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AGENDA USCGAUX 96 April 25, 2018 Meeting

18:00-18:30 Training- **Uniforms**

18:30 Meeting called by: Flotilla Commander:

Dr. Michelle Binkowski-Keller, Vice Commander: Dixon Keller

Call to order:

Pledge, Invocation, moment of silence for those who have crossed the bar,

Attendance- verify quorum, Welcome, Introduction of guests

Swear in New Members

Awards

Flotilla Commander Report on the Division Meeting:

Flotilla Commander Announcements:

- Lake Havasu Boating Accident

Secretary of Records Report: adoption of meeting notes /Mar. 2018

Finance Office Report- adoption of report for March 2018

VFC –Staff Officers report:

What have you completed? What are you working on ?

FSO FN,	Keith Lee	FSO OP	Ken Bandy
FSO HR	Keith Lee	FSO IS	Lonnie Singer
FSO CM	Keith Lee	FSO NS	Ken Bandy
FSO SR	Dixon Keller	FSO MT	Ken Bandy
FSO DV	Dr. Michelle Keller	FSO MA	Mark Himes
FSO PV, PE	Dr. Michelle Keller	FSO VE	Dixon Keller
FSO PB	Ray Sarbacker	FSO CS	Dixon Keller
FSO PA	Doug Bradford	FSO MS	David Huang

Old Business:

- Safe Boating Week dates May 19- May 26th
- CPR/AED class – April 28th At Mohave Fire Dept, Mohave, ZA \$35/ person
- Jr Ranger day April 21, 2018
- Las Vegas to Baker Run
- Phone Tree

New Business:

- Coxswain Navigation Rules Test
- C School (PA), (Leadership)
- Division meeting May 19th at the Water Safety Center

20:00 Adjourn Meeting.../Fellowship to follow meeting

Hello 9-6 members!

Did you know there is a Merchant Mariner Oath?

“ I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and honestly, according to my best skill and judgement, and without concealment and reservation, perform all the duties required of me by the laws of the United States. I will faithfully and honestly carry out the lawful orders of my superior officers aboard a vessel”

Vice Commander Dixon Keller and I want to thank you for your contributions of time, energy, and efforts as we work together to grow the Flotilla membership. There is a strong need for our mission of responsible boat ownership, and the more people we have on board, the more opportunities arise that will help us tackle that mission.

We would also like to remind you that Safe Boating Week is May 19th – May 26th. We are reminded that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary’s goals and strategies are to support a safe, secure, and enjoyable public recreational boating experience by ensuring their vessels meet the minimum requirements of boating safety. The objective is to implement programs that minimize the loss of life, reduce personal injury and property damage while at the same time encourage boaters to be cognizant of environmental and national security efforts.

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Coast Guardsman leads service's first women's rugby team at Las Vegas tournament

by PO3 Corinne Zilnicki

For the first time ever, the Coast Guard's Women's Rugby Team descended upon the rugby field, each of the 13 women sporting orange-checked jerseys and the crossed anchors of the service's emblem. Ranging from petty officers to lieutenants, active duty members to reservists, the women represented multiple Coast Guard occupations and units from Hawaii to New York.



13 Coast Guard women represent the service in Las Vegas rugby tournament

The Coast Guard women's rugby team poses together after finishing the Las Vegas Invitational, the largest rugby tournament in North America, March 2, 2018. This was the inaugural appearance of the women's team, who competed against multiple women's open divisions over the annual multi-day event. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Rob Simpson.

Lt. j.g. Kelly Bishop, the team's Seattle-based assistant coach, commended the group of ruggers on their adaptability.

"It was challenging," Bishop said. "We only had two one-hour practices, and a few had never played 7's-style rugby before. However, they all played their hearts out and did surprisingly well."

The team kicked off the tournament on Thursday morning by handily defeating the South Sound Assassins of Olympia, Washington, 44-0.

"Even though we won, that definitely wasn't our best match," said Gamache. "We steadily improved throughout the tournament, and our greatest match ended up being our last one on Friday afternoon. That's when we gelled and started to play off each other rather than as individuals."

Lt. Cmdr. Keith Wilkins, officer in charge of the Coast Guard Rugby program, agreed that the team's success is better measured in effort and attitude than number of victories.

"The level of effort given by each athlete from the time the first training started to the very last whistle was extremely high," said Wilkins, who along with program manager Lt. j.g. Vincent Nitopi and head coach Sean Lindersmith helped make the women's team a reality. "The motivation by each individual woman towards the team goal was a resounding success and a foundational building block for the women's program."

NEXT MEETING:



May 30th at Bass Pro Shops,
8200 Dean Martin Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89139

Flotilla meetings are held on
the last Wed. of each month.

Training at 6:00 pm followed by
the monthly meeting at 6:30.
Fellowship following meeting

From the Helm...

continued...

We're planning a great boating week kickoff, starting with a

Vessel Examination Event and Public Outreach booth at Lake Mead National Recreation area on Saturday, May 19 as well as a Public Education course called "Suddenly in Command", which will be taught at the Humana Guidance Center on Green Valley Parkway on May 22, from 6 pm to 9:30pm.

Additionally, Division 11SR will be holding its monthly meeting here in Las Vegas on May 19th at the Water Safety Facility at Lake Mead. We encourage and invite all flotilla members to attend and see, firsthand, how these Division meetings are conducted, since they are generally not held in Las Vegas.

Semper Paratus

Dr. Michelle Binkowski-Keller,

Flotilla Commander 09-06

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Skipper Reminders...

Upcoming Crew training this coming Wednesday May 2nd, 6- 9 pm at the Humana Guidance Center, 1000 N. Green Valley Parkway, Ste 720, Henderson NV 89074. In the Smith's shopping center near Massage Envy.



CPR/AED Tactical training class will be held
April 28th, 2018, 8:30-17:30 hours
Location: Mojave Valley Fire Department
Mojave Valley, AZ

CPR is very important not only for the community but also for our Flotilla members.

Taught by a USCGAUX member, you will be credited for your attendance, I encourage all of you to join us, It may just save a life of a stranger or someone you know and love.

Let me know if you will be attending.

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