



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Whittier Flotilla**

Combined Report - January Minutes and FSO Reports

Minutes from Jan. Meeting.

**WHITTIER FLOTILLA
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Flotilla Commander Bill Morris at 5:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed. A quorum was not present due to inclement weather. No motions were able to be made because of the lack of a quorum.

Members Present: Bill Morris & Linda Shogren, Tom Kane & Mary Southard, Buck Adams, Claude Barker, Dave Bronfman, Jim & Yvonne Chase, Sylvia Condy, Mel & Ellen Cooper, Larry Cutting, Rae De Ley, Tony & Sheila Hillegeist, Bill Holzheimer, Lou & Charlotte Jones, Russ & Kathy Lyday, Sig & Mary Murphy, John Orella, Suanne Shogren, Cathey Sterling, Roy & Terry Stoddard, Jules Tileston, Joan Tovsen

Guests Present: Richard Block of the Anchorage Flotilla

Secretarial Report: Sylvia Condy presented the minutes of the last regular meeting. No corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Stoddard reported that the collection of dues went well. She has taken care of new and transferred members dues. She reported that class books are a big expense; Terry suggested the FSO's budget for education be raised by \$1,000. A discussion followed.

Sig Murphy reported on the District 17 Winter Conference in Homer. He spoke about scholarships, bus schedules, hotel reservations, TSD's, rescue and survival costumes for the annual costume party, and dates of activities. Discussion followed.

FSO Reports: (See e-mail for staff officer reports)

Vessel Safety Checks Report: Lou Jones reported on the upcoming Anchors Aweigh Boat Show, February 1st through February 10th. There are 24 volunteer shifts to be filled. The flotilla booth will promote boating and new members, educate people as to the wearing of Personal Flotation Devices, have people sign up for vessel examinations, and take boating and waterway watch classes. Lou will set

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up stations where knots, navigation, vessel examinations and boat safety will be taught. Lou urged new members to participate. He will be setting up the booth on the Thursday evening before the show.

Linda Shogren will make flyers for the boat show of the upcoming classes offered by local flotillas.

Lou reported that the flotilla has 15 vessel examiners now. Honorary patches were given to Sig Murphy for performing 110 Vessel examinations, and to Roy Stoddard for performing 100 Vessel examinations.

Public Affairs Report: Linda Shogren has flyers for the next ABC and BSS classes. She will also make posters for the Anchors Aweigh Boat Show. The Ahoy Quarterly Magazine needs photos and stories from the flotilla members.

Public Education Report: Russ Lyday reported that 40 people came to the BCN class. They ran out of books, but did have enough instructors. Russ thanked the members for participating. On March 6th, a BSS class will be held; a host for this class is needed. Another BSS class will be given in the fall and April 12th an ABC class will be held. An Instructor Qualification class will also be held. Russ urged the new members to get involved with the classes.

Linda Shogren will e-mail the schedule of classes to the members.

Member Training Report: Rae De Ley stated that First Aid and Sexual Harassment Classes will be offered at a yet undetermined time and place. Mary Southard and Jim Chase will be teaching the Sexual Harassment Class; the First Aid Class is still looking for an instructor and materials.

Flotilla Commanders Report: Bill Morris reported that the Homer Conference will be the Diraux's final conference, as she is retiring. A "survival package" is being prepared for the Diraux as she reports she is moving into a waterside cabin. Ideas and expenditures for the gift were discussed.

Rear Commodores Report: Roy Stoddard announced that a remote volunteer opportunity had become available for flotilla members. There is exciting work at a Loran Station on St Paul Island during crabbing season, beginning in January 2008. A two week minimum stay is necessary, but if someone wanted to stay a month they would be welcomed. Only one auxiliariarist can be on the station at a time. The volunteer duties are as a Public Affairs Officer, taking pictures and videos and making reports to the D17 PA.

Division 2 Captains Report: Sig Murphy has nothing to report.

Awards:

New members Dave Bronfman and Charles "Buck" Adams were sworn in.

New 2008 FSOs Tony Hillegeist and Rae De Ley were sworn in.

FSOs 2007 Certificate of Appreciation was given to Rae De Ley.

Buck Adams was congratulated on passing both BCN and CAN classes.

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Flotilla Commander Bill Morris announced runners-up for the 2007 Golden Anchor Award:

1st runner up was Buck Adams for hitting a member's car with his boat trailer while doing a victory lap celebrating the first launch of his new boat.....and was awarded the new prize called the Mini-Me Golden Anchor.

2nd runner up was Chris Pallister for accidentally filling the new water tank on his boat with diesel fuel.

Tony and Sheila Hillegeist were given awards for completing the Hazard Awareness Class.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Fellowship to follow at the Lone Star Steak House.

Staff Officers Reports for Jan 9th, 2008

FSO-PS (Sue Whitney): Lori and Todd O'Banion are our most recent 2007 applicants for membership. We expect transfer paperwork soon for Wendell Nelson. Dis-enrollments have been submitted for five members:RobertHaskell,Doug/Nick/ThereseLeiser,andLoriPrice.

FSO-MS&EP (John Whitney): Be prepared!! Checking on seasonally stored or non-used boats is always wise! Some of us are still boating, but others might also use any extra time to read up on proper boat maintenance and latest in operations.

FSO-CM (Bill Reiter): Nothing to report from Communications.

FSO-CS (Tom Kane): I would like to ask for any suggestions anyone might have about what they would like to see on the Whittier Flotilla Web Site.

FSO-OPS (Tom Kane): The District Conference is coming up on the 14th of Feb. Bob Gross will facilitate a POMS and Operations workshop. There will also be workshops on VE (Vessel Exams) and UPV (Uninspected Passenger Vessel exams). Please go through the power point presentation for the 2008 Operations workshop at the following link.

<http://www.auxodept.org/documents/uptopinoperations/2008/2008%20Operations%20WorkshopPPP.ppt>

FSO-VE (Lou Jones): Lou requested time to speak about

- Sign up's, Anchors Aweigh Boat Show Feb 1st - 10th
- How to Become a Vessel Safety Check Examiner.

Academy Admissions Partner (Sylvia Condy) - nothing to report.

FSO-PV (Marine Dealer Visitor) (Tony Hillegeist) – nothing to report.

FSO-PB (Cathey Sterling) - I believe the Whittier Soundings publication met our needs last year. In order to provide an informative and interesting newsletter your articles and suggestions are necessary and must be received by the editor (Cathey) before the third Monday of each month if they are to be included in that months letter. If you have any suggestions for a regular section in the newsletter I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks again for your support.

FSO-PE (Russ Lyday) - Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Education Classes 2008 2008 kicks off with several classes open to the public and Auxiliarists. Please consider taking any of these courses you have not previously taken, and please consider helping with any of the classes. Come and join us for one or more fun and challenging classes.

Have you ever thought about sharing your boating knowledge with others? Maybe you don't feel "expert" enough. That's ok. It's more important to have a desire to share with others than it is to be an expert. Few of us are experts at anything, but the rewards for teaching can be great. When students approach you after class and tell you what a great job you did and that they really learned something, that's a great feeling! Recently Kathy and I were on a plane returning from Texas. A lady approached us and said " I remember you. You taught at the BS&S class! When is your navigation class? My husband and I would like to take it". Very cool.

Basic Coastal Navigation begins on Tuesday, January 8, from 6-9 at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage. The class runs January 8-February 26. This class is open to both the general public and Auxilists. Space is still available and we will continue taking students until the second class on January 15.

Basic Coastal Navigation covers reading nautical charts, the magnetic compass and using navigational tools. Class fee is \$100 for both Navigation courses (\$50 for a student's spouse). It includes textbook, study guide, practice nautical chart. Please bring plotting tools to class.

Advanced Coastal Navigation meets on Tuesdays, March 4-April 22 from 6-9 PM. These classes are also held at the BP Energy Center. This class is an extension of Basic Coastal Navigation, and teaches more about tides and currents, coastal cruising and voyage planning.

Boating Skills and Seamanship will meet Thursdays, March 6-April 24 from 6-9 pm. This class also meets at the BP Energy Center. The class includes basics from learning the types of boats and motors, trailering, knots, safety equipment, rules of the road, nautical charts, piloting yur boat, and weather. Class fee is \$60 for the public and is free for Auxiliarists.

America's Boating Course meets Saturday, April 12, 9 AM to 5 PM at the Morris Alaska Building, 301 Arctic Slopoe Blvd, (behind Dimond and King intersection). This one day course covers basics such as boating safety, laws, navigation, required equipment, PWC handling, boating emergencies and safe trailering. Class fee is \$25 for the public and free for Auxiliarists.

Help us to ensure a great turnout for the classes. Pass the word along to your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

We have openings for instructors for all of our currently scheduled classes. Please let me know if you are available to teach.

We are also looking for a class host for the BS&S class. No special skills required.

FSO-AN (Paula Krebs) - Start thinking about which ATON you would like to adopt this coming boating season. All I ask is that you visit the site twice during the year, take a photo, and notify me if you see any problems with the ATON. I'll also be looking for some visits to boating hazard sites to get high and low tide photos sometime during the summer, your choice. Next month I'll bring in a list for

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signup. There is no shortage of these hazard sites as the list has 81 locations. I'll be bugging you next month.

FSO-PA (Linda Shogren) - Notices were placed in the Anchorage Daily News for upcoming Navigation classes. Ads were also placed in the Eagle River Star & Alaska Journal of Commerce. Flyers have been posted at West Marine. Additional flyers will be available at the Wednesday meeting for folks to take to their places of business.

I'm working on signage for our Auxiliary booth at the Anchors Away Boat Show...volunteers for manning the booth are still needed.

FSO-IS (Bob Harvey) - I'll give a short report on our 2007 hours and missions but won't have the details until Mon or Tues. I'll bring something written to the mtg to give to Sylvia for the Minutes.