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FROM THE COMMANDER:



Dennis Grinstead, DCDR., & Tony Ashlin, DVCDR.

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER – Tony Ashlin

Current progress

- Good flow of reports up and down the chain of leadership and Management from Div 5 SO's

Accomplishments in your Division

- New SO-MT – Kim Armstrong to replace John Kinner

Program performance

- RBSW events throughout the Division

Future plans and milestones

- Plan to open discussion at the Division Meeting regarding the need of an OP TREX

FROM THE DIVISION:



A. Curran, SO-SR; Past Commodore C. Long; K. McMillin, SO OPS; K. Armstrong, SO MT; F. Galloway, SO MS; Jo Paulo, SO, NS



K. Armstrong, SO MT; G. Norgaard, SO PE; M. Oshiro, SO PV; H. Bodkin, SO MA; D. Nelson, SO FN

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – Ken Edwards

Current progress

- Current plans are to improve the mission data input cycle to a more timely activity so that members can be properly rewarded for their mission activities. If you have any members in your Flotillas that do not submit their data in a timely manner, please contact them to determine cause for non-submittal and advise me of the outcome.

Problems encountered

- Headquarters recently placed the e-mail version of the 7029H form on Beta Testing. Some members, Nation Wide were selected to become Beta Testers, Headquarters made this decision, not the DSO-IS. The Beta Testers are to forward any comments and/or suggestions resolved as a result of the Beta Testing to Headquarters (or where ever they have designated it to go).

Assistance required from the Coast Guard

- Assistance from the DEXCOM to create a District Policy on Timely Data Submittal and not wait until the end of the Fiscal Year to consider that action. The longer we wait, the more problems we will have come September and October..

MATERIALS – Harold Bodkin

Current progress:

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

Accomplishments in Flotillas:

- FSO MA's have been ordering required materials.

Problems encountered:

- The District Materials center will be packed and moved to Phoenix to support NACON. As a result, the Anaheim location will close on 17 August and re-open on Saturday, 4 September. The last shopping day will be Monday 16 August.

- CAL Boating has not shipped any of our materials. The Director of Publications has been contacted and is researching the issue.

MEMBER TRAINING - Kim Armstrong

Current progress:

Goals:

- Armstrong complete Instructor PQS (in work)
- Replace John Kinner, SO-MT – completed
- Division 5 to conduct mandatory training workshops held April 11 and hopefully a majority who required the training attended.

Accomplishments

Flotilla 5-3 Revision #0: at 2:15 PM, June 3, 2010

Abbreviations: dates to be determined (TBD); planned (P); scheduled (S); actual (A): Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

MT activities in May 2010 (Actual)

- o May 18, 2010 (A), Two boat QE session at Newport Harbor
- o May 24, 2010 (A), Two boat QE session at Huntington Harbor
- o May 24, 2010 (A) @ flotilla meeting, MT by J Olson & P Busher - Predicted Log Race

MT activities in June 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Jun, 2010 (P) TCT & OPS follow-up workshops, for operational personnel missing previous workshops
- o Jun 26, 2010 (P) Two boat QE patrol with Jim Klausman's boat
- o Jun 26, 2010 (P) Predicted Log Race season opens
- o Jun 28, 2010 (S) flotilla meeting at Eric Muller's home, MT TBD

MT activities in July 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Jul 26, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT by Harry Jacobs, "State of the District"

MT activities in August 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Aug 18, 2010 (P) TCT follow-up @ Kirby's
- o Aug 23, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT by PB, Latitude by noon sun shot.

MT activities in Sept 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Sept 25, 2010 (P) Predicted Log Race season closes
- o Sep 27, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT by J Olson - Predicted log race evaluation and award.

MT activities in Oct 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Oct 16, 2010 (P) Saturday Flair Shootout SPCO=D Kirby, FC coordinates w/ OTO
- No location determined as yet, no requirements from OTO as yet.
- o Oct 25, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT by PB, buoyancy and stability

MT activities in Nov 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Nov 22, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT TBD

MT activities in Dec 2010 (Planned or Scheduled)

- o Dec TBD, 2010 (P) @ flotilla meeting, MT TBD
- L. Paul Busher, FSO-MT Flotilla 5/3

Other reports pending.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION – Gary Norgaard

Current progress

- In review of the GAR submitted by our commodore we are a little behind of national performance. This month, as others, I only received one report on Public Education. Flotilla 5-3 currently is not teaching any classes and have none planned. Flotilla 5-13 finished an ABS class in Rancho Cucamonga. 5-13 has a navigation class the end of June.

Accomplishments in Flotilla

- Encouraging our new members to start their preparation to become instructors. At the same time looking forward to Boat Crew.

Problems encountered

- As always getting information from flotillas. FCs may request sending reports through the FC.

Future plans and milestones

- Working with FCs & FSO-PEs to establish a plan to impart the necessity of Public Education for the survival of the flotillas in the division. Public Education being, if not the most important aspect of RBS, important to the operation of small craft to reduce accidents and fatalities on the water. A major aspect of our mission to save lives and support the civil missions of the Coast Guard.

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS – Jo Pauloo

Current progress

- 8 PATON's are still at hand to be sent out to FSO's that send in requests

Accomplishments in your Division

- Have handed out 79 PATONs with 22 to be completed

Future plans and milestones

- Have no NS Workshops scheduled at this time POC – Everett Harper echarper@gmail.com or G.R. Reinhardt grr4kh@juno.com
- **Richard Reinhardt will present two (2) Navigation Workshops - August 7, 2010 and November 6, 2010.**

OPERATIONS – Karl McMillan

Current progress:

Flotillas reporting members needing 3-year requalification this year:

- Flotilla 5-3: 2
- Flotilla 5-4: 3 coxswain & 2 crew
- Flotilla 5-7: Have coxswains & crewmembers either REYR or needing re-qual this year. Would like another OPFAC to work with on training.
- Flotilla 5-10: 1 REYR and 1 needing 3 yr re-quall (& 1 hr TCT refresher). Several crewmembers still needing patrol hours before end of year.
- Don Vary has offered his OPFAC to assist with a possible Division 5 OPTREX.

- Division 6 will be starting a boat crew class on 20 JUN. There were still 2 spots available as of 12 JUN. Contact Don Vary.

Accomplishments in your Division

- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 18MAY10 Training patrol on vessel facility Tin Boat
- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 24MAY10 Training patrol on vessel facility Tin Boat
- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 10JUN10 Noble Eagle patrol on vessel facility Tin Boat
- Flotilla 5-7 – completed 4 patrols during April and May
- Flotilla 5-10 – 2 flotilla members have been participating in weekly Noble Eagle patrols on Joe Nebelsky's facility.
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 06JUN10 Safety patrol on vessel facility Merryot

Program performance

- 1 member of Flotilla 5-3 has already completed 3 year crew re-qualification
- S.E.T.S. Security training – 3 members from 5-3, 1 from 5-10 and 3 from 5-12 have completed the training.

Problems encountered Flotilla

- 5-7 reported problems with POMS being down during the week of 07JUN.

Future plans and milestones

Scheduled Patrols

- Flotilla 53 – 26JUN10 Training patrol on Tin Boat
- Flotilla 53 – 08JUL10 Noble Eagle Patrol on Tin Boat
- Flotilla 54 – 17&18JUN10 Training patrols with Active Duty on Finally Us
- Flotilla 5-7 – Anticipates conducting weekly patrols in future

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Tony Ashlin

Current Plans:

- Getting the word out
- Generating recruitment ads on Craig list

Accomplishments in your Division

- Flotilla 5-13 advertising brought in 3 WN students
- Flotilla 5-12 advertising brought in 6 SSS students (one from San Diego)

Future plans and milestones

- Working on ideas to build media partners for the division

PROGRAM VISITOR - Mark Oshiro

Current progress:

- Conducting additional PV visits of existing Partners.
- Searching for new PV Program Partners.
- Recruiting and certifying new members as program visitors.

Accomplishments in your Division

- Flotilla 5-9 – Completed 9 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-10 – Completed 6 Program Visits

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- Flotilla 5-12 – Completed 1 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-13 – Completed 23 Program Visits

Problems encountered:

- 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)

Future plans and milestones:

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



SO's being sworn into office by Past Commodore C. Long

FROM THE FLOTILLAS:

Flotilla 52 – Ken Edwards, FC

Accomplishments:

The Torrance Armed Forces Day Activities completed as a resounding success with Flotilla 52 coordinating with the city of Torrance. We had a Unit in the Parade with the Division Commander and Vice Commander riding down the parade route, as well as a 3-day booth at Del Amo Mall.

Assistance:

Still awaiting a decision from the District Board on a policy concerning Timely Submittal of data. Too many members wait until mid September to submit 8-9 months of data which puts an unreasonable burden on the SO-IS to get the data entered so that it can be considered on the year end District Awards calculations.

Future Plans:

- Improve member attendance at the monthly Flotilla meetings.

Flotilla 53 – Donn Kirby, FC

Current progress

- Workshops completed for all active members
- All AP member passed security process and sworn in
- Members REYR for crew and work shop contacted

Accomplishments in your Flotilla

- One member now qualified for Program Visitor
- VE completed in Long Beach and Garden Grove

Program performance

- One member passed QE review with DIV 2
- Noble eagle patrols completed and planned

Problems encountered

- In 2011 5-3 will have 10 crew/coxswain due for QE review with only one active facility
- REYR members contacted and not responding except to pay dues and remain on member rolls

Future plans

- VE blitz with PA booth at Sunset Aquatic Marina launch ramp Peter's Landing
- Marine swap meet Orange County Fair Team Coast Guard booth

Flotilla 54 – Everett Harper, FC

Current Progress:

- Diversity for Flotilla 54 is moving forward and on track.
- One member is working at AIXRADIO Newport.
- Developing Diversity Newsletter

Problems:

- 6 members need a QI this year.

Future Plans

- Planning for ABS class for CA Dept of Fish & Game, Sr. Volunteers.

Flotilla 57- John Kinner, FC

Accomplishments:

- All mandatory workshops have been completed.
- Four patrols completed during the month of May.
- Flotilla Standing Rules completed and forwarded up the chain.
- M. Galloway completed the Ham Radio Class with 100% on the final test.
- Diversity report sent to SO.

Future Plans:

- To find a venue to teach a PE class.



John Kinner, FC 57 receives Auxiliary Performance Award for 63 hours, PE

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Flotilla 58 – Brian Regalbuto, FC

Current Progress:

- First Presbyterian Church of Downey has approved us holding 5 ABS classes on the following dates -19 June, 17 July, 7 Aug, and 11 Sept 2010.
Location 101544 Downey Ave. Downey, CA 90241
- On 11 June at the La Mirada Splash the flotilla demonstrated how to recover a person who fell overboard and how to properly fit a child's lifejacket. This program is sponsored by aBC News Channel 7. We spoke to over 150 children. The people at channel 7 asked if we could do three more programs later during the summer. I said please send me the dates, times and locations and I'll see what we can do.

Accomplishments:

- May Meeting had a quorum present.
- We had one member in AP issued a member number and two people interested in joining the Auxiliary.

Program performance

On June 8, Brian Regalbuto, FC was crew on board A351131 (Fisherman) patrolling Newport Harbor AOR when at about 1500 we came upon an eight foot sailboat, one mile south of the Newport Entrance buoy. Two men in their early 20s had lost their rudder and taken down their sail. They had no radio, cell phone, VDS, motor, and no lifejackets. They were adrift in the open ocean with a tug towing a barge bearing down on them. We passed them lifejackets and towed them to safety.



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Flotilla 59 – Rose Castrobran, FC

Current progress:

- 2 open houses at the lighthouses (point Vicente and Point Hueneme)
- Members are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols.
- 2 new members being processed.

Accomplishments in flotilla:

- 3 membrs enrolled in Adanced Navigation Class.
- Flotilla has accomplished some of the goals of the Diversity program.
- Have held training sessions following the Flotilla meetings.

Future Plans:

- VE's, lighthouse openhouses, Int'l Lighthouse ham radio event.

Flotilla 5-10 Stanley Lintner, FC

Accomplishments in Flotilla:

- A Flotilla 5-10 special committee has developed a proposed set of Flotilla Standing Rules. The document was forwarded to Division Commander for review and approval.
- Flotilla 5-10 has completed more than the minimum number of goals required for application for NACO 3-star Diversity Award and is currently working on several more of the listed goals.
- A PA event was held at Los Alamitos Bay Marina on 22 May, coinciding with the first day of National Safe Boating Week. A static display of Boating Safety literature and materials was set up at Gangway 31 and vessel safety checks were offered. Participation by the boating public was light but member attendance was good and an enjoyable social event followed. Hot dogs were prepared by Don ad Patty Schlosser on their Facility Four Fun II and snack and drinks were provided. It appeared that boat owner activity at Los Alamitos Bay Marina is significantly less than in previous years, possibly because of depressed economic conditions.
- A special member training session was conducted at the Flotilla meeting in May on the subject of "How to fill out Form 7029H." A handout with detailed instructions was distributed to members present.
- A new member was processed through the PSI Screening process at Building 32 by Division Commander Dennis Grinstead. A mentor was formally assigned to work up a plan for development and training of the new member. **Program Performance):**
- Two Flotilla members have participated in regular weekly Noble Eagle patrols.

Problems encountered

- Flotilla IS officer is waiting for guidance on submittal of time for Flotilla members who attended the SETS training at BSU in April. Suggest guidance be given to

Division IS officers on how to account for this training session in AuxData. AuxData should reflect member hours spent in this training.

Future plans and milestones:

- Continue training Flotilla 5-10 members on proper use of new Form 7029H and need for submittal of member hours spent in supporting Coast Guard in it's missions.
- Conduct vessel exams and program visits on a regular basis.
- Continue working on listed goals for NACO 3-Star Diversity Award.

Flotilla 5-12 - Ed Green, FC

Accomplishments in your Flotilla

- Held our first dinner meeting with excellent attendance
- Planned a social outing on the Lane Victory the last weekend in June
- Continued with very active VE program at multiple landings

Program performance

- Continuing to have new potential members attend meetings
- SS and B classes ongoing
- Weekend Navigator Course almost completed
- Attendance at Torrance Armed Forces Parade by one of our FSO's
- Weather caused a cancellation of some patrols

Future plans

- Continue year-round fellowship activities
- PE courses continue to do well
- Diversity Program progressing well
- New newsletter going out to Flotilla members projected on a quarterly basis

Hello! At our Division meeting last night I shared our flotilla fellowship activity. Here's the details.....please share with your flotillas. We are hoping to have at least 10-20 more join us. As we have been talking in our flotilla meeting, we are planning a day at the Lane Victory in San Pedro on Sunday, June 27, 2010. The date and time is officially confirmed.

Here's our itinerary:

- 7:30AM Breakfast gathering at the Long Beach Cafe downtown LB (for all who are interested) and caravan over to the Lane Victory.
- 9:45AM arrive at Lane Victory
- 10AM - group tours starts

The cost is \$5.00 per person (cash is fine, make checks out to SS Lane Victory)- and you can bring guests!

It would be great to spread the word across the division. I'll be collecting the admission money at our flotilla meeting in June and/or via US mail. I must have all admissions paid for *prior* to the event as I need to carry the \$ to them prior.

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I'd like to get a count of how many are attending by June 11 -- I am coordinating with the volunteer tour guides and we need to know how many to request as far in advance as possible. Please RSVP by June 19--- And, the \$5.00 per person is due to me no later than our June flotilla meeting or before. I hope we have a great turn out! It is going to be a very special day to tour the Lane Victory.

Questions? Please call me at 562-208-2657.

FROM THE DISTRICT:

The District's recently released 2010 Recreational Boating Safety Tactical Plan, and the 2009-2011 Strategic Plan are now available for viewing or download on the "[District Plans/Documents](#)" page.

INFORMATION SERVICES – Ken Edwards, Accomplishments

Just received word that Jim Franklin is well on the road to recovery and has again assumed the responsibility for Division 10 Data Entry

Assistance required

- Still in need of a District Policy established covering Timely Data Submittal. There are some on the District Bridge that feel this policy is not needed, but the closer we get to September 30, the more critical this issue becomes.

Problems

- There are two Divisions with problems with the SO-IS position and to date, I have not heard a resolution on either, so data input in those two divisions is questionable at this time.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Victoria Jacobs

Reminder – The mandatory Instructor Workshop must be completed by 30 June. Do you have Instructors in your on your computers at the same time and go over each slide together. Or get several people on Skype at the same time. The important thing is the instruction component.

Flotilla who live too far away to attend a meeting? Time for Plan B! Perhaps both of you can get on the phone and The DSO-PE has been added to the notification list for IDC on-line exam passing results from the National Testing Center. Each person will receive a congratulations note from me and also a contact from the ADSO-PE/ID when I am notified that he/she has passed the on-line por-

tion of the IDC testing.**7030 Forms for the ABS class.** I have been advised that in order for Flotillas to received appropriate class session credit when the ABS class is taught as a 1-day 8-9 hour program, you should divide the class into 3 to 4 and send a separate 7030 for each "session" even if you teach all of the material yourself. Each 7030 should itemize the chapters/material taught.

PLEASE do this. My national counterpart was astonished that we were not already doing this. In Flotillas where more than one person teaches an ABS program component on the same day, you are already receiving multiple session credit.

8-hour combined Initial/Refresher Team Coordination

Training workshops have been announced for three 2010 dates: Saturdays June 5th, July 24th, and September 25th. Each workshop will begin promptly at 0800 at the Coast Guard Base in San Pedro. Members wishing to participate must request a specific date via email to D11 training specialist [Pat Swope](#); no reservations will be taken by telephone. All persons wishing to maintain their *boat crew*, *coxswain*, and/or *communications watchstander* currency must complete this training no later than December 31, 2010. [Posted: 20 May 10]

2010 REQUIRED WORKSHOPS: Deadlines

- **ICS 210: 31 March**
- **Instructor: 30 June**
- **Operations: 15 July**
- **Vessel Examiner: 15 July**
- **Program Visitor: 15 July**
- **TCT 1-hour Refresher: 31 December**
- **Sexual Harassment Prevention: 31 Dec.**

Sent: Tue, June 8, 2010 4:17:54 PM
Subject: Election Candidate Update

Shipmates:

Below is the latest slate of candidates cleared by our Election Screening Committee for the District elections in September. Please remember that the deadline for sending a letter to me regarding seeking elected office at the District level is June 14. After that, candidates must be nominated from the floor--the floor consists of the sitting District Board members.

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DCO: Harry Jacobs; COMO Charles Long
DCOS: Bert Blanchette
DCAPT-LA/LB-N: Howard Levine; Robert Uy; Al Verde
DCAPT-LA/LB-S: Dennis Grinstead; Tom Jacobsmeyer; Robert Tanner
DCAPT-SD/I: No candidate to date

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Michael C. Johnson DCO 11(SR)

FROM NATIONAL:

From: Allen, Thad Admiral
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 08:39 AM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: ALL HANDS - Commandant's Change Of Command

Guardians,

Later today, I will be relieved as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard by Admiral Robert Papp. It has been an honor to serve as your Commandant for the past four years and I am confident in Admiral Papp's ability to lead the Service during a period of tremendous changes, challenges, and opportunities. The value of the U.S. Coast Guard has never been greater than it is today and it is the men and women of our great Service who truly make it all possible.

After the Change of Command ceremony, I will continue to serve as the National Incident Commander for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill for some period of time but I wanted to take this final opportunity to thank you for your tremendous commitment, dedication, and courage over the past four years.

When I became the Commandant in 2006, I issued a number of orders that I thought were necessary to meet the challenges we faced then and set the conditions for future success. With your help we have accomplished a great deal. We transformed our acquisition process, enhanced our marine safety capability and capacity, created a new and more effective support structure for our Reserve Forces, stood up the Force Readiness Command and Deployable Operations Group, created the Maritime Enforcement Rating, and transformed our maintenance and logistics processes. At the same time we met operational challenges in piracy off the Horn of Africa, the tsunami in America Samoa, the earthquake in Haiti, and more recently the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. We accomplished all of that without losing focus on our broader

mission set. We continued to interdict drugs and made major strides to eliminate the use of self propelled semi-submersibles. We deployed wireless biometric capability to significantly reduce illegal alien migration. At the same time we saved countless lives.

In the last six years, we have also strengthened our relationships within the Department of Homeland Security. Through the completion of the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, we helped mature the Department and build the Nation's homeland security enterprise.

In the process we enhanced our ties to the Department of Defense. We held unprecedented staff talks with the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard Bureau. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and I co-signed "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower" and Naval Operating Concepts. We forged stronger bonds with our interagency partners in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Maritime Administration, Drug Enforcement Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and the Department of the Interior. Finally, we strengthened our international ties with our hemispheric partners and through the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum and North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum. Together, we raised the visibility of Coast Guard missions to our external stakeholders and our international partners.

The common thread connecting each of these of initiatives and actions, and my overarching goal as Commandant, was for the Coast Guard to become more change-centric ... to sense changes in our operational environment and have the courage to make course corrections before problems overwhelm us or we have terms dictated to us externally. To do that we must become more diverse, adapt to new technologies, and embrace social media as well. I believe we have become more change-centric and a learning organization that capitalizes on lessons learned. Nowhere has this been more evident than in our responses to the devastating earthquake in Haiti and in our leading role to the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The world has seen the value of the U.S. Coast Guard in action. We protect, defend, and save America's maritime interests wherever they are at stake - that is the legacy you have left for our future Guardians to embrace.

In spite of our operational successes, challenges remain. Our operations are not risk free and we have known the pain at the loss of shipmates from USCGC HEALY, MSST Anchorage, CG 6505, and CG 1705. Our promise to them is to prevent future accidents and insure we create the safest possible environment for our personnel. The Coast Guard will meet future challenges because of our multi-mission nature, bias for action, and the incredible talent and dedication of our people. As we look to the 9/.

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future, I encourage each of you to be insatiably curious, to be life-long learners, to look after your shipmates, and, finally, to seize every chance to apply your leadership skills, talent, and competencies when the opportunity presents itself.

I am incredibly proud of all our active duty members, reservists, civilians and auxiliaries. No matter how fiercely the winds of change swirl around us, our people stabilize the Service. You are America's Maritime Guardians and your country needs you now more than ever. It has been my extraordinary honor to have been your Commandant and I am excited to see where you will take the organization in the future. Fair winds.

Sincerely,
Admiral Thad W. Allen

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: Setting The Watch -023/10

From: Papp, Robert ADM
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 8:21 PM

Shipmates,

I am honored to serve as the 24th Commandant of the 9/ Coast Guard. When I assumed the duties from Admiral Thad Allen at noon today, it concluded a series of key rotations and marked the setting of a new watch to lead our service.

Serving with me on this watch are Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant, Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and Master Chief Mark Allen, Master Chief Petty Officer of Reserve Forces. Each assumed their duties over the past ten days. They are all very experienced professionals who have been tried and tested in the field. We are also joined by Vice Admiral Robert Parker, Commander, Atlantic Area, Vice Admiral Manson Brown, Commander Pacific Area, Vice Admiral John Currier, Chief-of-Staff and Future Deputy Commandant of Mission Support and Rear Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations. I am proud to serve alongside this exceptionally talented group of leaders.

My watch will be guided by the following vision for our service:

We are defined by our missions, people and heritage. We will selflessly serve our country and perform our duties in a manner that secures the trust and confidence of mariners and citizens alike. We will set a course that steadies the

service, honors our profession, strengthens our partnerships and respects our shipmates.

This vision will be achieved by the incoming watch through clear focus on select projects and initiatives currently under way in our service. Instead of creating new tasking, we intend to emphasize vital initiatives, leverage teams that are in place now and move these efforts forward to completion. I will provide more specifics in the coming weeks.

I often use the term Shipmate. You need to know that this is a team of endearment for me that represents a common bond across the entire Coast Guard family and all mission communities. There is no higher compliment in my opinion than being called a Shipmate and no better goal than being a good one.

Admiral Allen will continue his service as the National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill managing the overall federal response. I am glad he accepted this last assignment, as it will enable me to focus on the Coast Guard's response, and serving you as Commandant of the Coast Guard. Admiral Allen is a true public servant and visionary, I thank him for his service.

I encourage all Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, auxiliary, families and retirees to bookmark and initiate RSS feed from the senior leadership web page at WWW.USCG.MIL/SENIORLEADERSHIP. We intend to use this location during our watch to post information and address subjects that are important to our service.

All standing orders remain in effect, set the watch and carry out the routine of the day.

Semper Paratus,
Admiral Bob Papp

From: Papp, Robert ADM
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 6:12 PM
Subject: Respect our Shipmates –
Command Climate
Shipmates,

As we set the watch, we also set the tone and expectation for how we will stand our watch together. Respecting our Shipmates is one of my four guiding principles. Over the course of my career, I have learned that we must respect one another before we can successfully work together as a team. Missions are accomplished by people. By letting our people know they will be treated fairly and appreciated, that their leaders care about them personally and professionally, we will put ourselves on course to create great command climates and work environments.

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Great command climates enable our people to thrive. They also result in operational excellence, efficiency, morale and retention, including recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce. It is no coincidence that commands with positive attitudes; pride and enthusiasm are invariably the top performers. The cohesion behind top performing units does not happen by chance. It is a product of mutual respect, communication and attention to the many small, but dynamic interactions of Shipmates.

My duty as Commandant is to provide you with my direction on maintaining positive command climates. In addition to my philosophy contained in this e-mail, I have posted my policy statements on Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment, Equal Opportunity, and Diversity. They are available at www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership. These policy statements set forth in further detail my expectations for how we will Respect our Shipmates. Link to them. Read them. Post them. Live them.

I want to make very clear that I will not tolerate any behavior inconsistent with these expectations; nor should you. I value every member of the Coast Guard family. Each of us is entitled to work in a respectful and professional environment. After all, respecting your Shipmates is not only one of my core principles, it's part of the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.

Each commanding officer and officer in charge shall read this e-mail at the next quarters or appropriate muster and shall post these policy statements in prominent locations aboard their command to ensure that my expectations are clear.

**Semper Paratus,
Admiral Bob Papp**

**NEW FORCECOM READINESS-SUPPORT
WEB PAGE** FORCECOM-THE READINESS-SUPPORT WEB PAGE IS NOW ON LINE AND CAN BE VIEWED AT:

<http://bridge.cgaux.org/anacors/index.htm>

YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS THE SITE ON THE "People and Missions of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" NATIONAL WEB PAGE. [Posted: May 29, 2010.
Source: Dante J. Laurino ANACO=RS]

Third Quarter 2010 Game Plan for Public Affairs Officers

Having fun, yet!!!

National Safe Boating Week is behind us, and hopefully you have turned completed your reports. You should de-

brief everyone about this year's events, develop lessons learned, and get prepared for next year.

With a long, hot, lazy summer nearly upon us, we may tend to slow down with PA activities (at least off the water), and enjoy the balance of the summer months. However, there is still a great deal of work that can be done in the 3rd quarter by eager beaver PA officers.

Promoting Boating & Alcohol Awareness

Unfortunately, many people celebrate summer mixing alcohol with boating – a combination that can be deadly. Develop a news release highlighting the dangers of drinking alcohol and boating. While you're there, check out all the great resources, including PSAs for TV and radio.

Remind folks wear their life jackets, and have a safe and properly equipped vessel. Keep up those VSC's.

Caution boaters about the dangers of carbon monoxide and teak surfing! Visit <http://www.uscgboating.org/command/co.htm> to educate yourself on this silent killer, and better yet, use the resources therein to develop a news release.

National Marina Day

National Marina Day continues to build momentum and is quickly becoming known as the second NSBW. On 12 June 2010 across the United States marinas will celebrate and promote their industry by opening their doors to their communities and teaching their neighbors the important role marinas play across the nation as family-friendly gateways to boating, and the responsibility marina personnel have as stewards of the environment. Make plans today to support this mission by planning a National Marina Day event in your AOR. National Marina Day is a perfect opportunity to work with marine dealers and team up to promote recreational boating safety and homeland security (America's Waterway Watch). Check out <http://www.nationalmarinaday.org/>

“Non-Traditional Boaters” Outreach

The numbers of Paddlers and Canoeists are growing fast. These “non-boaters,” along with their hunting and fishing brethren, rarely think of themselves as boaters, yet they account for about a third boating fatalities. Deaths occur due to capsizing, failure to wear life jackets, and hypothermia.

Contact Paddlers, hunting or fishing clubs in your area, and offer to speak on boating safety. Highlight that life jackets save lives, safe boats save lives, and staying sober saves lives. Even though its summer, many local waterways can be quite cold. Remind boaters that hypothermia can happen, even in 80-degree water. Stress the effects of

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hypothermia, and steps boaters can take to prevent or mitigate it.

Work with your PE Officer, and consider offering a “bite-sized” course, such as *GPS for Mariners*. Expose the audience to the Auxiliary, and what we do. It wouldn’t hurt to mention that we offer a series of other courses on boating safety. Stress life jackets.

Plan to offer an *About Boating Safely* sending promotional material to local hunting and fishing clubs. Send a press release to local hunting and fishing newspapers and magazines and the sports pages of the local daily or weekly newspapers.

Write an article on the pitfalls of boating during summer months. Incorporate ideas from PE courses, and personalize the article for your local area by including fatality statistics for your state or region. These statistics are readily available from your state boating law administrator, the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, or the National Safe Boating Council. Be sure to submit this article as a news release to local marinas and yacht clubs, as well as the traditional media.

Work with your VE Officers, and plan to offer VSC stations at any and all major fishing derbies that are taking place in your AOR.

Many boating accidents happen in the 3rd Quarter...

Two major holidays - 4th of July, and Labor Day, occur during the 3rd quarter, and with these holidays come parades. Everybody loves a parade! Hopefully you’ve been resourceful and participated in a 4th of July parade; if not there is always next year, as well as a Labor Day parade. Parades are also a fantastic opportunity to get public exposure, and recruit some new members. Here are some ideas on how to keep us in the public’s mind during these summer holidays:

Work with your OP Officer, and arrange to have a facility participate in your local holiday parade(s), or have one at a major community event and use it as a backdrop/static display. Be sure to have some “Make a Difference...Join the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary” brochures on hand. Consider having Auxiliarists participate in the parade in different uniforms (including aviators, if you have some in your area). This shows people the variety of opportunities we have to serve our community and our country as a member of COAST GUARD FORCES!

Work with your local Coast Guard Recruiting office, and consider setting up an exhibit at a local mall or large retailer (of course, you must get permission from the store/mall management first). As summer turns to fall, many people re-evaluate their lives, and what they want to do professionally. By combing with the local recruiting office, we can offer (most) people a place to serve in the shield of freedom. You can also use this exhibit to help promote our PE classes, and consider selling our PE courses; what better gift than giving the gift of safety!

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Some other things you can do during the third quarter include:

Consider mini-classes for kids, at summer camps.

Demonstrating how to properly fit and wear a life jacket may save a child’s life. Also remember to use Coastie and PFD Panda (when available in your AOR).

Be sure to publicize the results of your flotilla and division awards. Not only does this highlight the accomplishments of those receiving awards, but it gets exposure for the Auxiliary.

The Coast Guard’s birthday is August 4th. Consider working through your chain of leadership and management to come up with a unique event, such as an Open House, that will attract the attention of the media and the public.

With your PE Officer, develop a PE class schedule for fall. Working with Program Visitors, get these schedules distributed to dealers. Also be sure to put the classes on your web site, AND on other web site!

Update your media contact list. Consider visiting members of the media who have supported your efforts during NSBW, and check with your elected officers to see if you can arrange for a certificate of appreciation for these valued contacts.

Map out a calendar of PA events for the third quarter for your AOR. There may be events like city/county/state fairs, festivals, etc. where we can exhibit and be a part of the event.

As a PA Officer, you should be “the” officer who knows what is going on in your AOR. It is your job as a PA officer to promote it internally, as well as externally. Start by looking at what you did last year. What worked well and what didn’t (and why). Work with elected officers, and **SET GOALS!** This is the first step in planning.

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

It’s never too early to start working on NSBW for next year. Make sure everyone know the dates, and the importance of participation. Arrange TV and radio exposure. Work with elected officers, and consider forming a committee to plan for the event. Also, don’t forget the Gold Side! Some ideas for NSBW include:

Hold a press conference to kick off NSBW. Invite the highest Gold Side Officers in your area (be sure to go through the Auxiliary chain of leadership and management). Also, invite local dignitaries (politicians, director of boating agencies, police and fire chiefs, sheriffs, etc.).

Work with the Gold Side, and see if you can arrange for a rescue demonstration or an airdrop on a local waterway. This will show the public the dedication that COAST GUARD FORCES has for one of its primary missions- search and rescue! It is almost always guarantee local media coverage!

Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

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Boat Smart. Boat Safe.

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Wear It!

Evaluate This Year, Plan for Next Year

By Harriet Howard Special Assistant for NSBW

National Safe Boating Week 2010 is now a memory. There were simulated rescue demonstrations, NSBW Proclamations, safety fairs and many other exciting events. While it's still fresh in our minds, this is the time to evaluate our activities.

First and foremost, did we "sell" the boating public on safe boating practices? Following the "Wear It!" theme, did we encourage all boaters; especially paddle crafters, to wear a life jacket? The popularity of paddlesports is rapidly growing but so are accidents and fatalities. Did we talk up the Auxiliary's new Paddlesports America course?

Did we urge the recreational boaters attending our events, to sign up for a vessel safety check? From coast to coast, our vessel examiners were ready at the ramps to conduct free vessel safety inspections.

Were sufficient materials on hand for our visitors at our Public Affairs exhibits? This was a good opportunity to publicize our boating safety classes. Were the media invited to attend our NSBW events? Major events in California and Florida drew thousands of visitors this year with coverage by the media.

Were Coastie or Panda or other district mascots on hand with a safe boating message for the kids?

Our Public Affairs Officers and Vessel Examiners passed the boating safety message nationwide in 2010. National Safe Boating Week 2011 is May 21-27. Start planning!

Reminder: Did you send your photos and brief articles about your NSBW events to harriethoward@speakeasy.net for consideration for inclusion in the NSBW issue of the Navigator? The deadline is June 10.

Need additional sources for Public Education?

Try an Auxiliary Partner Magazine

With Summer boating season getting into full swing, Auxiliarists need all the help we can get with educating the public, and even advice for our own boating projects. The RBS Affairs Department has three fantastic and informative magazines, which are offered to Auxiliarists at great discounts from [Soundings Magazine](#), which offers Auxiliarists a discounted subscription. They also offer FC's and PE Officers FREE issues, as well as FREE issues for PE classes! It's all [here](#). If you are a District 8 Auxiliarist, you

qualify for a discounted subscription to [Heartland Boating Magazine](#). Heartland is dedicated to boating in America's mid-western lakes and rivers. Also, all 8th District FC's & PE Officers can receive a free 3-month subscription as well as FREE copies for PE Classes in the 8th District. For those on the go who like their information online, we offer [Mad Mariner](#) magazine. It's a daily online magazine with FREE feature stories, marine news, blogs, forums, boat reviews, and video podcasts. [Posted: May 24, 2010. Source: Kelly Townsend BC-BLP]

2010 NACON REGISTRATION OPEN

Online registration for [2010 NACON](#) is now available. Just click on [2010 NACON](#) to access the online registration form as well as other information about the conference. Join us in Scottsdale, AZ (Phoenix) in August. Regular registration ends on July 22, 2010. After that date a late registration fee will apply. [Posted: May 22, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director, CGAuxA]

New Vessel Safety Check ads developed by Public Affairs & Marketing Staffs are available at: www.auxpa.org/downloads/2010_VSC_Ads.zip
Tom Nunes, Deputy Director Public Affairs

From: Papp, Robert ADM

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:29 PM

Subject: My Guiding Principles

Shipmates,

The purpose of this message is to provide you further detail on the four principles that will guide my watch as Commandant. These principles, as set forth in my vision statement are Steady the Service, Honor our Profession, Strengthen our Partnerships and Respect our Shipmates.

First, I want to provide you with the background, which informs my four principles. During the past nine years, we have heroically responded to the tragic 9/11 terrorist attacks, hurricanes Katrina and Rita and a devastating earthquake in Haiti, and we are currently responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. We also continued to carry out our many and ever-expanding duties. This high tempo put our service in the public light like never before. It also provided some important lessons learned. We realized we needed to become more efficient, improve our mission support delivery infrastructure and recapitalize our aging assets. These spawned initiatives such as the sector concept, modernization, and undertaking the largest acquisition projects we have ever attempted. While these were unquestionably the right initiatives to make the Coast Guard more capable, more efficient and stronger, they also produced a lot of organizational change. Looking forward, I see a need to bring the sector and modernization initiatives to closure, so that our people at every level of the chain of command can refocus on their missions.

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My desired end state is to put in place an organization that everyone understands. Our people need to know who they work for, what their authorities are and who to call to get the tools they need to get their job done.

My guiding principles defined:

Steady the Service - I am committed to focusing on our core roles and missions as defined in Pub One. To reduce stress on our Service and maintain the highest level of readiness we must emphasize our statutory missions, finish organizational realignment and prioritize demands for our services within the budget. We must continue to pursue replacement assets for the future. We must return to a sustainable state.

Honor our Profession - I am committed to professional service by demonstrating the highest competence in execution and support of our varied missions. At all times, we are a military organization guided by responsibility, authority and accountability. Mission excellence is our north star. Honoring our Profession requires inspired leadership to develop knowledge, skills, pride and experience, in a nurturing environment, built from a foundation of clear doctrine and training. I will not ask you to do more than our resources allow, but we must do our absolute best with what we have.

Strengthen our Partnerships - I am committed to partnerships. They are a force multiplier. As demand for our Service continues to expand, and the threats in the maritime environment increase in complexity, a unilateral approach will not be the best or the most efficient means to achieve mission success. We can be more effective and provide greater value to our country when we forge partnerships with local, state, federal, tribal and international agencies. For the same reasons, strengthening appropriate relationships with private industry is imperative. Ultimately, strong partnerships are critical to enhancing our capability, effectiveness and credibility in the maritime domain.

Respect our Shipmates - I am committed to a climate of care and concern for Shipmates, active, reserve, civilian, auxiliary, families, and retirees, on a daily basis. Our people are the Coast Guard's greatest asset and our ability to perform our mission ultimately depends on your health, vibrancy, training and capabilities. We must provide the best in human resource management, administrative support, wellness programs and professional development, while maintaining a safe, collaborative and productive work environment. Our Service must also draw strength from the diversity of our Nation. I want the Coast Guard to be recognized as the profession of choice for Americans of all backgrounds.

Your daily hard work and dedication ensures that our Nation's waters are safe and secure. My principles are intended to enable and sustain these efforts.

**Semper Paratus,
ADM Bob Papp, Commandant USCG**

Auxiliary featured in a Wyoming museum...

Yes, there is an Auxiliary presence in Wyoming. After being hired as Curator to this museum he found a box with some oddly colored ribbons. Searching further he uncovered an amazing story about a Wyoming Auxiliarist. That story and the story behind the museum display can now be read on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jun 2, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

AuxDirectory is the replacement version of eDirectory, July 1, 2010

eDirectory has served the Auxiliary well for a decade. This application was developed by Robert Monroe and maintained by Jan Monroe who responded to members on various 900 topics. Jan will continue to download the feed to AuxDirectory from AuxData weekly and serve as the Help Desk. Retirement of eDirectory to the new version, will allow for Auxiliary hosting servers to upgrade functions.

Those members needing an Excel Unit Roster download, may do so from AuxData. Information is available in the "How To Library" in I Department.

<http://www.cgaux.org/it/howto.htm>. Topics are available in Power Point Presentations and PDF documents. "Useful AuxData Reports" demonstrates how to locate a roster. "Save a Report in Excel" and "Use Excel to Print a Member Roster" are both helpful. [Posted: Jun 4, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-I]

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

Subj: DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE OPS – MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE -26/10

1. Three ALCOAST messages have recently been issued that provide medical and health protection guidance for Coast Guard personnel involved in the ongoing Deepwater Horizon response effort. They are applicable for Auxiliarists who engage in direct support of this operation. The ALCOASTs are:

a. ALCOAST 286/10 – Medical Guidance for Coast Guard Personnel Serving with the Deepwater Horizon Response in the Gulf Region

b. ALCOAST 297/10 – Force Health Protection – Deepwater Horizon (MC-252) SITREP 1 – Heat Injury Prevention

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- c. ALCOAST 300/10 – Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OMSEP)
2. Please review these messages at <http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/> (Note- ALCOAST 300/10 should be posted on the site within 24-48 hours).

Know Your Boat's Capacity

Los Angeles, Calif. A boat operator should never take a boat on the water with too many people or too much gear on board. Boats loaded beyond their capacity will **swamp** or **capsize** more easily and will be more difficult to control. Although federal law requires capacity plates on boats fewer than 20 feet in length, the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) requires a capacity plate on all boats fewer than 26 feet in order to be certified by NMMA.

Look for a capacity plate near the operator's position or on the transom of the boat. This plate indicates the maximum weight capacity and/or the maximum number of people that the boat can carry safely in good weather.

A few things to remember:

- Do not exceed either the stated maximum weight capacity or number of people
- Maximum weight is the combined weight of passengers, gear & motor.
- In many states it is a violation to exceed weight capacity
- Always follow the recommended capacity in the owner's manual
- Never exceed capacity recommendations.
- For additional information go to: www.auxpa.org.

Flotilla Finder – Using the correct zip code for Flotillas

The Flotilla Finder is an excellent method for potential members to find a nearby flotilla. Unfortunately, the current zip code listing for many flotillas may be based on an older program. Flotillas may update to the correct zip code and latitude/longitude of their current meeting location. All this can be done within Aux Directory ><http://auxofficer.cgaux.org/> To do this, first determine the zip code for the flotilla meeting location. Use a site to enter zip code for latitude/longitude, such as <http://geocoder.us/>. Then in Aux Directory, scroll down to district, open, then to flotilla, and open "Unit Info". The Flotilla Commander (FC), Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC), or FSO-CS, will have an edit button to open. Meeting location, time, zip code, and latitude/longitude may be edited. [Posted: Jun 5, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-I]

Education Connection Posted

The June 2010 edition of the [Education Connection](#) is now posted to the E-Department website. Articles include a Paddlesports America update, suggestions for improving classroom management, and information about the new video center. Additionally, there are articles about Routing Run-off and one with a reminder of the steps involved in becoming an instructor. [Posted: Jun 8, 2010. Source: Anne R. Lockwood, DIR-E]

ATTENTION NEW Vessel Examiners!!!

Now that you've passed the Vessel Examiner Exam, we want to introduce you to the I Want a VSC system. The I Want a VSC system is a volunteer system located at <http://safetyseal.net> where web visitors can enter their ZIP Code and find a volunteer examiner near their boat. Take a few minutes and see how it works by entering your ZIP Code. We want to encourage you to join the I Want a VSC system after you've completed the qualification process and become qualified as a Vessel Examiner. The sign-up is on the National V Departments Members side of the site at <http://safetyseal.net/index3.asp>. We should also should point out that the sign-up for the National V Department mail list is on that page as well and as a member you will receive the V Departments newsletters as well as important information from time to time. Please help spread the word to other examiners in your area who may not know of this tool as well.

Fotilla celebrates 60 years... Following over two years of planning this Florida flotilla celebrated their 60th anniversary in a huge fashion. Two days of on and off the water activities highlighted their celebration. Sixty years down and at least sixty more to come. Take a look at the festivities, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jun 9, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

Flotilla inspired by NSBW proclamation.

Usually a local proclamation of National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is the culmination of a unit's involvement in the annual activity. This New Jersey flotilla was inspired by their local Mayor's proclamation and it spurred them on to greater activity. See how this flotilla reacted after the proclamation was issued, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Jun 15, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

New Boating Safety Bulletin Board

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Affairs Department is pleased to announce that a new boating safety bulletin board has been launched. This list provides information about boating safety tips and important announcements, and offers Auxiliarists a place to share their best practices with others. To subscribe to RBS-News, simply

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Click [this link](#) and fill out the form. [Posted: Jun 10, 2010. Source: Alan Dove, BC-BRI]

Here's the [National Safe Boating Council's latest Newsletter](#)

Tom Nunes. Deputy Director Public Affairs

New SAR Incident Form Posted An updated version of the CG-4612 Auxiliary SAR Incident and MISLE Case Data Entry Report form has been posted to the Auxiliary National Website Forms page. The new form has been improved to better capture data for MISLE entry. [Click HERE](#) for the new form. [Posted: Jun 16, 2010. Source: Robert Shafer, DIR-R]

AUXDATA NEW FEATURE

In both the Production and Training Databases, if you have forgotten your password or have not logged on in 45 days, and you are locked out, there is a new feature to unlock your access: Either on the Main Menu screen scroll down until you see a box which indicates: Password Reset Tool. Enter your Employee ID and your e-Directory log-on. OR go to the Log-on Screen and click on Forgotten Password and you will get the screen to enter your Employee ID and your e-Directory log-on. BUT if you have not signed on in 90 days or more, your access is gone, so you will still need to go through your DSO-IS to request access be assigned. [Posted: Jun 17, 2010. Source: Marilyn McBain, DVC-IL]

Did you know that during an average day, the U.S. Coast Guard will:

- **Launch 396 small boat missions**
- **Conduct 109 Search and Rescue Cases**
- **Board 100 large vessels for port safety checks**
- **Service 135 aids to navigate**
- **Save 10 lives**
 - **Assist 192 people in distress**
 - **Protect \$2,791,841 in property**
 - **Save 10 lives**
 - **Assist 192 people in distress**
- **Launch 164 aircraft missions, logging 324 hours**
 - **Board 144 vessels**
 - **Interdict and rescue 14 illegal migrants**
 - **Respond to 20 oil or hazardous chemical spills Totalling 2,800**
- **Seize 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589.0**



FLASH - Flotilla Commanders, Staff Officers and Fellow Members.

At our last Division meeting we discussed the need for an OPTREX with a possible target date of September. If there are any crew classes or members being mentored into the Crew program this is a good time to start finishing up all their PQS sign-offs. This year Karl McMillan, our SO-OP, will be the Incident Commander and I will be assisting in planning and logistics. We will be announcing a meeting at Al Larsons to orient Coxswains and those interested in assisting in the event. Hopefully early in July.

I am going to Al Larson Marina tomorrow to see if we can use their facility for the weekends of September 4-5 for our OPTREX. I will also ask for a second weekend in case we have a larger response this year.

For now, let us all get the word out at our flotilla meetings and make sure that all crewmembers that wish to re-qualify know about this.

I would like to request that all Flotilla Commanders get the names of those in their flotilla that need re-qualification and would like to participate in the OPTREX. Also, please let me know if your facility owners and Coxswains are available. Remember, each boat needs at least 2 qualified crewmembers in case of an REYR re-qualification. Please get back to me no later than Friday the 25th. so I can begin work on logistics.

Once we have a list of crew and an idea of how many are going to participate we need to get some training patrols scheduled. There might be some members who might need to become familiar with the boat they will be assigned to.

I will keep you posted as we have more developments. Thank you.
Tony Ashlin, DVCDR-5



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NEXT DIVISION MEETING

At the Division meeting 15 June the FC's voted to have a meeting every other month.

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