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FROM THE COMMANDER:

Notice of Division 5 Elections

Division 5 shall hold an annual election of officers for the ensuing year, at the September 21, 2010 meeting. The meeting place shall be held at the Coast Guard Base, San Pedro, CA. at the Light House building, # 32. The meeting time is 0700.

Division 5 standing rules require that the Division Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee. That Nominating Committee consists of Frank Galloway and Roy Garrabrant, those members wishing to run for an elected office shall contact a member of the Nominating Committee no later than 15th of August for the elections being held at the September meeting of Division 5. The Nominating Committee will then report the nominations to the Division Commander, within 5 days thereafter. The nominations of this Committee shall also be reported to the Division Board in any written notice sent to the members prior to the regular meeting in September. Nominations for an elected office may also be made from the floor at the time of the elections. A list of members which are eligible for nominations is attached to this email. It is the responsibility of the member making the nomination, to be sure that the member being nominated be eligible at the time of nomination.

Dennis Grinstead, DCDR 5

FROM THE VICE COMMANDER:

I have put together the following assignment and schedule for the OPTREX. Please call each other to work out practices and scheduling. We plan to meet at Al Larson Marina at 0900 on Saturday 04 September 2010.

Thanks.

Tony Ashlin, DVCDR 5

Members to requalify:

- Linda Chang
- Stanley Lintner
- Fabio DeContreras
- Roy Stoner
- Jack Russell
- Mel Vague
- Tom Moser
- John Kinner
- Tom Jacobsmeyer
- Alice Curran

Facilities and Coxswains

- 28" Norma N A163 –
- 16" Fear Factory A132 –
- 22" Dolphin A436
- 30" Newport A502
- 18" Tin Boat A397
- 34" S. Lassie A 007

- Gary Norgard
- John Kinner
- Tom Jacobsmeyer
- Robert Vatz
- I. P. Busher
- Mel Vague

SCHEDULE:

Test Boat

- CX A132** Kinner
- CX A436** Jacobsmeyer
- CXC A007** Vague
Decontreres
- CC A163**
- A397 Afternoon SAR/Tow**
- A397 Morning Tow/ SAR**
- A436 Morning SAR/Tow**
- A507 Morning SAR/Tow**

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Stanley Lintner

CC 507

A507 Morning

Ray Stoner

Tom Moser

CC A007

A436 Afternoon

Alice Curran

Jack Russell

DVCDR – Tony Ashlin

Current progress

- Flotillas actively working on recruitment via PE, VE and RBS booths
- Flotillas are actively meeting deadlines for all members training.
- Diversity reports completed by Amanda Cordova

Accomplishments in your Division

- PA Activities at Pt Fermin, Pt Vicente and Pt Hueneme Lighthouses – ham radio event
- RBS Booth at Peter's Landing to promote VE, PE and Membership
- Sailing Skills and Seamanship class being taught to large groups at Pacific Sailing and Y/C
- OPREX at Al Larsons Marina planned and ready

Problems encountered

- Some events are being planned during vacation time.
- Difficulties mustering watch standers for Lighthouse event.

Future plans and milestones

- Sept. 9-12 Long Beach SCMI Boat Show

FROM THE DIVISION:

ELECTIONS FOR 2011:

If you feel you are eligible to run for Division Commander or Vice Commander, you should contact the members of the nominating committee: Frank Galloway or Roy Garrabrant ASAP.

MATERIALS – Harold Bodkin

Current Progress:

- Communicating with Division FSO's MA to keep them updated on need to order in a timely manner.
- Working with RJ Debonis to properly record Division 5 EPRIB UIN and NOAA registration information

Accomplishments:

- FSO's MA have been ordering required materials.

Problems:

- The District Materials Center will be moved to NACON and will close on August 17th and reopen on Saturday, September 4th. The last shopping day will be Monday, September 16th.
- CAL Boating materials have been distributed.

Future Plans:

- Ensure that flotilla and division materials needs are met in a timely manner.

MEMBER TRAINING – Kim Armstrong

Current progress

Flotillas are actively meeting deadlines for all member training.

Accomplishments in the Division

Members are completing TCT Refresher.

Members are completing required workshops.

Flotillas are holding member-training sessions on areas such as: Latitude by the noon sun shot, electronic charts, buoyancy and stability, Aux Nav B, etc.

Program performance

In several flotillas, new members are preparing for the Crew Program.

Future plans and milestones

Flotilla 5-12 is conducting an OPEN HOUSE Member/Boater Training on Radio Communications - 7/27/10

OPTREX is being slated September 4-5 to re-qualify crew and coxswains.

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS – Jo Pauloo

Accomplishments in your Division:

- ALL PATON's for area 6.5 are out to the members With just a few to come back in

Future plans and milestones from the Departments:

- ONLY REMAINING NS WORKSHOPS to be held in 2010
- NS Workshop to be given by DSO-NS – August 28, 2010 Bldg 32 Coast Guard Bases
0830-1630 Pre-registration is required
Point Of Contact – G. Richard Reinhardt
grr4kh@juno.com 310 375-7619
- Galley not open – Brown Bag Uniform is tropical blue long

Future Plans:

- NS Workshop – November 6, 2010 Coast Guard Base Bldg 32

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Tony Ashlin

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- OPREX at Al Larsons Marina planned and ready
- Problems encountered/potential problems**
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Future plans and milestones from the Departments

- Sept. 9-12 Long Beach SCMI Boat Show - *Uniform of the day ODU!!*
- Watch standers should contact their FSO-PA regarding scheduling.
- Parking passes are available.

PROGRAM VISITOR - Mark Oshiro

Current progress

- Conducting additional PV visits of existing Partners.
- Searching for new PV Program Partners.
- Recruiting and certifying new members as program visitors.
- Received new shipments of PV materials from Cal Boating, which includes the 2010 ABC's of the California Boating laws. Please contact me if anyone needs the following brochures:
 - 2010 ABC's of the California Boating Laws
 - AquaSMART Activity Book for Kids (English)
 - AquaSMART Activity Book for Kids (Spanish)
 - Colorado River (Blythe to Imperial Dam)
 - Stay Out of the Carbon Monoxide Zone
 - Alcohol & Drugs Don't Mix with Boat Operation Cards

Accomplishments

Activities from July 10 – August 11:

- Flotilla 5-9 – Completed 5 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-10 – Completed 6 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-12 – Completed 14 Program Visits (including 1 new PV Partner)
- Flotilla 5-13 – Completed 16 Program Visits

Problems encountered

- Flotilla PV Officers are not consistently reporting in their monthly activities. Will have each of the Flotilla Commanders follow-up on their progress.

Future plans and milestones

- Assist in the qualification process of new Program Visitors.
- Look for alternative sources of PV brochures and other materials.
- Conduct additional PV visits of existing Partners.

SECRETARY OF RECORDS – Alice Curran

- **Next Division 5 Meeting will be Tuesday 21 September at 1900 hours at the BSU, Bld 32.**
- Just an early reminder that the Division is dark in August.
- The Board voted to have your reports submitted

even on a dark month via E-mail.

- Most reports for August have been received and a copy sent to all Division 5's Board and Staff members.
- Thank you for using the standard report form. Majority of B&S is doing a great job in using the 2010 Report Form and customizing it for their Division Reports.
- Keep up the good work on keeping monthly correspondence with all the Flotillas in our Division and including what their members are doing, encouraging them in their positions and offering assistance as needed.
- Your efforts are appreciated.

FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

Flotilla 52 – Ken Edwards, FC

Assistance required:

- The District has issued a new policy on Timely Data Submittal, effective immediately, noting that any data held by the member for over 60 days past the mission completion data, may not be accepted by the SO-IS, depending on circumstances involved in the delay.

Future Plans:

- Improve member attendance at the monthly Flotilla meetings.

Flotilla 53 – Donn Kirby, FC

Current progress:

- Workshops completed for all active members
- 3 new members in AP status
- Members REYR for crew and workshop reviewed with FSO-MT

Accomplishments in your Flotilla

- VE blitz and PA booth at Davies Launch Ramp, Long Beach
- Waterway watch presented at Rotary Clubs in Orange and Cypress

Program performance

- Noble Eagle Patrols completed and planned
- VEs completed by members

Problems encountered:

- Team Coast Guard booth not at Orange County Fair this year, no exposure for Auxiliary
- Still not receiving adequate materials from Cal Dept. of Boating & Waterways

Future plans and milestones from the Departments

- VE blitz at Davies launch ramp, Long Beach
- One facility participating in DIV 5 OPTREX
- Noble Eagle patrol in L.A.-Long Beach area

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Flotilla 54 – Everett Harper, FC

Current Plans:

- New members being mentored
- Fellowship and training at each flotilla meeting
- Fellowship BBQ and swim party scheduled in August

Accomplishments:

- Active boat program with underway missions for Training, PATONS, Noble Eagle, and Regatta
- Preparing crew and coxswains for QE review

Assistance Required:

- Backup needed for key DIRAUX positions. When key persons are on vacation or otherwise not available, nothing moves forward; boats cannot be approved, coxswains cannot be assigned.

Flotilla 55 – James Stewart, FC

Flotilla 57 – John Kinner, FC

- Flotilla met on 22 July with quorum present.
- J. Kinner & R. Garrabrant were presented with certificates for completion of S.E.T.S. workshop.
- One member went on 3 patrols with 5-13 during July & Aug..
- Newer members encouraged to become qualified in any of the requirements to hold office.
- Member Training for evening – “Concepts of Leadership”.

Flotilla 59 – Rose Castrobran, FC

Current Progress;

Openhouses at lighthouses:

- Point Vicente : Members Eric Castrobran, Frank Martin, Mandy Cordova
- Point Hueneme June: members Kim & Rose Castrobran
- Flotilla members Joe Nebelsky, Frank Martin, Duke Overpeck are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols
- Member Wako Winters manning radio and going out on patrols with Robert Uy (Div 14) Member Rene Martin featured in Navigator magazine for his work in Africa with the Aux Interpreter Corps

Accomplishments:

- 37 PVs performed to date by member Wako Winters
- member Salvador Gonzalez completed Advanced Navigation Class
- Lee Anthony performed 6 VSCs this month

Flotilla 5-10 – Stanley Litner, FC

Accomplishments in Flotilla:

- A Flotilla 5-10 special committee has developed a proposed set of Flotilla Standing Rules. The document was forwarded to Division Commander for review and approval.

- Flotilla 5-10 received a Certificate of Award, for successfully meeting the requirements of the NACO 3-Star Diversity Award for 2009.
- A member training session was conducted at the July Flotilla meeting on the topic of boat handling. Fabio DeContreras, FSO-MT presented the program.

Program Performance:

- One Flotilla member participated in regular weekly Noble Eagle patrols in July and early August.
- Don Schlosser’s Facility Four Fun II will participate in a special regatta on the 21st of August.
- Three members have signed up for the OPTREX to be held in September.

Future plans and milestones:

- A PA event is planned for Los Alamitos Bay Marina on 28 August. . A static display of boating safety literature and materials will be set up and vessel safety checks will be offered. The PA event will be followed by a social event.
- Emphasize recruiting to replace member losses by death and transfer.
- A nominating committee has been formed to vet candidates for Flotilla Elections to be held at the regular Flotilla meeting on 22 September.

Flotilla 5-11 – Geoffery Emery, FC

National Safe Boating Gets Continuing Support From Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Flotilla 05-11

San Pedro--Saturday, 24 July from 0830 to 1230 hours, Flotilla 05-11 members, set up an HR/PA/ CVE booth at the Cabrillo Marina Plaza in recognition of the National Safe Boating campaign with banners, life jacket displays, literature regarding safe boating practices and Auxiliary membership information. Light snacks were offered to interested passers-by.

Mar Jean Emery, FVC and Marion Haynes, FSO-PA scheduled appointments for courtesy vessel examinations for boaters, distributed literature and took names for potential Auxiliary members. Alice Curran, FSO-HR along with Deborah Washington, FSO-SR, walked the docks with information for potential recruits for the Auxiliary and offered to schedule vessel examinations, as well.

By phone communication from the booth and direct personal contact with boat owners, Geoff Emery, FC, conducted nine courtesy vessel examinations during the morning activity.

Flotilla 05-11 had a successful day with several local boat owners qualifying for the vessel decal. Others were informed of the need for specific equipment or supply needs that required fulfillment before a decal could be

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issued. Geoff's efforts resulted in boat owners purchasing the necessary equipment in order to qualify that day.

Several owners came by the booth to express their gratitude for the presence of the booth and the opportunity to be informed on the proper fit and deployment of the life jackets on display or their own that had never been used. Flotilla 05-11 hopes to have this kind of activity for the benefit of safe boating on a regular basis.

Marion Haynes, FSO- PA



M. Haynes, A. Curran, M. Emery, G. Emery



D. Washington, A. Curran, M. Emery, G. Emery



A. Curran, 5-11 passes out literature.

G. Emery, FC, 5-11 does VE's on 7-24-10



Flotilla 5-12 – Ed Green, FC

Flotilla 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC

FROM DISTRICT:

Shipmates,

The District 11SR Website is undergoing a complete makeover to give it a more modern feel, increased, informative content for both the membership and the general public, and a considerable simplification in adding or changing content. Part of the process is to "sweeten" the site with outstanding photographs that depict "a day in the life" of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, its members, and the public with whom we interact.

To get a cross section of photographs that tells our complete story in pictures, I am sponsoring the "D11SR Photo Contest of 2010", and the District is soliciting photographs from every member -- as well as from Public Affairs and Publications Officers -- to be considered for the site.

Winners of the contest will see their work recognized on the Web site, and the top three photographs, including a "Photo of the Year", will receive special recognition at the 2011 District Conference.

I encourage all members to dig into their digital photo archives and to participate in this high-visibility, public-affairs event. Please distribute this message to all hands.

Michael Johnson, DCO 11S

**INFORMATION SERVICES – Ken Edwards, DSO
Current progress:**

Current plans are to improve the mission data input cycle to a more timely activity so that members can

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- be properly rewarded for their mission activities

Problems encountered

- The District has issued a new policy on Timely Data Submittal, effective immediately, noting that any data held by the member for over 60 days past the mission completion date, may not be accepted by the SO-IS, depending on circumstances involved in the delay. I have found that many members do not enter their Flotilla Number on data forms before submitting to the
- FSO-IS, this causes problems when others offer to assist with the input data to eliminate a possible backlog of data entry within a Division.

Assistance required

With the upcoming District, Division and Flotilla elections, if a due date for submittal of the ANSC 7007, Annual Unit Officers Report, to DIRAUX could be established. All of this information needs to be entered into AUXDATA before the end of the year and is also used to create the new District Directory which will be distributed in early 2011

PUBLIC EDUCATION – Victoria Jacobs. DSO

Current progress

- An article from the Volunteer Power News entitled, “People Don't Quit Volunteering Because They Are The Top Seven Reasons “Volunteers Quit” was copied and sent to all PE staff.
- The June GAR Report served to remind staff to take appropriate credit for all courses and portions of courses taught by quickly submitting the correct paperwork and by checking to be sure the results show up in AuxData.

Accomplishments in your Department

- Carol and Ralph Steffens, Div. 4, worked with a Boys and Girls Club in Pacoima and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School in Sun Valley to conduct programs for children aged 3 to 13. They used life jackets, models of boats, whistles, lights, etc. and spent at least an hour with each group. Young children tried on PFDs and colored in the coloring books while someone explained each page to them and answered questions. Programs for older children were more structured. Each child received a certificate at the end of the program.
- Coastie has been busy teaching Division 1 area children at such events as the Cabrillo National Monument Celebration.
- “GPS for Mariners” and “How To Read A Nautical Chart” continue to be popular short courses and an avenue to encourage additional education.
- Div. 6 presented the ABS program at the Carson refinery of British Petroleum. The refinery is adjacent to the Dominguez Channel and about 35 mem-

bers of the maintenance staff work on boats in the channel to handle pipeline and clean up oil spills. Most of the students had no boating experience, which was a challenge to the Instructors, but many had other life skills and experiences, which assisted in the transfer of knowledge.

- The process for determining PE Service Awards and how they are processed was confirmed with DSO-IS Ken Edwards and all PE Flotilla and Division staff

Program performance

- Paddlesports America courses are beginning to be taught with moderate success. Div. 4 completed a program on Saturday with seven students attending and.

Problems encountered

- Lack of Institutional Knowledge being passed to new Staff Officers. I learned that some Instructors did not know they must not only teach the State boating laws, but must also include 10 state specific questions (NASBLA required). The approved State questions for California were confirmed and forwarded in a weekly update. Also, there still is some confusion regarding mandatory classroom attendance for NASBLA approved courses and a full explanation with documentation was sent to all PE staff in the District.

Future plans and milestones

Continue to push for more Paddlesports education programs

Class Completion Certificates – use ONLY the one provided with the books

Apparently some Instructors have manufactured a CA State Certificate and are giving that to the student when the student passes the 10-question CA exam, along with the certificate for the Auxiliary course (ABS, BS&S, S&S). **NO!** The requirements for the NASBLA certification include the State information and that is a given when the student receives the completion/passing certificate for ABS, BS&S, or S&S. No additional certificate is to be given. We are teaching the Auxiliary course, we are not teaching the California course.

As you know AUXPlusPE is the database that tracks graduates of our PE classes so that if someone has to confirm that they took and passed a class but cannot find their certificate, the information will be in the AUXPlusPE database. The system has had some glitches over the last few months but now things are much improved.

Read the following, back up your current information as provided, and begin using the new system. Let me know if you have challenges or questions. If your FSO-IS has been handling this for you, please forward this e-mail to that person.

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California - Lifejackets – Under age 12

There has been some confusion regarding the age at which, or under which, a child must wear a life jacket. Please note that it says “under 13” which is not the same as “13 and under”.

Here is the exact wording from the California Harbors & Navigation Code 658.3

(a) A person shall not operate a motorboat, sailboat, or vessel that is 26 feet or less in length, unless every person on board who is under 13 years of age is wearing a type I, II, III, or V Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while that motorboat, sailboat, or vessel is underway.

(b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a person operating a sailboat on which a person who is under 13 years of age is restrained by a harness tethered to the vessel, or to a person operating a vessel on which a person who is under 13 years of age is in an enclosed cabin.

(c) A person on board a personal watercraft or a person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, an aquaplane, or similar device, except for an underwater maneuvering device intended for use by a submerged swimmer, shall wear a type I, II, III, or V Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. An underwater maneuvering device is a towed or self-powered apparatus that a person can pilot through diving, turning, and surfacing maneuvers that is designed for underwater use.

(1) This subdivision does not apply to a person aboard a personal watercraft or a person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, if that person is a performer engaged in a professional exhibition, or preparing to participate or participating in an official regatta, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.

(2) In lieu of wearing a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device of a type described in this subdivision, a person engaged in slalom skiing on a marked course or a person engaged in barefoot, jump, or trick waterskiing may elect to wear a wetsuit designed for the activity and labeled by the manufacturer as a water ski wetsuit. A Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device of a type described in this subdivision shall be carried in the tow vessel for each skier electing to wear a water ski wetsuit pursuant to this paragraph.

(d) The requirements set forth in subdivisions (a) and (c) do not apply to a person operating a motorboat, sailboat, or vessel if the operator is reacting to an emergency rescue situation.

(e) The following definitions govern the construction of this section:

(1) "Enclosed cabin" means a space on board a vessel that is surrounded by bulkheads and covered by a roof.

(2) "Operate a motorboat, sailboat, or vessel" means to be in control or in charge of a motorboat, sailboat, or vessel while it is underway.

(3) "Underway" means all times except when the motorboat, sailboat, or vessel is anchored, moored, or aground.

(f) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 668.

Last modified: March 8, 2010

Hi Shipmates:

There will be another Security Awareness Training session held at Sector LA/LB on Sat., 11 Sept 2010 beginning at 0900. It offers our coxswains and boat crew members a more informed understanding of the pre-incident indicators of terrorist activity.

Please note: This is a repeat of the previous sessions. It is intended for those boat crew members and coxswains who have not taken this training.

The training will have three subjects: S.E.T.S. security awareness training The Small Vessel Threat Sensitive Security Information (SSI) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 1520 "Protection of Sensitive Security Information", "Policies and Procedures for Safeguarding and Control of SSI". After the training, the members will have clear guidance on: Identification of SSI Proper handling of SSI Need to know Covered Persons How to mark SSI How to safeguard SSI If you want to attend this Security Awareness Training session, please contact Lenny Douthett, MDA Inspector Coordinator at Lynwood.D.Douthett@uscg.mil to register. Since space is limited, please register ASAP -- first come first served. Once you have registered with Lenny Douthett you will receive further instructions.

Roy Graboff, DSO-OP

Shipmates:

Jim Franklin has served this District and our members with distinction for several years in his capacity as DSO-CS. Recently, Jim resigned from that position due to ongoing health reasons. Accordingly, I have appointed Steve Johnson as DSO-CS effective today.

Thanks, and welcome Steve to the team.

Michael C. Johnson DCO 11(SR)

Sports Spectacular, Teen Intervention Program and children from Compton's Wilmington Arms, Park Village, Tucker Park honor children and families of our service men and women. Present banner of appreciation at to Base Commander at Terminal Island Coast

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Guard.... in celebration of Coast Guard Day

"Children! Be proud of your parents, they work to keep America safe."



From: maryhklock@aol.com

2010 3:21 PM

Subject: District Conference 2011: Seminars

Good afternoon, Commanders and Member Training Staff Officers--

As DSO-MT, I have been tasked with developing the list of classes/seminars to be presented at the District Conference in 2011. I am aware that both COMO Long and Bert

efforts to develop the overall Conference schedule. From their visits, it was determined that you (and your members) want to have more seminars and to have the opportunity to learn more.

The next step, then, is to determine exactly what those things are that you and your members would like to have offered. Please go to your Flotilla Commanders and have a discussion with them about the subjects or specific items that they would like to have presented. I will contact you in a week to see what you have come up with and will use that information, in addition to other resources, to develop the list of seminars for 2011.

The Conference Committee wants to deliver what you and your member's desire, will find useful, and will attend but we need your input in order to achieve that.

Thank you.

Mary.

Commodore's Photo Contest of 2010.

The Commodore is sponsoring a photo contest for all members, with the goal of collecting a set of "Day in the Life" photographs representing the many activities of District 11SR. Top-judged photographs will grace the new Web site, planned for later this year. A "Photo of the Year" and two runners up will be recognized at the 2011 District Conference. Contest rules and submission instructions may be downloaded here.

(see previous newsletter) [Posted: 1 August 10]

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend.

Auxiliary Ham Radio Operators from District 11SR will be transmitting from three lighthouses -- Point Fermin, Point Vicente, and Point Hueneme -- to lightships around the world, for 48 continuous hours, from Friday, through Sunday, August 22. The annual amateur radio event is open to all, and has the goal of raising the public's awareness for the need to preserve light-houses and lightships.

Contact Eric Castrobran at (310) 316-7743

Sent: Mon, August 16, 2010 1:05:04 PM

Subject: Additional Positions Needed for Deepwater

Shipmates:

I am attaching an Excel Spreadsheet listing jobs that the Coast Guard needs to fill in support of Deepwater Horizon. All of these jobs are listed on the MRTT website, <http://mrttcpms.net/uscg.mrtt/mod.vm/home.aspx>.

You will see there are several communications jobs that could easily be filled by Auxiliarists. Please get this out to your members ASAP. Please understand that the procedures have not changed. Members will need to go to the MRTT website and apply for the positions. When filling out the application, the member should list Leslie

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Pelosi as their supervisor, and give her email address as leslie.b.pelosi@uscg.mil. If selected, the member will be notified by the DIRAUX office, and be provided a form to complete along with instructions. This form is to be filled out, signed and forwarded electronically! Any questions, use the chain of communication.

Michael C. Johnson DCO 11(SR)

Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon

The annual business Meeting and luncheon of the National Association of Commodores will be held on Friday, August 27, 2010, from 12-1:30pm. Room TBA, check you NACON conference schedule upon arriving. Our membership now stands at 156. Membership in the Association consists of Commodores. Learn more about our Association by going to our website at www.cgaux.org/nac. If you have changed your contact information please notify our Treasurer, Como Geoffrey Cooper-Station at www.gpcs22@yahoo.com. Our Current officers continue to serve through the end of 2011; Officers are elected for a two-year term.

[Posted: Aug 14, 2010. Source: Rick Ives, President, National Association of Comm]

FROM NATIONAL:

NEWS RELEASE

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONFERENCE (NACON) IN ARIZONA

Coast Guard Auxiliary Members will train and elect a new National Commodore

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold its 2010 National Conference (NACON) at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa August 22-29. ADM Bob Papp, Commandant of the Coast Guard, is scheduled as the keynote speaker at the Commodore's Banquet on Saturday, August 28.

"NACON is the national forum where Auxiliary members from all states, territories and commonwealths come together to train, and develop strategies to define the future of our organization," said Commodore Nicholas Kerrigan, National Commodore. Several new officers, including a new National Commodore, will be elected.

Scheduled training includes:

- Maintenance and Care of Equipment
- Social Media and the Auxiliary
- Paddle Sports training for the public
- Performance Measurements
- Inflatable Life Jackets
- Cold Water Boot Camp
- Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations

Training

NACON is open to all members and friends of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Those interested in attending NACON are encouraged to learn more by visiting: cgaux.org/nacon

Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH DSC RADIOS

April 13, 2010 Alert 02-10 Washington, DC

DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMATIC CHANNEL SWITCHING ON DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) EQUIPPED VHF MARINE RADIOS

It has come to the Coast Guard's attention that an automatic channel switching feature found on certain models of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipped VHF marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel that might be in use at the time to Channel 16 when the VHF marine radio receives a DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgment or other DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated. This could happen without a vessel/radio operator's immediate knowledge and could initiate an unsafe condition by which the vessel/radio operators would believe they were communicating on a working channel such as Channel 13 when, in fact, they were actually on Channel 16. Imagine a towboat operator on the lower Mississippi River making passing agreements on VHF channel 67 and then suddenly, without warning, not being able to quickly reestablish communications with those vessels because his/her radio automatically switched to Channel 16 instead. Since this unsafe condition can happen at any time, the Coast Guard strongly recommends disabling the automatic channel switching feature when maintaining a listening watch or communicating on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone, or while monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. Radios that lack the disabling feature should not be used for bridge-to-bridge or VTS communications. The International Telecommunications Union Sector for Radio communications, Recommendation M.493-11 published in 2004 and later versions require DSC-equipped radios to provide for disabling of this channel auto-switch feature. In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all DSC-equipped radios certified after March 25, 2009 to meet this requirement. Manufacturers that do not provide a disable function are encouraged to do so and to inform their customers if means for correction exist. Updated information including a listing of manufacturers of radios believed to be affected by this Safety Alert will be posted as available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>. The Coast Guard strongly reminds radio operators and other users to always ensure they are on the proper operating channel

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when communicating or maintaining watch, particularly with DSCequipped radios capable of channel auto-switching. This safety alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational or material requirement. Developed by the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Policy Division (CG-652), United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. Questions should be directed to Mr. Russell Levin at (202) 475 3555 or Russell.S.Levin@uscg.mil. [Posted: Jul 26, 2010. Source: P. Urgola, Director V-Dept]

JUNE 2010 ISSUE OF BEACON AVAILABLE

For your reading pleasure, the [June 2010 BEACON](#) is now available for viewing. Just click on [June 2010 BEACON](#) to enjoy this issue. [Posted: Jul 23, 2010.] Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director, CGAuxA

Resources

PA's and PB's are expected to be familiar with many boating issues and resources. You should already be very familiar with the Coast Guard and Auxiliary websites. In addition to these two, you should become familiar with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) website at <http://www.nasbla.org/>. Many NASBLA subcommittees have active Coast Guard and Auxiliary participation. Additional sites you should explore include:

Good News: Flotilla Finder to Use Updated Zip Codes

The current zip code listing for many flotillas have been successfully updated on Aux Directory. If your flotilla is still in need of updating the meeting place zip code, the directions are available at the bottom of the Flotilla Finder page. Visit

<http://www.cgaux.org/units.html#why>

[Posted: Jul 30, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-I]

National Partners

- **Northern Association of Boating Administrators**
<http://nasbla.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3327>
- **Southern States Boating Law Administrators Association**
<http://nasbla.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3326>
- **Western States Boating Administrators Association**
<http://nasbla.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3325>
- **National Safe Boating Council**
<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>
- **National Water Safety Congress**
<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/>

Misc. National Links

- **National Transportation Safety Board/Marine**
<http://www.nts.gov/Surface/marine/marine.htm>
- **U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety**
<http://www.uscgboating.org/>
- **Boating Safety Sidekicks (Kids)**
<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com>
- **Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts of America**
<http://www.seascout.org/>
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Safety**
<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>

Commercial and Auxiliary Partners

- **BoatUS**
<http://www.BoatUS.com/>
- **West Marine**
<http://www.westmarine.com/>
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
<http://www.usace.army.mil/>
- **Auxiliary partnership agreements**
<http://www.auxbdept.org/documents.php#partners>

Auxiliary National Departments

- **AuxBWiki**
<http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org>
- **RBS Affairs**
<http://www.auxbdept.org/>
- **Education**
<http://www.auxedep.org/>
- **Human Resources**
<http://www.auxpdept.org/>
- **Information & Communication**
<http://home.auxidept.org/>
- **Legal Affairs**
<http://www.cgaux.org/legal/>
- **Marketing & Public Affairs**
<http://www.auxpa.org/>
- **Prevention Department**
<http://pdept.cgaux.org/>
- **Response**
<http://www.cgaux.org/response/>
- **Training**
<http://www.cgaux.org/training/>
- **Vessel Examinations**
<http://safetyseal.net/index3.asp>
- **Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc., (CGAuxA)** <http://www.cgauxa.org/>

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Tom Nunes, Deputy Dir. PA

2009 Auxiliarist of the Year

The Deputy Commandant of the Coast Guard, Operations, announced the 2009 Auxiliarist of the Year. Read the accomplishments of this Auxiliarist, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jul 27, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

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NACON 2010 Update: New info added to the NACON website

- Hotel lodging info has been revised. Plenty of guest rooms are available at conference rate of \$89. or lower. See the Hotel Reservations page for details.
- Complete time schedule for all Workshops has been added to the description page. See the Training Workshops page for details.
- There is still time to complete the Conference Registration online. Mail-in Registration should not be mailed after August 5.
- Click on [NACON 2010](#) See you in Scottsdale/Phoenix. Ernie Davenport, N-C

Auxiliarist participates in summer reading program

A Georgia Auxiliarist is an integral part of a county wide reading program for children. She has incorporated boating safety and life jacket use into the program. The program is named 'Make a Splash' and is featured in the current issue of [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Aug 2, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky,

UpTop in Operations News Letter for July 2010

The July edition of *UpTop in Operations*, the [newsletter of the Response Department is now available at this link](#). Topics for this month include: How to earn the Award of Excellence, ICS requirements for Response programs, Auxiliary Sector Coordinators, SAR response Boat and New name contest for Up-Top. [Posted: Aug 2, 2010. Source: Bruce C Pugh DVC-RE]

From: Papp, Robert ADM

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 10:15 AM

Subject: Commandant's Coast Guard Day Message

Shipmates,

Today, as it is our custom, we celebrate on the 4th day of August, the anniversary of the establishment of our Service.

The creation of the Revenue Cutter Service closely followed the birth of our Nation. Two hundred and twenty years ago today, or only fourteen years after the date of the Declaration of Independence, President George Washington signed an act of the First Congress providing for the creation of the Revenue Cutter Service.

While I could use this opportunity to recognize the out-

standing work of our Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary members over the past year in Haiti, Deepwater Horizon and across our many missions, I choose instead to honor your outstanding performance by using this occasion to reflect upon what it means to be a Coast Guardsman.

As Coast Guard men and women, we share a bond of pride in our rich heritage and a common purpose to uphold our honorable traditions.

We are defined by unsung heroism and selfless service. We defend our Nation. We risk our lives to save others. We give our utmost when cold, wet and tired. Countless times, we have extended our arm down into the water to rescue those in peril from the sea. We will unhesitatingly extend that same arm to help a shipmate in need. Coast Guardsmen are always ready. We perform our security, humanitarian and environmental response missions with an unrelenting sense of pride. When disaster strikes, whether natural or manmade, we are first on scene. We are often the last to depart.

Coast Guardsmen are agile, adaptable and multi-missioned. Born as revenue cuttermen, lighthouse keepers, steamboat inspectors and surfmen, we have expanded to meet the maritime needs of our Nation. We are still the keepers of the lights, but we also now patrol far more distant waters. We readily go wherever there are important, difficult and dangerous maritime duties to be performed.

Coast Guardsmen are shipmates; they are family. Though our Service has grown, it is still small enough that we know our shipmates by name. We follow their careers. Their successes and achievements are a matter of interest and pride to the entire Service. This reason is also why it cuts deep when we lose a shipmate. We assemble to carry out the manners of our profession, to grieve their loss and honor their service, and we collectively feel the sorrow. This year has been no exception. We know their names. We know our lost shipmates and we miss them.

As the Coast Guardsman's creed states, we revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for us to be a member of a Service honored and respected, in peace and in war, throughout the world.

This is our chosen profession. This is our way. This is what we do. We are privileged to be members of a very unique Service that, due to our collection of missions, and legacy agencies, sometimes defies logic when someone attempts to classify us, or to place a label on us. For this reason, whenever I am asked to describe

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what I am, I always reply with pride, I am a Coast Guardsman. We are the men and women of the United States Coast Guard, past and present. On this Coast Guard day, and for the many that will follow, we will continue to faithfully serve. Stand a taut watch.
Semper Paratus,

Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant

Attorneys Needed – from the National Help Wanted page.

Due to the recent reorganization, the Auxiliary has need of attorneys to handle specific projects from time to time. If you are interested, please provide a short resume together with any Auxiliary jobs that you now have or seek. This is not a staff position, but an opportunity to be selected to handle various projects. Contact me with any questions.

Posted by: [COMO Richard Lawrence, ANACO-CC, Richard.L.Lawrence@cgaux.org](#)

From: Papp, Robert ADM

Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 12:52 PM

Subject: Personal letter from President Barack Obama

Shipmates,

It is my distinct pleasure to forward to each of you a letter from President Barack Obama recognizing the 220th birthday of the United States Coast Guard. The President is also celebrating his 49th birthday today. The letter is posted on the Coast Guard Compass Blog at <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/index.php/2010/08/president-obama-wishes-coast-guard-happy-birthday/>.

As you take time from your busy schedules to eat a piece of cake, gather at a picnic or wish your shipmates a "Happy Coast Guard Day," I encourage you to take a moment to read the President's letter. Your individual achievements, as well as those who have come before you, have resulted in the tremendous accomplishments touted by the President. Your continued outstanding work has built the exemplary Service reputation we enjoy today. Thank you.

This is a proud day for all of us, please feel free to forward this e-mail and link to your family and friends.
Semper Paratus!

Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant

AUXWeb celebrates US Coast Guard 220th Birthday

USCGAUX AUXWeb congratulates Andy Gibson and Donald Charnock of Flotilla 87, Fifth District Southern

Region for their creative design contribution of the AUXWeb Header in recognition of the US Coast Guard 220th Birthday. Thanks again Andy and Donald [Posted: Aug 5, 2010. Source: Rhonda Rockwell, BC-IWT, Template Support]

Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony

Florida Auxiliary, Division 14, dedicated a memorial wall that was constructed to honor those Division Auxiliarists who have crossed over the bar. The dedication coincided with the 71st anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, June 26, 2010. The service honored those who served the Auxiliary, their neighbors, and their country. The names that are now memorialized on the wall will forever remind us of our friends who have gone on. Read about this project and its successful conclusion, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine [Posted: Aug 12, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

The Summer 2010 issue of Navigator magazine now posted at <http://auxpa.org/navigator>
Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

FY 2011 C-School Schedule is posted!

The C-School Schedule for FY 2011 is now posted at the following link: <http://cschool.auxservices.org/>
[Posted: Aug 16, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SURVEY:

To help us all gain a better perspective concerning Public Affairs in the Auxiliary and the role of the National Public Affairs Staff, please participate in the 2010 AUXPA Survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/auxpa2010>

The cutoff time for the survey is **Wednesday, August 25 at 12:00 AM PDT**

Thanks for your participation.

Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

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"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But the U.S. ARMED FORCES don't have that problem." Ronald Reagan

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