

The meeting was called to order at 1900. Jeff James, FC 35, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was had 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; Frank Keslof, IPDCP; John Carver, VFC, FN; Jeff James, FC 35, MT; John McDermott, VFC, MS; Rick Lutes, FC 37; Alan Gould, FVC, VE; Charles Pencinger, FC 38, PB; Scott Crocker, VFC, PS; Bud Kuran, AN; Gary Stapleford, CM; Joe Antanavich, IS; Wayne Cedres, MA; John Swenson, PV; John Merrill, OP; Al DePietro PA; Sheryl James, SR.

Guests: Perspective member from Flotilla 33.

FLOTILLA REPORTS:

Flotilla 33 – Dick Lemar

- On 21 September at 1910 we had our monthly flotilla 33 meeting at the Chelmsford Police station with 8 Members present. Our next flotilla 33 meeting will be on 19 October.
- The FSO-SR Minutes and FSO-FN report was approved as read.
- All Public Education classes for Flotilla 33 at Nashoba Tech and Salem High have been canceled due to insufficient number of students. In my opinion the well has run dry and we will be looking at other locations in our AOR for teaching PE classes. Dracut and Tewksbury are two locations that I will be looking into.
- Plans are moving forward for Vessel Examinations at all Marina's in the Merrimack River (for 2007) I will be working in conjunction with the help of VE's from flotilla 38 and possibly flotilla 34.
- We discussed having our annual Raw Chicken Bar-B-Q on October 7th at Dennis Carragher's house in Pelham NH. I am sending a notice out to all members so I can get a head count for members attending.
- We have a staff officer change. Our new FSO-MT is COMO Eugene Bernstein.

Flotilla 34 – Joe Amore

Absent, no report.

Flotilla 35 – Jeff James

- Flotilla 35 held its September meeting on September 7th at the Community Room in the Transportation Bldg. in Lawrence with 6 members and one perspective member in attendance. Failing a quorum no business was conducted.
- The final night for the 4 lesson piloting class was Tuesday September 26th at NECCO.
- Doing a recruitment poster with Flotilla 38's Bob Deschene.
- Am also in the process of asking Boat US for a grant for pamphlets.
- Operations went well with 6 patrols.
- ATONS – we checked 80 private aids in the Salem Sound area.
- We have one new member, one with paperwork submitted, and 2 perspective members from the piloting class.

Flotilla 37 – Rick Lutes

- Coast Cleanup - A few members met Ipswich HS at Crane Beach.
- BSS 8 week class at the Essex PD starting Oct 16 at 7pm
- Both OPFAC's involved with Merrimack River SAR case.
- ATONS verification patrol accomplished on the ESSEX with FSO-AN, newly minted from C school, and Division personnel.
- Slate of nominees: FC - Rick Lutes, VFC - Alan Gould.
- Other nominations may be taken from the floor.

Flotilla 38 – Charles Pencinger

- The most recent meeting of Flotilla 38 was held on 8 September 2006 at the Plum Island Boat House.
- The meeting was an end-of –summer cookout and a good time was had by all while viewing the sunset over the Merrimack.
- Adam Pappalardo qualified for boat crew during his check rid on 16 September 2006.

- Auxiliary vessel 201293 from Flotilla 38 participated in a SAR exercise with AUXAIR facility 242248 on 16 September 2006.
- Mike Dumaresq participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) at Plum Island, Sandy Point (Southern tip of island), Newburyport, MA on Sept. 16th.
- Nominations for office will take place at our next meeting in October followed by elections in November.
- Three new windows were installed in the Plum Island Boathouse.

DIVISION 3 STAFF REPORTS:

Aids to Navigation – Felix (Bud) Kuran, SO-AN:

(1) Inner harbor Channel change on Merrimack River

The Salisbury harbormaster has been successful in convincing the Army Core of Engineers who enforces the channel that mooring and docks were encroaching on the channel. Last summer a detailed mapping of the channel was completed and it was verified that there were many dock / mooring encroaching the channel. While the Army Corps of Engineers has responsibility for defining the channel, the CG is responsible for placement of the navigational buoys. The Salisbury harbormaster approached the CG Waterways commission in Boston about a solution. By shifting two navigational buoys (#20 & #22) boats would be forced to respect the channel. Buoys are often used to keep boats away from rocks and that was what the buoys on the Salisbury side were intended to do. The CG agreed the buoys could be moved. They moved buoy # 20 more that 100 yards across the river toward the Newburyport side. This move better defines the Salisbury side of the defined channel. The channel is not straight as the old placement of the buoys allowed but leads toward the Newburyport side before angling back toward the middle of the River.

The Newburyport harbor commission is not happy with the change and is protesting to the CG to come up with some compromise buoy placement.

(2) Route 1 Gillis Bridge Locked in Down position due to serious deterioration found during inspection

During an inspection on Sep 21, deterioration of pivoting bolts and /or gearing (I've heard both mentioned separately) on the bridge forced an immediate locking down of the bridge trapping taller boats (particularly sailboats) from either getting upriver or down river. Repairs have been projected to take approximately six week. Being the end of the boating season when boats are heading out or need to get upriver for hauling this present a serious problem. The CG (Bridge program office for the 1st CG district in Boston) is pushing to have the bridge raised once (hopefully this Sat and once Sun) to allow boats to either get out or get in. Mass Highway has said the bridge was in such bad condition that they did not want to risk opening it. Keep tuned as to what will happen this weekend.

(3) Inspection of Private Aids in Division 3 AOR

Inspection of Div 3 Private Aids is nearing completion. (Good job by all involved.)

The Essex River Aids were inspected by a patrol in August on Alan Gould's facility out of the Essex River. Good job by Joe Antanavich (Cox), Alan Gould and Rex Kelley crew. Rex recently completed ATON's training at the CG C-School in Virginia.

The Parker River Aids were inspected twice, once by a patrol in Aug on Dick Lemar's facility and also by DSO-ANT Frank Larkin on a patrol the following week.

Dick Muir has inspected the Merrimack River Aids upriver from Rocks Village Bridge early in the season. While down river aids are being inspected by Bud Kuran while on patrol in Dick Lemar's facility.

(4) Bridge Inspections

Inspection of bridges in Div 3 AOR is continuing. Thirteen of the 23 bridges have been inspected with 10 bridges still needing "To Be Inspected". Following is a summary of status on inspection of the 23 bridges assigned to Div 3:

Bridge #	Bridge Name	Date Last Checked	2006 Action	Inspected By	
155	286 Bridge, Seabrook, NH		Not Checked	TBI	OPEN
510	S 133 Bridge, Essex MA		Not Checked	TBI	OPEN
900	US 1 Bridge, Nbypt, MA		Sep 2006	Completed	Gary Stapelford
901	Newburyport RR Bridge, Nbypt, MA		Sep 2006	Completed	Gary Stapelford

902	Chain Bridge, Nbypt, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Gary Stapleford
		Sep 2006	Revised	Bud Kuran
903	Main Street Essex Bridge, Amesbury, MA	Aug 2001	TBI	Bud Kuran
904	Rt. 95 Bridge, Nbypt/Amesbury, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Gary Stapleford
905	Main St. Rocks Village Bridge, W. Newbury	Sep 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
906	Rt. 97 –113 Groveland/Haverhill Bridge	Aug 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
907	Rt. 125 Bridge, Haverhill, MA	Aug 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
908	RR Bridge, Haverhill, MA	Aug 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
909	RR Avenue Bridge, Haverhill, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
1195	Rt. 1A Parker River Bridge, Newbury, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Frank Larkin
1196	RR Bridge, Newbury, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Frank Larkin
1197	Rt. 1 Bridge Northerly, Newbury, MA	Not Checked	TBI	OPEN
1198	Rt. 1 Bridge Southerly, Newbury, MA	Not Checked	TBI	OPEN
1199	Middle St. Parker River Bridge, Newbury, MA	Not Checked	TBI	OPEN
1280	Plum Island Turnpike Bridge, Newbury, MA	Sep 2006	Completed	Dick Muir
1305	Main St Powwow River Bridge, Amesbury	Sep 2006	Completed	Gary Stapleford
1306	Rt. 495 Powwow River Twin Bridge	Jul 2001	TBI	Bud Kuran
1307	Rt. 110 Powwow Bridge, Amesbury, MA	Jul 2001	TBI	Bud Kuran
1308	Merrimack Power & Bldg Com Powow Br.	Jul 2001	TBI	Bud Kuran
1365	B&M Trestle Bridge, Rowley, MA	Not Checked	TBI	OPEN

Still looking for volunteers to conduct inspections of the 10 Bridges still needing inspection. Anyone interested please contact Bud Kuran and we'll fill you in on the inspection process. This task is fairly simple and we'll provide you with one-on-one training to get you started.

(5) Marina / Facility Data Updating

Now that boating season is coming to an end, plan to get a team together from Div 3 to get out to the Marinas/ facilities in our AOR to update marina data. Oct is the time to make this survey while the Marinas are still open. Those Auxiliarists in Div 3 Flotillas who are interested please contact Bud Kuran and we'll set up a training session on what needs to be done for this Marina survey. Flotilla Commanders please pass this on to you members.

Communications – Gary Stapleford, CM:

- Gary related to those present how the communication system as we know it is changing. A high-frequency plan is being adopted which will affect single side band and video taping across the globe. VHF will be authorized to 1000 watts, 200 watts for aircraft, and 500 watts authorized for boats and mobile units. There will also be new call signs. New certification will be required to operate the new nets.
- *Note: A complete printout of the proposed changes can be viewed/ downloaded from the Auxiliary website (<http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>), click on members, click on departments, and then click on Telecommunications on the side menu.*

Communication Services – Richard Lemar, CS:

- **Updated the following Division 3 pages**
 - What's New page: Added the D-3 July Minutes and cleaned up several old Items.
 - Calendar page: September and added the Newburyport September Tide page link.
 - Boating Courses Page: Canceled all Flotilla 33 Classes and added Flotilla 37 Classes.
 - Updated Flotilla 33 Website.
 - Waiting for updates from Flotillas regarding fall PE classes.

Finance Officer – John Carver, FN

- Finance Report Division 3 For Dates 7/1/06 thru 8/31/2006
Approved as read.

Information Systems – Joe Antanavich, IS

The end of the year is closer than we think. Time to do currency and put time in to maintain qualifications is running out. Reports were sent to the FC's and VFC's showing the status of their members so there should be no excuse

for not getting things done. Excuses by the way don't change a thing so don't bother giving one. Everyone should review the reports that I sent out for accuracy and notify me if there are any discrepancies. It takes time to track down mistakes and straighten them out so don't wait until the last minute where corrections may be difficult if not impossible. It appears for the most part that paperwork is being submitted on a timely basis but there appear to be some patrol orders that have yet to be submitted (the CG gets grumpy when that happens) along with their accompanying 7030s which contain currency and other items to be entered into AUXDATA. These have to be submitted ASAP. I noticed that some PE missions have non-qualified leads on them. Please make sure that a qualified person has the lead position.

Materials – Wayne Cedres, MA:

- There may be some changes coming as far as the District Store goes but nothing right now. All else is going smoothly.

Marine Safety – John McDermott, MS:

- Ron Doescher DSO-MS was the Site Co-Captain at the Coastal Cleanup at Crane Beach in Ipswich and reports that the 50 participants collected 60 bags of debris weighing 1200 pounds.
- Mike Dumaresq FSO-MS 38 along with Jeff and Sheryl James FL 35 took part in the Coastal Cleanup at Plum Island and Mike reports that the group of 11 participants that he was working with collected 22 bags of debris weighing 700 pounds, including 6 metal lobster traps and 3 tires.
- Dick Muir FSO-MS 33 has made 9 Marine Mammal Observation trips to Stellwagen Bank and there have not been any violations to report this year. Hurricane swells off the coast have kept the whale watch boats in port much of September but on his last trip this month there were 3 finback whales, 75 porpoises, and 1 giant sunfish sighted. Dick continues with picking up glass and plastic bottles from the Merrimack River and deposits them in proper containers on land.
- Fran Hunt FL 38 has been laid up with a bad leg and has been unable to perform any Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations in September.

Member Training – Jeff James, MT:

- We will have an AUXSEA class beginning October 18th at 1900 at Station MR. Some classes may be held in Lawrence, depending on size of class and geographical makeup of the class. The first night will be on marine engines and I intend to do one night on the use of alternative plotting tools.
- I am hoping to do a SAR course this winter. TBD.
- If I can get some help I would also like to do an Aux-NAV class if it can be tacked on the end of a PE – BCN.

Operations – John Merrill, OP:

- Division Activities to date:
 - **AUXINFO** reports that 33 underway-training missions have been completed along with 145 Safety patrols and 6 Regatta Patrols. Interesting since POM's has only put out order requests for 121 missions.
 - **POMs** reports that 56 missions have been completed totaling 296hrs. Two coxswains are listed as having completed 12 missions and 1 has 11 missions.
 - *(Of note this year is that we have been able to get at least 1 OPFAC underway for every special event that the Aux was requested for in our AOR.)*
- Upcoming Changes:
 - **The Boat Crew program is being revised** (<http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/ABCTM.htm>). While the details are still being finalized. The main change will be that re-qualification has been changed from every 5 years to every 3 years. Annual underway time is increased from 8 to 12 hours (for the first year crew/coxswain hours will both count). Annual tasks are not required. Although if you don't practice the 3-year re-qual could be difficult to pass. An additional exam is being prepared for coxswain candidates who have not completed the initial qualification by the end of the year.
 - **GAR Model** - The Green-Amber-Red (GAR) Model of Risk assessment was presented at the division operations workshop. We are requesting that this be completed for all underway missions in our

AOR. Those of you who work for station Gloucester know this has been required there since 2005. The form with explanation on how to fill it out is available on the division website, or contact your operations officer for a copy.

Public Affairs – Al DePietro, PA:

- Not much happening. Auxpao has been sending out emails regarding the movie “The Guardian”. One idea they have is to have an information table or booth promoting the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, safety classes, etc at some of the theaters where the movie will be showing. They think it may be a good opportunity to recruit new Auxiliary members and get people to sign up for boating classes.
- If any Flotilla members are interested in spending a couple of hours at local theaters that will be showing the movie please have them contact me and I will see about making arrangements with the theaters and obtaining literature to pass out from Auxpao.
- If anyone wants to participate I will try to set up times and locations according to their availability and geographic location livetoridey2k@hotmail.com.

Publications – Charles Grossimon, PB:

- No report.

Public Education – Henry Marchi, PE:

- Classes at Salem High School have been cancelled due to low student count. Anyone needing help for classes please let me know.
- Version 13 of the BS&S will be out soon but the 12th edition is still available.
- If any Flotillas have people interested in becoming an instructor please let me know so we can plan some classes.

Personnel Services – Scott Crocker, PS:

- Report for July, August & September:
New member Contacts: 5
New Member Referrals: 1 for Div. 4
6 for Div. 3
New Member Interviews: 4 (Fl. 38)
- The Personal Security Check program has picked up for new members. Those members who have not completed theirs will receive notices of un-enrollment/retired status.
- I STILL do not have a working office!!! If you need help please call my cell number and I will accommodate as best as I can.
- We had one new Auxiliarist, Adam Pappalardo, complete his check ride and qualify as crew.
- Will be having new member training scheduled for next week at the boathouse for 5 new perspective members of FL 38.

Program Visitor – C. John Swenson, PV:

- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
 - There are five currently certified PV’s in Division 3. To date only 13 visits have been entered on the PV web site (uscgamdv.com) for Division 3 in the current year. Those visits were all done by the same visitor, yours truly. I have oral confirmation from three of the other PV’s that they have done visits but have not yet entered them. Any mission of the USCGAUX is not complete until and unless it has been properly reported to IS for entry into AUXDATA. Entry in uscgamdv.com automatically accomplishes that and provides the PV with almost immediate e-mail confirmation. Any questions regarding the use of the PV web site should be referred to me. It is user friendly, i.e. even an old fool (yours truly) can handle it!
- **PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS:**
 - The National DVC-V (Peter Urgola) has requested that all-out effort be made to seek out and re-certify PV’s that have fallen into the REYR category. These are people who have been trained and

have had experience as visitors. They represent a “gold mine” for PV recruitment. I urge all Flotillas to carefully examine their rosters to determine if any active member is presently PV REYR and to recruit them for re-certification. The re-certification process is simple: complete 2 supervised visits & fill out the “Application for Re-certification”. The signed form should be forwarded to me. If they have been REYR for more than 5 years they must begin again by retaking the PV exam & then doing 2 supervised visits. The requirements are neither difficult nor time consuming.

- **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- All PV visits should be entered and the records brought up to date within the next 30 days. Also I expect to hear from each of the FSO-PV’s as to the status of any PV REYR member(s) they may have, in that same time period.

Vessel Examinations – Alan Gould, VE:

- The numbers are down due to weather related issues in May, June, July, and September. FL 38 has only done 200 vs. 400 last year.

IPDCPREPORT:

- PSI activity has tapered off to new members only. Those who have not submitted their paperwork will be notified of dis-enrollment or retired status.
- District Elections remain the same except for the Rear Commodore positions: Paul Smith-Valley was elected RCO-NNE, Frank Keslof RCO-Boston, and William O. Griffith II as RCO-SENE.
- Operations Guide-Sector Boston – I have been working on a guide with Ensign Parker, which is nearing completion.
- New Members – those who have been sworn in as members during 2006 are eligible for a free lunch at the January Conference at the Burlington Marriott on Saturday January 6th. Mailings will be going out from the Cape Office shortly.
- April Conference will be at the Renaissance Hotel in Bedford, MA.
- Sector Conference for Sector Boston – Late February or early March. Will be a one-day affair on a Saturday. More to follow.

VCPREPORT:

- Don’t panic over the Operations changes.
- Reports need to be in by early Wednesday to make the meeting.

DCPREPORT:

- All I have to say is that this year’s picnic was a big improvement over last year. Everyone had a good time and we were all able to relax and enjoy the day. The food was well done and well presented. I was shocked when Starboard Galley showed up with a grill and began cooking everything from scratch on the premises. This I can handle.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- DCP – Ron Booth
- VCP – Henry Marchi

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Change of Watch**
 - Date – December 2, 2006
 - Location – Town of Newbury Fire Department Function Hall, 5 Morgan Ave., Newbury, MA.
 - Tickets \$35.00 (deadline 25th November)
 - 1830 – Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres (Cash bar)
 - 1915 – Dinner
 - Menu choices: Steak (12 oz. Black Angus) **or** Baked stuffed haddock with Caesar salad, rice pilaf,

asparagus, dessert, coffee or tea. Contact Ron Booth for tickets and indicate your menu choices; (H)

o **Setup/ Decorating Committee – e-mail Ron if interested** (sealily143@comcast.net).

- A motion was made and seconded to replace the worn and tired Auxiliary ensign at Station MR. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to spend no more than \$100,00 for a gift of appreciation. The motion passed.

GOOD OF AUXILIARY:

- **Awards:** Jeff and Sheryl James were presented their Service Awards for 25 years service.
- Alan Gould related his experience of sailing into Boston Harbor aboard the USCG Bark Eagle.
- Mention was made that Chapman's would be a good idea to have for the AuxSEA course.
- Next month's meeting will be the Division elections, proctored by COMO Gene Bernstein. Gene will also be giving a presentation on Protocol and Uniforms.

The meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Next months meeting will be held on October 26th, 2006. The host Flotilla will be 38.

Respectfully submitted
Sheryl James, SO-SR

Note: *Italicized print = new information added.*