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**FROM THE COMMANDER:**

**FROM THE VICE COMMANDER:**

**Current progress:**

- Working on Recruiting and Retention in the area of RBS.
- Getting the word out to increase membership in Division 5 – Craigslit

**Accomplishments in your Division**

- 5-9 Continuous monthly open houses at Pt. Vicente and Pt. Huneme Lighthouses
- 5-12 Continuous advertising for recruitment and classes
- 5-5 members passed out 200 "You're In Command" pamphlet's to the public @ World Drag Boat Races in Chandler, AZ
- Div 5 Continuous an active advertising program for recruitment and classes

**Program performance**

- Flotillas seem to be winding down activities as the Thanksgiving season approaches.

**Problems encountered/potential problems**

- Flotillas seem to be winding down activities as the Thanksgiving season approaches.
- This is a good time of the year to work on recruiting using the District Conference as a tool.
- 1 Free entrance for new members who have applications in 2 New member academy.

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- Brian Regalbuto will be replacing me as SO-PA in January

Tony Ashlin, DVCDR 5/DSO PA

**Division 5 Staff Officers**

This was a unique year for the members of Division 5 and we would like to recognize the flotillas for their performance this year at the Feb 20, 2011 Division 5 Brunch. Each of you have worked very hard and closely with the staff officers from each flotilla.

Dennis and I would like to you to recommend one outstanding flotilla in the department that you worked in this year.

The criteria that you can use in your decision factor should primarily be hours reported found in AUXINFO. When making your choice please also consider other factors than just AUXINFO DATA.

What I have down are suggestions and they are not set in stone. As a Division 5 Staff Officer you pretty much should know who your outstanding flotillas are and should be able to make this decision from your experience with them. I would suggest that you consider what I call the "*WOW! Factor*" in creativity on mission performance (such as PA/VSC PUSHES/PE/RBS Outreach) as well as promptness of reports turned in and the effectiveness of missions completed.

Each Division Staff officer should refer to his department below for criteria and send in his or her nomination for ONE FLOTILLA that they believe deserves

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this award along with a brief statement with reasons for their choice. (Ex: Jason Gant should only nominate CM, Ken Edwards should nominate IS, Kim Armstrong should only nominate MT, etc)

The awards will be framed certificates and handed to the Flotilla Commanders or FSO (if attending) at the brunch.

This years categories and criteria for awards are:

- **CM** - Communications Award - Flotilla with most active radio operators, NEW radio operators, mission hours, participation in communications outreach.
- **CS** - Division 5 website of 2010 - User Friendliness, appearance and functionality.
- **HR** - Flotilla with the best recruiting & retention for 2010
- **IS** - Promptness of reports of mission hours- most members reporting
- **MS** - Personal Qualifications Standards Passes toward the Trident Program / Mission hours
- **MT** - Flotilla with the most Member Training hours - AUXOP/Crew/Mandatory Training completion / success
- **NS** - Flotilla performing most Paton Inspection Missions as well as **NEW** Qualified PATON Examiners
- **OP** - Patrol Hours / Crew member training, crew program recruiting and retention
- **PA** - Public Affairs Award - Overall PA mission hours, creativity and success in events
- **PE** - Educators Award - Class Hours, Number of class sessions, Number of New Instructors this year.
- **VE** - Number of VSC's, VE events, Finding New VSC venues Overall PE mission hours & Creativity in events
- **PV** Number of Program Visits, reported hours, creative outreach (unique places to promote USCG AUX)
- **Diversity** - Division 5 Flotilla above and beyond the standards set down in the diversity guidelines.

Please send your nominations to me at your earliest convenience so we can get started on the awards. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you

**Tony Ashlin, DCDR elect - 5**

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## **FROM THE DIVISION:**

### **KENNETH E. EDWARDS, SO-IS**

#### **Current progress:**

Current plans are to improve the mission data input cycle to a more timely activity so that members can be properly rewarded for their mission activities

#### **Problems encountered/potential:**

The only problem at hand at the moment, is the non-submittal of the ANSC 7007 Annual Officers Report. As mentioned in other correspondence, new elected officers for 2011 are required to submit the ANSC 7007 form as soon as possible after their elections are complete. I know the instructions on the back of the form state the form should be submitted to the Directors Office before Dec. 20, but if you wait that long, your Flotilla data will not appear in the new District Directory, so PLEASE, those of you who have not submitted your 7007 form as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, we cannot enter the data until the proper forms are received at the Directors Office.

#### **Assistance required:**

Some assistance may be required to get all Units to submit their ANSC 7007 forms as soon as possible after their elections are completed. It is a known fact that some Units always wait until the very last minute to submit their form, then will do nothing but complain that their data is not listed in the new District Directory. I will accept the form 7007 by either e-mail, regular mail, or by FAX to the Diraux Office.

### **LEE ANTHONY – SO HR**

#### **Current Progress:**

- There seems to be good progress. The Strategies & Contingency plans are doing well.

#### **Program performance:**

- All Flotillas have been working very hard at bringing new members into their Flotilla averaging two a month.

#### **Problems:**

- It seems the biggest problem is preventing new prospective members from losing interest while being processed. A strong Mentoring Program would be very helpful. Helping with their uniforms and finding about what Auxiliary programs they would be interested in. Making sure they attend all Flotilla meetings and that they feel welcome.

#### **Future Plans:**

- All flotillas are making plans for 2011. Since the merging of the Divisions, everybody in the "Hit Program" is working very well, all has settled down, and the old PS/ new Hit Program is ready to move on.

### **JO PAULO, SO-NS**

#### **Accomplishments in your Division**

- ALL PATON's for area 6.5 are complete

#### **Future plans and milestones**

- LAST NS WORKSHOP WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2010

#### **ANY QUESTION ON NEXT YEARS WORKSHOPS CONTACT :**

Point Of Contact – G. Richard Reinhardt

[grr4kh@juno.com](mailto:grr4kh@juno.com) 310 375-7619

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### **HAROLD BODKIN, SO MA**

#### **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 in the Flotillas:**

- SO's MA have been ordering required materials.

#### **Program Performance:**

- ABCs of California Boating Laws from CAL Boating are available for distribution
- New ANSC Catalog is available at:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/misc/D.CAT.pd>

#### **Future Plans:**

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

### **JACKIE GARRABRANT, SO-PB**

- I would like to thank Rose Edwards and my husband Roy for helping fold and label the newsletter each month. It is really appreciated
- To all members: I cannot open DOCX. I can open DOC. We have not upgraded the computer to accommodate the latest.

### **MARK OSHIRO, SO-PV**

#### **Current progress:**

- Conducting additional PV visits of existing Partners.
- Searching for new PV Program Partners.
- Recruiting and certifying new members as program visitors.
- ANSC has added several new PV brochures and is now accepting new orders.
- 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 (CO) Zone
  - \*Alcohol & Drugs Don't Mix with Boat Operation Cards

#### **Accomplishments in your Division**

Activities from October 10 – November 11:

- Flotilla 5-9 – 4 Completed Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-12 – 9 Completed Program Visits (Including 2 new PV Partner)
- Flotilla 5-13 – 6 Completed Program Visits

#### **Problems encountered/potential problems**

- Researching inquiries submitted by FSO-PVs that PV activities are not being recorded in AuxInfo in a timely manner.
- 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 from the Departments**

- 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.

#### **Fellow Members**

Our Division 5 Staff Officer for Program Visitation and Flotilla 5-12 Commander elect, Mark Oshiro, will not be joining us at Tuesday night Division 5 meeting.

I am very happy to report that Mark will be on his honeymoon with his bride Karina. The Oshiros were married on Saturday November 13, 2010 at St. Bartholomew Church in Belmont Shores. Mark's email is [moshiro95@yahoo.com](mailto:moshiro95@yahoo.com) if you wish to extend them hearty congratulations.

Tony Ashlin, DCDR (elect) 5



**Mark & Karina Oshiro**

### **KARL MCMILLIN – SO OPS**

#### **Current progress:**

- Passed down message from the OTO encouraging conducting night patrols for familiarization/training.

#### **Accomplishments in your Division**

- Flotilla 53 – completed 04NOV10 Noble Eagle patrol on vessel Tin Boat.
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 31OCT10 Training patrol for Coxswain requalification with vessels Tolly Ho II and Merryot.
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 13NOV10 Safety patrol on vessel Merryot.

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**Assistance required:**

- Link to maintenance information for Personal Protective Equipment (<http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/G-RCB/SurvivalMPCs.htm>) is not working.

**Future plans and milestones**

**Scheduled Patrols**

- Flotilla 53 – 04DEC10 and 12DEC10 Regatta patrols (Christmas Boat Parade) on vessel Tin Boat.
- Flotilla 5-12 – scheduling Safety patrol on vessel Merryot.

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**FROM THE FLOTILLAS:**

**FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC**

**FLOTILLA 53 – Donn Kirby, FC**

**Current progress:**

- 4 new members in AP status
- 1 new member sworn in, mentor assigned
- Staff selected for 2011
- All dues collected for 2011 by FSO-FN

**Accomplishments in your Flotilla**

- VE/ PA booth at boating store in Norwalk
- Waterway watch presented at Rotary Clubs in Long Beach and Huntington Beach
- Flare shoot out conducted at base

**Program performance**

- Noble Eagle patrol completed in LA LB area
- VEs completed by members
- New PV member reactivated PV partners not visited in months

**Problems encountered/potential problems**

- Ongoing shortage of materials from Cal Dept of Boating & Waterways

**Future plans and milestones**

- Next VE/PA event to be announced
- Noble Eagle patrol in L.A.-Long Beach area
- Mentoring new members for FEMA 100 & 700
- Change of watch in Dec planned with details sent to all flotilla members

**FLOTILLA 54 – Everett Harper, FC**

**Current Progress:**

- Two new members in flotilla, being mentored
- Member Training following each meeting. December meeting planned

**Accomplishments in the Flotilla:**

- Active boat program with underway missions for Training, PATONS, Noble Eagle, and Regatta. Flotilla responded to the call for help with oil spill in harbor.
- Minimum three patrols a month planned over the winter.

- Two Flotilla members active in Translation Corps and CG crew augmentation.

**Future Plans:**

- Vessel Examiner class planned for mid January in conjunction with Angels Gate flotilla, possibly at the Shoreline Yacht Club.

**FLOTILLA 55 – James Stewart, FC**

**FLOTILLA 57, John Kinner, FC**

Flotilla was dark in October due to illness of members.

**FLOTILLA 58 – Brian Regalbuto, FC**

**Current Progress:**

- We had three members attend the City of La Mirada Veterans' day event. We spoke with over 60 people about the Coast Guard and Auxiliary
- On November 12, 2010 at 1300 I meet with Mr. Yong June Lee, Director of the Seoul Yachting Association, South Korea. During our meeting with Mr. Lee, we presented the four cornerstones of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Lee was very excited about all of the safe boating classes for the general public because there is nothing like that available in South Korea. However, his hot button was surface operations. They have many regattas on the Han River in Soul, but no organizations are trained on how to keep the spectator boats away from the racecourse. Mr. Lee asked if we could send a team to Seoul to train their volunteers on doing regatta patrols and train safe boating instructors. I explained that we probably could get a team together but we are all volunteers and I doubted that Auxiliary or the US Coast Guard would have funds available to send that team. Mr. Lee then asked if his organization provided the funding for this training if we would do it. I replied that as long as our National leadership and the US Coast Guard approved we should be able to do it.



**Mr. June Lee, Director of the Seoul Yachting Association and Brian Regalbuto, FC 5**

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**FLOTILLA 59- Rose Castrobran, FC**

**Current Progress:**

- Openhouses at lighthouses:
  - Point Vicente : Members Eric Castrobran, Frank Martin, Tom Budar
  - Point Hueneme: members Kim & Rose Castrobran
- Flotilla members Joe Nebelsky, Frank Martin, Duke Overpeck are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols
- Member Wako Winters teaching crew class, manning radio and going out on patrols
- Election Held in Oct, Frank Martin FC Elect, Salvador Gonzalez VFC Elect

**Accomplishments in the Flotilla:**

- Duke Overpeck completed instructor qualification
- Increasing member participation at PA Events

**Future Plans:**

- NSBW activities, lighthouse openhouses, Int'l Lighthouse ham radio event.

**FLOTILLA 5-10 – Stanley Lintner, FC**

**FLOTILLA 5-11 – Geoffery Emery, FC**

**FLOTILLA 5-12 – Edward Green, FC**

**Current progress:**

- New members increasing, most from PE classes
- Members continuing to participate in outreach activities and at boat shows

**Accomplishments in your Flotilla**

- Membership increase
- Three members retired for health, re-location reasons
- Active member training ongoing

**Program performance (not AUXDATA information)**

- Flotilla performance exceeding GREEN expectations

**Problems encountered/potential problems**

- No 2011 decals so no VE's last quarter of calendar year.

**Assistance required from the Coast Guard and/or District Board**

- Get new decals

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- Maritime Museum Visit in January
- Continue to increase membership, keep up trend for the year

**FLOTILLA 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC**

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**FROM THE DISTRICT:**

**NEXT DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF MEETING IS JANUARY 7, 2011**

District Chief of Staff COMO Harry Jacobs wants to remind us that there will be no District 11SR Board and Staff meeting in November, nor in December. The next meeting will be held 7 January 2011, 0800-1130, at the Orange County/Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel, the day before the Opening Ceremonies of the 2011 District Conference. {posted 11 Oct }

**DIRAUX OFFICE LIMITED PHONE AND PHYSICAL ACCESS 10 NOV THROUGH 15 NOV**

The Director's Office (Building 39) aboard BSU San Pedro will be getting new carpet installed on Thursday, November 11th and should be completed by Saturday, November 13th. Starting Wednesday, November 10th and ending on Monday, November 15th the Director and his staff will have limited email and phone capability. Any walk-in business should be conducted prior to November 10th. Normal operations will resume on November 16th. 04 Nov 10



***Sven-Eric Hedin, Past Rear Commodore, I***

I deeply regret to inform you of the passing of Past Rear Commodore Sven Hedin, who Crossed over the Bar on Friday 12 November 2010, after a long battle against Cancer. Harry Jacobs, COS 11S

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## **AUXILIARY ACCESS TO COAST GUARD'S ONLINE LEARNING PORTAL EXPLAINED**

Increasing amounts of mandated and elective member training are being made available online at the USCG Learning Portal at [learning.uscg.mil](http://learning.uscg.mil). Unfortunately, the use of this portal by Auxiliaries is not transparent.

A new article has been added to the Member Training *Job Aid Kit* entitled "*Accessing the USCG Learning Portal*". There, you will learn how to create a password to access this resource immediately.

Access the Member Training *Job Aid Kit* [here](#), or click on "Staff Departments" to the left, and navigate to Member Training. 06 Oct 10

## **COXSWAINS AND OPFAC OWNERS: POMS IS SICK**

Members trying to log into POMS to close out, approve or request orders have been getting erroneous messages resulting in canceled patrols or the inability to request patrols. This is a system-wide problem, and not a function of any one person's facility info being incorrect.

If you have a patrol scheduled before the system is once again operational, please send an email to Joe Nebelsky at [jbn1@cox.net](mailto:jbn1@cox.net) (Sector LA/LB), or Mike Saverson at [msaverson@live.com](mailto:msaverson@live.com) (Sector San Diego). Their return emails to you will include instructions on processing and serve as your temporary orders. Without that return email, your patrol is not authorized.

Trouble tickets have been generated for resolution of this issue. 04 Oct 10

### ***DSO IS – Ken Edwards***

#### **Current progress:**

- Continuing to improve system data entry to keep consistent with Commodore's Goals

#### **Accomplishments in your Department**

- Continuing to assist in training of new SO-IS officers from various Divisions and Flotillas.

#### **Assistance required:**

- All Units are reminded that, in accordance with the manual, each unit is required to submit the Annual Unit Officers Report, ANSC-7007 (11-08) as soon as possible after the annual election but it must be submitted to the DIRAUX Office prior to 20 December. As of this writing, I have received 18% of the Flotilla Reports and 44% of the Divisions have reported. Remember, no 7007 form submittal results in a blank page in the new District Directory, YOUR CALL. Remember, all office positions need not be filled in order to submit this form. Missing appointments can be submitted at a later date.

### ***DSO PE – Victoria Jacobs***

The DSO-PE for 2011 is Ed Hart. I am sending Ed all of the weekly updates and monthly reports I have sent

out and monthly reports that you have submitted. I know you will give Ed your full support.

Anne Lockwood, DIR-E, has moved to a new position supporting NACO Jim Vass and has been replaced by David Maul. The National elections and appointments are effective today, 1 November, 2010.

I will be moving into the positions of FSO-PE, Fl. 53, and Administrative Aide to the DCO.

## **GAR Report for PUBLIC EDUCATION as of the end of October, 2010 We can make our 2010 goal!**

We are VERY, VERY, CLOSE to 700 Class Sessions, counting those currently in process.

If every DIVISION taught just 8 class sessions between now and the end of the year we will make the goal of 700 Public Education Class sessions, and remember, that a 1 day ABS class should be divided into 3 "sessions" for reporting purposes. 2 ABS classes plus a couple of short presentations and you have it.

We need 22 more Instructors to complete their full qualifications. Do you have Instructors in process? Please do what you can to get all of their requirements completed by mid-December.

District 114

2010 PE CLASS SESSIONS 625 - GAR is Amber

2010 PE COURSE COMPLETIONS 139 - Gar is Amber

2010 INSTRUCTORS 328 - Gar is Green

2009 PE CLASS SESSIONS (YTD) 491

2010 GOAL: 700 CLASS SESSIONS 350

INSTRUCTORS

## **Youth Classes/Programs**

Emphasis – When you are conducting a Boating Safety/On The Water Safety Program for children or youth, from the youngest children up through high school remember the caution made in a prior weekly update. **ALWAYS** be sure that in addition to other Auxiliary members in the room the regular Teacher, Teacher's Aide, Youth Leader, Recreation Leader, or other supervisor is in the room with you at all times. This is a precaution to keep any members of the Auxiliary from any accusations of improper behavior. I'm not making any accusations, nor have I received any complaints, and I want to keep it that way.

## **LUNCH IDEA FOR ALL DAY CLASSES**

I know that many of you include lunch in your all day ABS classes and other long sessions so that the lunch break time can be controlled. What to serve and how much it will cost is always a challenge, not to mention

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Who shops, puts out the items, keeping things cold, etc. This might be helpful.

On Saturday at the Transition Workshop we served box lunches from Stater Bros. Market (We used Stater Bros. but I believe all the market service delis, and some Subways offer box lunches). Each lunch comes in a clear plastic container and includes two croissant sandwiches [Turkey, Beef, or Ham], a serving of potato salad or macaroni salad, a bag of chips (several types), mayo and mustard, and a spoon, for \$4.99 each. They also offer a single croissant sandwich combination for \$2.99. The single sandwich box would probably work well for PE classes so that the students aren't overfed and sleepy after lunch. We placed the order several days in advance, but if you work with your local market you might be able to put in the order mid-morning, for pick-up a couple of hours later.

We picked up the boxes at 6:30 a.m. and put them in an ice chest with bagged ice. They were fine at 12:30 p.m. when we broke for lunch. You could do this or have someone pick up the sandwiches and bring them to class at lunchtime. The only thing you will need is a napkin.

**Victoria Jacobs, DSO PE**

## **NIGHT PATROLS:**

All coxswains and boat crews are encouraged to get their facilities underway at night prior to events for nighttime familiarization and training where possible. This will hopefully lessen potential for accidents during parades, etc.

I know some AUX coastal and inland do not believe in getting u/w past sunset but this poses a potential problem. Some circumstances may require them to stay underway past sunset and thus they need to be able to safely navigate their way back to the dock.

Thank you for your attention on this and please pass the word down the chain. I would be happy to assist those who would be getting outside of their comfort zones with night ops.

**CWO2 Tommy Kron, D11s DIRAUX, OTO**

## **INSPECT YOUR ANTI-EXPOSURE SUITS BEFORE THE WATER TEMP DROPS**

Greetings boat crews! It's that time of year again. Old Man Winter is upon us and we need to ensure that our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is prepared ahead of time.

For this reason, a new item entitled "*Periodic Maintenance for PFDs and Anti-exposure Coveralls*" has been posted to the "Preparation" section of the *Surface Opera-*

*tions Job Aid Kit (Crew/COSN)* on the District Web Site. Two resources are available in that posting: Maintenance Procedures Cards for Coast Guard Approved Type I and III PFDs, and for Anti-exposure Coveralls ("Mustangs"). I encourage you to immediately read the post, and then download the two maintenance cards provided there. You will be most effective in your inspections if you team up with others in your flotillas to conduct the required inspections; two pairs of eyes are better than one. To read the entire post and download the Maintenance Procedure Cards, [click here](#) to visit the Crew/COXN Surface Operations Job Aid Kit. Find the article under "*Preparation*", and click "SHOW" to read. 08 Nov 10 **DIRAUX OFFICE NOW HAS LIMITED PHONE AND PHYSICAL ACCESS THROUGH 22 NOV** The Director's Office (Building 39) aboard BSU San Pedro will be getting new carpet installed on Thursday, November 11th and should be completed by Monday, November 22nd. Completion was originally scheduled for 15 Nov. Starting Wednesday, November 10th and ending on Monday, November 22nd the Director and his staff will have limited email and phone capability. Normal operations will resume on November 22nd.

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## **FROM NATIONAL**

### **Auxiliary assist during U.N. General Assembly Week**

The 65th ordinary session of the UN General Assembly opened on Tuesday, 14 September 2010, and members of the Auxiliary answered the call from USCG Station New York. They backfilled at the Station doing non-traditional jobs. Take a look at this team in action, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.

[Posted: Oct 25, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor *SITREP*]

### **Updated C-School Schedule**

There is a new updated C-School Schedule posted on the following site:

<http://cschool.auxservices.org/> Please keep checking this site as we expect another new updated posting next week. [Posted: Oct 29, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, *DIR-T*]

### **New Paddlecraft Brochures Available!**

The following Paddlecraft Brochures are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format:

- \* Best Practices for Paddlers and Paddlesport Programs – [Click here to download](#)
- \* Paddler's Safety Checklist - [Click here to download](#).
- \* Wear It! Lifejackets Matter - [Click here to download](#).
- \* Cold Water Survival - [Click here to download](#).

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\*Practices, Ethics and Conduct - [Click here to download.](#)

### **Auxiliary Commodore Jim Vass delivers Auxiliary video message**

[Auxiliary Commodore Jim Vass delivers Auxiliary video message](#) [Posted: Oct 29, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

### **Change of Watch: National Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary**

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### **Commandant installs 30<sup>th</sup> National Commodore**

The continuity of the National Commodore (NACO) was evident as Commodore Jim Vass of Port O'Connor, TX was sworn in as the Auxiliary's 30th member to hold that post. Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. was the officiating officer of the traditional ceremony. Read about the ceremony and hear NACO's address, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's *Na Source: Borofsky, Editor National e-magazine. Nov 1,*



**IPNACO Kerigan and NACO Vass**

### **Sea Scouts learn seamanship, maritime law enforcement at Coast Guard Sector San Francisco**

The Coast Guard hosted the **Sea Scout's annual Safety at Sea** event at Coast Guard Sector San Francisco this weekend. Bay Area Coast Guard members and local firefighters led twenty-six Sea Scout groups, ages 13-17, in hands-on safety, shipboard damage control, firefighting and law enforcement training.

"This is the most fun learning opportunity we have in scouting -- it is a great chance to meet and build camaraderie among scout troops from all over the country," said

Carl Shellhorn, skipper of the S.S.S. Chaser from Napa, Calif. "The Coast Guard has been fantastic in helping us provide this event to our youth -- we couldn't do it without them."

Since the first Safety At Sea event in 1993, the partnership has provided an opportunity for sea scouts to work directly with Coast Guard men and women, tour Coast Guard cutters and offer adult leaders scout-specific and technical training skills. Similar Safety at Sea events are hosted annually by the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary nationwide. **Additional information available at:**

[http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php/Safety\\_at\\_Sea\\_Weekend](http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php/Safety_at_Sea_Weekend)

<https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/823/927919/>  
<http://www.seascout.org>

### **Help Design the Next Generation of Life Jackets and Win \$5,000**

Unhappy with the uncomfortable or bulky life jacket you use for recreational boating? Sadly, so are a lot of boaters, and 80% of those who drown each year do not wear a life jacket. Here's your chance to come up with design ideas for a life jacket that the majority of average boaters would wear. The second "Innovation in Life Jacket Design Competition," sponsored in part by BoatUS Foundation, awards a prize of \$5,000 to the winning entry. This competition is open to anyone, including teams and groups. Entries incorporating new technologies and non-traditional concepts are being sought by February 1, 2011, and you do not need to be constrained by current US Coast Guard standards.

Entries will be evaluated based on comfort, reliability, cost, and innovation. Only videos of working prototypes need to be submitted, not the prototypes themselves. The videos submitted will be posted on the BoatUS Foundation YouTube channel in early February 2011, and the public will be asked to select a group of finalists. A special panel of judges will select the winner at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in early March 2011. For more information about the contest rules, visit [www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/lifejacketdesign](http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/lifejacketdesign) or contact Chris Edmonston at 703-823-9550, x8356. [Posted: Nov 4, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB.]

**The Fall issue of Navigator magazine** is posted at <http://auxpa.org/navigator>.

Thomas Nunes, Director - Public Affairs (S)

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**To: ALAUX**

**From: CHDIRAUX**

**Subj: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY**

**NAPOLITANO: OUR RESPONSE TO THE 9/  
LATEST TERRORIST THREAT -041/10**

October 30, 2010

**Dear Colleagues,**

As we saw yesterday, terrorists remain determined to test our defenses and conduct attacks against the United States. The work that our Department does to protect the Nation has never been as important.

In response to this latest threat, DHS has put in place additional aviation and cargo screening measures, and is working closely with our Federal, state, local, international and private sector partners to identify suspicious individuals and cargo packages.

We are also reiterating the need for continued awareness and vigilance on the part of the public, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement, and the men and women of DHS. As always, we are encouraging all Americans to report any suspicious activity to authorities.

Since we first learned of the threat emanating from Yemen late on Thursday, DHS employees have responded with dedication, skill and professionalism. You have helped to disrupt what could have been a deadly attack against the U.S. and our allies. We must continue to lean forward into this important work. I want to share my personal thanks for your service, and for all you do every day to keep our Nation safe and secure.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Homeland Security

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE  
LAUNCHES NAVIGATOR EXPRESS  
E-MAIL NEWSLETER**

**WASHINGTON** – In an effort to keep pace changing technology and provide improved communications to its membership, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "A" Directorate today launched a new e-mail newsletter product named *NAVIGATOR Express*.

*NAVIGATOR Express* is a designed to aggregate news stories and information of national interest surrounding the Coast Guard Auxiliary and send them out to members by e-mail every two weeks. It replaces the

now dormant *AUXeNEWS* e-mail newsletter previously sent to the Auxiliary.

“We conducted a public affairs survey in August 2010 in which nearly 85% of our members indicated a strong preference to receive an e-mail newsletter with news and information surrounding the organization at the national level,” said Tom Nunes, Director – Public Affairs. “*NAVIGATOR Express* was launched in response to that data.”

*NAVIGATOR Express* was featured at the Coast Guard Innovation Expo in Tampa, Fla. earlier this week, along with other projects from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Coast Guard, and other entities. The product's digital distribution channel is an eco-friendly format, which fit perfectly with the expo's "green" theme for 2010.

*NAVIGATOR magazine* will continue to be published and delivered in hard copy format by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. *NAVIGATOR Express* can be viewed online via <http://navigatorexpress.org>

[Posted: Nov 7, 2010. Source: Christopher Todd, DIR-Ad]

**Coast Guard Compass names Commodore  
Nicholas Kerigan, Immediate Paste National  
Commodore, Guardian of the Week!**

[Posted: Nov 6, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-A]

**You never know...**

As an Auxiliary vessel examiner and instructor this Auxiliarist, as with most, never knew if his safety message actually saved a life or prevented an injury. One incident involving the Auxiliarist proved to him that one facet of his dedication to safety actually saved a life or at best prevented a major injury. Read about this event, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.

[Posted: Nov 9, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDE**

In the August 2010 AUXPA Survey, over 91% of Coast Guard Auxiliary leaders surveyed agreed that public affairs was the responsibility of EVERY member of the organization — including elected and appointed officers. What is the status of your unit's public affairs and publications programs?

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Now is the time to start planning your public affairs calendar for 2011. To assist you, the "A" Directorate has recently revised the CGAUX Public Affairs Guide to include a new chapter on Elected Officers and Public Affairs starting on page 45. The guide is not perfect, but it contains great information on how to execute solid public affairs activities for your unit.

For more information on Coast Guard Auxiliary public affairs programs and how to receive training for your unit, please contact Manny Romero, Division Chief – Public Affairs Training, at [dvc-at@auxpa.org](mailto:dvc-at@auxpa.org)  
Christopher Todd, Deputy Director, Public Affairs



**From: Papp, Robert ADM**  
**Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 5:22 PM**  
**Subject: Commandant's Veterans Day Message**

**Shipmates,**

Veterans Day is the national holiday when we honor and thank our veterans -past and present - for their service. It's a day to Honor our Profession. Those of us not on watch have the choice to take Veterans Day off, however, we must always remember that we only have this choice because of our veterans' heroic service. Many of them had no choice-they had to go to war.

Our Nation owes its existence to the generations of Americans who have fought and died, and who continue to fight and die-or suffer physical and mental wounds-defending our freedoms. It's a debt that can't truly be paid. What we can do-what we must do-is to use this occasion to show our gratitude by honoring their service.

This is our chosen profession. This is who we are. This is what we do. It also makes us unique. Our Nation's all-volunteer 2.4 million active duty and reservists, in a country of over 300 million, represents less than 1 percent of the American population. Our chosen profession has become something that few other people choose to do. In honoring those who went before us, we reinforce to their families and loved ones the significance of their sacrifices, and the gratitude we as a nation have for their

commitment to something larger than themselves.

I encourage those of you not standing the watch to attend a local Veterans Day ceremony or parade or find some other meaningful way to honor those who serve, remember those who have served, and to humbly say thank you.

I, along with Master Chief Leavitt and our wives, will visit Arlington National Cemetery to attend the National Veterans Day Service at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, followed by a Service at the Coast Guard War Memorial. We hope to see many of our Shipmates in attendance - you are all welcome to join us.

For those of you standing the watch, protecting our homeland, or supporting our sister services in the global war on terror, thank you. You exemplify the very best of what it means to be Coast Guardsmen, and I am proud to share in the privilege of defending our freedoms.

Thank you to the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard - past and present - for your selfless service.

Semper Paratus,  
Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Leadership Portraits** are posted on the USCG Imagery Site at:  
[http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2\\_itemId=675270](http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=675270)  
Thomas Nunes, Director - Public Affairs

**To: ALAUX**  
**From: CHDIRAUX**  
**Subj: CHIEF DIRECTOR FINAL ACTION ON NATIONAL BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - 043/10**

1. At the 2010 Auxiliary National Conference this past August, four recommendations were placed before the National Board for vote. The following summarizes the recommendations, the vote of the National Board, and the Chief Director's final action:

- a. Recommendation: Make the following changes to Auxiliary unit standing rules regarding elections:
  - (1) Allow for a candidate who has submitted a Letter-of-Intent, and has been vetted as eligible for that office, to not necessarily be present for the election to be elected.
  - (2) Require a nomination from the floor to have a second.
  - (3) Require the candidate be present when nominated from the floor, and to answer in the affirmative two questions asked by the presiding officer; "Do you accept the nomination?", and, "Will you serve if elected?"

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(4) Eliminate self-nomination from the floor.  
National Board vote:

**National Board vote For.**

**Chief Director final action: Concur and approved.**

b. Recommendation: Create a Coast Guard Auxiliary C-school for the Auxiliary Chef (AUXCHEF) program to train Auxiliarists to serve as Auxiliary Chefs and develop other trainers.

**National Board vote: For**

**Chief Director final action: Non-concur and disapproved.**

A Coast Guard Auxiliary C-school is only created after thorough, lengthy, and costly examination of its need and projected cost-effectiveness. Even after such examination, there is no guarantee that the school will be created. Moreover, the AUXCHEF program, by its basic nature, lends itself to clearly identifiable Coast Guard units that will benefit from trained Auxiliarists. In effect, Auxiliarists should only undergo AUXCHEF training if specific Coast Guard units for them to support have been clearly identified in advance. Those units can and should be approached for funding, as needed, to support the Auxiliarists who plan to support them.

c. Recommendation: Modify the eligibility requirements by which an Auxiliarist may be awarded the Operations Program ribbon so as to include telecommunications qualification and service, as well as qualification as an Auxiliary Flight Examiner (similar to Auxiliary Qualification Examiners). Specifically, Auxiliarists designated by the regional Director of Auxiliary as Auxiliary watchstanders according to District requirements, would be authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon. Auxiliarists holding the Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualification or who have qualified as AUXCOM prior to August 1, 2008, would be authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon after performing and reporting a minimum of 24 hours mission time (7030 form code 20B). The "E" device would also be authorized to be worn on the ribbon by Auxiliarists who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a Qualification Examiner (QE) or Flight Examiner (FE).

**National Board vote: For.**

**Chief Director final action: Concur with two modifications,** effective immediately. The Operations Program ribbon recognizes the achievement of qualification in operational mission disciplines. The additional requirement for a specific number of hours of activity for those who have achieved TCO or AUXCOM is unnecessary in its application, and is therefore eliminated. Additionally, the achievement of designation as Auxiliary interpreter (Level A) had been previously recognized as appropriate for inclusion in the Operations Program ribbon eligibility criteria. Section 11.A.14.a. of the Auxiliary Manual is amended as follows and will be so included in its next update:

"This ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas. Auxiliarists who qualify as an Auxiliary boat or aircrew member, air observer, Aton verifier, Coast Guard watchstander, Coast Guard boat crewman, Coast Guard boat engineer, or Auxiliary interpreter (Level A) may wear the Operations Program ribbon. Watchstanders and boat engineers are defined as Auxiliarists who have been designated in writing by a Coast Guard unit, or the Director, as qualified in that position. Auxiliarists designated by the Director as Auxiliary watchstanders according to District requirements may also wear the Operations Program ribbon. Additionally, Auxiliarists holding the Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualification or who have qualified as AUXCOM prior to August 1, 2008, are authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars. The "E" device is authorized to be worn on the Auxiliary Operations Program ribbon by Auxiliarists who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a Qualification Examiner (QE) or Flight Examiner (FE). No miniature "E" device for miniature medals is authorized."

d. Recommendation: Provide formal recognition to an Auxiliarist who performs 25 hours of service within the first calendar year of achieving Basically Qualified (BQ) membership status. Such recognition would be in the form of a ribbon based upon the Auxiliary Flotilla Member Training Achievement Ribbon.

**National Board vote: For.**

**Chief Director final action: Non-concur and disapproved.**

Items worn on the uniform like office insignia, devices, and particularly personal award ribbons, are awarded to recognize significant personal achievement in terms of both time and effort. Several Auxiliary ribbons already and appropriately serve this purpose, including the Sustained Auxiliary Service Ribbon, the Member Service Ribbon, the Annual Performance Service Ribbons, and the Qualification Ribbons. The proposed ribbon does not meet this threshold. Moreover, there are other forms of recognition that are more fitting for the purpose, such as unit certificates, mention in newsletters and web sites, and forum recognition at unit meetings. Auxiliary units have the discretion to exercise these alternatives as they see fit, and they are strongly encouraged to consider and apply them as part of their comprehensive recognition programs.

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## **District Captain AMLOC at N-TRAIN 2011**

District Captain AMLOC (formally RCO Academy)

**Qualifications:** 1. Current or newly elected to DCAPT position or Department Deputy Director 2. Have not attended this course previously This class is currently scheduled to be conducted at N-TRAIN 26 – 28 Jan 2011, travel day is Tuesday 25 Jan 2011. Class times are Wed & Thurs 0800 – 1700, end 1200 Friday with graduation. The location is:

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet  
191 Westport Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63146  
(314) 878-1500 ST. Louis, MO.

All air reservations are to go through SATO, government travel agent (800-753-7286), and can be charged to your orders, no out of pocket expense. When making hotel reservations tell them you are with the Auxiliary. Please submit form 7059, STTR, per instructions, for entry into this class, **no later than 15 Dec 2009**. Contact Ken Renner, DVC-TL, [kenren2468@ameritech.net](mailto:kenren2468@ameritech.net) with your name, EMPLID#, email address and phone number. Number of seats available 30 DCAPT and Deputy Directors have first choice, after 15 Dec 2010, Directors may apply from 16 Dec to 01-01-2011. [Posted: Nov 11, 2010. Source: Dr. Robert B. Fong, Sr, DIR-T]

## **Red, White and Boo!**

A holiday, like Halloween, presents a community involvement opportunity for this flotilla. Realizing that "public exposure" is one of their best recruiting tools the flotilla participated in their community's "dress up the boat" for Halloween. Maybe your unit can do something similar for a holiday, a great "fourth cornerstone" activity at minimal cost. Take a look at how this Virginia flotilla celebrated Halloween, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Nov 15, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

## **NACO Veterans Day Message**

On Veterans Day, a special day when we honor the veterans of our nation, all members of the Auxiliary National Leadership extend their deep appreciation for the service of all of past and present veterans.

Jim Vass

[Posted: Nov 10, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-A]



## **Getting visibility for your Coast Guard**

**Auxiliary unit** in local media is a great way to generate awareness of your missions and potentially recruit new members in your area. Jose Acosta, FSO-PA at Miami Flotilla 6-11 D7, is using the annual unit election results as an opportunity to create a compelling news release for distribution in his local AOR (see attached sample news release).

Instead of simply stating the results of the election, Acosta worked with Marcelo Freire, Flotilla Commander elect, to assess the flotilla's total number of projected volunteer hours in CY 2010 using AUXINFO. Using this data, they concluded that the members of the flotilla would be on target to volunteer a minimum of over 16,000 hours of total time to Coast Guard Auxiliary missions in 2011. This became the "news hook" for the release. They also invited the general public to learn more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the unit — a great way to recruit new members.

Consider using the annual election results as an opportunity to develop an eye-catching news release for your AOR. It's a great way for new officers to work together to generate exposure for the coming year. Use the attached CGAUX News Release template and Coast Guard PA Stylebook to make the process easier!

Remember to follow the release of information protocol for your AOR, and consult the CGAUX Public Affairs Guide, or visit <http://auxpa.org> for additional assistance.

If you have an AUXPA Tip of the Week from your unit that you would like to recommend, please send us the information via e-mail to [tips@auxpa.org](mailto:tips@auxpa.org)  
Christopher Todd, Deputy Director, Public Affairs  
**NACO Video Message to CGAUX Staff Officers**  
<http://vimeo/16620196>

Tom Nunes, Director - Public Affairs

## **OCTOBER 2010 BEACON**

The [BEACON](#) is now available for your viewing pleasure. Just click on [BEACON](#) to view this edition.

[Posted: Nov 15, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips,

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*“Those who expect to reap the blessings of Freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.”*

*Thomas Paine*

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**NEXT DIVISION MEETING**

**18 JANUARY 2011**

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