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FROM THE COMMANDER:



Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

FROM THE VICE COMMANDER

Greetings members of Division 5. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, so far. Kim Armstrong and I recently returned from working with the Academy Admissions Partners staff for week 2 of the Academy Introduction Mission at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. The Partners staff provides logistics and support to the Admissions Office staff and 2/c Cadet Cadre who run the program. This is a great program, which some of you are already familiar with. Partners

are also very involved in representing the Academy at high schools and college fair events. Currently the Academy Admissions Partners are made up of Auxiliarists, members of the Academy Parents Association and active duty and retired graduates of the Academy. If any of you would like more information about the Partners Program, you can read about it here:

http://www.admissions.uscga.edu/partners/img/uscga_volunteer_letter.pdf



Kim Armstrong and Karl McMillan, Flotilla 5-12 AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) Recruiters, while volunteering their time with the AIM program at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy during July 2011.



Aim Kids completing a Project



Robert Walden, FC 54, receives a Sustained Service Award (1507 hrs.) and an Operations Award for 71 hours. Also in the picture; DCO Jacobs, FC Walden, T. Ashlin, DCDR 5, & DCAPT, Grinstead.

FROM THE DIVISION:

Rose & Ken Edwards, Fl. 52, receive 35 year Certificates



**DCO Harry Jacobs, Dennis Grinstead, District CAPT S, Rose & Ken, & Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5
Ken also received a Performance Award for MT**



Gary & Norma Norgaard receive the Facility Plaque for the "Norma N"



Roy Garrabrant, 57, receives a Certificate of Advancement as Telecommunication Operator, form Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

COMMUNICATIONS – Jason Gant

Our District Staff Officer for Communications, Roy Lay, has just published the following Updated VHF Radio Procedures Guide for all TCO Qualified Auxiliary radio operators. It is imperative, that we ALL follow these guidelines as well as use the proper Type 90 FCC Accepted radio gear per the directives of the NTIA and the U.S. Coast Guard. The VHF Radio Procedures Guide may be read and/or downloaded from the following link:

<http://cgaux1s05.org/Members/TCO-Radio-Procedures-071811.pdf>

If you have any questions whatsoever, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

"It's not what you say, it's what people hear" – Sociologist Dr. Frank Luntz

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – Ken Edwards

Executive Summary

- During the course of the year, often there is a change of Officers for the FSO-IS position. Why is it that I am the last one to know of these changes of
- Responsibilities? It is the Flotilla Commander that makes

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these changes, why is it that I cannot also be notified?

Details:

- I have received a request to review data input from a member who recently completed the AUX 10 class. Arrangements are being finalized to complete this review so the member can be granted data input access at the Flotilla level.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Lee Anthony

Flotilla reports are as follows:

- 52 no report at this time.
- 53 two approved & one pending.
- 54 one pending & one approved.
- 55 no report at this time.
- 57 no report at this time.
- 58 no report at this time.
- 59 four new members two approved & two in processes.
- 5-10 no report at this time. 5-11 Flotilla has dissolved. Some members have moved to Flotilla 5-13.
- 5-12 no report at this time.
- 5-13 eight members from 5-11 are now in processes

Program performance:

At this time most reports indicate things are slow. Most flotillas are reaching out at boat shows, VE's at boat ramps, marine facilities, and public affairs.

OPERATIONS –Karl McMillian

Executive Summary.

- Four Division 5 Flotillas reported on operations for the month.
- Recent activities continue to be focused on Boat Crew Training.

Details

- Flotilla 54 – A surface patrol is scheduled for 23 July by NAN B with one crew so far and one crew candidate. A requested patrol for 16 July was denied. Two patrols for 06 Aug and 13 Aug requested but not yet approved.
- Flotilla 57 – No current Operations activity to report. One member is interested in the Crew Program; do not know if he has contacted anyone yet to be part of his or her training.
- Flotilla 58 - Several flotilla members took part in two patrols.
- Flotilla 5-12 – Safety Patrol conducted on facility Merryot with 2 crew candidates on 08 July. Night Training Patrol scheduled on facility Tolly Ho II with the flotilla's other 2-crew candidates for 19 July.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Brian Regalbuto

Executive Summary:

June PA activities:

* The event for Hawaiian Gardens on Manorial Day Weekend did not go well because the only people willing to work the event do not have ODU's. I stopped working this event and if someone else worked it I am unaware of it. It seems to me that Tropical Blues should have been used at this event even if outdoors. Better to have someone represent USCG Aux than no one. Also, I feel that Tropical Blue with ribbons is a better

recruiting tool because it shows how the Coast Guard appreciates its volunteers and it is a great motivator for joining the Auxiliary. Various PE classes have been sent out to local newspapers and web sites.

Details:


* **Flotilla 5-8** ABC7 has been promoting Safe Water Activities for 15 years. The last event this year will be in August at the La Mirada City Splash pool. Flotilla 58 would like to award a Certificate of Appreciation to Channel 7 News Team for the 15 years they have been promoting safe water activities on boats. They would like Commodore Harry Jacobs to present the Certificate of Appreciation at the La Mirada event. ABC7 News always has a camera crew been there to film the event. Last year Mr. Regalbuto was on air showing how to put a lifejacket on a child.


* **Flotilla 5-12** BSS notices sent to local press and radio stations and information posted on flotilla website.

* **Flotilla 5-13** 5-13 held a PA Exhibit at the Ham Radio program on June 24, 25 & 26.


* No Reports for the other Flotillas

July PA activities: The Division and/or District have the following PA Events coming up.

 Carmelitos Housing Project. They are having a Family Learning Center fair and would like to have a CG Aux booth for their seniors. August 25th 1-4pm - If possible, contact Patrice or Jennie at 562-428-4120 Dana Point Tall

 Ship Festival September 10-2

 Santa Fe Car Show October 6, 2011

 Long Beach Boat Show October. 20 - 23, 2011

On Aug 4, Cost Guard Day, we should invite ABC7 to our event. On that day awarded ABC7 a Certificate of Appreciation for the 15 years they have been promoting Safe Water Activities on boats and other places through their ABC's of a Safe Summer program. I recommend that Commodore Harry Jacobs presents the Certificate of Appreciation to ABC7 News on Cost Guard day. Then we might get 5 seconds of air time since ABC is getting an At-a-boy.

Details

Flotilla 5-2 **No Report**

Flotilla 5-3 25 Jun – PA Booth at Peter's Landing - This large annual all-day event provided opportunities to share our organization and its activities with the general public. Four members worked the event that was very well attended by the public. The event is coordinated with Peter's Landing Annual Swap Meet.

Flotilla 5-4 No activity to report.

Flotilla 5-5 **No Report**

Flotilla 5-7 **No Report**

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58 is getting a date with Bob's Big Boy in Downey to have a PA/VE day in their parking lot. Bob Big Boy has agreed to give anyone who brings their boat for a VE to get 10% off of any meal they buy that day.

Flotilla 5-9 No Report

Flotilla 5-10 No Report

Flotilla 5-11 Flotilla 5-11 conducted a PA booth at the historic Pt. Ferman Light House on Saturday June 11. Two more booths have been scheduled on the second Saturday of July 9 and August 13 1200 to 1600

Flotilla 5-12 BSS notices sent to local press and radio stations and information posted on flotilla website.

Flotilla 5-13

PUBLIC EDUCATION – Roy Garrabrant

Flotilla 53 PE report

I contacted several cities and pitched a boating safety class, giving them a variety of combinations of days and times and classes, without success. Some locations were happy to have us rent a room by the hour, but without having a good idea of the response it seemed unwise to make such a commitment, and with cities experiencing budget shortfalls, there was little room for negotiation.

- One city had actually made a preliminary commitment, only to realize that our evening classes would run well past the new closing time of the location in consideration.
- Currently, I am working with the Boy Scouts to use the Sea Scout Base in Long Beach for evening ABS classes. Although ABS is normally taught in 1 full day, it can be broken up into segments and taught over 4 evenings. I will let you know as soon as arrangements are made. Victoria Jacobs, FSO-PE 53

Flotilla 54 Public Education Report:

- The June 18, 2011 Medical Emergencies Afloat seminar held at Shoreline Yacht Club had an evaluation of Very Good [a 4 on a scale of 1 to 4 with 4 being best]. Participants wanted it to last longer and be arranged for other areas.
- The Safety At Sea seminar on July 3, 2011 was another success. Primarily for Trans Pacific Yacht Racers (Long Beach to Honolulu) many individuals enrolled and stated it's exceptional instructors and content.
- A mid-week crew class is forming. Interested parties should contact Omar Bilge at obilge@pacbell.net or Marion Seaman at MarionSeaman1@aol.com

Flotilla 57

- Taught an ABS class at the Bass Pro Shop in Cucamonga

on 25 June.

- Continue to have Aux Comm class sessions.

ATTENTION ALL!

Sailing Skills and Seamanship is for both beginning and experienced sailors that covers boats, sails, crew responsibilities, sail trim, points of sail, and rules of the road under sail, deck safety, man overboard, clothing, and seasickness. This course covers the material from Boating Skills and Seamanship for sailors.

- **This is an 8 week course and begins Friday August 5, 2011 at 7:30PM**
- **Cost of the class is \$45**
- **Long Beach Police and Fire Station
5373 E. Second Street
Long Beach, CA 90803**
- **Contact Bob Vatz (562) 493-3479 or email him at BOBNFLIP@aol.com for more information.**

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: Jo Pauloo

Executive Summary

PATONs for AREAS 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and Bridges are out to the members

Details:

- Bridges for this area have been completed PATONs have been sent out for areas of Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors
- All PATONs are out to the members
- PATONs in the Long Beach/Los Angeles area have been re-checked due to the Tsunami in Japan that hit the California coast.
- Next Workshops will be in August and November
- Special Event – August 20th - Lighthouse Ham Radio Event at Point Ferman, Point Hueneme and Point Vicente.

POINT OF CONTACT :

G. RICHARD REINDHARDT DSO

E-MAIL: grr4lch@juno.com

(310) 375-7619 or (310) 488-7129 cell

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS: Geoffery Emery

Executive summary:

Large amounts of VE materials are in stock now and will be made available at this month's Division meeting on July 19, 2011.

On the issue of finding new vehicles with which to promote VE awareness our new

VE in Flotilla 5-7 Michael Drouillard has forwarded this ad that was posted on Craigs List promoting VE's. This seems like a great way to generate some free awareness to this service to the boating community.

- These core flotillas continue to actively report and support the VE mission with ongoing activities and planning. We have experienced some supply disruptions this month and hope to resolve this next month.
- We are in talks with other division about conducting joint operations and hope to report favorably on this initiative in July.

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Report for 5-3 - John Malloy reporting.

- Plenty of decals, forms, and brochures are in stock. Please contact FSO-VE or FSO-MA if you need any supplies.
- Our annual VSC/PA event was held on June 25th at Peter's Landing Swap Meet.
- VSCs were slow but public inquiries were good.
- Our next VSC event will be July 23rd at Davie's Launch Ramp from 09:00 to 13:00.
- VSC manuals have been ordered for new members who have shown interest in becoming vessel examiners.

Report of 5-5 C Edwards reporting

- Flotilla 5-5 has not updated their end of June report so we do not have anything new to report from them their June ending report is attached below.
- Current progress relative to Auxiliary Business Plan, District Strategic/Operational Plans and
- On track for Flotilla Plan for VE Goals for the year.
- No VEs reported for this past month
- DBW is no longer supplying CO2 decals for us. They only have brochures and advised me that boaters need to contact DMV or DBW themselves for decals. This is the new policy going forward.
- Assistance required from the Coast Guard, Division and/or District Board
- Anyone available to help at a VSC Day in Newport on Saturday, June 25th will be greatly appreciated. Meet at 1137 Bayside Drive at 1000. Contact Colin Edwards for more information.
- VE Day 25 June in Newport, busy day expected as event was heavily publicized by marina.

Report of 5-7 Geoff Emery reporting

- 2 VE's reported this month
- VE Marina Saturday planned for August 13, 2011 at Cabrillo
- Michael Drouillard has passed the online VE course and is now ready for field training with a VE

Report of 5-9 Lee Anthony reporting

- 38VE's given
- 23 passed
- 4 Vessel Examiners active.

Report of 5-10 Stan Lintner reporting

- Number Vessel Safety Checks completed since last report, 2
- Number of vessel safety checks completed to date in 2011, twelve (12).
- Number of "high focus" (26 ft length, trailerable) safety checks completed year to date, one (3).
- Vessel Safety checks passed , 9 (75%)
- Vessel safety checks failed , 3 (25%)

Report of 5-12 Robert Valz reporting

- Flotilla 05-12 had no VSC PUSH this month.
- We did train 6 potential examiners who will take their test on-line.
- We plan to have a PUSH at Shoreline Marina this month.

Examiner and perform Vessel Safety Checks? The answer from every source seems to be yes, provided that they have completed a Boating Safely Class. I assume that the same would apply to Program Visitors.

Darrell Hannon, DSO-VE/PV Eleventh District Southern

FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC

Executive Summary

Still working with members in an attempt to get some qualified to hold an elected office since the upcoming elections are just around the corner. It is quite evident that most are just not interested so we will just have to wait and see what happens at election time.

Details:

- We are still working on the new Diversity Center to be located in Compton. We have had our first meeting with city officials to discuss possible venues and future direction of our efforts concerning the general operation of the center. The Center is capable of handling small classes, approx 25 students and Vessel Examinations. More will be passed on as different items are developed and made operational.
- We are still working to finalize the program we will be implementing with the City of Compton. More as that part develops.
- We have one member working on taking the Vessel Examination test to further support the efforts at the new Diversity Center activities.

FLOTILLA 53 – John Malloy, FC

Executive Summary

Our main focus at this time is making sure all members are current in their disciplines. With the increase in activity during the summer months, we want to make sure that we have current and qualified crew at the ready.

We are also focusing on our newest members to make sure they are informed of all training opportunities and fellowship activities.

Flotilla Activity

- Flotilla meeting was held on June 27th at local restaurant. Next meeting on July 25th.
- 8 members and spouses participated in the District cruise and lunch in San Diego.
- 3 members recently passed the AUXWEA course taught by FSO-MT Busher.
- Our annual VSC/PA event was held on June 25th Peter's Landing Marine Swap meet in Huntington Beach. VSCs were slow but inquiries from public was good. Our next VSC/PA event will be July 23rd at Davie's launch Ramp.
- NE, Safety and AtoN patrols aboard "Tin Boat" are going as scheduled. Members have been informed of upcoming AtoN class.
- We plan to hold a public education course before the end of summer but are still having trouble finding a suitable location.

The original question was: Can an AP become a Vessel

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FLOTILLA 54 - Robert Waldron, FC

Executive Summary

National is working through issues of picture management for our new website – no date for approval yet. IS data is up to date.

Details

- Several officers from the Narwhal will be joining the flotilla members at a fellowship dinner in Newport this month. .
- There are PATONS available for inspection in Alamitos Bay.
- Have one prospective member attending meetings and processing paperwork.
- Our FSO Ops is trying to organize a boat crew class. He would like additional students. Contact Omer Bilge for details. The class would be in Long Beach.

The crew of Sea Hawk, Coast Guard Auxiliary facility was on patrol at Lake Isabella in Kern County on July 2 when they come upon a 4-year old male and an adult male in the water with a capsized PWC 300 yards away from them. The child was wearing a life vest, the male adult was with a life jacket attached to his one arm with his face under water.

Coxswain brought the stern of the boat close to the PIW, picked up the child and the adult and brought them on board. Child was shivering, male adult not responding but with pulse. Immediately notified the Park Ranger and requested for an ambulance and rushed to the marina. They were transported immediately to the hospital upon arrival at the South Fork Marina.

Child was okay and the male adult nearly drowned. They were released from the hospital after 10 hours.

Robert Uy, Flotilla 4-1, Sea Hawk



Disabled Jet Ski with child on board and father in the water.



Assisting a disabled Jet Skier



“Crew of the Sea Hawk”

FLOTILLA 55 – Paul Ginder, FC

Executive Summary:

Flotilla 55 will be swearing in two new members at it's July 28, 2011 Flotilla meeting with two members in A.P. status. Mentors have been assigned to all four of our new members.

The main focus of Flotilla 55 over the past two months has been has been the upgrade and remodeling of AUX Radio Newport which is now 80% complete.

Details:

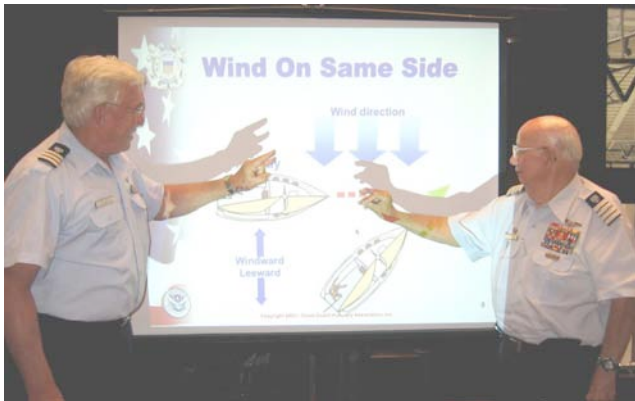
- Flotilla 55 hosted a VE Day in Newport Beach on Saturday June 25th. It was a very successful event-taking place at various launch ramps in the Newport Beach area. A number of other Flotillas participated in the event with us.
- Flotilla 55 will be completing it's diversity training this month to complete it's annual requirements.
- Two members have completed three paton's each in the month of July. We now have three qualified NA verifiers.
- Flotilla 55 has completed 36 watch standard hours at AUX Radio Newport (ARN).
- Four members currently participate weekly on the AUXNET every Tuesday nights.
- Flotilla 55 had to cancel the ABS course it had schedules for July 16, 2011, due to the re-roofing of the facility where it's training room is located. It is being rescheduled of August 2011.

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FLOTILLA 57 – Roger Helizon, FC

The flotilla is working to recruit new members.

- Mike Drouillard passed the VE exam and is working to get his 5 Exams. He also passed the Dock Walkers test and taken the 5 day AUX LAM as well.
- Five members of the flotilla traveled to Cucamonga to teach an ABS class at the Bass Pro Shop.
- The AUX Comms class is ongoing.
- The VE/PV Workshop was given by R. Garrabrant at the last Flotilla meeting.



Roger Helizon, FC 57 & Roy Garrabrant Teach ABS



Twaunnie Busse & Carolina Helizon prepare the Certificates.

FLOTILLA 58 – Thomas Roedl, FC

FLOTILLA 59 – Frank Martin, FC

FLOTILLA 5-10 - Stanley Hartman, FC

FLOTILLA 5-11 – Alice Curran, FC

FLOTILLA 5-12- Mark Oshiro, FC

Executive Summary:

The Flotilla is very active in support of the Auxiliary mission of promoting RBS to the boating public by conducting regular VSC pushes, PE classes, PV visits, PA watchstanding, as well as, surface patrols. Because our members are working hard and gives so much of themselves to the Auxiliary, it's up to the Auxiliary to maintain its member's well-being and morale. In keeping with the Flotilla's theme of "Bringing Back the Fun in the Auxiliary", the Flotilla has been working hard to network with other Flotillas and Divisions regarding opening up new Auxiliary programs, training opportunities, and 4th cornerstone events.

Details:

- Our VE program will be conducting a VSC push on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Alamitos Bay. We will be meeting for breakfast at the Hofs Hut at 9 a.m. before the push begins.
- A Night Training Patrol is scheduled on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 aboard the Facility Tolly Ho II.
- The Flotilla will be scheduling additional night patrols for the additional PATON inspections received with Flotilla 5-13.
- A Kayaking & Picnic on the beach in Alamitos Bay (a 4th Cornerstone Event) is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2011.
- The Flotilla will be scheduling a flare shoot (hand held only) on October 1, 2011 with the Long Beach Fire Dept.
- The Flotilla currently has one prospective member attending the meetings.
- The Flotilla is currently in the process of adding a third operational facility - a 26' MacGregor Sailboat "See Spray".
- The Flotilla is currently in the process of making sure all of its operational facilities are equipped with all of the latest safety equipments, such as the "Throw Bag Rescue Lines", etc.
- The Flotilla will be working with all of its surface operations crewmembers to ensure they are all proficient in their skills as per OTO CWO Hutchinson's goals.
- One member participated in the 4th of July Weekend patrol at Lake Isabella with Flotilla 4-1. The patrol successfully rescued several downed PWC operators and a drowning victim, as well as, assisted with several disabled vessels.
- Two members participated in the AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) program at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.
- Two members participated in the District Cruise around San Diego Bay and a BBQ at Sector San Diego on July 9, 2011.
- Two members participated in a PA & Recruitment booth during the "Stand Down for Women Veterans" Event on July 15, 2011.

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- One member completed the Auxiliary Leadership and Management C-School at Sector Los Angeles.
- One member will be joining an Auxiliary patrol at Lake Isabella over the Labor Day Weekend on September 2 - 5, 2011.
- The Flotilla is planning a meeting aboard the Queen Mary followed by a tour of the Communications Shack with a demonstration of the ham radios.
- The Flotilla is in the planning phases of our 4th Cornerstone Events: Tour and Ride aboard the L.A.F.D.'s Fireboat in October 2011.
- Networking with other Flotillas and Divisions regarding opening up new Auxiliary programs, training opportunities and 4th cornerstone ideas and upcoming events such as the Helo Ops training.
- Future 4th Cornerstone events are: A Day at the Gun Range.

Fellow Shipmates:

If the Naval Ships during next week's Navy Week is a little too modern for you, then El Dorado Park in Long Beach is the place to be as they will be hosting their annual Civil War Reenactment on Saturday & Sunday, July 30 - 31, 2011. The event will be from 1000 - 1700 with battle reenactments taking place at 1200 and 1500 on both days. The location & terrain of the park and the costumes & the actors really takes you back to the days of the Civil

War. <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com/LBCivilwar.html>

Have a great week and enjoy the Summer,
Mark Oshiro, FC 5-12



In an effort to maintain our proficiency as Boat Crew Members, members from Flotilla 4-1, 5-9 and 5-12 conducted simulated M.O.B. recovery drills aboard the operational facility "Sea Hawk". The simulations included procedures for recovering an unconscious victim from the water and performing various types of medical scenarios from basic first aid to hypothermia to CPR. The timing of these simulated drills were very fortuitous as the same procedures were used by this crew to rescue a drowning victim from the water, as well as, numerous recovery of downed PWC operators and vessel as-

sists at Lake Isabella on the following weekend of 4th of July.
Mark Oshiro, FC 5-12



Recovering the victim



Bringing the victim on board

FLOTILLA 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC

Current progress and Contingency Plans.

- Total Flotilla Membership = 45
- New Members in AP Status = 2

Accomplishments in Flotilla

- Members Reported No Vessel Examinations
- Members Performed two (2) UPV Inspection
- Members Performed 5 RBS Visitations
- Members participated in the Annual ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day June 24-26, 2011
- Operation and monthly updating of the <http://www.auxhelp.com> website
- Operation and monthly updating of the <http://www.auxhams.com> website
- There were No ABS Classes performed during July 2011

Problems encountered

- Working with the FSO-CS to bring our website up to the new District standards
- Encouraging REYR members to attend mandatory re-qualification workshops

Assistance required from the Division

- New Member Weekend "Boot Camp?"

Future Plans and milestones

- Encourage member participation in the MDA Academy This Summer
- Development of a Special Emergency Radio Comms Team to Support Division
- Annual All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Fest is Thursday, July 21, 2011

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- Next Regular Flotilla Business Meeting is Thursday, August 18, 2011



Gary Norgaard's boat participating in a joint agency drug interdiction exercise led by the US Army.
Submitted by Everett Harper



Subject: Fw: New Operational Facility Job Aid Kit Article on Website: Requirement for Up-to-date Navigation Rules On Board; Sources

Please forward to all facility owners and coxswains.
Dale Zimmermann, DSO-OP 11SR

REQUIREMENT TO REPORT PERSONS IN THE WATER

The Coast Guard has clarified reporting requirements concerning individuals on Coast Guard or Auxiliary missions who end up in the water as a consequence of falling overboard, off a pier, boarding a vessel, or any other circumstance. According to a ALCOAST 330/11, issued 11 July 2011, persons in the water (PIW) are now to be treated as a "Class C High Potential" (HIPO) Mishap, and regardless of the consequence, the mishap must be reported to the Order Issuing Authority via telephone within four (4) hours.

For further information, and a link to the ALCOAST, please visit [Member Job Aids > District Policies](#) on this site, and review the article under "Policies".

20 Jul 11 Categories: OTO Bulletin

UPDATED NAVRULES REQUIRED ON OPERATIONAL FACILITIES

Operations Training Officer "Hutch" Hutchinson advises Operational Facility owners and coxswains that an up-to-date version of the Navigation Rules COMDINST M16672.2D must be on board during any operation under orders, and is recommended at all times. It is not sufficient to have the latest bound, printed copy; you must also have a copy of all revisions since the publication date.

Because of the importance of this requirement to OPFAC owners and coxswains, a new article entitled "[Requirement for Up-to-date Navigation Rules On Board; Sources](#)" has been added to the [Operational Facility Job Aid Kit](#), under [Surface Operations](#) on this site. The Job Aid Kit article clarifies the requirements, and provides online sources where owners and coxswains can download pdf versions of either the updates, or a completely up-to-date document.

20 Jul 11 Categories: OTO Bulletin

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COAST GUARD FAMILY DAY ON AUGUST 4TH

DIRAUX advises that volunteers are needed for the upcoming Coast Guard Family Day (see [2011 Coast Guard Day on August 4th is a Family Affair; Auxiliarists Invited](#), July 14, 2011, below). Specifically being requested are:

- "Grill Masters" x 08 (two hour shifts)
- Food Runners x 04 (two hour shifts)
- Cashiers x 04 (two hour shifts)
- Stage/Tent set up/break down – as many as we can provide... (this includes setting up the day before and break

FROM THE DISTRICT:

2011 COAST GUARD DAY ON AUGUST 4TH IS A FAMILY AFFAIR; AUXILIARISTS INVITED

Base Support Unit San Pedro has announced that the 2011 "Coast Guard Day" will be held on Thursday, August 4th, 2011 from 1000 until 1500. All Auxiliarists and their families are invited to the event, which has been billed as a "Year of the Family" celebration.

Fun and games are being offered for children and adults alike, such as a bounce house, a water slide, an obstacle course, a dunk tank, and more. The barbecue, available for \$3.00 per person, or \$6.00 per family of four, will include grilled carne or pollo asada, and smoked pig.

Complete details are available on this [flyer](#).



Enjoy the 4th, but be safe.
CDR Matlin

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ing it down the day after)

Also being solicited are the following people/items:

- Face painters
- 10x10 pop up canopies

If you can volunteer for this fun event, please contact HS1

Juan Guevara at: Juan.C.Guevara@uscg.mil.

20 Jul 11 Categories: Public Affairs, Good of the Order

INLAND RENDEZVOUS FEATURES TRAIN RIDE TO GRAND CANYON; REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 15



Divisions 9 and 10 are once again sponsoring their popular *Inland Rendezvous* -- a three-day fellowship event in Flagstaff, AZ, from September 30th through October 2nd, 2011.

All Auxiliarists and their families are invited for an event-filled weekend that includes a hospitality night, sightseeing in Flagstaff, the land of the volcanoes, and an all-day scenic trip on the historic [Grand Canyon Railway](#) to the Grand Canyon National Park. A Saturday-night dinner and a raffle at Black Bart's Steakhouse cap the scheduled activities.

For additional details, costs, hotel accommodations, and a registration form, please download the 2-page flyer below.

Note that all registration is via mail, and *must be postmarked by September 15, 2011*. The train excursion per person costs \$70 if you register before August 20th, and \$90 thereafter, so act quickly!

Don't miss the fun!

[2011 Inland Rendezvous Flyer.pdf](#)

DISTRICT CRUISE

Members from Flotilla 5-12 enjoying a great cruise around San Diego Bay aboard the USCGC Goerge Cobb. We would like to thank Lt. Medick and his crew of the USCGC Cobb for allowing us to come aboard and have a great time and fellow Auxiliarists all on their time off. We also like to thank Division 1 and Sector San Diego for hosting a great BBQ lunch.

Thank you, Mark Oshiro, FC 5-12



Krina & Mark Oshiro & Lt. from the Cobb



Diego Chavez & Mark Oshiro aboard the USCGC COBB

FROM NATIONAL:

06/27/11

District 8-ER Response to Spring Floods of 2011

They knew that the floodwaters were coming and they were ready, willing, and able to assist the needs of the Coast Guard and their neighbors. Read about the assistance these Auxiliarists were able to provide, including a first hand account of one of the events of those days, now on SITREP, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.

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From: Papp, Robert ADM

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 4:01 PM

Subject: Guidance to Officer Selection Board and Panels

Shipmates,

I am providing you with my updated guidance to officer selection boards and panels describing my expectations for officer leadership, performance and continuing service and promotion. Every Coast Guardsman (Officers, Enlisted, Civilian, Auxiliary) should read and understand these requirements so you are aware of the leadership and perform

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ance attributes I expect our officer corps to pursue and attain. My intent in sharing these insights with all members of our service is to build a stronger officer corps, enhance esprit de corps and ultimately strengthen our service.

The guidance is available at the following links:

CG Portal: [HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/POH7IQ](https://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/POH7IQ)

Internet:

[HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/PSC/OPM/OPM1/OPM-IBOARDS.ASP](http://WWW.USCG.MIL/PSC/OPM/OPM1/OPM-IBOARDS.ASP)

Semper Paratus!

Admiral Bob Papp. Commandant

New National Organizational Structure Announced.

In November 2009, the Auxiliary reorganized its national elected leadership and program management positions in order to improve alignment with the direction of Coast Guard modernization. Now, as the Coast Guard steadies its service by institutionalizing its modernized structure, the Auxiliary has received approval to move forward with final course corrections among its national staff that will greatly facilitate interaction between the Auxiliary national program management framework, Active Duty counterparts, and regional Auxiliary program managers.

Click here for the detailed organization chart that reflects the newly approved structure and the names of the persons who will be filling those positions effective 1 August 2011.

SUBJ: DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY AND THE SUMMER SEASON

1. This is a good time to remind all hands about the hazards that exist during the summer months. For instance, fireworks are often used to celebrate our Nations Independence and some state and local authorities permit their personal use. Sparklers, bottle rockets and small firecrackers may appear harmless due to their size, but data released by the U. S. consumer product safety commission (CPSC) shows that last year, during the 30 days surrounding July 4, these fireworks sent about 1,900 injured consumers to Emergency Rooms. CPSC statistics show that in 2010 about 8,600 consumers ended up in Hospital Emergency rooms due to injuries involving legal and illegal fireworks. COSCS annual death and injury report on fireworks also indicates that approximately 40 percent of estimated injuries occurred to children younger than 15 years of age. The CPSC received reports of three fatalities related to fireworks.

2. For more information on this topic visit the COSC website at: <http://www.epsc.gov/info/fireworks/recall.html>.

3. Don't let your guard down this Fourth of July. Alcohol is a major factor in fatal crashes during the Independence Day Holiday according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (NHTSA). In 2006, 27 percent of all drivers involved in traffic related crashes during the 4th of July Holiday Period possessed a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. If you are planning to have a 4th of July celebration that included alcohol, plan a safe way home before the

festivities begin so you can be alive to enjoy the next celebration:

A. Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys.

B. If you are impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

C Use your units sober rides program;

D. If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, do not hesitate to contact your local law enforcement.

E. For more information on motor vehicle/motorcycle safety, visit our Don't Let Your Guard Down found at webpage:

<https://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/satellite/nswl/dontletyourguarddown>.

4. Sunshine/sunburn can cause premature wrinkles, leathery and blotchy skin, and the most serious consequence, skin cancer, including the very serious melanoma. The American Cancer Society (ASC) estimates more than 600,000 Americans get skin cancer each year. For more information on skin cancer, visit the ACS website at: <http://www.cancer.org/>. To prevent sunburn follow these suggestions:

A. Avoid the sun between 1000 and 1600 hours.

B. Seek shade. Look for shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest. Practice the shadow rule and teach it to children. If your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.

C. Slip on a shirt. Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.

D. Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Apply a generous amount (about a palm full) and reapply after swimming, toweling dry, or perspiring. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

E. Put on a hat. Cover your head with a wide brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen.

F. Wear sunglasses with 99-100 percent UV absorption to provide optimal protection for the eyes and surrounding skin. Follow these practices to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days UV rays travel through clouds.

5. Water is also a popular attraction during this time of the year.

A. When swimming, never swim alone, know your limits, swim in supervised areas only, and do not mix alcohol and swimming. Know the weather conditions, never leave a child alone or unsupervised, even for a second, and teach children to swim at an early age.

B. When boating, know and obey your local boating laws, use personal safety equipment, know how to handle your boat safely, understand navigation rules and signal systems, trailer, store, and protect your boat, and protect yourself against boating problems. Always wear Personal Flotation Devices (life jackets) when boating. Life jackets float you do not.

C. Just as with driving, drinking and boating do not mix. Driving under the influence of alcohol can quickly ruin your celebration and may result in serious injury or death.

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6. Barbecue grills of all kinds can be dangerous. Best safe practices include:

- A. Check your grill thoroughly for leaks, cracking, or brittleness before using it.
- B. Make sure the grill is at least 10 feet away from you house, garage, or trees, your local fire code could require an even greater distance. If in doubt, check with the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.
- C. Store and use your grill on a large flat surface such as concrete or asphalt.
- D. Keep children away from fires and grills.
- E. Provide a fire extinguisher, a garden hose attached to a water supply, or a least 16 quarts of water close by in case of a fire.
- F. Don't wear loose clothing that might catch fire.
- G. Never use any flammable liquid other than a barbecue starter fluid to start a fire.
- H. Keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill, they are flammable.
- I. Never leave the grill unattended.
- J. Keep your grill clean and free of grease buildup that may lead to a fire.
- K. Never store liquid or pressurized fuels inside your home and/or near and possible sources of flame.

7. Lawnmowers are also a seasonal hazard. For complete information, visit the CPSCS website at:
<http://www.epsc.gov/epscub/pubs/5126>.

8. Best safe practices result from best safe habits. Habits are formed early in life. Remember that your are primary role models for children. Get them started on the right foot by doing the right thing yourself. Enjoy and be safe

9. Have a great and safe summer and remember, don't let your guard down.

10. HSWL SC (SE-SS) POC: Mr. John Kummers at (757) 628-4392

11. Mr. Mark Munson, HSWL SC Deputy Commanding Officer.

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: COMMANDANT'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE - STANDING THE WATCH -018/11

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1. Shipmates, on this Independence Day I want to thank all of you who stand or have stood the Watch. Since the earliest day of our Republic, Coast Guardsmen have bravely assumed this obligation of duty. It is by "Standing the Watch" that you give our Nation – We The People – the most special gift of all: Freedom.

2. Freedom is not Free. It is earned by sacrifice. One earned,

it is only preserved through constant vigilance – the vigilance that you provide every day in or ports. Upon our waterways and over our oceans.

3. You are soaring over the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Oceans on the hunt for illicit traffickers as you honor your 100-year profession of Naval Aviation. You are patrolling the high latitudes, assessing the impact of a changing climate on and increasingly ice diminished Artic. You continue to serve in the Arabian Gulf protecting infrastructures vital to a fledgling Iraqi Nation. You are inspecting foreign ports to ensure the safety of cargo and ships bound for our shores. You are strengthening our partnerships by conducting Maritime Safety and Security exchanges with West African Nations, while simultaneously combating piracy along Africa's East coast. You are assisting our citizens and their property throughout the Flood-ravaged Midwest. You are conducting Vessel Safety checks and Recreational Boater Education, and you are continuing to perform our many other persistent and challenging Maritime Missions.

4. Your service, including our Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliary and retiree members, is preserving the guarantee that our Founding Fathers passed down to us 235 years ago today – our unalienable right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. This is our way. This is what we do. We are the men and women of the U. S. Coast Guard.

5. Stand a Taut Watch. Semper Paratus.

6. Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant, Sends.

Division supports USCG Compass

Division supports USCG Compass Contents of Post: Division 25, Fifth District-Southern Region Auxiliarists, as part of the USCG "Compass" mission, conducted a public affairs event during a recent National River Bass Tournament. The mission of the "Compass" program is to deploy active duty, reserve, civilian, and Auxiliarists into their communities to increase America's understanding and awareness of the Coast Guard. Read about this event and learn more about the "Compass" mission, now on SITREP, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.



Get them while they are young

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NEW ACCEPTABLE ICS 300

For all Coxswains in training, there is now an acceptable ICS 300 FEMA course available for you. It is listed in AUXDATA as ICS 300-NCG Non CG ICS 300 FEMA accredited Intermediate ICS. If you are currently in training to become a Coxswain, you might want to look into it.

[Source: Marilyn S McBain, DVC-IU]

2011 AWW/Sea Partners Training

CG-544 will be hosting the 2011 AWW/Sea Partners Training Workshop from 16 to 18 September 2011 in Leesburg, VA.

Follow up:

While the workshop agenda is still being refined, the following topics will be included: small vessel security issues as they pertain to AWW, Implementation of the Citizen's Action Network, marine debris, and outreach methods and materials.

The target audience for this workshop is active duty, reserve, civilian and Auxiliary personnel with direct involvement in the AWW program or Sea Partners campaign.

Auxiliarists interested in attending should submit an application (available from any MS staff officer with an e-mail address in AUXDATA) to Mary Larsen, DVC-PW.

For further information, contact Mary Larsen, DVC-PW at mtlarsen@bellsouth.net

Australian volunteers hosted

During a trip to California, two members of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard (AVCG) had an opportunity to spend a day with US Auxiliarists. These members of Carrum Flotilla VF7 in Melbourne, Victoria were able to see us in action, and exchange ideas and experiences. Join them as they experience vessel safety checks and other Auxiliary activities, now on SITREP, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.

Coast Guard officials attend NTSB hearing on fatal collision

WASHINGTON – Officers from the Coast Guard's office of investigations and casualty analysis attended a hearing of the National Transportation Safety Board here today as the NTSB outlined findings and recommendations related to recent accidents involving Coast Guard vessels, including the fatal collision with a recreational boat in San Diego, December 2009, killing 8-year-old Anthony DeWeese.

" Paddles Up Great Lakes "

Recognizing an upswing in on-the-water paddlesport fatalities this Great Lakes District enlisted a popular campaign to educate the paddlesport community. Read how they incorporated the new paddlesport education course into this campaign.

Read about the campaign, methods and goals, and ideas on using this technique in your area. Now on SITREP, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.



OFFICIAL U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY COMMUNICATION

WASHINGTON - The Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold its 2011 National Conference (NACON) August 24-28 at the Weston Charlotte Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. All members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are invited to attend this event and are welcome to view the latest news release posted at: <http://www.cgauxpa.blogspot.com/>

This year's NACON will again feature a wide variety of workshops open to all members including Websites Without Webmasters (WOW), Boot Camp for Vessel Examiners, Video Training, a Mass Rescue workshop, and many more. To view the latest list of NACON workshops, please visit:

<http://cgauxa.org/media/nacon2011workshops.pdf>

Participants may register for NACON on or before July 22 for the special early bird price of \$25.00 per person. This price will increase to \$35.00 after July 22. Registration information is available online at:

<http://cgauxa.org/nacon/registration.html>

Complete NACON 2011 information including hotel registration, conference agenda, and local area attractions is available online via: <http://cgauxa.org/nacon/>

NACON is sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. – a non-profit organization based on St. Louis, Mo. All Coast Guard Auxiliary members are members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. (CGAuxA). For more information on CGAuxA, please visit: <http://cgauxa.org>
Christopher Todd, Deputy Director | Public Affairs

NACON 2011 WORKSHOPS

The planned workshops being presented at NACON 2011 are now posted on the NACON 2011 website at

<http://www.cgauxa.org/nacon/> or may be viewed directly at <http://www.cgauxa.org/media/nacon2011workshops.pdf>.

Join us at NACON 2011 in Charlotte, NC participate in the workshops of your choosing.



*Off with you hat as the flag goes by!
And let the heart have it's say; you're man enough
for a tear in you eye that you will not wipe away.*
Henry Cuyler Bunner

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Next Division 5 Meeting
20 September 2011

@1900 – BSU, San Pedro

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

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