



Division 4 South Bay  
District 11, Northern Region

**Division 04 Regular Meeting Minutes – *24 April, 2019***

**American Red Cross Building  
2731 North First Street San Jose Ca  
@1930 – 2030**

- **Call to Order** – 1930
- **Pledge of Allegiance** -
- **Guest Introductions** – Stephan Guttman, new member of Flotilla 46
- **UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT** – See board and Staff Officer’s report section
- **Determination of Quorum** – Yes,
- **Awards** – None
- **Approve Previous month’s minutes** – February and March minutes were approved
- **DCDR report** - – [Alan Stanton](#)
- **District News – Highlights** – [Alan Stanton](#)
  - a. All FSO-HR personnel are reminded that New Member applications must be signed by the Flotilla Commander before submitting to DIRAUX.
  - b. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of April is Opening of the Bay.
  - c. Sector San Francisco will be requesting Auxiliary support for safety patrols at Crissy Field as kite boarders are resuming activities.
  - d. Our Auxiliary Liaison Officer (AUXLO) ENS Davis will be handing over duties to LTJG Jimmy Cruise in 2020.
  - e. AUXDATA is going to be replaced. The new system is currently out to bidding.
  - f. All Flotilla Commanders are reminded to inform Bill Tsai of their National Safe Boating Week activities.
  - g. San Jose Bass Pro shop has a new Events Manager who would like to hold PE classes every month. This is a great opportunity to pool our

resources and present more classes. For further details please contact our SO-PE B.K. Barr

- **Division Board: Flotilla Commander Reports – “3 Ups & 3 Downs” Highlights:**

IPDCDR – Michael Brown, DCDR – Alan Stanton, VCDCR – Paul Verveniotis, FL41 – Jill Weeks, FL43 – absent, FL46 – Kristan Verveniotis, FL48 – Christopher Johnson, FL49 – Onno Vaneikemahomme

- **IPDCDR** – nothing to report

**FL41** – Jill Weeks – Report on file (ROF)

**HIGHLIGHTS/”3 UPS”:**

1. February Flotilla meeting, goals and planning
2. Partnership with the Western Sea Kayakers and request for speakers
3. D train participation and awards.

**DETAILS:**

1. Motion passed for flotilla to purchase flags. Meeting room at Sports Basement available for RBS and Paddle craft safety classes.
2. Western Sea Kayakers has requested that we provide speakers at monthly meetings in June, July and or August. Speak on marine radios, paddle craft safety etc.
3. Flotilla Participation in D Train and awards.

**PROJECTS:**

1. Flags are on order. Meeting with Sports Basement April 13<sup>th</sup> (during our next flotilla meeting) to finalize dates for RBS and Paddle Craft safety classes.
2. Will provide speakers for Western Sea Kayakers meeting. Flotilla members are attending their meetings. Coast Guard Auxiliary and safe boating/paddling message is always welcome at their meetings. First Wednesday of the month at Sports Basement in Sunnyvale.
3. 2 flotilla members attended D train in Reno. 3 flotilla members were awarded ribbons. One member received several ribbons and awards. Awesome participation by flotilla members.

### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“3 Downs”):**

1. Recruitment. This is a long process, presenting several challenges to overcome.
2. Participation of current members. ½ of the flotilla is active. Working to increase participation of current members.
3. Training: Several members are RYR with core training. Reached out to members to facilitate, no response. Challenge for flotilla to offer relevant training for current members. Want to bring in guest speakers, not enough participation to ask speakers to come.

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Sports Basement: Continue to work with Justin on several projects.
2. Western Sea Kayakers partnership. Working with Mark to provide speakers on topics he requested: radio/communications and paddle craft safety.
  - Working with Daniel from Santa Clara parks and rec at Calero for vessel safety checks and moonlight paddle events.

**FL43 – Bill Tsai – ROF –**

### **HIGHLIGHTS/“3 UPS”:**

1. Flotilla held meeting on Apr 9<sup>th</sup> with 80% active members present.
2. Agreed on supporting Dtrain, NSBW, and ABS class at Bass Pro on April 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Had light super.
4. Planned for NSBW, PA booth two Saturdays at West Marine and one weekend at Alviso boat ramp.
5. One guest who has enrolled with paper work as a new member

### **DETAILS:**

1. Reviewed and accepted general flotilla goals, for 2019 to support Divisions activities
2. Discussed taking physical class for Risk management II
3. Cold cuts, dinner rolls and Chinese chicken salad
4. For NSBW we planned to have PA booth at West Marine, San Carols store, Saturdays 5/18 & 25.
5. PA booth & VSC at Alviso boat ramp. All from 10:00 am to 2:30pm

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Flotilla will support Division in conducting ABS classes at Bass Pro for coming months
2. Have all active members complete the new Risk management course, both on-line and at a class
3. Working with Cal dept of waterways and boating

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“3 Downs”):

1. We will be doing a SWOT analysis of our flotilla’s condition, since we have only ten active members which indicate that we have a critical mass problem to perform all task
2. Flotilla six longtime members whom either performs most of the tasks and four new members who so far due to personal reasons is concentrated in boat crew
3. Longtime members are pulling back on participation and moving out of area

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Will participate with Cal State on Dock Walker

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Flotilla will Support Annual Events Goals for 2019

- ~~Dtrain 2017 will be at High Sierra Resort, Reno 22 – 24 March 2019~~
- Crew academy week ends each month (on going)
- **SF Bay Opening Day Parade of boats April 28, Saint Francis Yacht Club**
- South Bay Opening Day Redwood City Harbor May
- ABS Class at Bass Pro as part of NSBW May
- National Safe Boating Week May
  - West Marine PA booth May, Saturday
  - Alviso Lunch Ramp May, Sunday
- **ABS Class at Bass Pro – April 20<sup>th</sup> at Base Pro**
- Spirit of 45” SJ Aug
- Palo Alto Airport Day Sept
- Redwood City harbor Festival Oct
- Fleet Week Oct
- FL43 Elections – Oct
- Alviso Day on the Bay Festival Oct
- COW Nov
- Veterans Day Parade Nov
- Veterans Day Menlo Park wreath laying Veterans Day Nov

### **HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Two transfer members Stu and Kaethe Langs from Division 12
2. Flotilla goals discussed and approved
3. Planned presence and fellowship for South Bay Opening Day in RWC

### **DETAILS:**

1. Stu and Kaethe Langs are long time Aux members from Fremont flotilla who live in Menlo Park. Stu is VE, IT and Comms qualified. Kathy is IT qualified.
2. Flotilla goals are as follows:
  - I. Qualifications: No losses, three gained
  - II. Recruitment and Retention: Add four members
  - III. Visibility: increase activity at port events and boat ramp VSCs
  - IV. Vessel Examinations: Complete 60 VSC (3 qualified VEs and 3 in training)
  - V. FSO positions: fill 3 additional, specifically IS, MT and PE.
3. Flotilla will be hosting an information booth and VSC day at South Bay Opening Day on Saturday, May 4. This will also include a potluck picnic fellowship.

### **PROJECTS:**

4. Purchase tent for Flotilla to use for RWC Port Events
5. Organize SBOD event and fellowship at RWC Port
6. Flotilla goals discussed at February meeting to be developed, distributed and voted on at March meeting

### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES ("3 Downs"):**

4. Loss of two members due to health problems: Jack and LeeYee Su
5. Several members have been difficult to contact and do not attend meetings

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Division is invited to SBOD potluck picnic, details above and to follow via email communication
2. Will communicate with Flotilla regarding NSBW activities of Division

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** See above

**FL48** – Christopher Johnson – ROF

**Executive Summary Highlights** – During the month of April our flotilla held an AUDIO only WEBINAR form of meeting in addition to physically being present. In attendance were three members physically plus one via phone.

- We discussed that St. Francis parish took away our meeting room for the May 44 class and we could not find another 2 consecutive Saturdays. As a result, we agreed that the class would be cancelled.
- Next ABS class, tentatively set for August 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Next elections, only one individual qualified to run for FC, The active members have been warned to start thinking.

#### **FL49 – Onno Vaneikemahommes – ROF**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

- Conducted Flotilla meeting on April 6th good attendance
- After Flotilla Meeting new member signed up
- Minimal Ops activities have taken place:
- One patrol conducted and one cancelled due to weather.
- One Member retired

##### **DETAILS:**

- Flotilla meeting conducted and presentation to enhance the meeting content was well received
- Rita Gormley retired after 20 years. She was initially going to take over finance for J. Esteban but decided to retire.
- The flotilla meeting with ASSF presentation was well received and a new member signed up.
- Gill Smith passed his VE online test and is ready to conduct his VEs under supervision.
- No member requested remote access even though it was made available.

##### **PROJECTS:**

1. Planning Objectives for 2019
2. Continue developing presentations to increase discussion participation and fuel excitement
3. Dock walkers presentation in May was initially believed to schedule for April.
4. Need to start planning VE season.

##### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES ("3 Downs")**

Nothing reported

##### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

Nothing to report.

##### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

Goals and objectives were discussed during the March monthly meeting 2019. Still little input

##### **PHOTO GALLERY:**

None added to this report.

## **Staff Officers Report Support**

- SO-CS Ryan Brown - Not present & No report
- SO-DV Position Vacant
- SO-FN Eleanor Antonakos – Not present -ROF
- SO-HR Michele Gibson – Report on file,

Redwood City – Flotilla will staff an information booth and host a food booth at the Port of Redwood City on May 4, 2019, from 10-2 p.m., which coincides with South Bay Opening Day.

- SO-IS B.K. Barr – ROF

No Activity to report

- SO-MA Bill Tsai – ROF

No new activity

- SO-MT Judy Esteban –

No reports from Flotillas FSO-MTs. Asking FSO-MTs to submit MT activities monthly.

New Risk Management training, online class to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

- SO-PB Position Vacant
- SO-SR Bill Tsai – February and March minutes re-distributed for review
- SO-FS Michele Gibson – ROF

No activities to report

- **Prevention**

- SO-MS Position Vacant
- SO-NS Jim Higuchi

South Bay ATONS and Bridges still to be surveyed. Opportunity for new verifiers to complete their PQS.

- SO-PA Position Vacant
- SO-PE B.K. Barr – ROF

Worked with Bass Pro to host our Div sponsored ABS classes for 2019

New events manager at Bass Pro, wants monthly classes.

- SO-PV Position Vacant
- SO-VE Randy Tan –
  1. VSC for REI Paddle Craft fleet. Connected with Outdoor Sports Supervisor and arranged courtesy checks on the paddle craft used for REI classes and events. They maintain two fleets. This is scheduled for April 26 & 28.
  2. VSC promotions at Sequoia Yacht Club & WestPoint Harbor, Redwood City.
  3. Boaters seem discouraged by quagga restrictions at San Luis, Anderson, and Calero and will opt for other bodies of water. Despite efforts to present a dry boat and traveling a great distance, many boaters are denied access to the water after failing quagga inspection for rain, dew, water in the cooler, water in your galley/garbage/head etc. The policy is to deny any boat with any water. There is no option to pay for decontamination like at Tahoe.

### **Response**

- SO-CM Shawn Cooley –ROF  
Paperwork submitted for new radio facility at Flotilla Tower, Redwood City Harbor.
- SO-OP Mike Brown – ROF  
No new activity

### **Old Business –**

- St Francis Yacht Club's "2019 Opening of the Bay Sunday April 28th, 2019. Ten volunteers requested to assist. Contact Gail Giacomini, ADSO-PA
- National Safe Boating Week 18 – 24 May.
- May 2019, National Water Safety Month.
- OPEX, Buckley Cove Launch Ramp, Stockton. 18 May 2019.
- Marine Safety Flare Collection Event in San Francisco, Sunday April 14

### **New Business**

- DIV4 Sponsored Dock Walker Training. May 1st at 1900 hrs. Sponsored by FL49
- South Bay Opening Day on Saturday, May 4. FL48 to host activities at Redwood City Boat Ramp.



- Memorial Service for Joaquin Duran, Saturday May 4, 1400hrs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in San Jose

**Motions Voted on – None**

**For the Good of the Auxiliary – None**

**Next meeting – May 22, same place**

**Adjournment – 2000hrs**

**Training - D11 Surface OPS Workshop**