince of Whales on June 9th and 16th were cancelled due to weather. Dick also reports that he has been removing plastic bottles from the river while doing ATON verification trips aboard his PWC.
- Sea Partners – Jeff James FC 35 reports that the Sea Partners mission at the Salem New Hampshire Relay Race to Fight Cancer, was a fabulous success. Sheryl James gave out over 200 packets of material at the Auxiliary booth while Coast Guard CPO Langdale, Auxiliarist Stephen Arena and Jeff manned PFD Panda in the relay race and operated Coastie for the large crowd that was in attendance. This is one of Salem NH's major events of the year and the Auxiliary has been invited to participate again next year.

John Merrill SO-OP:

Reported new leader this year in the Coxswain with the most patrols, Joe Antanavich. Reminder ICS Courses must be completed before the end of the year.

Jeff James-SO-MT:

- We have had 4 people in Flotilla 37 take the AUXWEA exam.
- One person in Flotilla 37 has completed the Coxswain NAV Rules.
- We have one person in both Fl 38 and Fl 35 in training as Aux MEES.
- Operations' training is doing well. The feedback has been all-positive.
- There does seem to be a lot of confusion regarding the APC test requirement to hold elected office, namely regarding whether or not the grandfather clause is still in effect for those who took the old AUXMIN course. Will contact District for clarification.
- Some MS training will be starting on invasive species/ aquatic nuisances to be provided by members of Parker River Wildlife Refuge.
- There will be a Chart Updating/ Small Craft Facility Workshop at the ISC Boston on Thursday, July 19th, from 7:00-9:00.

Robert Deschene SO-PA:

Working with the Custom House Museum. Big plans for homecoming between the Station, Chief, Ron and myself. There

will be a reception on August 3rd for Rear Admiral Sullivan (Commander 1st District) with dignitaries. Looking at having Coastie brought up for the event. The Cutter Flying Fish is confirmed. Looking to have a booth there for August 2nd through 5th, from 1000 to 1600hrs. Will need help manning the booth. Tying up loose ends and looking to get the USO involved.

John Swenson SO-PV:

- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Program Visitor Gary Stapleford, of Flotilla 33, has just been “resuscitated” from REYR so we are back to a cadre of four visitors in Division 03. We have one each in Flotillas 33 & 34 and two in Flotilla 37. There are none in Flotillas 35 & 38.
- I have performed 16 visits and plan to do 6 or 7 more this week. I have done 13 VSC’s to date & have 4 more “in the fire”.

- **PROBLEMS/CONCERNS**

- We need RBSVP in Flotillas 35 & 38. We have an applicant in Flotilla 35 who passed the PV exam & needs just 2 supervised visits to become fully certified. We have several visitors in Flotilla 38 who are in REYR status. Two supervised visits would enable them to become re-certified as PV’s. I stand ready to provide any assistance they may require. But, no one contacts me! It is impossible to meet the requirements of the mission with so little manpower. RBSVP needs to be active in all 5 Flotillas. FC’s, I need your help. The support of the DCP would help a lot, too.

- **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Now that the Boating Season has finally arrived in the Division 03 AOR, we can set up VSC Stations at the Marinas and use RBSVP to spearhead that effort. There are many, many Partners to visit in the Division 03 AOR. Any places that Boaters may find themselves waiting or frequenting are potential Partners, not just the waterfront. The list is endless. Right now, we’re just scratching the surface! Let’s get with the program!

Henry Marchi SO-PE:

Nothing to report. Everything is closed down till the fall.

Scotty Crocker SO-PS:

- *One referral from Ron Booth since report was sent in.*

Alan Gould SO-VE:

- Vessel examinations are starting to accumulate because of the effort of members and the better weather. It is my understanding that approximately 70 VSC’s have been done to date. AuxInfo indicates only 36 VSC’s have been completed, but I am aware of at least another 35 or so. I understand that AuxInfo can be a week behind AUXDATA but if you do not turn in the paperwork it will not matter how many I may be aware of, they will not be counted. Please make sure that paperwork, IE mission form ANSC 7038 is completed and sent to the IS officer, work it out with the FSO-IS officers, but if you use the email form you can send it to both your FSO-IS and SO-IS with a push of the button.
- When a S.U.B owner asks you for a VSC, there is a procedure to complete it. SUB which stands for Sport and Utility Boats, which includes KAYAKS do not require all the equipment or in most cases registration and the following link or address will bring you to a page that has the recommended requirements and talking points. <http://www.ratlines.com/VSCforSUBs.htm> So there is a new or at least in my experience an untapped source for additional VSC’s, though I have been told that Kayaks have been inspected before by Division 3 personnel.
- I have sent the above information to FSO-VE’s so please make sure that they disseminate it to all your VE’s

Nothing to add except Cashman park this weekend and next will be busy. Not sure if any VE’s from flotilla 34 are available to cover Cashman park this weekend. Next Sat flotilla 37 is scheduled and anyone is welcome.

Station Merrimack River is having galley inspection tomorrow.

Ron Booth DCP:

My report was on this weekend. And the harbormasters covered that.

Commodore Penelope Pendergast:

All is going well. The demonstration tonight was excellent. They will join us at the conference in January. Auxiliary needs to know what the kayakers are able to do and what they are not able to do.

Like to thank D3 for all the work they have been doing. Please all keep your qualification's up. It is 3 yrs now, keep up with the changes

Intermission

OLD BUSINESS:

CG Birthday cookout Aug 4th Get the word out. Nobody from this division has bought tickets yet. Can't wait till last minute to tell Starboard Galley how many people are coming. Last year we had a clown. (Wasn't Joe Antanavich.), Would like to have the clown again but it costs \$200.

Motion made by Alan Gould to hire the Clown, Motion passed.

Just spent \$62 on a new flag for the station.

Suggestion to Order from Hamilton Marine they have better quality and they don't come from us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Antanavich reported he went to buy some ink cartridges and came up with pocket change. Motion by Frank Keslof to appropriate \$70 to reimburse SO-IS for the cost of Ink. Motion Passed.

Request to get an E-Mail version of the flyer for the Past Captains Association Rendezvous at CGSTA Merrimack River. Frank Keslof will check into this.

Frank Keslof IPDCP:

- Met with Commanding Officer of the Cutter Flying Fish on Tues. He will be here Wednesday or Thursday (8/1-2) depending on the tides and painting. She will be open for tours. People who are interested could be used to help out with the tours.
- On POMS you will find a new message screen that pops up.
- The auxiliary field observation report is now on the district website under Members/ sector Boston observation report.
- DSO-CS is working on an electronic GAR and Float Plan. Setting up the thing with 4 tabs so it can be sent to any of the four stations.

GOOD OF AUXILIARY:

- Past Commodore – 250yrs ago the seagoing services established a lot of the traditions. They all put a place to hang your hat so they are not put on the table. So now you know that you are violating an unwritten rule to not put you cover on a mess deck table.
- Take all our trash out tonight since they are having an inspection tomorrow.
- Commander Alexander (Director of Auxiliary 1NR) Retires tomorrow. Lieutenant Commander Nourse is his replacement. He is from Shrewsbury. CDR Alexander is joining Flotilla 33.
- Sail Boston will be in 2009

26 July is next meeting. We usually have a cookout. 2 weeks after that we will be having the station cookout. It will be casual attire. Division will buy the hamburgers etc. Time will be 1800hrs

Motion to adjourn at 2144

Note: Information in italics indicates information added after submitted reports.

Respectfully submitted
John Merrill

Edited and proof read by SO-SR