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FROM THE COMMANDER:



DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT:

March 15, 2011

Division 5 is off to a flying start this year.

Our back to basics program of getting long-term members into BQ status is working well. Thanks to all the Flotilla Commanders who have encouraged their members to get members to hand in their RBS Safety Class certificates and to Gary Norgaard & Everett Harper for planning and teaching a ABS course for members in Long Beach.

More and more members are getting AUX NET call signs and getting trained in TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATIONS – TCO. Special thanks for Gary Norgaard and Everett Harper who organized a workshop and PQS sign off at the American Red Cross in Long Beach. Division 5 now has 15 new Telecommunications operators thanks to their efforts. They are

planning a VE workshop and sign off event for members interested in becoming vessel examiners. Notices will be sent out in the weeks to come. I would encourage FC's to send them information on your scheduled pushes to assist in the qualification process.

We had a great awards brunch at Meadow Lark Golf Course in Huntington Beach where all who attended enjoyed good food and fellowship. I want to wish all of our members who won awards a hearty congratulations. Special thanks to Dennis Grinstead for organizing this event, Everett Harper, Paul Ginder and Pat Steward for a splendid raffle.

Our first major public affairs event, Whale of a Day, went flawlessly thanks to the efforts of Kim, Rose and Eric Castro-bran and the assistance of committee members Jason Gant, Mark Oshiro, Frank Martin and Karl McMillan. 8,777 guests visited the lighthouse that day. Special thanks to Gordon West, Mike Frey and Jason Gant for an amazing display of radio communications. Bravo Zulu to Michael and Tom Roedl who worked along with Emmanuel Etgar feverishly to feed the troops. The day was just super and the only complaint I heard was about closing the gate at 1600. In the words of Procol Harum, "The called out for more."

I really feel that this sort of community outreach not only shows the public what we do but will encourage people to join us and help us in growth and member development. Therefore, I would like to suggest that we together a plan to help you grow our flotillas in Division 5. I would like to see a team effort with members from larger flotillas helping and supporting our flotillas that are smaller in numbers. I would also encourage our flotillas to conduct more fourth corner-stone events and inviting family and friends to join in the fun.

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Speaking of fun. I have sent out an announcement for a Whale Watch. Looks like we have a date set for April 2 with Harbor Breeze on Christopher for a 0900 cruise. I sent out emails to every FC and hope that you have forwarded that to your fellow members. We need a minimum of 25 to take advantage of a discount. I am going to make the cut off date to RSVP WED 21 March. If we do not have at least 25 RSVP's we will have to cancel this outing.

From the District 11S, Commodore Jacobs would like to encourage that all members CHECK IN to the D11S.ORG website and read the newsletter. The district website has many tools for members to use and is packed with information.

Thank you for an exciting first quarter and I look forward to working with you to make 2011 a super year in Division 5.
Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

I am happy to report that the Division 5 Website is updated. I apologize for the delay but we had to resolve a security issue with the site before we could make any changes. Flotilla information has been updated and the 2011 Newsletters are up. I will be posting pictures and making some more additions. Please check it for any errors and I will be happy to make any changes.

There appears to be a little confusion about a uniform policy statement that was printed in the right column of the first page of our February Newsletter. This was a continuation of the article on the left column regarding Whale of a Day stating that the event uniform of the day would be ODU's with an alternative of the undress blue uniform. Tropical Blue and ODU's are still our standard uniforms for our gatherings and events. There has been no policy change on uniforms. We apologize for any confusion.

To: Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders and Division Staff Officers.

I discussed with you tonight of a couple of plans for OUTREACH and RECRUITMENT by involving ourselves with community events. Please take some time in the next couple of months to scout around the areas where you meet for some event that your town does where we might get a recreational boating safety message out and attract new members for your flotilla. Any ideas please share them with us.

On a side bar: I will check with legal regarding the Veterans Day Parade in Long Beach.

If your flotillas have not yet appointed a 4th cornerstone committee it might be a something to consider. Please get back with me as to whom you would like to represent your flotilla in the Division 4th cornerstone committee. Combining team efforts in this will help all flotillas meet the requirements in out Diversity reports.

Karl and I really need your help in the Awards banquet. I think with these Committee assignments we can split the burden as a team effort and hopefully we can talk it up to our flotilla members as the plans develop. I will have a schedule for

some meetings and locations after our May meeting.
Thanks. Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

Hello all members.

We had a Whale of a Day at Pt. Vicente but we were so busy helping out over 7,000 guests who visited us that we didn't get to see any whales.

- We are currently working on a 4th Cornerstone Whale Watch cruise on Christopher - Harbor Breeze tours in Rainbow Harbor.
- If we can get 25 or more signed up we can get a discount at about \$22 per person.
- If you are 62 and over or if you have children between 5 and 11 the cost would be less as well.
- This would be a Civilian Attire function and just a fun day on the water for members to get close with the migrating Grey Whales.
- We are looking at Saturday 2 April or 09 April for the event.

Please email me: Tony Ashlin - tonyashlin@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending. We will work out the details regarding the time (0900 1200 or 1500) Once I have an estimated number of interested members I will call Harbor Breeze and set it up. Send no money yet.. Just an email with how many in your party would be interested in a fun day on the water.

Thanks, Tony Ashlin, DCDR 5

FROM THE DIVISION:

COMMUNICATION SERVICES – Tony Ashlin

Executive Summary:

I have taken over the responsibilities of maintaining the Division 5 website. The site has been cleaned and updated. Awaiting photos from the recent Whale of the Day at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse to post on the site.

Details:

- Site scanned and cleaned of any malware.
- Flotilla page updated to reflect new FC's
- All links checked and updated
- All newsletters uploaded and linked to site
- Will be contacting Division 5 FSO-CS to assist in building their websites.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – Ken Edwards

Executive Summary

- Data input cycle seems to be flowing smoothly in our Division, thanks to the FSO-IS Officers who are assisting Mr. Robert Montelone and Mr. Everett Harper in their direct assistance to the SO-IS in approving the data the FSO-IS Officers have input.

Details:

- The REYR Lists were sent out over a month ago and we have heard very little on members who are making any attempt to remove the REYR Status. Remember, as stated before, a member in REYR Status must send in to Diraux, a copy of the reporting form that shows they did indeed complete the required minimum requirements that

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- If a member becomes REYR as a Coxswain, that member **CANNOT** go out on patrol as a CREWmember until the REYR status has been reset to Certified.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Lee Anthony

Executive Summary

AD-SO Jeanne Reinhardt has been supplying me with new member requests monthly. My top priority is to see that these new members are connected with the proper flotilla. This has all been going very smoothly.

Details:

- * New members also are being recruited at recent boat shows, yacht clubs, vessel examinations and through all flotilla outreach programs and events. We are also on the lookout for new members with trailer-able boats so that we can do a better job on lakes and inland waters.
- * We need more people who can process new members. The applications and subsequent paperwork should be handled at the flotilla level. We are fortunate to have so many new members, but lack the personnel to process them in a timely manner. Each flotilla should have a member with these skills and qualifications.
- * The new member program in every flotilla should have assigned mentors to help through the process of applying and becoming active members.
- * All Flotilla should keep in touch with the SO-HR. Good communication will help the I can stay informed and be aware of the progress and will be better able to share this information with my chain of command.
- * I would like to thank everybody for the excellent work all flotilla SO-HRs are doing.

MARINE SAFETY – Frank Galloway

Executive Summary

Auxiliary participation in Coast Guard Marine Safety activities is continuing at a brisk pace. I will continue to communicate all information I receive to the appropriate personnel at the Flotilla, Division, and District levels.

Details

- The Prevention Department at Sector LA-LB is in need of additional administrative and data entry assistance. Auxiliary members who wish to assist the Prevention Department please begin the process by completing the District form for Augmenting Sector LA-LB.
- A new Maritime Domain Awareness Academy is tentatively planned for the spring of 2011. Three Division 5 members are currently working on revisions to the MDA program, and will act as facilitators/instructors: Lenny Douthett (5-13), Frank Galloway (5-13), and Kim Castrobran (5-09).
- The Auxiliary Uninspected Passenger Vessel program is moving forward in 2011 as aggressively as it has done in previous years, under the direction of Norma Lococo (6-08), and the administration of Frank Boice (6-06). MS. Lococo was the 2009 Sector LA-LB Auxiliary Inspector of the year, and MR. Boice the 2010 Sector LA-LB Auxiliary Inspector of the year. These two Auxiliary members recognition by the Coast Guard for their efforts in the discipline of Uninspected Passenger Vessel examinations verifies the importance of this program.

- Anne Evans (6-06), and Ramon Evans (6-06), were presented their qualification documentation as Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiners at a Coast Guard Sector LA-LB Domestic Inspections Branch all-hands meeting by Domestic Branch Chief Tom Coleman on 11 MAR 2011.
- I just realized that since I previously mentioned the Auxiliary Inspector of the Year recipients for Sector LA-LB in 2009 and 2010, that I should mention the previous two recipients. The first recipient of the Coast Guard Sector LA-LB Auxiliary Inspector of the year award was Lenny Douthett (5-13) in 2007. The 2008 recipient was Frank Galloway (5-13).

OPERATIONS – Karl McMillan



Please see the Division Captain's email, below, and ask all your facility owners to make sure their facility inspections are up-to-date.

Thank you,

- Could you please send out a memo to all FSO OPS to make sure that all the facilities in their flotillas were inspected last year?
- I had an issue where a PWC that was to be shown off at Whale of a Day but since the owner forgot to get it inspected he could not get orders.
- The PWC was not in our Division but this serves as a good reminder that we should align ourselves with the Coast Guard motto of SEMPER PARATUS.

Thanks, Tony

PUBLIC EDUCATION – Roy Garrabrant

Executive Summary:

PE ACTIVITY FOR FLOTILLAS REPORTING DURING MARCH 2011 TO DATE.

Details:

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- A new location is being used for an AUXWEA class by FSO-MT P. Busher. If all goes well it might be a location that can be used for Instructor Development. However, at this time, it is not available for classes open to the general public and for which there would be a charge.
- Inquiries are being made into the use of a National Guard Armory for both Member Training and Public Education.
- The FSO-PE met with other FSOs-PE and SOs-PE informally to discuss various ways to advertise PE classes to the public.
- No further information at this time regarding a co-venture with a Flotilla in Div. 6 for an IDC class.

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- Ham Radio Classes to be held at Shoreline Yacht Club Long Beach, CA on 26th and 27th March for Technician License Course. General License Course will also be held on May 14th and 15th (see flyer at: 2011HAMSYCClasses.pdf)

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- Two members assisted Fl 5-13 with ABC class on 3/12 at the Bass Pro Shop in Cucamonga.

FL 5-11

- Currently evaluating the best date to have a class.
- Considering partnering with other flotilla trainers to share in the activities.

FL 5-13

- Taught an ABC class, 3/12 at the Bass Pro Shop in Cucamonga.

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS: Jo Pauloo

Executive Summary

PATONS FOR ALL AREA 6 – AND THE PATONS FOR CATALINA ARE READY TO GO OUT – BRIDGES SHOULD TO BE DONE BY 15 APRIL

Details:

- Some PATONS have gone out for the Long Beach, Los Angeles Area 80% of the PATONS have been completed in the Long Beach Area
- Need the Bridges to be done – they can be done on shore
- ATON WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD MARCH 12, 2011
3150 E. 29TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90806 RED CROSS TRAINING ROOM 083- TO 1630
(Use rear entrance)
- Workshops are for New and Requalification of current verifiers
- ATON WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD MARCH 19, 2011
EAST COUNTY SHERIFF STATION 0830 TO 1630
2101 E. OLSON ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360 = 0830 TO 1630
- **Pre-registration is required**
POINT OF CONTACT : G. RICHARD REINHARD
E-MAIL: grr4lch@juno.com
(310) 375-7619 or (310) 488-7129 cell

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Brian Regalbuto

Executive Summary

Three large PA events happen in March. They are The Whale-of-a-Day, Fred Hall Boat Show, and LA Boat Show. Division 5 had many members attend the first two events. We have several members involved in the final event, LA Boat Show occurring this week.

Details:

- * **Flotilla 53** - The VSC/PA Day schedule for 26 Feb at Davie's Launching Ramp was cancelled due to weather conditions. Letters of request sent to a number of corporate offices requesting free or discounted coupons to be given to children who participated in an activity at our flotilla booth during the Whale-of-a-Day event 5 Mar were unsuccessful.
- * **Flotilla 53** participated in The Whale-of-a-Day Event at the Point Vicente Lighthouse in Rancho Palos Verdes on 05 Mar

2011. Our Flotilla had one facility at the event and it was extremely well received by both adult and youth participants. Passed out literature and also conducted two public information sessions on proper sizing, type, and regulations of use of life jackets; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Both were well attended and received good reviews.

* **Flotilla 5-5** Pat Stewart and several members of 5-5 set up and took down the PA Exhibit at the Fred Hall Boat Show.

Several of his members were also watch standers.

* **Flotilla 5-8** Had two members attend the Whale of a Day event, and one at the Fred Hall Boat Show. They also have another signed up for the LA Boat show.

SO-VE – Geoffrey Emery

Executive summary:

Division 5 Flotillas are gearing up the VE program scheduling pushes from Cabrillo to Newport Beach. We have been equipped with items from the Materials Center to be distributed to the Flotillas at the next meeting. For now, we are in good supply of VSC decals.

This weekend at Shoreline there will be two operations proceeding simultaneously; a UPV Outreach Group doing four UPV Safety Exams, and a VSC Group doing up to 21 VSCs on "charter recreational vessels" plus six PWCs. This project is being managed by Frank Boyce.

All of the UPVs are operated by Pacific Sailing. All of the "charter recreational vessels" are operated by Marina Sailing – Long Beach. The six PWCs are operated by Pacific Sailing – Long Beach. Both companies are located on the boardwalk at Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach. This project is divided into two parts, VSC and the PWC plan.

Details:

- 5-10 Reporting 2 VE's
- 5-12 Reporting 6 VE's in addition their VE program is conducting a push on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at Shoreline
- 5-11 Reporting 1 VE
- 52 Reporting 5 VE's
- 54 Reporting intention to offer VE's at March Boat shows where they were participating in watches.
- Flotilla 5-5 is planning a VE Day in Newport in conjunction with the Ca Recreation Company from 0830-1630 on March 26th. No VEs took place in the flotilla last month.
- Significant VE supplies will be available and distributed at the March monthly division meeting on March 15, 2011
- The Division has ordered additional supplies of VE stickers as we roll into the summer inspection season.

Details:

- VE stickers on have arrived and are in stock
- VE stickers have been distributed to some of the Flotillas
- Support documents from the Coast Guard have arrived and will be made available at the March division meeting for any Flotilla or VE that's desires stock. We now have several dozen items that can be made available to the boating public including large posters for use at the marinas and placards that can announce future VE days. We also have Navigation handouts, Federal Regulations. Etc.
- 5-11 will be planning a VE day at Cabrillo in late May.

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- 5-4 Is reporting – “The staff is developing goals for the upcoming year with primary emphasis on increasing the number of VEs and Dealer Visitors”.
- Flotilla 5-5 and 5-3 recent VSC day was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions in February.
- 5-5 is reporting a VSC Event scheduled for March 26th in Newport Beach
- 5-5 further reporting 5 VE’s in February.
- 5-12 reporting - VE program is conducting pushes every month and are currently mentoring 4 new examiners on track for meeting its goals for the year.
- The dock walker materials have been distributed to the FSO VE’s in Division 5
- 5-4 is reporting - Planning VE course as well as “cruise” for members and families.

DOCKWALKER TRAINING FOR VESSEL EXAMINERS OFFERED ON FIVE DATES

The State of California is offering a Dockwalker training class on five occasions in **March and April, 2011. The 2-1/2 hour class will be taught 19 March in Newport Beach, 23 March in Morro Bay, 31 March in San Diego, 14 April in San Pedro, and 23 April in Marina del Rey.** The class is only open to certified Auxiliary Vessel Examiners who perform vessel examinations in California. For details on the course and its benefits, please visit the [Vessel Examiner Web Pages](#) on this site, or download the flyer [here](#).

04 Mar 11 Categories: [Member Training](#)

SECTOR LA/LB PLANS MARINE DOMAIN AWARENESS INSPECTOR ACADEMY - DATES TBA

Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach is planning to hold its third MDA Inspector Academy this Spring, to support the District's goal of recruiting and training up to 90 new inspectors. If you have at least one year of experience in the Auxiliary, you can become a part of the team providing enhanced situational awareness for the Captain of the Port. Qualifying Auxiliarists, throughout the Sector Area of Responsibility (AOR), are encouraged to attend.

The Academy curriculum is planned to have 18 Chapters and 70 lessons divided into modules that will be held in a classroom environment with instructors. The Academy may be attended during before or after the on-the-job/performance qualification standard process.

Check back here frequently for dates and further information. A data sheet for the Academy can be found on the [Marine Safety page](#) of this site, under "News & Notices".

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Division 5 SO's receive appointment certificates

FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC

Executive Summary

- We did not have a meeting in February due to too many members being unavailable to attend because of the weather.

Details:

- We are still working on the new Diversity Center to be located in Compton and more will be passed on as different items are developed and made operational.
- All items received by e-mail from District or Division that are requested to be forwarded on to all members are being forwarded in a timely manner.
- We have no operational facilities within our Flotilla so we have no operations activities hours.
- We have no Public Education classes scheduled in the near future, will advise when we do.

FLOTILLA 53 - John Malloy, FC

Executive Summary

Flotilla currently has 3 prospective new members. We are focusing on keeping all members informed of all training, opportunities to serve, and fellowship activities.

Last meeting barely made quorum so we need to focus on reaching out to inactive members and to recruit members and mentor them accordingly.

Flotilla Activity:

- Flotilla meeting held 2/28. Next meeting on 3/28 will be fellowship/business and will be held at local restaurant. Member training session will be on “Forms”.
- Annual budget approved at last meeting.
- 5 members participated in Whale of a Day event with OPFAC “Tin Boat”. Also took part in public education session with life jacket and MOB demonstration.
- AUXWEA course is scheduled for late April, exact date to be announced soon.
- New member training location has been secured.
- VSC day scheduled for 4/9 at Dick Sherrer Marine in Norwalk.
- FSO-OP Jim Butler's 28' sailboat “Kelsea” has been approved as OPFAC.
- PATON patrols have been scheduled for our new verifiers and training patrols for members needing their QE check rides.

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WHALE OF A DAY AT POINT VICENTE



CGAUX Helo



COASTIE & kids



Coast Guard Helicopter



Paul Bushers "Tin Boat", F1 53 was a big success



Richard Terrell demonstrates how to weigh anchor

FLOTILLA 54 - Robert Waldron, FC

Executive Summary

- The new flotilla website is operational and will be up for approval at the March flotilla meeting.
- The interpreters in the flotilla have had their African assignments canceled for the time being. The American Navy vessels they were to serve on have been repositioned due to the increased operational focus on the Med and the North Pacific.
- IS data is up to date.
- The flotilla made arrangements to reinstate an annual fellowship outing for July 2011 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.
- Members have been notified of the two upcoming boat shows and the dock walker program for VEs
- PATON patrols underway.

Details

- 14 more night PATON requests have been received and will be scheduled. PATON workshop held on 13 March.
- Two members, at the request of Trent Kelly, assisted CG PO Jamie Lefrancois with a PA activity at the Benito Juarez grade school in Anaheim.
- The members, with assistance from addition flotilla members, collected coloring books, bookmarks and other handouts, which were given to 90 children at a "Read Across America" program. Members pointed out that without being able to read, auxiliary members would not be able to use their PFDs properly.
- There are two upcoming Ham Radio license classes scheduled at Shoreline YC. Entry-level class will be held March 26-27 and an advanced class held on May 14-15.

Issues:

One facility, the Nan B, has scheduled twice monthly patrols, which are now in jeopardy because of misplaced Facility exam paperwork. POMS does not allow the facility to be scheduled. We are trying to track down the paperwork.

FLOTILLA 55 Paul A. Grinder, FC

Current progress: Plans and Contingency Plans

- The first item on Flotilla 55 list of goals for 2011 was to build our membership in the Flotilla by 5 new members. In the month of January 2011 we have 3 potential new members in AP statues, and 1 individual looking at potential enrollment (an 18 year old Eagle Scout).
- Members of Flotilla 55 met with the Irvine Company on February 9, 2011, to discuss future upgrade to AUX

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Radio Newport with new antennas and equipment. The current property managers was unaware of our previous agreement and the condition of our current operation. They were very pleased with what we presented to them in regards to our operation of the facility and are eager to move forward with the renovation of AUX Radio Newport. The new modifications have been presented to the Irvine Company and the DSO-CM. Flotilla 55 has hosted two consecutive open houses on February 6 & 13, 2011, to demonstration the operation of the facility.

- Flotilla 55 is currently storing the District 5 PA booth by request of the ADSO-PA, Henry Goldman, and transporting it to the different PA events organized by both Division 5 and District 11sr. Also, Flotilla 55 has used all of it's PA materials and all the it can beg, borrow and steal in support these events. Currently Flotilla 55 is out of materials and the DSO-MA needs to order materials immediately for upcoming PA events that are already scheduled. The scheduling and planning of these on going annual events should be planned during the District Planning Meeting. District should plan and coordinate these events six months prior to the event. Flotilla 55 is preparing to take the
- District 11sr PA booth to the L.A. Boat show starting on March 16, 2011. Once again, we are trying to acquire materials that should have been ordered at the District level months in advance. Not only are we currently out of PA materials, there is a lack of PA participation by the other Flotilla's in District 11sr. There does not appear to be an action plan in place from District to coordinate booth setup or brake down, as well as personnel to man the upcoming events.
- As the FC of Flotilla 55, and communication qualified along with 4 other members of our Flotilla, I would like know what our operational policy is during times of catastrophic events. In 2009, District 11sr ran drills at the local marinas within the Sectors AOR to prepare for a tsunami event. Since that time two tsunami events have happened without any formal directive. After the first event Flotilla 55 had asked Division what the policy would be for an assignment to duty when an event occurs.
- Flotilla 55 once again took it upon itself with the direction of its FC to man the same two marinas with radio guard facilities for observation and reporting with know response on the Auxiliary Yankee Sierra frequency. Our members did communicate with the American Red Cross as we are also part of the South Orange Amateur Radio Association (SOARA), and reported on the WIN System, a worldwide network, which we are members.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla

- Three members of Flotilla 55 did participate in the Whale of a Day event in P.V. on
- March 5, 2011. We setup the District 11sr PA booth as well as manning the Baker 2 Vegas sales booth. During the day there were 3 members of other Flotilla's, which manned the Auxiliary PA booth from time to time. At a number of times during the coarse of the day the booth was left un-manned. There was also a pregnant women, not in uniform who also participated in the Auxiliary PA booth handing out materials and talking with people. At the end of the day all other Auxiliary personnel disap-

peared and Flotilla 55 was left to dismantle and remove the District 11sr PA booth.

- Flotilla 55 had four members participate in the sales of the Baker 2 Vegas merchandise at the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego on February 12, 2011.
- Flotilla 55 had four members participate in the Division 5 Change of Watch at Meadow Lark Golf Club on February 20, 2011

Assistance required from the Coast Guard

- Flotilla 55 which manages AUX Radio Newport is in desperate need of Watch Standards for weekend duty. Flotillas should use AUX Newport as a training facility for members to become TCO-PQS qualified. For information concerning the above contact the station manager James P. Stewart at (949) 933-3354 or jpstewart@cal-aurum.com.

Future plans and milestones

- Flotilla 55 has three members, which have become NS qualified and are now eligible for the Operations Ribbon. At the conclusion of the renovation of AUX Radio Newport (ARN).
- Flotilla 55 would like to have members of the District Board and Staff, along with the CO of Sector LA/LB present to the Irvine Company a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the recreational boating public. The last time this was done was in 1991, which makes this long overdue.

FLOTILLA 57 – Roger Helizon, FC

Meeting held 24 Feb with a quorum present.

- FC & VFC sworn into office.
- FSO's sworn into office.
- F. Rodriguez presented with IT ribbon.
- One members went on a PATON patrol with 5-13, 11 Feb. and will go as crew with 5-13 on 18 & 19 Mar. on Regatta Patrol.
- R. Figureoa presented with VE Certificate.
- Two members participated in ABC class with 5-13.
- John Kinner, is retiring after 34 years of membership. We will surely miss him in 57 and the Auxiliary!
- Membership training for evening: TCT presented by R. Garrabrant



Roger Helizon and Freddy Rodriguez sworn in as FC And VFC, 57



Ruben Figueroa receives VE Certificate



Tony Ashlin, DCDR presents Jackie & Roy Garrabrant with AUXOP Certificates & Pins

FLOTILLA 58 – Thomas Roedl, FC

Current progress: Contingency Plans: (Goals)

- City of Downey Emergency Services manager scheduled to provide training on earthquake and emergency preparation at March 22 flotilla meeting.
- Prospective new member invited to March 22 flotilla meeting.
- Two members assisted at “Whale of a Day” on March 5.
- In the process of getting all AP & IQ members into the BQ status.
- Working on a Flotilla "Uniform Pool" to pass down unneeded articles of uniform (shoulder boards, insignia pins, ribbon holders, etc.) to new members and leaders.
- Established a member involvement plan to increase member participation within the Flotilla.
- Established plans to work with other Flotillas within the Division & District to expand cooperation and ideas.

Accomplishments in your Flotilla:

- Successful meeting on Feb 22
- FC qualified as TCO

Future plans and milestones from the Departments:

- Increase the number of members.
- Work closely with other Flotilla's to achieve the District's goals.
- Continue to have Four Cornerstone events, such as tours of the Maritime Museum, Lane Victory, VTS, etc.

FLOTILLA 59 – Frank Martin, FC

FLOTILLA 5-10 - Stanley Hartman, FC

Executive Summary:

- The Flotilla is planning to meet its PA events goal is underway. The objectives of the PA events continue to be the recruitment of new members to the (a) Flotilla and (b) to the Division (new members' choice of flotillas).
- The Flotilla's VE goal is 30.
- The Flotilla's PV goal is 30.
- Four members participated all day in the Whale of Day Event. The highlight of members' participation was setting up the static display of FC Ken Dougherty's PWC and greeting visitors to the display.

FLOTILLA 5-11 - Alice Curran, FC

Executive Summary

- Reports passed down and up the chain of leadership is still a prime concern.
- Flotilla meeting on February 23.
- Emphasis on Recruitment/Retention of members. PA/HR Watch standers for March events.
- Flotilla member's goals.

Details

- Improvement is still required by FSO's to consolidate and pass down pertinent information to all members in the flotilla. Majority of FSO's could use mentoring on submitting the Flotillas monthly activities and flotilla member's future plans to their SO counterparts or DSO, if they hold both positions, after each flotilla meeting.
- Quorum present; Presented SO's Assignment Certificates and Framed 2010 Flotilla 5 Star Diversity Award to our Diversity Advisor. Flotilla One hour TCT workshop completed during meeting; Two New Members scheduled in Boating Safety Class. (They completed the class on Feb 26 and are in the BQ status). Two members need to make time to requal as crew and two members need to complete hours as Instructor during one of the scheduled PE classes in the Division; Three members E-mail addresses have been updated and passed to FSO-IS. Computer literacy of members passed up to Division; Recruitment of boat owners to have an active OPFAC, smaller boats for lakes and PWC operators. A couple of members do not have time to use the valuable links on the National Web site to assist them;
- FSO-HR actively involved in recruitment of diverse new member presentations with FSO-PB. Assistance and mentoring by 2010 FSO-HR.
- Sign up for Whale of “A Day on March 5 at Pt. Vicente Light House” by four members; FSO-HR interested in working the L.A. Boat Show. At least one to two members at the L.B. Boat Show with emphasis on Recruitment during all events this year.
- Concentration by VE in flotilla to assist in qualification of member interested in VE qualification and plans to continue in performing VE's with no commitment to other missions. One member is in the process of mentoring by FC to be involved in the MVD program. Plans and Development of the new WOW Flotilla Web Site will be started soon by FSO-CS; Mentoring of New member ap

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PLICANT that is interested in class in "Communication", after his application packet is submitted; PE classes still need to be researched and planned for PWC operators and Kayak Safety classes.



Installed G. Emery, OP/VE; M. Emery, MT/PE; R. Escamillarodriguz, HR; A. Curran, FC/CS; M. Haynes, PA; M. Drouillard, SR/MA



Michael Drouillard receives 3 Star Plaque as Diversity Officer 2010 from Alice Curran, FC 5-11



Marion Haynes receives FC Award from Geoff Emery, IPFC 5-11

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 watch standing, 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

- The Flotilla will be having a Whale Watching Cruise on Saturday, April 2, 2011 as a 4th Cornerstone Event (All Auxiliary members are welcomed).
- The Flotilla will be having its April meeting at AirSta LA followed by a tour of the station.
- One member is currently registered for the upcoming Dock walker training class on March 19, 2011.
- Several members will be attending the upcoming TCT course on Saturday, March 26, 2011.
- VE program is conducting a push on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at Shoreline Village.
- Two PE boating classes are currently underway.
- Networking with other Flotillas and Divisions regarding opening up new Auxiliary programs, training opportunities and 4th cornerstone ideas and upcoming events.
- As a result of the recent disasters in Japan, Flotilla members have been recommended to become TCO qualified, as well as, receiving additional training from the American Red Cross and the C.E.R.T. program.
- Five members volunteered at this year's Whale of a Day event on March 5, 2011.
- Four members volunteered at the Long Beach Fred Hall Fish & Boat Show from Mar. 9 - 13, 2011.
- Four members completed their TCO training on March 13, 2011.
- Conducted several VE exams on vessels of first-time boat owners that have no boating experience.
- Several members have participated in PATON and MOMS patrols in March.
- All new members are being mentored. "Building tomorrow's leaders today".
- Future 4th Cornerstone events are: CPR Saturday, May 28th, A Day at the Gun Range, and a Picnic & Kayaking at the Beach.



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CREW CLASS CONDUCTED BY WAKO WINTERS
FLOTILLA 5-12



FLOTILLA 5-13 - Jason Gant

Flotilla 5-13 PE class at Pro-Bass Shop,
Cucamonga 3/12/11



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Ed Hart, DSO PE, & Gary Norgaard, FI 5-13



Roy Garrabrant, SO PE 5, Ed Hart, DSO PE &
Gary Norgaard, FSO PE 5-13



Tony Ashlin, DCDR presents Gary Norgaard with
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Past Como Denny Denismore,, CDR Matlin, and Barbara & Eric Decuir



CDR Matlin & Angela

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION SOLICITS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2012 DTRAIN 11SR

Past Commander's Association President COMO Denny Denismore, recently elected to fill the unexpired term of COMO Chuck Long, is seeking volunteers from through out the Auxiliary to assist with next year's District 11SR Conference, now called "DTRAIN 11SR", to be held beginning on January 6, 2011. You do not need to be a member of the PCA to volunteer to help at the conference. Interested parties should email Denny Denismore at: ddensmore@studiopolisinc.com. Planning for next year's event has already begun.
03 Mar 11 Categories: Past Commanders Association

FROM NATIONAL:

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: AUXILIARY SURFACE OPERATIONS SURVEY -007/11

1. The National Commodore is concerned about the reduction over the past few years of surface facilities and qualified boat crew program participants. He has commissioned a survey of Auxiliary surface facility owners and boat crew program participants to help determine the specific reasons behind these reductions. Since a high-water mark in 2004, the numbers of Auxiliary surface facilities, qualified coxswains and boat crewmembers, and total surface operations hours have all significantly declined, ranging in reduction from 18% to 30%. These reductions have occurred at the same time that Auxiliary membership has gradually risen since 2007.

2. An online survey questionnaire has been prepared to help identify reasons why the Auxiliary is losing these operational resources. It can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y8FVSK8>

3. All Auxiliarists who meet the following criteria are asked to complete this survey within the next 15 days:
- Active and retired Auxiliarists who have recently removed their surface facility from use or who have allowed their coxswain/crew member currency or qualification to lapse.

4. Although respondents may be tempted to select each and every listed choice that has caused concern about the program, PLEASE JUST SELECT THE BEST ANSWER FROM THE LIST PRESENTED.

5. Point-of-contact for any questions: Commodore Bill Crouch at: wecrouch@comcast.net.

COMO Reams Confirmed as DVC-TL

Dr. Robert B. Fong, Director, National Training Department, is pleased to announce that the National Commodore has confirmed the appointment of Commodore Steve Reams as Division Chief, Leadership Division within the National Training Department. Commodore Reams is an AUXOP member who brings 20 years of Auxiliary experience to his office. Commodore Reams has previously served as a Flotilla Commander, Division Commander, District Commodore for D8 Western Rivers and DNACO Atlantic Area West. A life-long resident of Colorado, a Princeton Graduate, Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, Commodore Reams looks forward to working with the Leadership Division Branch Chiefs as the Leadership Division moves forward to meet the challenges of delivering advanced leadership training tailored to meet the needs of each level of Auxiliary leaders. [Posted: Feb 25, 2011. Source: Andrew Anderson Dir-Td]

Auxiliarist retires, CG Communications Center named in her honor

After thirty years of faithful service to her nation and the Auxiliary this lady has decided to retire and hang up her micro

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phone. The Coast Guard Station's commanding officer credits her with saving over a million dollars in manpower hours. They named the station's communications center in her honor. Read about this great Auxiliarist's accomplishments and the honor bestowed on her, now in **SITREP**, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Feb 27, 2011. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor **SITREP**]

For Safety's Sake, Volume I – 2011

The newest edition of For Safety's Sake, Volume I - 2011 has been released. This new issue was released on February 24th and is available for downloading from the V Departments Newsletter page at <http://safetyseal.net/Newsletters/>. In this issue is: Promote Vessel Safety Checks With the "I Want a VSC" System; What's New in the V Department; Meet Lillian Haines, 2011 Director of the V-Department; Increasingly Popular Paddlesports Has Much to Accomplish This Year; Thinking Outside the Box: Program Visitor Pointers; What are you doing to promote VSCs and PVs?; Creative Ad Campaigns Increase VSCs and much more! Download your copy and pass it on to your associates after you've read it. [Posted: Feb 24, 2011. Source: Lillian M Haines DIR-V]

Auxiliary Forms Warehouse

The IT Group, User Services Department, is pleased to announce the new National Auxiliary Forms Warehouse (formally archive). The new site offers simple lists of available forms, along with newly revised forms. Most of the forms can now be filled out online prior to printing. Select forms may be e-mailed directly to the necessary staff.

On this site you will find standard ANSC forms, Bow Crew Appendices, Security Forms, DHS 11000 Credit Disclosure Forms, and Miscellaneous documents such as Business Cards & Letterhead. You can also find a Video on the new 7029 form for anyone having questions regarding this form.

Link: <http://forms.cgaux.org>

[Posted: Feb 22, 2011. Source: Alex C. Belleque, DVC-IUN]

2011 VE / PV Workshops Are Available!

The 2011 VE / PV Workshops Are Available are now available for download on our website. These are Microsoft PowerPoint presentations and can be downloaded from this web page: <http://safetyseal.net/workshops/> Please spread the word to your training officers and VE and PV officers.

[Posted: Mar 1, 2011. Source: Lillian M Haines DIR-V]

We are pleased to introduce AUXDIRECT, the new public affairs mailing list designed to bring important news and internal communications to Coast Guard Auxiliary leaders and members. AUXDIRECT replaces the previous AUXPAO e-mail lists that were compromised in January 2011. The new AUXDIRECT list was created with the assistance of Commodore Bruce Miller and is maintained on a U.S. Coast Guard server providing additional security and features.

Every elected officer, senior national staff, and DSO/SO/FSO PA, PB, and CS listed in AUXDATA/AUXOFFICER will receive these e-mail messages. Recipients can "OPT OUT" of these mailings at anytime by following the instructions con-

tained at the bottom of this message.

If other members in your unit wish to subscribe, they should visit <http://cgls.uscg.mil/mailman/listinfo/auxdirect> and follow the posted instructions. Please note that this list will be refreshed periodically with data from AUXOFFICER.

Tom Nunes, Director - Public Affairs

GULF OF ADEN: COAST GUARD ISSUES STRONG WARNING FOR YACHTS IN NEW LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

In the aftermath of recent piracy and the tragic murder of U.S. citizens in the northern Arabian Sea by Somali pirates, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued a strong warning against sailing in that area, or in the northwest portion of the Indian Ocean, in a new Notice to Mariners.

The Local Notice to Mariners reads, in part "Piracy is a significant threat in the Gulf of Aden and the northwest Indian Ocean, and has occurred in excess of 1000 nautical miles from the coast of Somalia". It also warns: "Participants in yacht races and rallies in these high risk areas are at great risk of attack. The events are often publicized and could draw attention from pirates, despite the security and safety measures that might be put in place."

Published estimates state that pirates currently are holding 31 commercial vessels and 700 hostages. Although the hijacking of motor and sailing yachts is much rarer, it does occur from time to time. However, the hijacking of the Southern California sailing vessel on February 18th is believed to be first time where Somali pirates have actually killed the crew.

The complete text of the Local Notice to Mariners may be downloaded [here](#). 02 Mar 11

Without limits...

Legally blind since birth and an Auxiliarist for the past two years he has an affinity for the outdoors, a passion for public service, a mind for factoids and a great sense of humor. Affable and outgoing he is the quintessential people person. That's exactly why members of his flotilla call him "a high-value asset". His Vice Flotilla Commander says that he is a magnet for people and does a great job at boat shows. Read about this Auxiliarist, his challenges, his goals and the manner in which he reaches for new heights, now on **SITREP**, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Mar 6, 2011. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor **SITREP**]

Coast Guard Auxiliary Signs National RBS Strategic Plan for 2012 – 2016

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Coast Guard Auxiliary National Commodore Jim Vass today joined a plethora of partner agencies and organizations in signing the *Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program 2012–2016* at the 2011 International Boating & Water Safety Summit. Vass was joined by Rear Adm. Kevin Cook, Director of Prevention Policy, and Capt. Mark Rizzo, Chief Director of Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard.

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The plan, drafted by a team consisting of members of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, the Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety and other subject matter experts, presents the key performance goals toward reducing boating fatalities and injuries over the next five years across the U.S.

The latest draft copy of the plan is available for review by [CLICKING HERE](#). The final copy is expected to be posted at USCGBOATING.org in the near future. [Posted: Mar 7, 2011. Source: Christopher Todd, Deputy Director | Public Affairs]

Second Quarter Game Plan for Public Affairs Officers

Spring, and with it boating season, is just around the corner, and has in fact, sprung in many parts of the country! And with its arrival comes the busiest time of the year for Public Affairs Officers. We have so many "key" events that take place during the second calendar quarter, such as National **Safe Boating Week**. It should be an exciting time EVERY WEEK IS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK Are you ready for NSBW? If not, better get started TODAY! Here's a checklist to help put your best effort into NSBW 2011:

* Have you ordered your supplies for whatever you are planning for NSBW (VSCs, Safety Booths, etc)? Remember lead-time for certain items can be long. Include things like federal and state regulations, and Join the Auxiliary brochures. Don't forget things for the kids that can help spread the boating safety message.

Check the latest ANSC Materials Catalog (available for download at <http://www.cgauxa.org/pdf/DCATAug-06.pdf> <http://www.cgauxa.org/pdf/DCATAug-06.pdf>) to see what ANSC has to offer for NSBW and other PA activities. Check with your State Boating Law Administrators, and insurance companies for give away items. The BoatU.S. Foundation also offers a number of brochures that can be ordered free of charge. Visit

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/brochure/default.htm>
<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/brochure/default.htm>

* Go to

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/%20%20%20>

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> Here you can order your campaign materials, download and print safe boating week proclamations, USCG statistics, posters, graphics, logos, activity sheets, certificates and many more exciting resources. There are media items to help run a targeted press effort such as radio PSAs, television PSAs, press releases, print graphics and story ideas.

* PROCLAMATIONS: There are proclamation samples available for download at:

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/proclamation.htm>
<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/proclamation.htm%20>

Turn a signing into a PA event where politicians sign the proclamations and give them to an Auxiliary representative. Media should be invited and will usually ask questions about NSBW, safe boating, etc.

* Don't forget Coastie and PFD Panda! Get the kids involved and the parents will follow. These are great tools to engage kids of all ages in boating safety.

* Plan something for every day of NSBW, not just the weekend. Offering a one lesson PE class at a boating safety

partner's store works well for a weeknight activity. And remember, anything involving kids usually gets media's attention. Holding a Boating Safety Class for children is likely to be a winner, with or without media coverage! Although it may be difficult to compete for media coverage we should still do our best to get the word out. Emphasize America's Waterway Watch (AWW) And don't forget to get Marine Dealers involved in both NSBW and AWW. Marine Dealers are often willing to sponsor VSC stations in their parking lot. many major retailers offer a discount to boaters who have had a VSC.

• Other Dates/Events

Check with the Academy Partner's Program to see if they need assistance with getting the word out about the Coast Guard Academy. Earth day (April 22nd): consider getting involved in a river or beach clean-up program. The USCG Sea partners program would also make an excellent presentation.

For more information on national rivers clean-up, visit:

<http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/national-river-cleanup/about.html>

<http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/national-river-cleanup/about.html>

The ever ongoing need to recruit new members to the Auxiliary. Keep an eye on: <http://hdept.cgaux.org/>

<http://hdept.cgaux.org/> and <http://join.cgaux.org/%20>
<http://join.cgaux.org/>

Some other dates and ideas to consider for the second quarter include:

April

Alcohol Awareness Month, April 2011. See:

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/aprtoolkit.aspx%20>

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/aprtoolkit.aspx> for more information. (Tie-in: don't drink and boat; reminder: drunk passengers are JUST as likely

to suffer a fatality as drunken operators; what to eat/drink instead of alcohol.)

Keep America Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup," **March 01- May 31**. See

<http://www.kab.org/> <http://www.kab.org/> for more information.

(Tie-in: Be safe while cleaning up our waters - wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly - don't pollute; is your boat Earth-friendly? - get a VSC to see!)

National Youth Sports Safety Month, April. See

<http://www.nyssf.org/campaign.html%20>

<http://www.nyssf.org/campaign.html> for more information.

(Tie-in: paddling safety; proper gear for paddlers; use the gear - wear your life jacket; CO poisoning while skiing, swimming or "teak surfing.")

Week of the Young Child, April 10-16.

See <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc%20>

<http://www.naeyc.org/woyc> for more information. (Tie-in: childproof your boat; state regulations on life jacket wear for children; PFD fashion show for young children; it takes only 20 seconds for children to drown - make sure your child wears a life jacket; CO poisoning on swim platforms.)

Earth Day, April 21. See <http://www.earthday.net/>

<http://www.earthday.net/> for more information. (Tie-in: be safe while cleaning up our waterways - wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly - get a VSC.)

National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, See

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>

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<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/> for more information. (Tie-in: appreciation for our volunteers in boating safety - Auxiliary, USPS, and others. Volunteer to make a difference - join the U.S. Coast

Guard Auxiliary). National Park Week, April 17-23. See <http://www.nps.gov/> <http://www.nps.gov/>. (Tie-in: be safe while enjoying our national parks - wear your life jacket; boat earth-friendly - get a VSC.)

National Environmental Education Week, April 10-16.

See

<http://www.eeweek.org/> <http://www.eeweek.org/>.

Coordinated by National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF). (Tie-in: teach Sea

Partner principles of clean and green boating. Be safe while cleaning up our waters - wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly - don't pollute; is your boat Earth-friendly? - get a VSC to see!)

National Safe Kids Week, April 28, 2011 - May 6, 2011.

See: <http://www.safekids.org/> www.safekids.org

for more information. (Tie-in: it takes only 20 seconds for a child to drown; physiology of drowning; children and life jackets; latest life jacket styles for kids; 12 and under rule for life jacket wear.)

Husband Appreciation Day, April 17, 2007. (Tie-in: show your husband just how much you appreciate him: get him a great-looking life jacket!)

May

National Electrical Safety Month, May. See:

<http://www.electrical-safety.org/> <http://www.electrical-safety.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: Is your boat safe from electrical hazards? - get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC); electrical hazards in & on the water /electrocution; fire safety; carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.)

National Trauma Awareness Month, May. See:

<http://www.amtrauma.org/> <http://www.amtrauma.org/>

and <http://www.pwcsafetyschool.com/>

<http://www.pwcsafetyschool.com/> for more information.

(Tie-in: wear your life jacket; know how to go - take a boating course; get a VSC; boat safe and sober; helmets and "extreme" sports; PWC safety.)

Older Americans Month, May. See: <http://www.aoa.gov/>

<http://www.aoa.gov/> for more information. (Tie-in: boating keeps you healthier; older boaters and life jacket wear; latest life jacket styles.)

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May. See

<http://www.apiahf.org/> <http://www.apiahf.org/>

for more information. (Tie-in: concentrate on outreach to boaters of Asian-Pacific Islander heritage; depict Asian-Pacific Islander Americans wearing life jackets & having a safe and fun time on the water.)

Clean Air Month, May. See (Tie-in: carbon monoxide poisoning; houseboat safety; "teak surfing"; be Earth-friendly and boat safe; is your boat "clean"? - get a VSC!)

March 01 - May 31. See

<http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=gaclanding%20>

<http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=gaclanding>

for more information. (Tie-in: **Keep America Beautiful**

"Great American Cleanup," Be safe while cleaning up our waters - wear your life jacket; boat

Earth-friendly - don't pollute; is your boat Earth-friendly? - get

a VSC to see!)

Mother's Day, May 8. See <http://www.boatus.com/women/>

<http://www.boatus.com/women/> for more information and links for women who boat. (Tie-in: show Mom how much you care - buy her a life jacket; give Mom a boating safety course; "suddenly at the helm" information.)

National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27. See

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> for more information.

(Tie-in: wear your life jacket!) Make sure you post your events on NSBC's website! Boating safety events can be posted throughout the year - they do not have to be Safe Boating Week events!

National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 15-21:

show your support for emergency responders - wear your life jacket; survival strategies; "suddenly at the helm" information; know how to go - take a boating course.)

National Transportation Week, May 16-22. See

http://www.ndtahq.com/events_national_trans_week.htm%20

http://www.ndtahq.com/events_national_trans_week.htm

for more information. (Tie-in: recreational boaters have a responsibility in overall waterway safety; depict Vessel Traffic Services, safety around commercial vessels and barges, "stand-on" vs. "give-way," know before you go - take a boating course.)

Armed Forces Day, May 21. (Tie in: show your support of the Coast Guard and the Army's Corps of Engineers: boat safe out on the water and wear your life jacket!)

National Maritime Day, May 22. This date is held in recog-

nition of the importance of the Merchant Marine to our nation's economic and readiness posture (Tie-in: recreational boaters have a responsibility in overall waterway safety; depict Vessel Traffic Services, safety around commercial vessels and barges, "stand-on" vs. "give-way," know before you go - take a boating course.)

Memorial Day, May 30. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure - show your support by wearing a life jacket, boating soberly, taking a boating course, and getting a vessel safety check.)

National Senior Health and Fitness Day, May 25. See

<http://www.fitnessday.com/senior/index.htm>

<http://www.fitnessday.com/senior/index.htm> for more information.

(Tie-in: older boaters and life jackets; fishing safety; survival skills; get a VSC; "suddenly at the helm" info.)

June

National Rivers Month, June. See

<http://www.amrivers.org/> <http://www.amrivers.org/> for

more information. (Tie-in: be safe while you enjoy America's rivers - wear your life jacket; take a boating course; boat safe and sober; is your boat Earth-friendly - get a VSC!)

National Safety Month, June. See <http://www.nsc.org/>

www.nsc.org for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket; take a boating course; get a VSC; boat safe and sober; houseboat safety; carbon monoxide poisoning; "teak surfing.")

National Drive Safe Month, June. (Tie-in: Don't drink and

boat; wear your life jacket, to improve your boating skills - take a boating safety course,

and get a Vessel Safety Check - safe boats save lives.)

National Fishing and Boating Week, June 4-12. See

<http://www.nationalfishingandboatingweek.org/>

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<http://www.nationalfishingandboatingweek.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: have fun on the water and wear your life jacket; fishing safety; take a boating safety course; get a VSC.

Flag Day, June 14. See

<http://www.flagday.org/Pages/PausePage.html>

<http://www.flagday.org/Pages/PausePage.html> for more information. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; show your support - wear a life jacket.)

Father's Day, June 19. (Tie-in: show Dad just how much you care - buy him a great-looking life jacket; "fishing safety" tips; give Dad a boating course.)

USCGAUX Birthday, June 23. (Tie-in: take advantage of our classes and programs like the VSC, AWW. Join the Auxiliary!)

It's going to take a lot of time and energy! It also can be a lot of fun and immensely satisfying. If you have not already done so, develop a team and come up with a game plan to get our messages out to as many people as possible. We all have a common goal- to make the public's boating experience a safe and enjoyable one!

NOW IS OUR TIME TO SHINE - Let's get out there and do it!

Tom Nunes. Director - Public Affairs
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Why we train and practice

If you have been around the Auxiliary long enough, you probably came to the realization that we spend a lot of our Auxiliary time either in training, or in practicing the skills we have learned. A recent trip to in Hawaii and a visit to a Coast Guard Air Station helped put things in the proper perspective. Read about this Auxiliarist's impressions and a USCG pilot's description of a search and rescue mission, now on **SITREP**, the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Mar 14, 2011. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

Mandatory Training Web Site

The website for mandatory training may be found at <http://aux.virtualclassroomuscg.org/>. [Posted: Mar 14, 2011. Source: Dr. Robert Fong (DIR-T)]

2011 Instructor Workshop Now Available

The 2011 Instructor Workshop is available for download by visiting the eLibrary section of the National Education Department web page or by visiting the following link: <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/aids/WS11/ws11.ppt> Please be sure to pass this information to your PE Officers and Instructors.

National Safe Boating Campaign NEWS

March 2011

By Harriet Howard, SA-NSBW

It's March, and two months to go until **National Safe Boating**

Week, May 21-27.

To order free campaign materials go to:

<http://www.boatingorders.com/freeproducts.html>.

Now is the time to arrange for a NSBW Proclamation presentation from the mayor or other appropriate dignitary in your community. Download the National Safe Boating Council's NSBW sample proclamation at:

<http://safeboatingcampaign.com/proclamation.htm> and adapt it to your community. Whether your NSBW activity centers on a proclamation, a public affairs exhibit or a TV interview, post your event on the campaign website:

www.safeboatingcampaign.com ("Site Index"- "Events").

Share ideas with your fellow Auxiliarists and also let other boating safety organizations know what the Coast Guard Auxiliary does to promote safe boating. Here's a preview of some coming events: In California, Division 7, 11SR, will put on its annual Boating Safety

Expo at Channel Islands. In Oklahoma, Auxiliarists will participate in the NSBW event at Lake Keystone and in Maryland, Auxiliarists will take part in the Nation's River Bass Tournament at National Harbor (June 2). All boaters, everywhere across North America, are invited by the National Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Safe Boating Council to participate in the second annual "Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day" on Saturday, May 21. This "Ready, Set, Inflate" event is a fun way to inspect and test your inflatable life jacket. It's also a great way for your flotilla to kick off NSBW. Public affairs officers, let me know your plans, so I may promote them in upcoming newsletters. Looking further ahead, I want to include your NSBW write-ups and pictures in my annual campaign roundup for the Navigator. Send them to harriethoward@speakeasy.net by June 10 for consideration for inclusion in the NSBW issue. For guidelines for stories and photos, contact the editor of the Navigator at judydarby@charter.net. In 2011, the focus on this year's campaign continues to be on the importance of wearing a life jacket. To order free campaign resources from the National Safe Boating Council, go directly to this website: <http://www.boatingorders.com/freeproducts.html> and order directly from the site itself.

**Boat Smart.
Boat Safe.
Wear It!**



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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May the sun shine, all day long, everything go right, and nothing wrong. May those you love bring love back to you, and may all the wishes you wish come true! ~Irish Blessing!.

To send in reports, pictures and information for the Newsletter, send to:
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NEXT DIVISON 5 MEETING

17 MAY 2011

@ 1900 - BSU, SAN PEDRO

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

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