



NEWSLETTER FOR DIVISION 11

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER:



Dennis & Tony

We have a lot to think about in the next few months, there are many exciting and wonderful events just around the corner. March 6th we will have the Whale of the Day event at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse, in May we will have the Memorial Marker at BSU San Pedro, there is the Summer Cruise to Catalina coming up in June or July and then the NACON will be held at Phoenix in August. So don't let the good times pass you up, please join us at some of these events.

Keep in mind also there are going to be mandatory workshops this year for Operations, Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors along with Instructors, more information about these programs will be forth coming.

We also will be getting use to some new forms this year, there is the 7029 revised form, now there is a way to get some of the 99 hours accredited to the Coast Guard where it belongs. They also have changed some of the directions on the 7030 form, but there is also a recall on this form, even the Auxiliary is not immune to the recall process.

The OTO is asking that if you have a Mustang suit and are not using them, please let your FC know so they can get them into DIRAUX and get them cleaned so other members can use them. They are running out of certain sizes and their funds are low, plus there are many of the suits that are just not being used that can be recycled.

This year the National Safe Boating Week falls on May 22-28, so make a spot on your calendars and lets get out and help with VEs.

Dennis Grinstead DCDR

Good morning Staff Officers and friends.

Last Saturday Dennis and I attended the District 11S meeting. The Commodore's theme this year is Prevention and Response and has set some goals for the members of District 11S. Dennis will be talking about these goals tomorrow night. The Chief of Staff, Harry Jacobs, presented a new report format which Flotilla Commanders and Division Commanders should use to report progress, needs and challenges. I asked District Captain Don Napolitano of Division and Flotilla Staff officers should use the same format and his response to me was affirmative and this would make the whole reporting process much easier when presenting them up the chain of leadership and management. The new format is simpler:

At first glance, it looks like a major change but in reality it is a softer and easier way to write reports. The questions are how are we doing, what have we accomplished, how are we doing it, what problems are we having, who is assisting us from District or above and what are we planning in the future.

Tony Ashlin DVCDR

NEWS FROM THE NEW DIVISION 5

DIVISION / FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER REPORTS Month 2010 (New version).

STATE DIVISION 5 – NAME, SO, Flotilla FSO

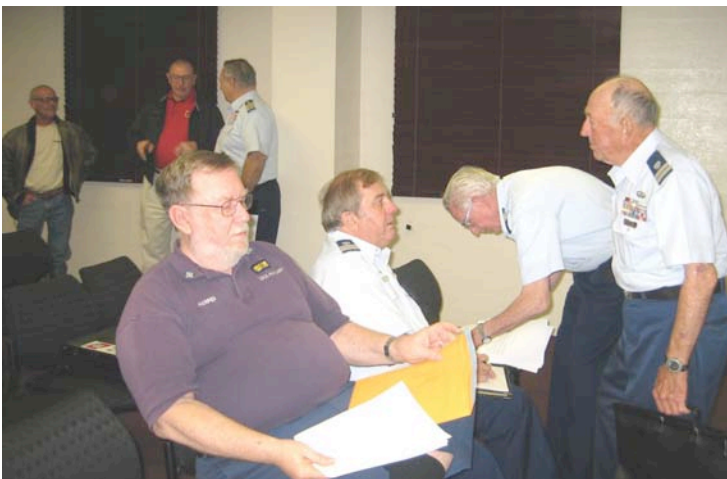
Current progress relative to Auxiliary Business Plan, District Strategic/Operational Plans and Contingency Plans

- Accomplishments in your Division
- Program performance (not AUXDATA information)
- Problems encountered/potential problems and suggested solutions, Action items
- Assistance required from the Coast Guard and/or District Board
- Future plans and milestones from the Departments

Preparing for the First Division 5 Meeting 16 Feb.



Edward Green, FC 5-12; Stanley Lintner, FC 5-10



Everett Harper, FC 54; Donn Kirby, FC 53; Ken Edwards, FC 52 & Lou Brownlee



Brian Regalbuto, FC 58

COMMUNICATIONS – Jason Gant

Working to develop a communications network in case of emergency. More to follow.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Lee Anthony

Current progress relative to Business Plan, District Strategic/Operational Plans and Contingency Plans.

DSO-HR and ADSO are sending important information and keeping me updated.

Accomplishments in Division 5

New members are being processed in a timely manner.

Program performance

All is going well

Problems encountered/potential problems and suggested solutions.

Division needs more finger printers.

Assistance for the Coast Guard

None at this time

Future plans and milestones for the department are:

To bring the membership up in numbers.

MEMBER TRAINING - John Kinner

Staff reports received from:

52 – 7.5 hours in MT for Jan/Feb.

53 – Primarily boat Crew subjects were covered with TCT Training to be held on 17 Feb. IT Workshop will be held 24 March.

57 conducting Crew Training since January and needs a second Operational Vessel to assist with on-the-water training in March.

59 conducting crew training with AUXACN to follow.

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS – Jo Pauloo

Verify that the mission was properly reported in AUXDATA.

5-12 12 PATONS have been sent to Kim Armstrong

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Tony Ashlin

•Current progress relative to Auxiliary Business Plan, District Strategic/Operational Plans and Contingency Plans

- Working closely with FSO-PA's in Division 5 to assist where needed

Accomplishments in your Division

- Developed a practical How to Call for Help demonstration for PA Events and RBS booths.
- Program performance (not AUXDATA information)
- Assisting Patricia Earl in the staffing of the SCMA Boat Show in LA
- Flotilla 55 setup and break down of booth at the SCMA Boat Show in LA
- Assisting and promoting the Open House Point Vicente Lighthouse 06Mar10 (Flotilla 59)

Problems encountered/potential problems and suggested solutions, Action items

Anticipating staffing challenges with Fred Hall Boat Show on Sat 6 March (conflicts)

Problems were reported to me staffing the SCMA LA BOAT SHOW. Sent emails to FSO-PA's and to DSO PA with a call for watch standers.

Assistance required from the Coast Guard and/or District Board

Working Closely with DSO PA Kirk Scarborough on PA Events

Future plans and milestones from the Departments.

Fred Hall Boat Show – Long Beach March 3 – 7 Patricia Earl coordinating for USCGAUX

Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade in May - Rose Edwards coordinating for USCGAUX

NBSW – event planning, Presenting to the Division for discussion

SCMA Boat Show – Long Beach September Patricia Earl and Tony Ashlin coordinating.

PUBLICATIONS – Jackie Garrabrant

Please be sure your home and e-mail addresses are accurate. It is difficult to send out the Newsletter and have it returned. Please be sure to send your reports via e-mail because retyping can result in omissions and mistakes.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Gary Norgaard

Gary has accepted the office of Parliamentarian for 2010.



Dennis Grinstead presents Jo Pauloo with commendation for all the many hours she donates to the Auxiliary.



IP DCDRs Sharon Blenn, Div 5 & Roger Helizon, Div. 13

NEWS FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

Flotilla 53 Donn Kirby, FC – February 2010

Our last flotilla meeting was 26 JAN 2010.

- One Noble Eagle patrol in Jan. and two scheduled in Feb.
- PA events to be co-coordinated with VE events.
- Two new members studying for FEMA 100 & 700 tests.
- Three members still in AP status.
- MT at FEB flotilla meeting will be sexual harassment prevention and diversity. TCT refresher scheduled on 17FEB at FC's house.
- PE class (ABS) scheduled for March 13th.
- VE decal order received, to be passed out to examiners.
- Patons ordered from co-coordinator Carl Earl.

Flotilla 57 John Kinner, FC

Meeting held 25 Jan. 2010 with quorum present.

- Installed FSO's for 2010.
- Working with Rose Edwards on the Armed Forces Day activities in Torrance in May.
- Continuing Boat Crew training with members from Flo

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tilla 5-11 and are seeking assistance from other flotillas to provide an Operational Facility so we can conduct our on-the-water training and eventually our OE on the water session.

- We are providing a 16' RHB for a static display at the Whale of a Day Activities at Point Vicente on 6 March.
- Member training for evening – IT/PE Workshop with members of 5-2 and 5-11 present.



Ruben Figueroa AN/VE; Maurice Galloway, Communications; Juergen Jaikowski FN/MA; , Freddy Rodriguez, MS;

Flotilla 58 – FC Brian Regalbuto

Flotilla Change of Watch and Flotilla meeting held 30 Jan. at Downey Sizzler. Quorum Present.

- Discussed uniform policies, filling out reports and future activities for 2010.
- Chester Dinkleberger and Brian Regalbuto will stand watch some time during the LA Boat Show.

Flotilla 59 Rose Castrobran, FC

Interpreter Corps: Rene Martin's trip to Africa postponed until April, he is part of the interpreter Corps project in Africa with the U.S. Navy. He spent 6 weeks in Africa last year.

CG Operational Support: Rene Martins is working weekly at CG Station Corona Del Mar on USCG Narwal doing maintenance and repairs. Eric, Rose and Kim Castrobran are working with CG aids to Navigation Team (ANT LA/Lb) at PT Vicent& Hueneme Lighthouses.

Marine Safety/Maritime Domain Awareness: Flotilla members continue participation in MDA program at Sector LA.

Member Training: Members Amanda Cordova and Salvador Gonzlaez are completing their Crew on-the-water training.

Wako Winters will be teaching Advanced Coastal Navigation. If there is anyone interested in your flotilla please contact Wako at Caljv1@aol.com ASAP.

Personnel Services: We have currently 26 members with two new members to be processed/

VE/PV: Lee Anthony is getting 2-1- programs underway awaiting decals.

Public Affairs: Whale of a Day at Point Vicente Lighthouse 6 March. See below.

Operations/Patrols: Frank Martin and Robert Overpeck are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols on Leviathan.

Communications Services: Visit Flotilla website at: www.uscgaux59.org. It now includes a calendar.

Nest Flotilla meeting 9 March at 1900 at Kaiser Conference Center, Harbor City.

Whale of a Day Event at Point Vicente Lighthouse 6 March 1000-1600

Auxiliary personnel arriving in morning should arrive no later than 0930

Venue: Displays and exhibits on Coast Guard and Auxiliary including boats and helicopter and tour of lighthouse and museum.

Set-Up: Tents/tables/BBQ for booths/lunch areas by Friday, 5 March; Coastie delivered by Friday 5 March; Information/brochures/giveaways – Saturday 6 March by 0930; Boats Aux and CG in place per venue may by 0930. Event Day:

CG/Aux Boating Safely Information Booth

CG Aux Radio/EQ Booth

CG Sector LA Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Booth

Children's Fingerprint Booth

CG Assets (boats/helo)

Aux (Boats)

BBQ Lunch (1130-1330) Hosted by Aux Division 5 (for the CG/Aux/Sea Cadets)

This is a great opportunity for the public to learn about the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, including recruiting opportunities and fellowship.

Visit www.vicentelight.org for more information.

Contact:

Dennis Grinstead, DCDR 5 (714)-7133671

Tony Ashlin, DVCDR 5 (562) 972-5900

Eric Castrobran, Light Keeper PV (310) 713-1749

Kim or Rose Castrobran, ADSO-NS (310) 864-2225

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**Dinner Meeting for old 31 and Installation of FSO's
for new Flotilla 5-13**



Jason Gant Flotilla FC 5-13



Gary Norgaard, IPFC 31, Howard Kay



Norma Norgaard coordinator for evening



*At the dinner for 31 to 5-11, R. Garrabrant, 57;
D. Grinstead, Div 5 Commander; E. Harper, 54*

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

DSO IS Kenneth Edwards

REYR List – By the time most of you receive and read this, Headquarters will have already sent the REYR lists out to the various Districts. In the past I have always separated the REYR District list and send each Division their information. I will attempt to do the same this year. Some of you will ask ‘What is REYR?’ REYR is a flag that Headquarters puts on any assigned Competencies or disciplines where the minimum requirements to remain certified was not met for the previous year.

How to Re-Qualify –

1. To re-qualify in a discipline, the member must conduct required tasks with a qualified member in the respective discipline.
2. The qualified member will appear on line #1 of the report as the lead; the member re-qualifying will appear on line #2 as trainee.
3. The remarks area of the report shall be noted REYR with the name of the member who is re-qualifying and send to FSO-IS for normal data processing.
4. The member must then complete the annual certification requirements to retain certification for the following year.

REYR

1. Certification lapsed
2. Re-qualify for previous years
3. Occurs when required annual tasks not completed

REWK – Occurs when the Qualification is lost. Occurs when required workshop has not been completed. Occurs when required annual tasks have not been completed for **5 years** or more.

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Recertify -

INSTRUCTOR

REYR - Instructor – Teach 2 hours as LEAD or 4 hours as NON-LEAD

REWK – Take Exam plus Teach 2 hours as LEAD or 4 hours as NON-LEAD

RBS VISITORS

REYR – 2 Practice Visits

REWK – Take Exam plus 2 Practice Visits

VESSEL EXAMINER

REYR - Perform 2 Satisfactory VSC's

REWK – Take Exam plus 2 Satisfactory VSC's

ARIZONA'S BOATER OF THE YEAR

I'd like for us to take a moment to recognize a member of the Auxiliary in Arizona that has contributed significantly to boating safety.

Arizona is beginning its annual recognition of a deserving Auxiliarist Boater of the Year with a Lifetime Achievement Award for a very special person and a dear friend of boating safety and education everywhere.

This particular Auxiliarist has continuously worked selflessly towards furthering on-the-water awareness, boating safety, education and operational excellence in Arizona and across the District for more than 25 years. In fact, a member of the Auxiliary since April of 1984, the offices he's held include two terms as Inland Rear Commodore; four terms as Division Captain; Flotilla Commander and numerous staff positions in 5 different program areas. Just during the past few years his Auxiliary career boasts more than:

- 2200 patrol hours on 400 plus patrol missions
 - 140 vessel safety checks
 - Over 200 Auxiliary public education classes, teaching (literally) thousands of students
 - Untold hours in public affairs, marine dealer visits and member training
 - His numerous Auxiliary awards include the:
 - Medal of Operational Merit
 - Auxiliary Achievement Medal
 - 10 Sustained Service Awards
 - Meritorious Team Commendation
 - 7 Operations Service Awards
 - 5 Public Education Service Awards
 - A three-time nominee for Arizona Game and Fish Department's Outdoor Hall of Fame, he is qualified as a coxswain, boating safety education instructor, vessel examiner, program visitor and qualification examiner. In fact I can assure you that he helped develop even the most challenging of boat crew candidates . . . me!
- A good friend of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Boating Safety Education program and one of our most senior instructors, I'd like to offer him our sincere

and heart felt gratitude and thanks on behalf of the State of Arizona, our citizen boaters and those of us that have had the pleasure, privilege and opportunity to work with him over the years. Please join me in congratulating **Sven Hedin** of Phoenix, Arizona on a lifetime of boating safety achievement. Sven, your efforts have not gone by unnoticed and we sincerely appreciate them. Please make your way forward to receive a plaque commemorating your many years of outstanding accomplishment that reads . .

**Sven Eric Hedin - Life Time Achievement Award.
January 9, 2010**

Our gratitude, appreciation, admiration, respect and this plaque are given on behalf of the citizens of Arizona in honor of your lifetime of dedication to boating safety and education.



Sven Hedin Seated, Mary Hedin

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

2010 National Scout Jamboree

Rear Admiral Brian Salerno (CG-5, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship) is the Coast Guard Flag Sponsor for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Captain Len Ritter (TISCOM, Telecommunications and Information System Command) has been selected as the Task Force Commander and will lead the Coast Guard contingent at the Jamboree. Coast Guard active duty, reserve, Auxiliary, civilian, and retired personnel are authorized to participate in the Coast Guard support element for this event, as detailed below:

Who: Team Coast Guard members (active duty, Reserve, Auxiliary, civilian, retiree)

What: 2010 National Scout Jamboree

Where: Fort A. P. Hill, VA

When: From 26 July to 4 August 2010

How: By standing up the Coast Guard 2010 National Scout Jamboree Task Force

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Auxiliarists who are interested in being part of the Coast Guard 2010 National Scout Jamboree Task Force must fill out and electronically submit [the questionnaire](#) to the Auxiliary coordinator, Mr. William "Bill" Reisa at cgsnjtf@msn.com (phone (317) 887-3236) with copies to the Flotilla Commander and designated point-of-contact in the office of the Director of Auxiliary.

Key Logistics Element Managers positions that need to be filled immediately:

Administration
Merit Badges
Sea Scouts
Joint Sea Services Areas
External Coast Guard Forces

Task Leaders are also needed for the following tasks:

NORTHCOM Liaison

Transportation Manager

Communications Officer

Berthing/Meals Coordinator

Head Merit Badge Counselors

Sea Scout Liaison

Display Coordinator

Honor Guard Coordinator

Recruiting Exhibit Coordinator

CG Band Coordinator

Joint Services Liaison

Permissive/non-reimbursable orders are authorized, and an ALCOAST with further details will follow. Please contact Mr. Reisa if you have questions about the program.

[Posted: Jan 24, 2010. Source: Robin Ouellette, BC-BLY]

New BS&S Errata Sheet

A new [Errata Sheet for Boating Skills & Seamanship \(BS&S\)](#) is now available on the E-Library Resource Center. Two changes are posted. One is to Chapter 1 and the other to Chapter 4. Please add these corrections to your BS&S presentations. *[Posted: Jan 25, 2010. Source: Anne R. Lockwood, DIR-E]*

The 2010 VSC Decals Are Available

The 2010 VSC decals have been shipped to the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). The overall supply should be more than adequate to meet our demands and

the demands of our partners. Instructions are at http://safetyseal.net/pdf_files/2010-Decal-Announcement.pdf The Order Form is at http://safetyseal.net/pdf_files/VSCDECALFM-2010.pdf *[Posted: Jan 25, 2010. Source: Peter Urgola, DIR-RBV]*

LOOK NAME CHANGE- HUMAN RESOURCES/ PROGRAM UPDATES TO ALL DSO-HR,

The Department of Personnel has changed its name to the Department of Human Resources effective today. This will best describe the new evolving department, and mirror our Coast Guard counterparts. New program area's like the Ombudsman program, and the Collage detachment program are moving from development to exciting new way's to recruit new younger member's, and to assist the active duty, when they need it the most. The Department of Human Resources has again been tasked with the AIM program. We forward to bringing the AIM program back into our department, and will be expanding to meet the needs of the candidates. Please spread the word through your Districts, and down to the deck plate, the membership. Anyone who would like to help, or needs more information, please contact Joseph O'Leary, Director of Human Resources. josephgoleary@optonline.net *[Posted: Feb 1, 2010. Source: Dante J.Laurino ANACORS]*



STOCK UP FOR NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

We're in the planning stage for National Safe Boating Week 2010 (May 22-25). We need to stock up on the materials for our PA exhibits and VE stations. First, develop a list of supplies, pamphlets, posters and other materials needed to give out to the recreational boating public.

One of our best sources for NSBW materials is the National Safe Boating Council. This year, the Council's North American Safe Boating Campaign will send out a mailer to campaign participants to let them know about order information, USCG statistics, NSBW information and other resources available for the "Wear It" campaign.

To receive this mailer, be sure to send a mailing listing in an Excel format, to Rachel Burholder, Outreach Manager, National Safe Boating Council, at outreach@SafeBoatingCouncil.org . Include your Name, Title, Organization, Street Address, City, State and Zip Code by 12 February 2010.

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Also, get in touch with your state boating agency to order safe boating materials. Contact your DIRAUX office to reserve PFD Panda and the Coast Guard Half Boat. Schedule a Coastie visit for the kids.

For special events, such as parades, regattas and Blessings of the Fleet, request permits. For your PA exhibits, reserve space at malls, parks and marinas.

Harriet Howard, Special Assistant for NSBW

New RBS Affairs Department Deputy Director

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Atul Uchil as the Deputy Director for RBS Affairs. Please join me and congratulate him on the appointment. *[Posted: Feb 2, 2010. Source: Bruce Johnson,*

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| To: | ALAUX |
| From: | CHDIRAUX |
| Subj: | USCG Commandant Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget -009/10 |

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard:

Earlier today, the President's Fiscal Year 2011(FY11) budget request, including the Coast Guard's submission, was submitted to the Congress. Our Congressional oversight committees will now consider our request and appropriate funding for the new fiscal year that begins on 01 October 2010.

Here is what it means for our Service.

There are many ways to look at the Coast Guard budget and a link is provided at the conclusion of this All Hands. The most useful way to consider the impact on operations and recapitalization is the following: The total amount of discretionary funding (e.g. funding to operate and recapitalize the Service) requested for the Coast Guard in FY11 is \$8.467 billion dollars. The discretionary amount provided by Congressional appropriations for FY10, the current fiscal year, was \$8.542 billion dollars. So, the bottom line is we will operate the Coast Guard, continue to recapitalize our aging assets, support our Reserve component, and a myriad of other critical activities with \$75 million dollars less than we received in FY10. It is critical that each member of our Coast Guard team understand the fiscal environment in which we are operating and how difficult tradeoffs were made in various funding categories, most notably between operating funds and funding to recapitalize our aging assets.

First, the President's budget acknowledges the unique value we provide to the Nation. As our ongoing efforts in Haiti indicate, we are a highly effective instrument of national power at home and abroad. At the same time the

Coast Guard and other federal agencies and military services are facing a constrained budget environment.

The country is in the midst of an economic downturn. As President Obama said in his State of the Union address last week: "Families across the country are tightening their belts...the federal government should do the same." This is reflected in our FY11 budget submission. As sound fiscal stewards, we will meet the President's fiscal objectives while continuing to provide superior service to the public.

The challenge I face with Secretary Napolitano is to make tough budgetary decisions. In the case of the Coast Guard's FY11 request, we have made a tradeoff between day-to-day operations and the need to build new cutters, aircraft, facilities, and sensors to ensure we can operate in the future. The most significant decision made in this process was to strike a balance between our current operational capacity and the preservation of our future capabilities. Together with senior Coast Guard leadership and Secretary Napolitano and her staff, we decided to invest in our future through the continued acquisition of new cutters, aircraft, and infrastructure. If we don't make this commitment to our future, the Coast Guard's aging fleet will continue to deteriorate and rob us of our ability to protect, defend, and save well into the 21st century.

To afford those future investments in a constrained fiscal environment, we had to make difficult reductions to our operational capacity. Subject to appropriations by Congress, the President's budget includes a plan to decommission five major cutters, four HU-25 Falcons and five HH-65 helicopters. Some of these decommissioning were previously planned as we are bringing new assets on line such as BERTHOLF and WAESCHE. We are also decommissioning five Maritime Safety and Security Teams and consolidating forces to achieve savings. By making these reductions, we will be able to continue funding the National Security Cutters, HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft, Response Boat-Mediums, as well as the continued refurbishment of our helicopter fleet and shore infrastructure including housing units.

I understand the impacts this will have on our people and their families. We will have a net reduction of 773 full time positions. In FY11, this will be achieved by reducing recruiting. You may also see changes in tour lengths and impacts on advancements. Positions and billets removed from the allowance list will be included in the shopping list published this fall by the Personnel Services Center. We will make every effort to help all members of our workforce through this period.

There is a great deal of uncertainty that surrounds the budget process. None of these proposed changes are final until the Congress appropriates our budget. I will keep you appraised throughout the process.

As the Congressional oversight process proceeds we need to understand that we still must execute our mission and

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provide mission support for those operations. This will be challenging because the demand for our services continues to grow. We will stay within current operational and personnel tempo standards, manage risk across our full mission spectrum, and allocate existing resources towards the most vulnerable areas. I recently released a videotape message thanking all of you for your extraordinary effort in support of Haitian relief operations

(<http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog/2010/01/thank-you-haiti-relief-efforts.asp#links>). This is an example of allocating our resources to the highest need and managing the risk associated with that decision. That risk management process resulted in moving USCGC HAMILTON through the Panama Canal to assist in Haiti understanding that we had one less asset involved in counter drug operations in the Pacific. I note in the video that our actions were guided by the Principles of Coast Guard Operations contained in Coast Guard Publication One, U.S. Coast Guard: America’s Maritime Guardian

(<http://www.uscg.mil/top/about/pub1.asp>). In her address at the Commencement Ceremony of the Coast Guard Academy last May, Secretary Napolitano said

these principles define what the Coast Guard does to “protect our country and the American people against 21st century threats.” All six principles were evident during our efforts in Haiti:

Clear Objective: The first cutters and aircraft that arrived in Haiti knew what needed to be done and reconciled their unit’s competencies with the opportunities.

Effective Presence: We were already in position to respond quickly to Haiti and our continued presence in the ports and oceans make us critical first responders.

Unity of Effort: We are bureaucratically multi-lingual which helped us quickly integrate our operations with DHS, USAID, DOD, and other interagency partners.

On-Scene Initiative: We expect our people to take action without having to wait for orders. That is part of our DNA and what separates us from other entities.

Flexibility: By our nature, we are multi-mission and this greatly enhances our value to the Nation and the global maritime community.

Managed Risk: We only have a limited number of assets so we allocate the right mix of units and people, as well as leveraging all partnerships, to achieve desired effects.

Restraint: We are sensitive to the broader context of our operations. We understand how our operations impact the public we serve.

As we prepare to align our operational capacity with the funding providing, these guiding principles are as relevant

today as they were in 1790 and they will help us navigate through these trying financial straits. The Coast

Guard and our Nation are facing major changes and that always fosters anxiety and doubt. The constants are the skill, professionalism, and sheer force of will that has come to define Coast Guard men and women. I am incredibly proud of what you do for the Coast Guard and the Nation. I will continue to work with our external stakeholders to achieve the right mix of resources to execute our missions while investing for the future.

For more information, please visit the Coast Guard’s website to view our FY11 Congressional Justification

(http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/docs/USCG_FY_2011_Congressional_Justification.pdf), the Posture Statement

(http://www.uscg.mil/posturestatement/docs/2010_USCG_Posture_Statement.pdf),

and a Fact Sheet

(http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/docs/FY11_Budget_Fact_Sheet.pdf). Thank you for your continued dedication to the Coast Guard and one another.

I will keep you informed.

Semper Paratus.

Admiral Thad W. Allen.

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

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| To: | ALAUX |
| From: | CHDIRAUX |
| Subj: | ALL HANDS - Senior Leadership Nominations and Announcement -010-10 |

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard:

I am pleased to announce the new leadership team which will assume their positions when VADM Papp relieves me as Commandant on 25 May 2010.

Secretary Napolitano has forwarded and President Obama has approved the nominations of Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O’Hara for promotion to Vice Admiral and assignment as Vice Commandant; Rear Admiral Robert C. Parker for promotion to Vice Admiral and assignment as Commander, Atlantic Area; and Rear Admiral Manson K. Brown for promotion to Vice Admiral and assignment as Commander, Pacific Area. Vice Admiral John P. Carrier will continue to serve as the Chief of Staff. The President has forwarded these nominations to the Senate for its consideration.

Appointment to these billets and promotion as appropriate will occur following confirmation by the Senate.

Rear Admiral Brian M. Salerno will be assigned as the Deputy Commandant for Operations; this position does not require Senate confirmation. Additional flag assignments will be announced at a later date.

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We have been fortunate to have the service of Vice Admiral David Pekoske, our current Vice Commandant, and Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge, our current Pacific Area Commander. Both have made enormous contributions to our Service as members of the Leadership Council and throughout their careers. I truly appreciate their dedication and commitment to position the Service for future success. We are a better Coast Guard because of them.

Over the next few months, we will work to have a seamless transition to a new leadership team so our men and women can continue to execute and support our missions without disruption. We owe that to you – Active Duty, Reserves, Civilians and Auxiliarists –and to the American public.

Semper Paratus!
Admiral Thad W. Allen
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

E-Learning Downtime

The E-Learning website is currently down, and we do not have an estimate of when it will be back up. We apologize for any inconvenience for those who were taking courses, and we are attempting to find a solution to this problem. The NTC (testing site) is not affected by this outage. You may continue to take tests at: <http://ntc.cgaux.org>
[Posted: Feb 6, 2010. Source: Matt Hammons - Training - DVC - Distance Learning]

E-FORMS The new 7029 and 7030 E-Forms have been pulled because they were posted to send .PDF forms and there are so many versions of Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat out there among the Auxiliary but not all versions of Reader and Acrobat will send/open the forms. Some readers were sending blank forms. Until the problem is resolved, the E-Forms will not be available. We will do everything possible to get them back as soon as the problem is resolved. Please be patient with us. Thank you.
Marilyn [Posted: Feb 7, 2010. Source: Marilyn McBain, DVC-IL]

About Boating Safely - Second Edition Update A new PowerPoint presentation for Chapter Three (“Navigating the Waterways”) of About Boating Safely-Second Edition has been posted to the E- Library Resource Center. The changes reflect updates to the graphics for the night signals. The changes made are to slides: 12-13, and 15 – 17. Click [here](#) to download the new Chapter Three.
[Posted: Feb 7, 2010. Source: Anne R. Lockwood, DIR-E]

AUXILIARY OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM Family Programs Branch (Ombudsman) Ombudsman Pro-

gram-“The Coast Guard Needs Your Support!” “What is an Ombudsman?” An Ombudsman is a volunteer (who may be a spouse, reservist, or Auxiliarist) that is designated by a Command to serve as a link between the command and families. They assist the command in its functions of providing information and related services to families regarding sources of assistance available to them, Coast Guard and command policies, and activities of interest to family members. They take confidential concerns of the families to the command. The Ombudsman is also available to help parents and other relatives of crewmembers. The Ombudsman is familiar with the local community and its resources. “Why is this important?” Many Coast Guard units and their personnel have been called upon to perform many new tasks in regards to homeland security, in addition to their basic responsibilities. Because of this, Coast Guard personnel are away from home and their families more often. The Coast Guard would like to have an Ombudsman available at as many commands as possible, to provide support and assistance to families. “What type of person is an Ombudsman?” An Ombudsman needs to be able to distinguish between issues suitable for public discussion and those requiring confidentiality. They must have good interpersonal and organization skills. They must have a positive attitude about life in general and about the Coast Guard in particular. They must understand and support command policies, be familiar with Coast Guard missions, organization and traditions. They must be a good listener and above all, be considered trustworthy. “What are some of the responsibilities of an Ombudsman?” • through meetings, mailings and articles in publications inform family members on the command’s behalf. • Meet with the command regularly to articulate family concerns. • Refer families to appropriate sources of assistance in resolving family related questions. The Ombudsman’s role is not to solve other people’s problems but to link them to resources that will provide the needed assistance • Maintain local resource files. • Immediately report suspected or substantiated cases of family violence. The Ombudsman shall not offer counsel or investigate further. • The Ombudsman must be a reliable source of information and trustworthy source of help in an emergency. “What type of training is available?” There is variety of opportunities for the Ombudsman to receive training in the skills needed for the position, including the following: • Regional – Ombudsman training is offered on the regional level by Coast Guard Headquarters. • District Work-Life Staffs – Districts may offer Ombudsman training as needed. • US Navy Basic Ombudsman Course – Regionally the Navy also offers training for Ombudsmen in all major Navy Family Service Centers. • US Navy Relief Ombudsman Course – This course is offered by the Navy Wife line Association in Washington D.C., “What other information is available?” COMDTINST 1750.4D Ombudsman “How do I become an Ombudsman? If you are interested in becoming an Ombudsman with a Coast Guard unit in your area, please

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contact that unit's Officer in Charge. Currently the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is working with the U.S. Coast Guard Work-Life to link up interested Auxiliarist's and local Coast Guard commands who need an Ombudsman. The member will be vetted through their DCO prior to CG interview. Please be aware that the local Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge has the final authority on appointing an Ombudsman. You can obtain an application form from A. Rick Aimetti, DIR-Hd at AFTA@optonline.net. The completed form should be mailed to: A. Rick Aimetti, DIR-Hd One Universe Way, Mt Sinai, NY 11766. (Attach a resume of your civilian/military career as well as your Auxiliary background). [Posted: Feb 7, 2010. Source: Dante J.Laurino ANACORS]

Auxiliary Office of Strategic Analysis website

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Office of Strategic Analysis was officially stood up in August 2009. It serves as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's in-house focus for long-range strategic analysis. The office not only partners with the active duty Coast Guard Office of Strategic Analysis for Evergreen and other long-range program analysis, but also develops Auxiliary-specific strategic planning projects and publishes strategic studies such as how changing generational attitudes will affect an all-volunteer organization in the 21st Century. The Office of Strategic Analysis web site, with information developed by the office, is now available here: http://naco.cgaux.org/anaco_sa/ [Posted: Feb 8, 2010. Source: L. Merryman, ANACO-SA-d]

2010 National "A" Department Contest

Publication (PB) Contest: The DSO-PB of each Coast Guard Auxiliary District may electronically submit entries for the top Division and Flotilla newsletters within their District, as well as their District newsletter, via electronic mail to: publications@auxpao.org. Entries must consist of .PDF files or an active URL, must contain a minimum of three (3) publications for each unit, and

must be received no later than June 1, 2010. No hard copy submissions will be accepted.

Each DSO-PB is responsible for certifying that each submitted entry was the winner of their respective District award. Each entry must be identified with the name of the publication's Editor and the unit (District/Division/Flotilla) number. Entries will be confirmed via the PB contest coordinator who will inform the judging panel of the nominees.

Judging will be conducted by a panel of experienced publications officers selected by the National "A" Department. Entries will be judged using standards contained in the current USCG Auxiliary Publications Manual, The Coast Guard Stylebook, and the AUXMAN. The winning entries will be announced at NACON 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ.

2. **Public Affairs Contest (PA)** entrants will E-mail a synopsis of their project, activity, etc. to the PA Contest coordinator. No hard copy submissions will be accepted. These will be presented for the best district, division and flotilla projects. There are four judging criteria:

Use of imagination and creativity.

Promotion of CGAUX programs and (public) image

Clarity of writing and ease of replication.

Attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.

Entries should be E-mailed to pacontest@auxpao.org not later than 1 June 2010. The winning entries will be announced at NACON 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ.

3. **Photo Contest** entries must be in digital .jpg format. Cropping is permitted. Light & color enhancements and red eye removal are not permitted. Photos may be color or black and white. Seven categories are judged: Public Affairs, Fellowship, Marine Safety, Member Services, Operations, Public Education, and Vessel Safety Checks.

The following outlines each category:

- a) **Public Affairs:** Auxiliarists spreading the Auxiliary message to external and internal audiences.
- b) **Fellowship:** Auxiliarists having fun in a social setting.
- c) **Marine Safety:** Auxiliarists engaged in proctoring marine license exams, assisting in inspecting containers, vessels, etc. Auxiliarists engaged in beach cleanup and other environmental activities.
- d) **Member Services:** Auxiliarists recruiting and/or providing information or services for members (fingerprinting, ID photo taking, etc.)
- e) **Operations:** Auxiliarists operating boats, aircraft, radios, etc.
- f) **Public Education:** Auxiliarists providing instruction to the public.
- g) **Vessel Safety Checks:** People performing VE's.

The photography contest will be judged on the following criteria:

Use of imagination and creativity

Promotion of CGAUX programs and (public) image

Clarity of writing and ease of replication

Attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.

Style with which the photographer has met the requirements of the category

Digital Photos must be a minimum of 5 mega pixels. All entries must have complete Metadata, be numbered with a correct VIRIN number, and note the category to which the entry is being submitted. Entries should be E-mailed to the Photo Contest Coordinator at photocontest@auxpao.org not later than 1 June 2010. The winning entries will be announced at NACON 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ.

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4. Video Contest Videography:

Entrants must submit via YouTube (conforming to YouTube's technical requirements). Create a YouTube account and upload the video (set as private). Email the Video URL to: <mailto:video@auxpao.org>

Provide the best scene (selection of a few related shots from one event or story). Maximum length per submission is 5 minutes. Maximum number of shots is ten (at about 30 seconds each).

Any CGAUX cornerstone activity may be covered. Entries must be submitted by 1 June 2010. Judging reports are due to DIR-A/Ad not later than 15 June 2010. DIR-A/Ad must submit award winners to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association not later than 30 June 2010. First place winners of each contest will be announced at NACON 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

'Jersey Boys' assist down South

New Jersey Auxiliaries (D5-NR) on hiatus in Florida decided to augment a D7 boat crew and join them on a safety patrol. A normal patrol suddenly turned very serious when they came upon a boat with visible flames evident. They conducted a successful rescue of the boaters. Read how this boat crew used all of its training to save the day, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine.

[Posted: Feb 12, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

Increased Auxiliary Support for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection (ALCOAST 45/10)

On 28 January 2010 ALCOAST 045/10 was signed by RADM Brice-O'Hara announcing 12 new and 12 revised Auxiliary Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs). This ALCOAST also announced the cancellation of two existing qualifications.

The new PQSs are:

- Auxiliary Assistant Marine Casualty Investigator
- Auxiliary Assistant Maritime Enforcement Investigator
- Auxiliary Assistant Suspension/Revocation Investigator
- Auxiliary Assistant T-Boat Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant K-Boat Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Machinery Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Machinery Inspector (Steam)
- Auxiliary Assistant Barge Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Hull Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner
- Auxiliary Assistant Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner
- Auxiliary Assistant Waterways Management Representative

The revised PQSs are:

- Auxiliary Marine Safety Administrative/Management
- Auxiliary Assistant Contingency Planner (formerly Auxiliary Asst. Contingency Preparedness Specialist)

- Auxiliary Assistant Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner
- Auxiliary Assistant Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner
- Auxiliary Assistant Life Raft Examiner
- Auxiliary Assistant Port State Control Examiner (formerly Port State Control Boarding Team Assistant)
- Auxiliary Port State Control Dispatcher
- Auxiliary Assistant Container Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Facility Inspector
- Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Investigator
- Auxiliary Assistant Federal On-Scene Coordinator Representative (formerly Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Response Specialist)
- Auxiliary Prevention Outreach Specialist (formerly)
- Auxiliary Marine Environmental Education Specialist)

The **Auxiliary Assistant Harbor Safety Observer and Auxiliary Marine Safety Watchstander** qualifications are cancelled effective 90 days (which is 28 April 2010) following release of the ALCOAST. Qualifications earned prior to the cancellation date will continue to count toward the Trident device. Members currently working on modified or cancelled qualifications have until 28 April 2010 to complete their qualification and receive their Letter of Designation. If the Letter of Designation is not issued by that date the member will need to complete the new qualification. All qualifications are on the Coast Guard e-Learning Portal at: <http://learning.uscg.mil>. A separate login must be obtained to access this site. DSOs-MS in attendance at N-TRAIN 2010 received copies of all 27 qualifications. Questions regarding this ALCOAST should be directed up your Marine Safety staff chain.

[Posted: Feb 17, 2010. Source: Karel Kester, DVC-PO]

New Division Chief - Navigation Systems It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Frank Hudson as the Division Chief - Navigation Systems (DVC-PN) in the Prevention Department. Please join me in congratulating him on his appointment. [Posted: Feb 17, 2010. Source: Greg Kester, Director - Prevention]

CGAUX produced Boating Safety PSA's featuring Don Shula and Dan Marino are available for download at www.vimeo.com. Type in USCG Auxiliary in the "Search Videos" blank to locate the videos. To download you will need to create a no charge account. Vimeo allows us to upload more videos without tying up bandwidth on CGAUX servers.

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Happy Thursday Coast Guard Auxiliary Members:

My name is Vivian Matuk. I am the Environmental Boating Program Coordinator for both the **California Department of Boating & Waterways and the California Coastal Commission**. I manage the statewide program called the **Boating Clean and Green Program**. One component of this program is the **Dock walker program**. Your organization has been our main partner throughout the State since the year 2000. At the bottom of this email you will find more specific information about our program as well as some of the upcoming northern California Dock walker trainings. We would love to continue to partner with your organization and have your members come to our trainings. Supporting our common missions is very important to keep boating in California clean, safe and fun!

I would appreciate if you could please help me distribute the information below to your colleagues. A couple of ideas include emailing your members and/or announcing the trainings in your Flotilla calendars and newsletters. Due to the current budget, our travel is restricted.

Therefore, we are primarily inviting people to join us at the trainings mentioned below. However, I will be open to talk to you about the possibility of setting up a training in your area.

Hopefully you and your members can join in one of our trainings. If you prefer, I can call you to talk to you in more detail about our program and our partnership benefits.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. **Vivian Matuk** Environmental Boating Program Coordinator California Department of Boating & Waterways California Coastal Commission (415) 904-6905 The **California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program** in partnership with the **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation** will conduct more **Dock walker** trainings this year.

Dock walkers will be trained to engage members of the public and the boating community in adopting clean boating practices. Once training is complete, these volunteers don their official "Dock walker" hats. Dock walkers educate boaters about clean boating practices and distribute educational materials (boater kits) while visiting marinas, launch ramps, marine supply stores, boat shows and special events (regattas, opening days, among others); and while conducting vessel examinations. As you realize, "Dock walker" is only a generic term because you do not

necessarily have to "walk the docks" in order to talk to boaters about safety and clean boating practices. You can educate boaters about clean and safe boating practices while conducting your vessel examinations or as part of your safety classes. *Remember safety and the environment go hand in hand.*

Training is **FREE** and Dock walking is a fantastic way to interact with boaters to help keep California's marinas, waterways, and ocean clean and healthy. The training provides an overview of environmentally sound boating practices, information about how to conduct Dock walking, and educational materials that Dock walkers will distribute including the **2010 boater kits** (http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/images/Boaterkit_08.jpg)

These boater kits include: Reusable Canvas Tote-bag; A Boater's Guide to Keeping Pollutants Out of the Water; 2010 Tide books; Oil Absorbent Pillow to capture oil leaks and drips in the boat bilge; a variety of informative Clean and Safe Boating Resources including the new publication produced by the Boating Clean and Green program, the "Environmental Boating Laws Every Recreational Boater Should Know," the ABC's of Boating Law and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide, *among* others.

In the last five years, more than 500 Dock walkers have distributed over 90,000 boater kits statewide. Hours spent training or educating the public qualifies as community service.

The benefits the Dock walker program will provide to you, your colleagues and the **US Coast Guard Auxiliary** include:

- Supporting your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission efforts

- Sharing resources such as the boater kit (important in these tough economic times), a valuable education and outreach tool to attract boaters' attention and conduct face-to-face boater education.

- Providing you with more resources for vessel examinations, Marine Dealer Visitors program, boat shows and regattas and other public events and presentations

- Offering an additional method to protect our waterways
- The participation in the Dock walker program also counts towards the annual Marine Safety service requirement for the TRIDENT program.

The **Southern CA** Trainings include

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/dockwalkers.html#Trainings>

March 20, 2010 – Dana Point

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Dana West Yacht Club 24601 Dana Drive, Dana Point,
CA. 92629

Partners: the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation,
the City of Newport Beach, Project-Green Works, US
Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Dana West Yacht Club

Flyer:

http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/DWYC_2010_Flyer.pdf

March 27, 2010 – Long Beach

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive South, Long Beach, CA 90802

Partners: the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation,
US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the US Power Squadron,
the Shoreline and the Navy Yacht Clubs, Long Beach.

Flyer:

http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/LB_2010_Flyer.pdf

April 5, 2010 – San Diego

6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m

Bay Club Hotel and Marina (Harbor Room)

2131 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA 92106

Partners: the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation,
US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Bay Club Hotel and Marina.

Flyer:

http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/SD_2010_Flyer.pdf

May 1, 2010 – Los Angeles Cabrillo Marine Aquar-
ium (More Details will be provided later on)

I hope you can join us at a training and become a volun-
teer Dock walker! Please help us to spread the word about
the upcoming trainings.

Please feel free to contact me at (415) 904-6905 or
vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions or to
register.

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