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### ***WORDS FROM THE COMMANDER:***

**LA Light** is the name of the Division 5 Publication. Congratulations to Drew Kelley Flotilla 5-12 for his input. I spend a lot of time on the computer, I will have to admit, I am a computer junkie. I have been hooked for the better part of 40 years and for the life of me I just can't kick the habit. There have been times when I thought of quitting cold turkey, but, when the cold chills and impending doom hit me, it was back to the plastic keyboard and the dark deep tunnel of the Internet. What motivates me to spend most of my free time staring at a one-dimensional screen that has no conscience and fears no one.? I do it because it is like the mountain, it is there.

That stupid blinking cursor is not going to get the best of me, no sir, it is not about to. I do it because of the challenge and also I am motivated to better understand what makes it so hard for those out there who fear it more than I do. The best way I have found to conquer the computer is to open a program and make that stupid cursor work, I click on every possible item in the dropdown, popup and click and drag menu that is available, just to see what makes it work and so far, in the 40 plus years I have been pounding on that key board, I haven't broken one program. No matter what I do that stupid blinking cursor keeps on blinking.

But, I have taught myself many, many different types of programs from graphics to word processors, from spreadsheets to Internet authoring programs.

I mention this computer moment to you, to try and motivate one or two of our members, no matter how old you are, that the computer is a friendly place to visit, it holds more information than all of the Webster dictionaries in the world. I don't care what thought pops into your mind, if you type it in the computer you are going to get an answer.

Our world is changing from a paper hard copy environment, to a soft copy electronic version. Even the way we communicate is drastically changing. "Skype" an Internet based electronic phone system that is quickly becoming the system of choice to hold phone conferencing, will soon replace the home phone for talking to many people at once. Not only can you talk to other members of the Auxiliary, but you can see them at the same time and it is free, not that you would want to look at me too long. You don't even have to have a home based computer to use Skype, it is available on your cell phones and for those of you that have unlimited internet access on your cell phone it is also free, so you can talk on your cell phone as long as your battery lasts, but you still have to put up with that stupid cursor, blink, blink, blink.

Don't be afraid of the computer, it is a very user-friendly environment that has had more than its share of bad publicity. As long as that stupid cursor keeps blinking, you are in the driver seat, don't be afraid to click on those dropdown menus, there are many useful items hiding behind that cursor.

Blink, Blink, Blink Dennis Grinstead DCDR 5

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## **Tony Ashlin , Vice Commander and SO Public Affairs**

- Division Workshops for mandatory training set for 11APR10 *The importance of working with PA was covered in the PE WS*
- Extra VSC Decals issues to flotillas for scheduled pushes
- Division Budget approved last meeting
- Pt. Vicente Lighthouse Open House last month – a success!
- **Flotilla 5-12 FSO-PA Tony Ashlin**  
Using Craig list and news releases to advertise Weekend Navigator generated 15 students
- From Flotilla 5-9 Amanda Cordova FSO-PA
- Finalizing articles and photographs for Whale of a Day articles
- Received travel orders for public affairs c-school in Baltimore
- Members worked as open house volunteers during the second Saturday at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse
- Members Participated in assisting with Filming if CSI New York at Pt Vicente lighthouse
- **From Flotilla 5-11– Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor, FSO-PA Marion Haynes**

Moving forward with a committee to develop and implement strategies to promote and emphasize National Safe Boating Week in the South Bay area. Statistics distributed and rationale for the week given to committee members: H. Bodkin, A. Curran, M. Drouillard, M. Emery, and M. Haynes, chairperson

- Plans to reserve space at Cabrillo Marina, Wal-Mart and/or Del Amo mall for the establishment of a PA booth for information on boating safely and enrollment in PE classes to be conducted by the Flotilla/Division during the weeks prior to and including May 22-28.
- A CME blitz at Cabrillo Marina during the weekend of May 22
- Giving assistance to the Immediate Past Division Commander, Roger Helizon, to complete plans for the Division Awards Brunch 4 qualified/certified instructors at flotilla level
- Growing smaller flotillas by recruiting press releases - getting a positive response.
- Some of the smaller flotillas still missing FSO-PA's
- Using CRAIGSLIST and news releases
- Long Beach Alamitos Bay Boat Auction - RBS Booth 10APR10
- NBSW – Division discussion for event next flotilla meeting

## **Good morning fellow members and friends.**

I just got this email from Brigette at the Interpreter Corps. This is only an FYI for you.

If your flotillas have any interpreters you might want to check with them and see if they got this, as there is some important information.

Brigette also included a link to CUTTER AGENT DOT COM, which I think all members should know about. Last Jan/Feb. The exchange was out of AUX Ball caps owing to inventory and the District store was not set up after the District Conference. I needed to get a new ball cap and had I known about this site I could have gotten one much sooner than I did.

Cutter Agent Dot Com also does custom work for units, which might be something to consider if your unit is planning a special event. They also have ball caps for Vessel Examiners, which I think, is perfect for pushes. They have a nice variety of products on their site.

I ordered a USCG AUX Interpreter ball cap and a zippered hoodie this morning and we will see how long it takes to get here.

Hope you have a super weekend and see you Tuesday, 20 April.

Tony Ashlin, DVCDR - Division 5

## **Dear Friends and Colleagues**

### **1. IC Photo ID Cards**

Many Interpreter Photo ID Cards have already been issues to those that have submitted their photos with red background according to our specifications. If you have already submitted your photo to me, and have not received your ID Card, please be patient because our Branch Chief, Steven Wang is also a volunteer and occasionally travels for his income producing business. He is producing the Interpreter ID card at this own expense (approximately \$ 10.00 per card). Please keep in mind that receiving the new Interpreter Photo ID Card is a privilege and is not mandatory.

**Photo Specifications:** High resolution color portrait picture in uniform without cover/hat with red background. Person must look straight in the camera. Person must be shown from top of head to bottom of breasts pocket. Complete shoulders must be shown. Submit Picture(s) via Email to [bbaumann5@comcast.net](mailto:bbaumann5@comcast.net)

### **2. Navy Times Article**

Page 33 of the 12 APR 2010 issue of the NAVY TIMES features an interesting and very informative article on the USCG Auxiliary Linguists. Click on Link to read the article

[http://icdept.cgaux.org/pdf\\_files/USCG-Aux-Interpreters-Navy-Times-12-APR-2010.pdf](http://icdept.cgaux.org/pdf_files/USCG-Aux-Interpreters-Navy-Times-12-APR-2010.pdf)

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### 3. *Interpreter Competency Certificate*

We have been very busy in communicating with all District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) concerning timely issuance of the Interpreter Competency Certification along with appropriate ribbon and medal. Your DIRAUX will issue the Certificate only upon our request. Such a request will be made only after the Interpreter is shown as "INT" in AUXDATA, which means that the Interpreter has completed our language proficiency test; completed ICS-100 and ICS-700 courses, and has been qualified by this office.

While a good number of our Interpreters have been in the system since the beginning (1997), AUXDATA started recording Interpreters in 2006; the USCG Auxiliary Interpreter Program was approved in April 2009 and the Interpreter Competency Certification started late 2009. This means that a good number of our qualified Interpreters patiently waited since 1997 to receive their Interpreter Certificate of Competency.

### 4. *Interpreter T-Shirt and Ball Cap*

We have been working with the Cutter Agent to make available casual wear T-Shirts and Ball Caps with the award winning new Interpreter Logo and Banner.

- a. Large Logo – modified version of John Kane's design on back of shirt.
- b. Small Banner Logo – Theresa Kasper's design on front of shirt and also on ball cap.

T-Shirts and Ball Caps come in various styles and sizes and may be ordered direct from Cutter Agent <http://www.cutteragent.com/interpreter.html>

### 5. *Interpreter Corps Website*

We have re-located our Official IC website. The New Link is <http://icdept.cgaux.org/> Please add this link to your shortcuts.

We also have an unofficial website on Facebook where you can communicate with fellow Interpreters and post happenings.

[Click Here](#)

**Reminder:** Please send your newsworthy Interpreter activity story direct to our Newsletter Editor – David Patrick [davidpatrick81@gmail.com](mailto:davidpatrick81@gmail.com)

We hope that this update answers some of your concerns.

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## **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION:**

### **NAVIGATION SYSTEMS - Jo Pauloo**

- 30 PATON's are still at hand to be sent out to FSO's that send in requests
- Have received 6 completed PATONs from Flotilla 05-03
- Most members waiting for warmer weather
- Waiting to hear from the FSO's - have report from Flotilla 05-03 with patrol scheduled
- **NS Workshop** to be given by DSO-NS – April 17, 2010, California Yacht Club  
4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
Pre-registration is required  
Point Of Contact – G. Richard Reinhardt  
[grr4kh@juno.com](mailto:grr4kh@juno.com) 310 375-7619  
Food service available in the CYC dining room – cash only- other food service available in the area. Sack lunch is acceptable with outside tables available
- Three more will be held during the year

### **OPERATIONS - Karl McMillan**

- Flotilla 52 – no operational activity so far this year.
- Flotilla 57 – presently only 2 members are current on Coxswain/Crew qualifications. Working on new and re-qualification of other members. No patrols to date.
- Flotilla 53 – completed 20MAR10 Paton patrol on vessel facility Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – completed 28MAR10 Training patrol on vessel facility Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – completed 03APR10 Training patrol on vessel facility Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – completed 09APR10 Training patrol on vessel facility Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – completed 15APR10 Noble Eagle patrol on vessel facility Tin Boat
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 13APR10 Training patrol on vessel facility Merryot
- Flotillas 54 and 5-12 reported some coxswains/crewmembers participated in the first session of S.E.T.S Security Awareness Training. Flotilla 54 also reports that some more of their members will participate in the upcoming session.
- Flotilla 51 – plan to begin Lake Elsinore patrols Memorial Day weekend
- Flotilla 53 – 21APR10 Training patrol on Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – 24APR10 Paton patrol on Mulermeister
- Flotilla 53 – 07MAY10 Noble Eagle Patrol on Tin Boat
- Flotilla 54 – 2 patrols scheduled for APR, hoping to get 4 patrols during MAY

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## **PUBLIC EDUCATION – Gary Norgaard**

- Flotilla 5-13 finished BS&S class with 9 graduates. who will attend the April meeting with a goal of membership.
- Flotilla 54 will finish a full BS&S class with a possibility of 12 graduates. Three students will attend the flotilla meeting with the goal of membership.
- The ABS class at Bass Pro has generated two new members for the Valley flotilla.
- The mandatory workshops were well attended and was a group project. Instructors represented four flotillas. A great example of what can be accomplished when we all work together.
- On Wednesday 5 May 2010 at 1830 Division 5 will offer a PWS-Comms at Peck Park on Western Ave. in San Pedro. This will follow with an OSC-Comms class. The PQS will allow completing members to receive a call sign and participate in the AUX NET.
- Flotilla 5-13 will offer an ABS class in May. Bass Pro is starting advertising now. More info to follow.
- 53 held an ABS class.

## **PROGRAM VISITOR - Mark Oshiro**

- Conducting additional PV visits of existing Partners.
- Searching for new PV Program Partners.
- Working with the SO-MA (Harold Bodkin) to consolidate the Division's PV material orders from the State of California.
- Recruiting and certifying new members and re-certifying REYR members as program visitors.
- FSO-PVs are taking inventory of their PV materials in preparation for the Nat'l Safe Boating Week in May.
- Flotilla 5-9 – Completed 1 PV
- Flotilla PV Officers are not consistently reporting in their monthly activities. Will have each of the Flotilla Commanders follow-ups on their progress.
- Shortage of PV materials. (Requested anyone no longer performing PV visits but, holding onto cases of PV materials to turn them into their FSO-PV for distribution)
- Updating the National RBS Visitation Program Master Partners List by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Assist in the qualification process of new Program Visitors.
- Look for alternative sources of PV brochures and other materials.
- Flotilla 5-12 will be conducting a PV push on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Div. 5 Staff Officers at meeting 4/20/10**

## ***NEWS FROM THE FLOTILLAS:***

### **FLOTILLA 52 – Kenneth Edwards, FC**

- At our Flotilla meeting on 19 February, the primary focus was on the Revised Flotilla Standing Rules.
- Vessel Examinations and RBS Visits have been completed.
- Continued work on the upcoming Division 13 Awards Luncheon 20 March.
- Improve member attendance at the monthly flotilla meetings.

### **FLOTILLA 53 –Donn Kirby, FC**

- Workshops completed for IT, OPS and VE with more scheduled to those still needing it.
- One member completed qualifications for PV
- One member completed qualification for instructor
- AP member passed security check and is now IQ status
- One facility participated in Div 2 OPTREX
- VE's completed in Long Beach and San Pedro
- Three training patrols completed VE day at Davies Launch Ramp Peter's Landing Marine Swap Meet
- Fullerton Air Show
- Baker to Vegas run

### **FLOTILLA 54 – Everett Harper, FC**

- Three potential new members in process,
- Two potential transfers attending Flotilla meetings,
- Mentors for new members.
- Participated in Baker-to-Vegas challenge race supporting the Coast Guard runners.
- Hosted and conducted "Workshop Extravaganza" for Mandatory workshops.
- Instructors in BS&S class at Cabrillo Marina.
- Three active boat facilities conducting regular patrols, one to become active soon.
- One active radio facility.

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- Listed as VE contact for Cabrillo and Wilmington Marinas.
- Too many members currently not active or marginally active.
- Increase participation by members as VE's, Instructor Aides, and PAtoN verifiers.
- Institute PA booths at VE pushes.
- Obtain key to Cabrillo Marina to allow VE's to walk the docks.

### **FLOTILLA 57 – John Kinner, FC**

- Discussion of proper wear of CG Aux Uniform, tucked ODU's may be worn until 2012.
- New AUX Manual will be on the national web site only.
- Prospective member welcomed.
- Flotilla 5-7 will commence Operations activities starting this Friday, 23 April with patrols on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Still trying to get REYR members up to speed in Operations.
- Flotilla 5-7 will be conducting a VE Blitz for Safe Boating Week
- Flotilla 5-7 will man the PA Booth at Del Amo Mall on Armed Forces Weekend and will have an entry in the parade on Saturday. The Coast Guard is the recognized service this year so we should try to have a good turnout for the weekend.
- TCT Workshop presented.

### **FLOTILLA 58 – Brian Regalbuto, FC**

- First Presbyterian Church of Downey has approved us holding 5 ABS classes on the following dates:
  - 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 7 Aug, and 11 Sept.
- Location – 101544 Downey Ave. , Downey
- In May the City of La Mirada will have a Safety Boating Proclamation.
- Two members attended the Cal Boating & Costal Commision Dockwalker Program.
- There was a quarum at the March meeting.
- We have a new AP member – Michael Roedl.
- We did the first half of the TCT Workshop.
- Members are dissapointed that at our outdoor Public Affairs events they can no longer wear Toroidal Blue with their ribbons. The ribbons help to recruit new members. Also ribbons are our pay, if we cannot wear tropical blue then we don't get to spend our pay.



**DICK CROWELL – (13-8) 5-11,  
an Auxiliarist from 1972-2009**

### **FLOTILLA 5 –12 Ed Green, FC**

- New VE's certified and new Boat Crew members qualified.
- Increasing the number of instructors in our Flotilla to offer more courses.
- VE, Courses taught.
- No major issues since additional decals for VE have been received and distributed.
- Increased number of fellowship events



**Div. 5 FC's at Meeting 4/20/10**



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## **WHAT'S NEW FROM DISTRICT:**

**Incident Command System Classes will be offered on these dates and at these locations:**

### **CLASS: ISC-210 Initial Incident Commander**

**DATE:** Sunday 25 April 201

**LOCATION:** **Base Support Unit San Pedro, Bldg. 32 (Lighthouse Room)**  
1001 Seaside Ave.  
San Pedro, CA 90731

**TIME:** 10:00 am

**UNIFORM:** Civilian Attire

**REGISTRATION:** Students must register by email in advance no later than 21 APR 10. Class size is limited to 25 students.

**CONTACT:** Barbara De Cuir P: 310-375-8049  
[barbarajdecur@earthlink.net](mailto:barbarajdecur@earthlink.net)

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION: ISC-210 Initial Incident Commander**

ICS210 Initial Incident Commander is designed for Single Resource Leader/Type 5 and Type 4 Incident Commanders. This 5.5 hour course consists of an overview of the ICS principles and protocols applicable to small incident management. This course specifically focuses on initial incident assessment, initial incident management (includes assuming command, organization, and execution), the development and use of the ICS-201-CG Incident Briefing Form and ICS-201-CG Work Assignment Form. Prerequisite is ICS-100 and ICS-200.

As per ALAUX 002/07 this course or the full ICS-300 course is required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots (Aircraft Commander, First Pilot and Co-Pilot), any member in the Trident Program or any other team/task force leader determined by a Coast Guard unit Commander to have a need.

This class is **NOT** required for elected or appointed Auxiliary officers.

Jon E. De Cuir, P.E

## **MEMORIAL MARKER CEREMONY**

**1 MAY 2010 AT ISC, SAN PEDRO 10AM**



Come and honor those Auxiliarists that have "Crossed Over the Bar" in the past year. Please invite family members to come and speak for their loved ones.

Lunch after will be \$5.00 per person and Don Vary will be cooking. Uniform will be Tropical Blue with Combination cap

**Let's make this a memorable occasion.**

## **From Commodore Mike Johnson**

**Professionalism, Balance and Judgment** - we need to remain steadfast to these concepts

- Modernization has been completed - it is now up to each of you to ensure that the resources of these new Divisions are fully utilized.
- Use your DCAPTs to help you achieve your goals - they are ready to help you.
- Increase our membership to 1900 by 1 January 2011 - this is a modest request for a net 100 gain.
- Place a higher emphasis on Prevention, rather than Response - Inland is where the accidents, injuries and deaths are occurring -we need more patrols on the California lakes and the Colorado River System, with a special emphasis on Lake Powell.
- Begin to shift our planning focus Inland, rather than Coastal - our Divisions and Flotillas need to develop tactical plans [how are we going to do it] to make that happen.

Keep crew training training at a high level - Semper

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Paratus - always prepared.

- Completed the mandated workshops - PE, OP, VE and PV.
- Achieve the District Goals of 10,000 hours of MOM/Safety Patrols, 10,000 VSCs, 6000 PVs, and 800 PE class sessions.
- Become aware of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide Gas.
- Support the efforts of the Past Commander's Association in developing a two-day training and tactics leadership workshop.
- Ensure that members properly wear their uniforms - properly counsel those who need a reminder - document each session.
- Increase the number of Vessel Examiners, RBS Program Visitors, and Instructors.  
Provide logistical support for inland RBS and Response activities.
- Use good judgment and be safe in all activities - use the GAR Model before and during each evolution.
- Show the Flag - our presence is a deterrent.  
Report your time on the 7030 and the new 7029.
- Extend our recruiting activities to areas of our AOR that will assist us in diversifying the membership of our organization - work toward achieving the NACO Three Star Diversity Award.
- Remember that PREVENTION - BEATS - RESPONSE IN SAVING LIVES!

**Professionalism, Balance and Judgment** [PB&J]- Use good judgment, find balance in your lives, continue to act and look professional. [Shown twice for emphasis.]  
Let's all work together to make these thoughts a reality.

**Job Aids for Publications Officers (PB)**, including the *2010 District 11SR Publications Guide*, and the current District 11SR *Publications Approval Procedures*, have been posted under [District Publications](#), on this site: [www:D11s.org](http://www.D11s.org). **What's New** [Posted: 22 Mar 10]

### DSO – IS – Ken Edwards

1. Improving reporting system consistent with Commodore's Goals
2. Continuing to input data for Division 10 due their SO-IS James Franklin being unable to do so as a result of a physical setback. Data is being input as received and as of this writing there is no backlog. I do understand Mr. Franklin is well on the road to recovery and the IS Staff wishes his a speedy recovery.
3. With the implementation of the new 7029H form being placed into production by National on January 4, 2010, some members are experiencing difficulties in reporting their hours correctly. Some members are using only Page 1 of the form, which shows the monthly total in each of the five categories, which causes some concern on just how the hours were really earned. Some members

are completing the Optional Form Page 2, showing a line by line entry of the daily activity in each of the five categories, then moving the totals of each category to the proper blocks on page one, thereby eliminating all doubt on how the hours were derived. Some members are simply duplicating the form with Page 1 and 2 printed back to back so they only have one piece of paper to deal with, good idea. This last method, in my opinion, is by far the best way to report activities using the new 7029H form

4. The IS Department needs a District Policy established covering Timely Data Submittal

- Instructor's materials for all 2010 required workshops**, with due dates, have been posted on the [Member Training Web page](#). Included are Team Coordination Training (TCT), Vessel Examiner Workshop, Public Education/Instructor Workshop, and Program Visitor Workshop. The Operations Workshop, previously posted, is also now available on the Member Training Web page. [ Posted: 2 Apr 10]
- ❖ **Team Coordination Training (TCT) Annual Refresher (Due by 31 Dec 2010)**
  - ❖ **Vessel Examiner (VE) Workshop (11SR Version) (Due by 1 Jul 2010)**
  - ❖ **Public Education/Instructor (PE) Workshop (11SR Version) (Due by 1 Jul 2010)**
  - ❖ **Program Visitor (PV) Workshop (Due by 1 Jul 2010)**
  - ❖ **Operations (OP) Workshop (Due by 15 July 2010)**

### DSO-VE - Ralph Casale

We have posted a new virtual VSC to the public web site, [www.safetyseal.net](http://www.safetyseal.net). It is primarily intend for use by the public but might be of value to some e-learner VE students. Click on the virtual VSC link and follow the instructions. Please note that it ONLY covers federal requirements and does not cover OPFAC inspections!

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### WHAT'S NEW FROM NATIONAL:



**Post 'em by Harriet Howard, Special Assistant for National Safe Boating Week**  
Plans have been made, committees are active, supplies

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have been ordered and sites have been reserved. Now is the time for our Public Affairs Officers to post their NSBW events on the **safe boating campaign** website: [www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com). (Click on "Events".)

Here's an opportunity to let the boating community know how the Auxiliary will celebrate its biggest PA event, National Safe Boating Week, May 22-28. Many of our events, such as PA Exhibits at the marinas and malls will bring out local recreational boaters. Major events will draw hundreds to thousands of visitors from many areas. Take advantage of the free publicity offered by the campaign website and post your own district's events.

A reminder: Please send Harriet Howard your photos and brief articles about your 2010 NSBW events at [harriethoward@speakeasy.net](mailto:harriethoward@speakeasy.net) by June 10th for consideration for inclusion in the NSBW issue of Navigator. [Posted: Mar 29, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

## Let's Talk Safe Boating

By Harriet Howard Special Assistant for NSBW

In preparation for National Safe Boating Week, May 22-28, we've ordered posters, pamphlets, decals and brochures about safe boating practices, to be handed out to the visitors at our Public Affairs Exhibits and Vessel Exam Stations. We're also prepared to talk to the boating public, listening to their concerns and answering their questions.

NSBW is the Auxiliary's special time to talk safety on the water, with an emphasis on life jacket wear, pointing out that 90% of all boating accident victims who drowned were not wearing a life jacket. We'll discuss the importance of taking a boating safety class and that there are classes for all types of recreational vessels- sail, power, paddlecraft and personal watercraft. (A class list should be available for sign-ups.) Copies of the texts, marked "Display Copy," should be handy. Knowing that recreational vessels should be inspected for safety requirements, we'll encourage boaters to get a vessel safety check by a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examiner. Citing Coast Guard statistics that alcohol use is the number one contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in the U.S., we'll urge the public to boat sober.

NSBW is only a month away, but our Public Affairs Officers and Vessel Examiners are always ready to talk boating safety.

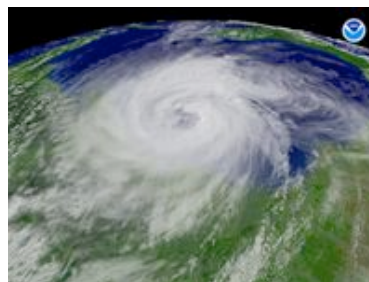
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## LATEST ISSUE OF BEACON

The most recent issue of BEACON is now available for viewing. Click here to view [SPRING BEACON](#) [Posted: Mar 17, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director, CGAuxA]

## Prevention Department Website has moved

The Prevention Department website, which serves both the Marine Safety and Navigation Systems programs, has moved. The new URL is <http://pdept.cgaux.org>. Please update your links. [Posted: Mar 17, 2010. Source: Karel Kester, DVC-PO]



## "Extreme Season" of Hurricanes Forecast for 2010, Requiring Storm Preparations by Boaters and Marina

**Operators** AccuWeather is predicting an "extreme season" of hurricanes for 2010, with the possibility of 18 named storms, a 100% increase over last year. Damage to boats and marinas can be minimized or avoided completely, but only if smart storm preparations are made well in advance. Two helpful guides are available either at [www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes](http://www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes) or by calling BoatU.S. at 703-823-9550 ext. 3525. One is a 12-page Boater's Guide to Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes. This includes explanations of the types of damage caused by surge, wind, rainfall, and tornadoes, and presents best options for securing boats, whether they can be hauled out or need to be left in the water at docks, moorings, or in "hurricane holes." Numerous tips are provided to minimize storm damage, regardless where the boat is. [Posted: Mar 19, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

## Changes from the National Hurricane Center

Effective May 15, the National Hurricane Center will implement important changes in some of its text and graphical products. [Click on this link to go to the Response IM News page for full details.](#) [Posted: Mar 31, 2010. Source: Bruce Pugh DVC-RE]

## Active Duty and Auxiliary Team Recognized

It was a quiet day with calm seas and little wind. Then a Coast Guard Station received a call that a boater had become ill and was unable to continue his voyage. The Station immediately diverted their 25' boat and requested assistance from the Auxiliary vessel patrolling locally. The initial assessment was carbon monoxide poisoning.

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A successful evacuation took place. Read about this combined effort, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Mar 22, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **AUXSEA Course Offline Due to Coding Error**

The AUXSEA AUXOP Test has been taken offline due to some coding issues. We do not expect to have it working again until Friday March 26 or March 27 at the earliest. We are sorry for the inconvenience. [Posted: Mar 23, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

### **Cigarette Litter Prevention at Marinas**

Discarded cigarette filters not only create an unsightly mess and end up in waterways, but because they are actually plastic they can remain harmful to fish and other wildlife for decades. Marinas can tackle this litter problem through a partnership between Keep America Beautiful and the BoatU.S. Foundation. Last year Keep America Beautiful provided 30 marinas with cash grants to purchase cigarette ash receptacles and a supply of portable ashtrays for use on boats. These marinas were asked to install the receptacles, distribute the portable ashtrays, and educate their customers about the importance of proper disposal. As a result, these participating marinas saw an average reduction in cigarette litter of 70 percent. A total of 50 marinas are needed for 2010, and all they need to do to be considered for a cash grant for ash receptacles and ashtrays is complete a 20-question survey by April 16 [at this site](#). [Posted: Mar 24, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

### **INTERCHANGE E-newsletter**

The Human Resource Department is planning on publishing the INTERCHANGE E-newsletter for mid April. Any articles membership oriented should be sent to Jeff Demers at email [seawolf571@verizon.net](mailto:seawolf571@verizon.net). The newsletter focus is to provide new member information along with information on the divisions within the "H" Dept, Academy, Uniform, Diversity, Recruitment and Retention and programs within the Development Division such as ombudsman and university. [Posted: Mar 24, 2010. Source: JOSEPH G. O'LEARY]

### **New State Liaison Officer PowerPoint Available.**

The RBS Affairs Department is pleased to announce that a new PowerPoint presentation that explains the State Liaison Officer (SLO) program is now available. This presentation is keyed to the recently re-written "State Liaison Guide" and explains how your state's SLO can be an important force for enhancing recreational boating safety efforts on a statewide basis. The PowerPoint, as well as handout and teaching scripts are available for download on the B Department website [here](#). [Posted: Mar 25, 2010. Source: Pauline Longnecker, DVC-BS]

### **AUXOP TESTS and National Testing Center**

#### **UPDATE: AUXSEA AUXOP**

Test is now back online. Overnight we have had reports of AUXSEA, AUXWEA, and APC test having crashing issues. These have all been corrected and NTC is now back online with all issues resolved. We are sorry for the inconvenience. [Posted: Mar 26, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T] [Posted: Mar 26, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

### **Auxiliary Office of Strategic Analysis website updated with NTRAIN 2010 materials**

At NTRAIN 2010, Auxiliary leaders participated in a strategy session led by CDR Joe DuFresne of the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Strategic Analysis (CG-0951). The [slide deck](#) and [report](#) from that session are now up. [Posted: Mar 28, 2010. Source: L. Merryman, ANACO-SA-d]

### **Sue loves a parade**

A lighthearted look at the efforts of one Auxiliarist as she adds a twist to her town's traditional St. Patrick's Day parade. She has created a tradition that now includes many Auxiliarists from her Division. Read about her efforts, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Mar 29, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

**To: ALAUX**

**From: CHDIRAUX**

**Subj: SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN AND CONTEST -016/10**

1. The Coast Guard is its annual Spotlight on Leadership Campaign and Contest this year in April. This campaign, offers a unique opportunity for us to highlight the importance of leadership and professional development and to recognize best practices within the Coast Guard. Please read more about it in ALCOAST message 154/10 posted at [http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/154-10\\_alcoast.txt](http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/154-10_alcoast.txt)



A new Video Promo Video for NACON 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ is available at: <http://vimeo.com/10678666> This video and other CGAUX videos can be downloaded if you sign up for a no charge account with [vimeo.com](http://vimeo.com)  
Tom Nunes  
Deputy Director Public Affairs, U.S. C. G. Auxiliary

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### **Alaska detachment premiers radio segment**

As an Auxiliarist, I didn't expect to get to say, "Let's put on a show!" The chance came up while working in the public affairs office at the Coast Guard Station in Kodiak, Alaska. The supervisor of the Public Affairs department, kindly allowed me to use their space a few days a week for my Auxiliary public affairs and publications duties. This relationship between the active duty and Auxiliary has proved to be beneficial for both. Read about this exciting activity, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Apr 6, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **C-School Openings!**

We have some seats still open for 3 C Schools: 1. Aux-04 June class at CGA - 1 seat - orders must be requested next week 2. AUXSCE June class in Phoenix - 14 seats left - orders must be requested April 26th 3. Aux-18 Spa D in Pensacola - 18 seats left - orders must be requested May 3rd. All these classes have eligibility criteria so please make sure you meet all of the requirements prior to registering them in DA. If uncertain check with your DSO-MT for guidance. [Posted: Apr 8, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

### **ALCOAST 179/10**

#### **COMDTNOTE 5728**

#### **SUBJ: Public Affairs Standardization Update – Coast Guard Stylebook**

1. This ALCOAST announces the promulgation of the Coast Guard Public Affairs Stylebook and establishes quality standards for Public Affairs Office products. This is part of the effort to standardize Public Affairs work processes throughout the Coast Guard
2. The Coast Guard Public Affairs Stylebook provides standards for issuing news, photo and multi-media releases, and provides clear processes for adding content to the Coast Guard visual information library (CGVI). The Stylebook also provides guidance for photo captions of Coast Guard imagery and requirements for identifying information for Coast Guard video.
3. The Coast Guard Public Affairs Stylebook can be found on the CG Portal at; <https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotos/muquicker/cg-public-affairs-standardization-portal> No hardcopy of the guide will be distributed.
4. The Coast Guard Public Affairs Standardization team continues to work on products in media relations, administration, community relations, social media, training and operations, as initiatives complete beta testing and review, they will be announced through future Alcoasts.
5. Guidance contained in this Alcoast shall be incorporated in the next change to the Public Affairs Manual.
6. CCOMMANDANT (CG-0922) has gone to great

lengths to make the Standardization process as collaborative as possible. We seek feedback on Standardization initiatives and appreciate constructive ideas for improvement. MY POC for Standardization issues is CWO Adam Wine, (202) 372-4638 or [adam.m.wine@uscg.mil](mailto:adam.m.wine@uscg.mil)  
7. RDML K. L. Schultz, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs sends.

Tom Nunes. Deputy Director Public Affairs

### **E15 Decision Coming Soon**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will decide this summer whether to allow the percentage of ethanol in the nation's gasoline supply to jump from 10% (E10) to 15% (E15). The U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety has raised concerns about higher levels of ethanol and the lack of sufficient testing. Ethanol, a strong solvent, can accelerate the deterioration of fuel system components. The nonpartisan Congressional Research Service (CRS) is also concerned, as it is not clear whether existing fuel distribution systems can tolerate gasoline blends higher than E10. Compounding the problem is the fact that the actual percentage of ethanol in E10 varies from seven to 13 percent, and a similar range of fluctuations would likely exist for E15, meaning that the 15% limit could be exceeded. Boaters and operators of fueling marinas who wish to obtain more information about the effects of ethanol blends can search the internet sites of the [Alliance for a Safe Alternative Fuels Environment](#), [BoatUS](#), and [FollowTheScience.org](#). [Posted: Apr 12, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

### **Help Set an Inflatable Life Jacket World Record!**

The [North American Safe Boating Campaign](#) and [Canadian Safe Boating Council](#) are teaming up to set a world record! We are encouraging boaters; boating safety educators and anyone else who would like to join in on the fun to participate in "Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day." Participants from across North America will simultaneously inflate an inflatable life jacket to set an unprecedented world record. The inaugural event will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. EDT / 8:00 a.m. PDT. World Record Day will help to usher in National Safe Boating Week, this year May 22 – 28, 2010. The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to educate and inform the boating public about boating safety, specifically life jackets. The push for inflatable life jackets has been the main focus of the campaign for the past few years. If you'd like to participate or organize a local event of your own, please visit the [newly created website](#). [Posted: Apr 13, 2010. Source: William Griswold, BC-BLN]

### **Auxiliarist uses communication skills during Haiti assist.**

Auxiliarist Ron Tomo is a unique individual. By day, Tomo serves as Chief Information Officer for a level-I Trauma Center by night he is a ham radio operator, a **11/**

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member of MARS and an Auxiliarist. He just recently returned from a weeklong stay in Haiti where he set up an Army volunteer radio station and a VHF radio network. These systems allowed medical groups to communicate, using the Army radio system to send e-mail and voice communications back to the States. Read about Ron's background and how he was able to put those skills to work in Haiti, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Apr 17, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Did you know that it's [National Volunteer Week](#)?**

Tom Nunes. Deputy Director Public Affairs

**To: ALAUX**

**From: CHDIRAUX**

**Subj: POMS Problem Management Procedures - 016/10**

1. This is an important reminder and reiteration of ALAUX 019/09 of the requirements and specifications on how to handle and track problems regarding POMS. This is a Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) requirement

that mandates complete compliance. Direct calls or e-mails to Statronics, FINCEN, and Coast Guard Headquarters to resolve problems with POMS without the proper Problem Management ticket number will not be accepted.

2. If you need assistance with POMS, submit a description of the problem, concern and/or suggestion via the Problem Management function of POMS in accordance with ALAUX 019/09. You will receive a Problem Management ticket number. This ticket number is a Coast Guard requirement that properly tracks requests for assistance and later evaluation. If you cannot access POMS or the Problem Management function of POMS, report your problem, concern and/or suggestion to your Local POMS Administration Team. If the problem can't be resolved at the lowest level then, and only then, the issue will be forwarded to the next level by your local POMS Administration Team, always referencing the problem management ticket number and all correspondence. Your POMS Administration Team can be identified through your Operations Chain of Leadership.

### **NO Fit to Float Promotion Scheduled This Year**

Bass Pro Shops (BPS) and Stearns are not sponsoring a Fit to Float promotion in 2010. Bass Pro Shops has a Go Outdoors promotion from 22 – 31 May that may afford opportunities for Auxiliary exhibits or boating safety seminars. If a flotilla elects to partner with their local BPS store (or any of our other boating safety partner) to present a seminar, request the Auxiliary Boating Safety Basics presentation (posted on the A and B Department web sites) be used. [Posted: Apr 21, 2010. Source: Stu Soffer, National Marketing Group]

### **Boating Safety Basics Power Point Presentation Now Available for Download**

National Marketing Group in cooperation with Vessel Examination and RBS Program Visitation Department (V) has developed a short but comprehensive Boating Safety Basics Power Point presentation for use as a boating safety presentation or seminar. The presentation covers the Four Principals of Safe Boating and follows the VSC check list. It is posted on the Public Affairs Department (A) web site at:

[http://auxpa.org/resources/Boating\\_Safety\\_Basics.ppt](http://auxpa.org/resources/Boating_Safety_Basics.ppt)

and in Adobe format at

[http://auxpa.org/resources/Boating\\_Safety\\_Basics.pdf](http://auxpa.org/resources/Boating_Safety_Basics.pdf).

It is also posted on the Recreational Boating Safety Affairs (B) web site at:

<http://www.auxbdept.org/peveresources.php> [Posted: Apr 21, 2010. Source: Stu Soffer, National Marketing Group]

### **Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Attempt Update.**

According to the National Marketing Group's Inflatable Life Jacket Basics article, there are three ways to inflate an inflatable life jacket (automatically, manually and orally). The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) has confirmed that oral inflation of an inflatable life jacket will be acceptable for world record attempt purposes. Oral inflation will also preclude the need for expending CO2 cartridges or even a hydrostatic mechanism. Strongly encourage participants ensure they are in sync in their time zone with the designated inflation time which 1100 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Thursday 20 May. District/Division/Flotilla participation in World Record Day will help to usher in National Safe Boating Week which is May 22 – 28. It is also a good media opportunity. Learn more about the world record attempt at:

<http://www.readysetinflate.com/> [Posted: Apr 20, 2010. Source: Stu Soffer, National Marketing Group Life Jacket]

**To: ALAUX**

**From: CHDIRAUX**

**Subj: COAST GUARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER (LDC) ONLINE SURVEY -018/10**

1. The following invitation is extended by Captain Bill Kelly (USCG, Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Development Center) to all Auxiliarists to participate in an online survey. The survey expires on Sunday, 25 April. Your consideration and involvement are appreciated.

**Fellow Leaders of Character,**

On behalf of the Leadership Development Center (LDC), I respectfully request your input.

As the Coast Guard continues to evolve and as we move into the next decade in our great service to our Nation, the LDC is interested in your thoughts on how members

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of our organization view themselves. We have asked students of the Coast Guard's Chief Petty Officers Academy to develop a list of terms that they believe answers the question:

**"Every member of the U.S. Coast Guard is a \_\_\_\_\_."**

You will be asked to select the three terms from the list that you believe best describe our identity as a Service or you'll be provided the option to include your own answer. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes and we appreciate your time and consideration. All responses will remain anonymous.

Survey:

<https://surveys.uscg.mil/Community/se.ashx?s=6F20F7740066B447>

Questions or comments can be directed to:

CAPT Bill Kelly, Director, Leadership Development Center U.S. Coast Guard Academy e-mail:

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## ***SHEPHERDS OF THE SEA***

The Seaman asked the Senior Chief who stood tall and imposing...

"Senior Chief, who are those people dressed up like us I am supposing?"

**"Why they are the Auxiliary, you best treat them well, because they'll be at your side through heaven and hell."**

The Seaman then asked, "How much do they get paid?" Senior Chief laughed,

**"They do it for no pay, but for love of the trade."**

"So why do they do it?" asked the seaman, "I don't understand."

**"Because to them young seaman, they are your biggest fans."**

"But why a simple guy like me, I ain't done nothing?"

**"You're in the Coast Guard," said the Senior, "To them that means something."**

"It must be the missions; it can't just be about me."

**"Yes it's about the mission, but you're also their family."**

"They're pretty amazing, these people of the Auxiliary."  
"But come on, what's in it for them, I really don't see?"

**"Look with your heart seaman and not with your eyes."**

**"These are men and women making an incredible sacrifice."**

The Senior Chief paused and let the Seaman ponder, then he talked some more about the people out yonder.

**"They do it from their own hearts and their love of loyalty."**

**"It reminds me of the story of one who sacrificed all for humanity."**

**"Like Him they serve us and others so unselfishly, "It's why you and I need to call them...."**

**The Shepherds of the Sea."**

Dedicated to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in loving memory of Auxiliarist Tom Murray, USCG Atlantic Strike Team.

**By Captain Roger R. Laferriere,  
Commander Sector LA/LB**

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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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**18 MAY 2010**

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