



CONNECTICUT BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting January 16, 2012, Marine Headquarters, Old Lyme

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In attendance were: Grant Westerson, CT Marine Trades Ass. George Hallenbeck, US Power Squadrons-D2; John (Sandy) McDonald, Fairfield County Commodores Ass.; Bob Crook, Coalition of Sportsmen; Steven G.M. Biro, USCG Auxiliary; Tom Reynolds, CT Bass Federation, Gaeton Andretta, Paddlers/Small Boat Shop; Bob Zipp's ,Antique Motor Club. Guests included Frank Kemp, Darien Sail and Power Squadron; Maureen Boylan – Save Our Boatyard, Randy Dinter –Save Our Boatyard; Bill Heiple, Triton Environmental, Inc; William Bulkley, Triton Environmental, Inc. DEEP representatives were: Eleanor Mariani, CT DEEP Boating; John Annino, CT DEEP Boating.

Grant Westerson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:45P.M.

Approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2012 meeting were tabled for the next meeting.

Special Presentation William Heiple, consultant for Triton Environmental, presented plans for the Brewer's Yard and mitigation plan at the facility on the East River. The facility, at 205 Magee Avenue, is proposed to accommodate about 190 boats, 30 feet in length, utilizing 40' high rack storage. This facility is intended to be full service and the travel lift can accommodate vessels up to 65 '. The proposal includes putting 100 slips at the former Brewer Marina location and public access on the shore will be provided. A public hearing will take place February 6, with a 3pm site visit.

To a question posed about navigation safety issues of the proposed docks at the Magee facility, Eleanor responded that Mike Payton of her office could look at it, at the appropriate time. To a question posed by one of the guests regarding additional presentations on the subject, Grant indicated that while he agrees the sites will not replace all the features of the Brewer's Yard, including the amount of winter storage that was available, it is a business decision for not replacing the Yard in-kind and the group seems to understand the responsibility they to the boaters in that area. While it will remain an issue of interest, he is not sure that the Council should devote much more time to it.

Old Business. Proposed legislation was discussed. Eleanor discussed two bills that her office is submitting – including revamping of the abandoned boat law (CGS Sec. 15-140c) and the ability to approve online courses as a way to satisfy the requirement for boater certification (would amend CGS Sec. 15-140e and 15-140j). Grant discussed proposed titling bill that will be brought forth for a second year. CMTA will bring forth a legislation that would broaden the ability to bring in new out of state business to provide a winter window for boat repairs that would not be subject to taxes.

Eleanor asked for comments on RBS accomplishments that were sent out earlier.

New Business. John Craine brought up the issue of the increased percentage of ethanol in gas and discussed a pilot test going to 0% ethanol. Grant noted that if there is a broken load (less than 8,000 gallons), the retailer is charged 25-30 more per gallon. It was noted that ethanol is added in New Haven.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Next CBAC Meeting., Wednesday March 13, at Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Mariani //s//

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Minutes of Boating Advisory Council
13 March 2013 Norwalk Aquarium

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Meeting called to order 1944 hours

ATTENDEES:

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| Eleanor Mariani | DEEP Boating |
| John Annino | DEEP Boating |
| Bob Zipps | Antique Outboard Motor Club I |
| George Hallenbeck | USPS D2 |
| John Craine | Fairfield County Commodores Association |
| Garret Kruger | CT Bass Foundation |
| Gaeton Andretta | Small Boat Shop |
| C. Lincoln Jewett | Darien Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters |
| Steven G. M. Biro | U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary |

MINUTES:

Minutes for 14 November accepted as written.

Minutes of 16 January, approved with amendment to add John Craine to the list of attendees.

BOATING-RELATED LEGISLATION:

See legislative tracking, attached (Note refers to DEEP support or opposition)
Must make it out of committee by 3 April for bill to have a chance.

Process:

Odd years, bills can be proposed by any legislator by deadlines (December deadline for this session now passed) for a "Personal bill." Goes to committee, which can draft, amend, approve, shelve or disapprove draft legislation ("Committee Bill") – Even years, bills can only be raised by Committees. Proposed bills must be out of the Environment Committee by April 3 to keep moving. If the Committee assigns a bill number, then raised for public hearing. Bill can then be sent to another committee or sent directly to the House and the Senate for vote. Amendments can happen on the floor. Governor can sign or veto. Million ways for bill to be amended or to fail. Can go to www.cga.ct.gov to find status and punch in bill number

DEEP opposed 5198 because, according to a 1993 attorney general opinion, it is not legal Harbormasters to enforce laws unless qualified Police Officer.

DEEP opposed 468 because federal law requires registrations every 3 years.

DEEP supports 6541 which would allow for online boating courses leading to certification.

DEEP Supports 6528 which provides up to 10% financing for dredging, and priority if the Marina is a "Clean Marina".

Additional Bills in the hopper:

H.B. 1117 repeals luxury tax on boats.

H.B. 6576, extends window for no taxes (Sales and Use) another 2 months for out-of-staters. Revenue Services did not oppose it.

DEEP web-site has regulations it proposes.

Wyassup Lake – proposing to extend water seasons 3 weeks
beginning Memorial Day instead of June 15
Candlewood Regulation limiting boats to under 26 feet effective 6 March (grandfather provision).
Marine dealers must give list of boats on inventory 45 days to be grandfathered; individuals must submit 21 Dec 2014. Exemption Decals for life of boat . . . not owner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boating Dependent uses in STAMFORD – see attached Legislative Summary.
Mackey McCleary (DEEP Deputy Commissioner) trying to find "middle road" and claimed DEEP cannot do much. Depends a lot on Mayor and Governor's points of view (notwithstanding the law). Gina McCarthy named administrator of Fed EPA (moved from CT DEEP Commissioner). Disagreement as to what actions are in purview of BAC not resolved.

Still talking about eliminating minimum ethanol (E-10) requirement for fuels. If no ethanol, adds \$0.25/gallon to cost of fuel. (Ethanol absorbs water – hydroscopic). Talking about raising minimum Ethanol to 15%-30%.

Conservation Data Base for boating certificates (same number for fishing and hunting). Old data being migrated into system. Base is working well. Students get a number entering data base. After passed exam, instructor can enter name and number. Student can buy license directly. Need to let law enforcement know about paper vs. plastic certificates. Certificates good for life. Boaters can laminate certificate.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEEP will offer "hands on" Open Waters June 4-5, October 1 and 2 course and Close Quarters courses 7/16-17., 14-15 August to train the instructors. Certificate offered by National Boating Safety Council.
US Power Squadrons offers practical on-water training (inland, coastal. Advanced coastal, off shore) courses. DEEP looking to train operators not just trainers – hold clinics.

DEEP has courses for Town Auxiliaries water enforcement marine officers which have not been given recently. (Title 15, non-custodial except for BUI).

9-11 April DEEP will present NASBLA class on BUI. Greenwich and Old Saybrook sending people to qualify.

National Marina Day 8 June.

Law enforcement seminar 21 May for police officers at Middlesex Community College 0800-1230.

Safe Boating Week 18-24 May

Next meeting at Old Lyme 22 May (last BAC meeting till Summer Date).

2013 Legislative Proposal Tracking

| Status | Bill |
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| Public Hearing Held; Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation; Support as written | Proposed H.B. No. 5182 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. ' AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE, DUTIES, POWERS AND TRAINING OF HARBOR MASTERS ', to establish uniform policy concerning the role, duties and powers of harbor masters and to provide additional training opportunities for harbor masters. |
| Opposed at Public Hearing | Proposed H.B. No. 5198 REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. ' AN ACT CONCERNING NO-WAKE ZONES ', to reduce land erosion that results from the wakes created by irresponsibly operated vessels and to protect responsible operators of marine vessels. |
| Opposed at Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 468 SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. ' AN ACT ALLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT REGISTRATIONS TO BE VALID FOR THE LIFE OF THE VEHICLE OR BOAT ', to eliminate the need to renew registrations for motor vehicles and boats. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 494 SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPEAT CONVICTIONS FOR OPERATING AN AIRCRAFT, VESSEL OR MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUG', to prohibit individuals with multiple convictions for operating an aircraft, vessel or motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug from consuming or possessing alcohol. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 269 SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE FULL FUNDING OF PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES', to require full funding of PILOT programs. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 560 SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; REP. DAVIS, 117th DIST.; REP. ROSE, |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 562 SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT OVERTURNING THE SLOW, NO-WAKE ZONE ALONG THE CONNECTICUT RIVER IN THE EAST HARTFORD AND HARTFORD AREAS', to allow smaller boat owners greater pleasure and ease of access along certain portions of the Connecticut River. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 572 SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LIMITED SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR OUT-OF-STATE BOATS', to provide a sales and use tax exemption to out-of-state vessels to improve the economic competitiveness of the state's marine industry. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed H.B. No. 5810 REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE APPLICABILITY OF SLOW, NO-WAKE ZONES IN THE HARTFORD AREA OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER', to create consistency between the laws and regulations that exist for vessels that travel on lakes in this state and vessels that travel on certain portions of the Connecticut River. |
| Opposed at public hearing | Proposed H.B. No. 5811 REP. MINER, 66th DIST. ' AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF VESSELS WITH ELECTRIC MOTORS ON INLAND WATERS OF THE STATE ', to allow persons to operate vessels with electric motors on the inland waters of the state without having to obtain a boater's safety certificate. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed H.B. No. 5846 REP. WALKO, 150th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARBOR MASTER PROGRAM', to enhance local control of harbor masters and to align the harbor master function with the appropriate state agency. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed H.B. No. 5824 REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NAVIGATION, COASTAL ACCESS AND CLEAN MARINAS', to direct existing funding to dredging projects that improve navigation and public access while encouraging clean marina practices. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 659 SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES TAX ON BOATS', to stimulate the boat building industry. |
| No Public Hearing | Proposed S.B. No. 792 SEN. WELCH, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SENTENCE FOR ANY PERSON WHO CAUSES DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY AS A RESULT OF OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE', to prohibit the award of earned risk reduction credit to reduce the sentence of any person who caused death or serious physical injury as the result of operating a motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug, or both. |
| Supported at Public Hearing | H.B. No. 6341 (RAISED) JUDICIARY . ' AN ACT ADOPTING THE UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR VESSELS ACT ', to adopt the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act in this state. |
| Supported at Public Hearing | Raised S.B. 1017 ' AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED BOATS |
| Supported at Public Hearing | H.B. No. 6541 ' AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR BOATING AND HUNTING SAFETY |
| Supported at Public Hearing | H.B. 6528 ' AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN MARINAS |
| Public Hearing 3/18 - No DEEP Comment Initiated | H.B. 1117 ' AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF DIGITAL DOWNLOADS, BOATS AND MARIJUANA, AND EXPANDING THE TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT. |
| Public Hearing 3/11 - No DEEP Comment Initiated | H.B. 6576 ' AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE SALES AND USE TAX TO BOATS. |



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15 May 2013

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Meeting called to order 1930 hours

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ATTENDANCE:

Eleanor Mariani DEEP Boating, John Annino DEEP Boating, George R. Hallenbeck US Power Squadron, Sandra Pierog US Power Squadron, Bob Zipps AOMCI, Steven Biro U S coast Guard Auxiliary, Gaeton Andretta Paddler Network, John Craine FCCA, Tom Reynolds CT Bass Association, Grant Westerson, chairman BAC, CMTA

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Minutes of March 13, 2013 meeting

Add Grant Westerson to attendees. Remove C. Lincoln Jewett
Minutes approved unanimously with changes.

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Brewer's Yacht Haven status

George stated that the project is being opposed by the barge operators because the proposed marina is on a bend. Grant will continue to get updates.

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Discussion of status of legislative developments

Eleanor handed out the status of various bills that affect boating.

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Economic Impacts of Boating Just released for 2012 by National Marine Manufacturers Association.
http://www.nmma.org/assets/cabinets/Cabinet432/NMMA_ecoimpact_booklet_optimized.pdf

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The 2012 accident stats have been released.

http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/workflow_staging/News/688.PDF

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Old Business

CT first state in USA to have MOU with CG Aux, passed. Now CT gets decals automatically. (MOU attached).

DEEP and USPS are working to update their education MOU.

Sandy Pierog complained that it is taking 3 weeks to get an approval letter from the Boating Division for her Squadron to do Vessel Safety Checks at the launches. Eleanor said that is too long and not in keeping with our policy. She said she would discuss it with Mike Payton and ensure that the approvals are timely as required. Sandy indicated that without lead time her Squadron could not do any advertising.

The Boating Division and EnCon Police will host the annual Boating Law Seminar at Middlesex Community College Tuesday, May 21.

The Division held a 3 day BUI training in April that was taught by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The new seated battery of field sobriety tests, developed for marine environment, were taught to 6 EnCon officers, 1 State Police, and 14 municipal police officers. No portable

New Business

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Eleanor's boss, Bureau Chief Matt Fritz, leaving DEEP to work with Gina McCarthy, past DEP Commissioner who has been appointed as the head of EPA in Washington D.C.. Eleanor now reports directly to Deputy Commissioner Susan Whalen. It is not clear whether the vacant Bureau Chief position will be refilled.

Pump out boat operators meeting was held earlier this week. For stationary pump-outs, will develop an app for mobile pump-out boats sometime this season. Grant Westerson thought it would be better to designate a channel (77) instead and people could call for directions to pump-out boat.

The Division is stressing sober boating this year. In addition to training officers to detect and process BUI cases, the Division will also put advertisements in local boating magazines regarding the dangers of BUI (MADD, Coast Guard and DEEP partnered).

There is no BUI law for passengers. NTSB recommends going to 0.05 instead of 0.08. Robert Zipps recommended making it 0.08 for passengers too.

Yolanda Cooley was hired in January, 2013 to do statistics and boating accidents for the Boating Division. Hoping to get year end stats.

67% of fatal accidents were BUI in CT (6 fatalities last year). Nationally 19% of all fatal accidents involve alcohol. 84% of those that drowned were not wearing life jackets. Decrease in boating fatalities by 56% comparing the 10 years before boating education became mandatory in 1993 to 10 years after. Connecticut also experienced an 18% decrease in overall accidents after boating education in CT.

Motion, by Bob Zipps, and seconded by John Craine, to recommend that the DEEP develop regulations that would require all occupants of human paddled vessels to wear a USCG approved life jacket at all times when on the water except where preempted by Federal law:

Sandra Pierog, USPS (voting member) nay

George Hallenbeck, USPS (alternate) yea

Robert Zipps, Antique Outboard (voting member) yea

Steven Biro, USCG Aux (voting member) abstain

Gaeton Andretta, Paddlesport Industry (voting member) nay

John Craine, Fairfield County Commodores Assoc (alternate -voting member) yea

Thomas Reynolds, Bass Federation (voting member) yea

Grant Westerson, CMTA (voting member) nay

TITLING DISCUSSION

Titling of vessels in Connecticut was again introduced this session but did not pass.

John Annino discussed the training videos being developed by boating National Safe Boating Council that will deal with Point of Sale for marine retailers. The idea is to get marine retailers familiar with required safety equipment so that they increase sales and the boaters have what they need.

June 4/5 National Safe Boating Council will hold an open water boating course, an on-water skills based training that will teach instructors how to teach skills for boats when on plane. DEEP Boating Division will then hold the NSBC Close Quarters boat handling course on July 16/17. The NSBC will be back in town on October 1/2 to teach another Open Water course. On the 3-6 October they will teach a new course, Marina-

Pro, to marina operators with the intent of getting marina operators trained to teach boating safety skills to their patrons. DEEP will teach another Open Water class on October 8/9.

This Sat the Boating Division needs help Bigelow State Pond/Park for a boating event that is part of No Child Left Inside. If anyone has members that would like to volunteer contact John Annino.

Next meeting 9/11 @1930 in New Haven.



CONNECTICUT BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES BAC MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2013

Attendees:

Present: Gaeton Andretta, Paddlers Network; Steven Biro, U S coast Guard Auxiliary; Frank Kemp, US Power Squadrons, Sandy MacDonald, FCCA; Tom Reynolds, CT Bass Association, Grant Westerson, chairman BAC, CMTA; Bob Zipps, AOMCI.

Absent: Bob Crook, Coalition of CT Sportsmen; Sandra Pierog, US Power Squadrons

DEEP: John Annino; Eleanor Mariani

Meeting called to order 1930 at New Haven Water Authority, 90 Sergeant Drive, New Haven CT. Minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting passed. However, it was pointed out that USPS voted twice. Therefore, the vote requiring human powered boat operators to wear an approved life jacket would have been 3 yea, 3 nay: and therefore is not carried.

Old business

DEEP signed MOA with US Power Squadrons for education.

New business

The proposed regulation to place a Slow-No-Wake area in Lake Waramaug in the cove adjacent to Lake Waramaug State Park and out 1750 feet was discussed.

Bob Zipps discussed the loss of fishing access to Middle Pond on Mountain Road, Suffield. Pete Aarrestad, Director of Inland Fisheries was made aware of the situation by Eleanor.

Lake Congamond access discussed. Lake is in Mass, shoreline only borders Conn. Connecticut does not have public access on this lake.

NASBLA: Had annual meeting in Boise Idaho. Eleanor and John attended. Looking at paring down education standards. Everything in approved education course will relate to risks only. State can make its standards part of approved NASBLA standards (e.g. trailering moved to State requirement). NASBLA trying to get American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation. CT maintaining 8 hour standard (Some states more or less). NASBLA is 6 hours. NASBLA working on better reporting for boating accidents (e.g. definitions standardization across USA) and on-water training. CG wants skill based on-water training. Flyboards not illegal. Waterski Sports Institute (WSI) talking about parasailing (Lines fail earlier than advertised) big problem if sailing in bad weather (20mph). Last year (2012) lowest number of fatalities and reportable accidents ever. CT having low accident rate and fatalities (1 only) for 2013. Eleanor and Annino got awards. Eleanor elected VP of NASBLA.

John A. updated the group. Safe boating attendance at state safe boating classes lower numbers of students this year. Fewer classes given by state but utilization for each class is better. Computerization of Safe Boating Certificates (based on conservation ID number) working very well. Old plastic cards still OK. Can print out certificate at website. If cannot locate yourself in system, call DEEP office. Long-term goal only one certificate for PWC and Boating Certificates.

Eleanor showed the plans for the renovations for Lake Lillinonah in Bridgewater. The launch will be completed by the end of this year.

Next meeting 13 November at **1900** 90 Sergeant Drive New Haven CT. *Note this is 1/2 earlier than typical.*

Meeting adjourned 2130.

V/R,
Steve Biro, USCG Auxiliary, BAC Secretary

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MINUTES BAC MEETING 20 November 2013

Attendees:

Members: Gaeton Andretta, Paddlers Network; George Hallenbeck, USPS (alternate); Sandy McDonald, FCCA; Dean Rustic, CT B.A.S.S. Nation (alternate), Grant Westerson, Chair BAC, CMTA; Bob Zipps, AOMC.

Absent: Steve Biro, USCG Auxiliary; Bob Crook, CCS; Sandra Pierog, USPS

Guests: Frank Kemp, Darien Sail and Power Squadron

DEEP: John Annino, Boating Division; Eleanor Mariani, Boating Division; Eric Lundin, EnCon Police

Meeting called to order 1900 at New Haven Water Authority, 90 Sergeant Drive, New Haven CT.

Minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting passed with the following corrections: correction to spelling of member Sandy McDonald and corrected membership affiliation of Tom Reynolds to CT B.A.S.S. Nation.

Old business

- DEEP held the public hearing for the Slow-No-Wake area for Lake Waramaug, Warren, and noted that there would be a 45 day extension for comments to January 6, 2014.
- Eleanor noted the status of the renovation of Lake Lillinonah, Bridgewater, slated to open on opening day 2014 and that the 2014 Boater's Guide was in its final stages before going to print. Request was made to get rid of "Joe Boater" for the Coastal Boater Endorsement Program. Eleanor responded that the cartoon was eliminated in the 2013 Guide and would not show up again.
- Grant discussed work that Marine Retailers Association of America was doing to open the Harbor Trust Funds so that a percentage of all freight could be used for dredging. He cited CT River as potential to benefit since there were no commercial uses.

New business

Eleanor discussed Zebra Mussel Task Force meeting that she planned to attend on December 11th and passed around a zebra mussel shell collected from Lake Lillinonah. She also discussed the Governor's proposal to make state regulations more streamlined and efficient. She mentioned the talk on the Future of Boating Education that she delivered at the USPS District 1 Winter meeting and said she would send the PowerPoint out electronically.

Grant discussed the Harford Boat Show taking place January 23 – 26 and some of the featured event. DEEP will host a Paddle Event there on January 25. He asked DEEP to make up nice signs giving directions to the event and not use hand written signs. He also noted that in 2015 the boat show would be the weekend after superbowl, opening February 5 – 8; a week before Boston. He discussed timing of various shows.

Eleanor distributed the 2012 Boating Safety Report developed by the Boating Division. It was the first time a compendium of all programs within the Boating Division was put together. It includes statistics on boating accidents.

Sandy M. asked about legislation. Eleanor responded that she was waiting to get the official nod from the Governor's Office/OPM to resubmit the abandoned boat legislation with modifications requested by OPM. The aim of the legislation is to streamline the abandoned boat process and make it scalable for a major displacement of boats due to a weather event. Grant suggested checking out Ohio's abandoned boat law. He also mentioned that he was going to look into the Boater's Rights Bill regarding the limitations of stopping a boat.

Grant mentioned that 7 states have laws stating that students can start back at school till after Labor Day because so many businesses are losing employees. CMTA to look at that.

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CBAC minutes, November 20, 2013

Frank K. asked Sgt. Lundin what the biggest concern in boating is from a law enforcement point of view. Sgt. Lundin responded that it was: 1. Getting on the water; 2. Safety factors of boaters; 3. Certification infractions; 4. Negligent operations (wakes); and 5. BUI. He noted that there are 46 sworn officers with 33 in the field comprising 2 shifts. He said that up to 9 officers can retire next year and it is not clear whether rehiring will be possible.

Bob Z. noted that the Recreational Boating Safety report issued by the Boating Division stated that the DEEP manages the waterways to promote safe navigation and provide for safe boating access to the water. Bob questioned what “promote” meant. Eleanor said that in this case they were “promoting” safe navigation by marking existing state regulated slow-no-wake zones, issuing Marine Event Permits and approving private uniform state waterway markers, when necessary.

Dean R. said that he is noticing more are private swim areas on lakes and felt it was cutting down on access for anglers. Eleanor said she would look into the history of regulatory markers for swim areas, but that she did not believe that the number was increasing dramatically. Dean also said that his members want speed limits rather than HP limits since his members can’t afford multiple boats or motors. Eleanor stated that some of these horsepower limits are set by local ordinance and noted that boaters can remove the prop from their bigger engine and use their smaller kicker engine. Dean asked for handicapped access for Candlewood Lake at Squantz Cove Launch because members participate in Wounded Warrior Programming there and it is difficult to get the vets into boats. Eleanor said it was more plausible to put it at Lattin’s Cove because that site would be renovated before Squantz, but is not anticipated to be for a few years. She said she would look into seeing if something could be done.

The next meeting is January 15, 2014 at 1900, 90 Sergeant Drive, New Haven, CT.

The meeting adjourned at 2100.

Eleanor Mariani for Steve Biro, USCG Aux., BAC Secretary