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**FROM THE COMMANDER:**

**Commanders**

We are awaiting your 7007 forms. We can't finish the member roster until we receive these forms, even if they are not complete, please send them in to Ken Edwards or email them to me so we can continue the process. You can make adjustments to the list later....

Dennis Grinstead, DCDR 05

**FROM THE VICE COMMANDER:**

**Tony Ashlin**

**Current progress:**

- New Calendar section on Div. 5 Website in the works so that all flotillas can list PE/PA /VE and MT events
- Flotillas actively working on recruitment via PE, VE and PE Events

**Accomplishments in your Division**

- Elections – Division complete
- Elections – Flotilla continuing

**Program performance (not AUXDATA information)**

- Member Dues in works being overseen by SO-FN Dan Nelson

**Problems encountered/potential problems**

- Activities starting to wind down for winter.

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- FC/VFC Academy Nov 14
- Forming committees for Division Awards
- Forming committees for District Conference Fun Night

**FROM THE DIVISION:**

**NAVIGATION SYSTEMS - Jo Pauloo**

**Accomplishments in your Division**

- ALL PATON's for area 6.5 are complete

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- ONLY REMAINING NS WORKSHOP to be held in 2010
- NS Workshop – November 6, 2010, Coast Guard Base Bldg. Pre-registration is required
- Point Of Contact – G. Richard Reinhardt [grr4kh@juno.com](mailto:grr4kh@juno.com) 310 375-7619
- Galley not open – Brown Bag Uniform is tropical blue long

**OPERATIONS – Karl McMillin**

**Current progress:**

- Flotilla 55 - Paperwork and sticker have been received for new vessel OPFAC "After You".

**Accomplishments in your Division**

- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 05OCT Noble Eagle patrol on vessel Tin Boat.
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 17OCT10 Training Patrol on vessel Tolly Ho II (with Norma N).
- Flotilla 5-13 – completed 17OCT10 Training patrol on vessel Norma N (with Tolly Ho II)

**Future plans and milestones**

**Scheduled Patrols**

- Flotilla 53 – 04NOV10 Noble Eagle Patrol on vessel Tin Boat.

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- Flotilla 5-12 – 31OCT10 Training Patrol (forcoxswain equal) on vessel Tolly Ho II
- Flotilla 5-12 – 31OCT10 Training Patrol on vessel Merryot (with Tolly Ho II)

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Tony Ashlin**

### **Current progress:**

- Using PA for recruitment and announcement of activities.
- New Calendar section on Division 5 Website in the works so that all flotillas can list PE/PA /VE and MT events

### **Accomplishments in your Division**

- Long Beach Boat Show Sept 09-12 was a success - All watches manned!
- 5-12 PA booth at Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific Oct 12

### **Program performance**

- 5-12 Positive results for classes advertised

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

- As summer is winding down I am noticing less PA activity within the Division
- This is a good time to recruit new members.

### **Future plans and milestones**

- Min Mar Marine requested some PA/PV/PE involvement – lead passed onto FC 5-9
- Brian Regalbuto will be taking over the office of SO-PA in 2011

## **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.
- ANSC has added several new PV brochures and is now accepting new orders.
- Received new shipments of PV materials from Cal Boating, which includes the 2010 ABC's of the California Boating laws. Please contact me if anyone needs the following brochures:
  - 2010 ABC's of the California Boating Laws
  - AquaSMART Activity Book for Kids (English)
  - AquaSMART Activity Book for Kids (Spanish)
  - Colorado River (Blythe to Imperial Dam)
  - Stay Out of the Carbon Monoxide (CO)Zone
  - Alcohol & Drugs Don't Mix with Boat Operation Cards

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

- Activities from September 10 – October 11:
  - Flotilla 5-9 – 9 Completed Program Visits
  - Flotilla 5-12 – 3 Completed Program Visits (Including 1 new PV Partner)
  - Flotilla 5-13 – 10 Completed Program Visits
- Recruited and certified 3 new Program Visitors in

October.

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

- Researching inquiries submitted by FSO-PVs that PV activities are not being recorded in AuxInfo in a timely manner.
- Flotilla PV Officers are not consistently reporting in their monthly activities. Will have each of the Flotilla Commanders follow-up on their progress.

### **Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

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

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## **FROM THE FLOTILLAS:**

### **FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC**

### **FLOTILLA 53 – Donn C. Kirby, FC**

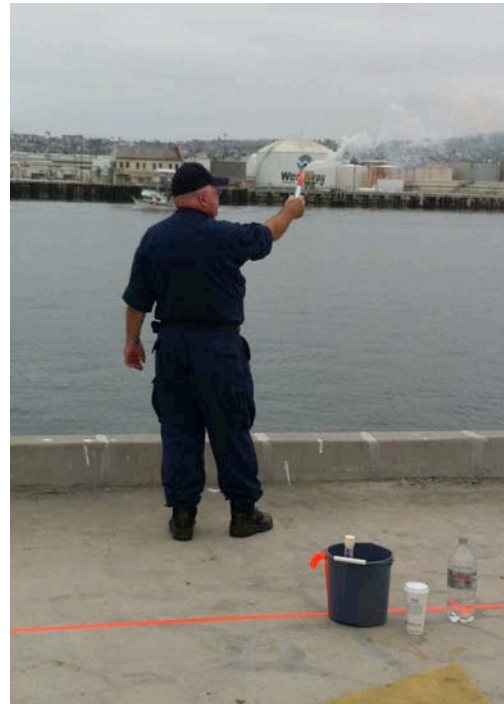
#### **Current Progress:**

#### **Flare Shoot Off:**

Last Saturday, 16 Oct., Fl. 53 FSO-MT Paul Busher, conducted a Flare Shoot-Off at BSU San Pedro. 11 members from Div. 5 attended, with members from other Flotillas assisting in Instructor positions. FC Donn Kirby performed the responsibility of maintaining a safety lookout for the “range” which was L.A. Harbor. Several types of flares were shot off. Following the successful event those attending were able to lunch at the Base as it was Reserve weekend.



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

##### **Current Progress:**

- Two new members in flotilla, being mentored,

##### **Accomplishments in the Flotilla:**

- Active boat program with underway missions for Training, PATONS, Noble Eagle, and Regatta. One boat "on the hard" for refurbishment. One night patrol for PATON verification and crew qualifications.
- All Coxswains and Crew who desired requalification completed.
- Two Flotilla members active in Translation Corps and CG crew augmentation.
- Member Dues collected and forwarded to Division for all but one member (pending)
- Member Training \following each meeting

##### **Future Plans:**

- Vessel Examiner class planned for early November in conjunction with Angels Gate flotilla.

#### **FLOTILLA 55 - James Stewart, FC**

#### **FLOTILLA 57 – John Kinner, FC**

##### **Current Progress:**

- One member passed the Coxswain maintenance and one member passed the Crew.
- Div. 5 Commander, Dennis Grinstead and Vice Commander, Tony Ashlin attended the meeting.
- Elections were held at the flotilla meeting Roger Helizon and Freddy Rodriguez were elected by Acclimation. FC and VFC respectively.
- All 16 members of 57 have paid their dues for 2011.

##### **Accomplishments:**

- Mary Baldwin received her 20-year Member Certificate.

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- Freddy Rodriguez received certificates for the Instructor Development Course, The APC, and numerous Nonresident Training Courses.

**Future Plans:**

- FSO-VE plans to assist members to become active in the VE program.



Roger Helizon, FC elect; Freddy Rodriguez, VFC elect

**FLOTILLA 58 – Brian Regalbuto, FC**

**FLOTILLA 58 – Rose Castrobran, FC**

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

**Accomplishments in Flotilla:**

- Flotilla Elections were conducted on 29 September at the regular Flotilla meeting. Dennis Grinstead, Division Commander, Div 5 (and District Captain elect for 2011). presided over the election. Also taking part was Tony Ashlin, Division 5 Vice Commander (and Division 5 Commander elect for 2011). Stanley Hartman current Vice Flotilla Commander will be Flotilla 5-10 Commander for 2011. Assisting him will be Ken Dougherty, Vice Flotilla Commander elect for 2011.
- Dues were collected by the deadline of 7 October and District and Division dues paid on time, Sixteen (16) members out of 17 will be active in 2011. One member is resigning due to death of her husband who was also a Flotilla 5-10 member and passed away earlier this year. .

**Program Performance (not AUXDATA information):**

- Three Flotilla members participated in regular weekly Noble Eagle patrols in September.

**Future plans and milestones:**

- Recruiting will be a priority for 2011. The National website has referred only one potential member in 2010 and that person declined to follow up and achieve membership A committee will be formed to study recruiting methods and report to the leadership

as to any recommendations for recruiting activities in 2011.

- Development of Instructors will also be a priority in 2011. It is planned to offer a PE course based on ABS with an emphasis on PWC safety.

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

At the September meeting of Flotilla 05-11, FC Geoff Emery swore in new member and already acting FSO-SR Michael Drouillard.

Michael has proven to be a valuable member of the flotilla, stepping into the role of FSO-SR vacated by former FSO-SR Deborah Washington who recently moved to Washington State.

With his wife, Diana, who is not a member, but does so much to assist the flotilla, as a couple, they are a "two for"! Michael is a retired tax expert and he and Diana live not far from the base in Long Beach.

A hearty welcome to them both!! We are so glad you are a part of our flotilla!



**Geoff Emery, FC & Michael Drouillard**

On 16 June from 1400 to 1800 hours, six members of Flotilla 05-11 and one member's spouse, met at the home of the FC and VFC Geoff and Mar Jean Emery for a delightful "Fourth Cornerstone activity. This event drew one member who had moved to Washington State back for a time of camaraderie and delightful food treats--prepared by the Emery's.

Deborah Washington, along with Alice Curran, Michael Drouillard, his wife Diana, and Marion Haynes joined the Emery's at their home in Lomita, California, for a backyard bar-be-que. It was a time to relax and enjoy the company of fellow flotilla members and recount the voluntary rescue at sea activity that Geoff and Mar Jean had during the last weekend of September when they pulled three kayakers from the 58 degrees waters of the Catalina Channel in the late afternoon two hours from the San Pedro dock.

Mar Jean Emery prepared a delicious chili along with tasty side dishes and Geoff was equally handy with the

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bar-be-qued burgers and all the fixings! In spite of the slight drizzle, the group spent the hours in conversation and planning events for the upcoming seasons and getting better acquainted.

Deborah ended the afternoon with pictures on her iPad of Coupeville, Washington, her new home that looks out on the lovely bay and a town whose design is reminiscent of New England villages on the Atlantic.

The general consensus was this was a delightful way to enrich the Auxiliary experience for all!

**FLOTILLA 5-12 – Edward Green, FC**

**FLOTILLA 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC**



Margarete Jungles called, and asked me to pass on the following information regarding Fred Jungles who passed away 25 September. Please pass this on to any names I may have missed.

The service took place, Tuesday, October 12th, at Pacific Crest Cemetery, 2701-182nd Street, Redondo Beach (182nd & Inglewood Ave) at 1 pm (1300). Immediately following the service, there was a reception at the Jungles San Pedro home, 1771 Crescent Avenue, (Crescent and 18th Street) San Pedro. Howard Kay

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## **FROM THE DISTRICT:**

### **NO DISTRICT BOARD & STAFF IN NOV. & DEC.**

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

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### **New District 11S Website**

#### **Shipmates:**

I am very pleased to announce that our new District website has been officially launched. Our DSO-CS, Steve Johnson has been working tirelessly since the start of the year to accomplish one of our primary goals for my administration, to significantly enhance our commu-

nication capabilities to our membership and to create a more modern and graphic website that will surely draw more attention from the American public.

Steve has created an astonishing website as I am sure you will all agree after you log on to [www.d11s.org](http://www.d11s.org) and take it for a spin. This takes our District not to the next level, but up several levels. The website will no longer be static--it will be continuously updated and enhanced to keep it interesting. We need the help of all members in the District by submitting their photos of Auxiliary activities--action photos of members doing the good work of the Auxiliary--to Steve for publication on our website. Michael C. Johnson DCO 11(SR)

### **DSO's for 2011**

The Chief of Staff-elect and I are looking for qualified candidates for the positions of DSO-PE, DSO-PV and DSO-VE. Please refer all potential candidates to Al Verdi at [averlaw@aol.com](mailto:averlaw@aol.com). All other DSO positions for 2011 are filled.

Also, I am looking for a second Commodore's Aide. If you have any potential candidates, please refer them to me.

Thanks.

Harry M. Jacobs, DCOS 11SR

### **DSO – PE Victoria Jacobs:**

We need trailerable boats and crewmembers willing to work on the inland lakes: Perris, Pyramid, Silverwood, Castaic, and along the Colorado River for example. Instructors and Vessel Examiners are those most likely to be in a position to meet and recruit new members for this important work. Keep a sharp lookout! Invite people to meetings and social events, and once interested be sure they are treated well and processed quickly.

Flotillas have two choices: Grow; or Die.

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### **Children's RBS Coloring and Activity Books**

There is now a limited supply of Recreational Boating Safety Children's Coloring and Activity Books. These coloring books are designed for distribution at the elementary school level (K-3) when instructors go to schools to present a boating safety lesson. **They are NOT to be used at Boat Shows due to the low level of supply.** The following is the listing in the ANSC Catalog:

#### **New item:**

ANSC#3010 - RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY CHILDREN'S COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK - A Storybook / coloring book with pictures containing water safety suggestions for children - Wear-It / Boat Responsibly. (Grades K - 3). (REV. 2010) (Please provide number of students). Maximum order: 50 per package. With justification, more may be ordered.

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## **DISTRICT WELCOMES IT'S NEWEST FLOTILLA – BAKERSFIELD 4-10**

BAKERSFIELD, OCTOBER 14 - In a formal ceremony that included U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Joseph Castillo, District Commodore Michael Johnson, District Commodore-elect Harry Jacobs, distinguished visitors and Auxiliaries from across the district, Bakersfield Flotilla was chartered this evening. The flotilla will serve Kern County and the Lakes Isabella, Ming, and Buena Vista, which are high-focus recreational boating lakes for the Coast Guard.

For the complete story, visit our Public Affairs Site at [pa.d11s.org](http://pa.d11s.org).

## **News Release**

### **Hunters and Fishermen at High Risk of Drowning**

Hunters and fishermen in small boats pose the highest risk for drowning. In cool weather, pleasure boaters, dwindle and lakes and rivers play host to hunters and fisherman. Many times, these outdoorsmen don't see themselves as boaters. They are hunters and fishermen. The boat is simply a tool of the trade; little more than a means to the end of bringing home dinner, a trophy, or a good fish story.

Hunters and fishermen rarely take a safe boating classes offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the US Power Squadron. Wearing a Life Jacket is often viewed as uncomfortable and in the way.

Small craft are often unstable. Their center of gravity is altered by small movements. Falling overboard is easy, even without a collision, bad weather, or high speeds.

People sometimes stand in a boat raising the boat's center of gravity and reducing the boat's stability. As the boat shifts and rocks, passengers may lose their balance and fall into the water. The water is cool enough to trigger a gasp reflex upon sudden immersion. As people inhale water, they begin to drown. Hunters and fisherman spend much of their time in shallow water around standing timber, submerged rocks, and logs; as these are a great habitat in which to locate (or hide from) their quarry. Unfortunately, falling headfirst from a standing position into shallow water around rocks and logs is a very good way to be knocked unconscious and drown. A person can also hit one's head on the gunwales of their own boat. Don't drink and fish or hunt. Balance will be impaired and resistance to hypothermia be reduced. Judgment will be diminished - deadly mix.

Remember; always wear a Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket when in a boat. Having one on board but stowed under the seat won't help you in the water. Fish or hunt with a buddy. It's more fun, and there's

someone there to help you if there's a problem.

When alone, you could be in serious trouble for a long time before anyone even misses you. File a Float Plan. Make sure someone knows where you are, and when you're expected back. Save the alcohol for when you get home with your catch. Take a Safe Boating Class and get a Vessel Safety Check. Have fun, and come home safe!

Float Plans - A float plan should be prepared and shared with friends and family before you leave home, or at some location where your return can be monitored. This action will give them an idea of where you are going and when you will return home, and allow them to contact search and rescue agencies if you do not return as scheduled.

The float plan has all pertinent information about your boat, increasing your chances of being rescued. You can download a float plan at:

<http://www.floatplancentral.org/> and <http://www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf>.

**Memorial Service** for former DSO-CS Jim Franklin – Saturday 23 October, in Tucson, AZ. Clarion Hotel, 6801 S. Tucson B., Tucson, AZ. Everyone is invited. 2 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner. RSVP to COMO Pottinger at: [davidpottinger@comcast.net](mailto:davidpottinger@comcast.net)

### ***Bakersfield Flotilla 4-10 Chartering Ceremony 14***

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

Members trying to log into POMS to close out, approve or request orders have been getting erroneous messages resulting in canceled patrols or the inability to request patrols. This is a system-wide problem and not a function of any one person's facility info being incorrect. If you have a patrol scheduled before the system is once again operational, please send an email to Joe Nebelsky at [jbn1@cox.net](mailto:jbn1@cox.net). His return email to you will include instructions on processing and serve as your temporary orders. Without that return email, your patrol is not authorized.

Trouble tickets have been generated for resolution of this issue.

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

Increasing amounts of mandated and elective member training are being made available online at the USCG Learning Portal at [learning.uscg.mil](http://learning.uscg.mil). Unfortunately, the use of this portal by Auxiliaries is not transparent. A new article has been added to the Member Training *Job Aid Kit* entitled "Accessing the USCG Learning Portal". There, you will learn how to create a password to

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access this resource immediately.

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

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### **ANNUAL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE - TOYS 4 US - UNDERWAY**

Once again, the District 11SR is soliciting Christmas toys from our members to be distributed to Coast Guard families. Age-appropriate donations are being sought for all age groups from toddler to teenager, and should consist of new toys or articles, in original, unopened packaging.

Members are urged to bring their donations to the Director's office during the months of November. Be aware that the cutoff date for distribution is not long thereafter, so please get your donations in soon.

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#### **Commanders**

Due to problems getting two days in a row as mandated by the program for the Elected Officers Academy, it will be necessary to change the date for this event. It was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, however the academy will take two days to complete and the only time I can get two days in a row at the Coast Guard Base is on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised of the date change and get the information to the newly elected officers. Also I am awaiting a list of the newly elected officers from you.

Dennis Grinstead, DCAPT LA/LB elect 2011

#### **RADIO GUARD PROCEDURES:**

Sector LA/LB Command has been receiving requests from AUX personnel asking Sector LA/LB to take their radio guard despite not having properly sent in a copy of their patrol orders (with the names of all POB) prior to getting underway IAW the proper procedures. They have advised that **they will not take the radio guards for those that don't have their orders and rosters sent in advance of getting underway.** To remind re: the proper procedure for sending Patrol Orders (CG-5132) to Sector LA/LB prior to getting underway: (by direction of A.S. Dvoskin, LTJG, Order Issuing Authority, Sector Los Angeles - Long Beach, 03AUG2009)

Subj: **AUXILIARY RADIO GUARD PROCEDURES**

Ref: (a) CG Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST16790.1 (series)

(b) Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST 16798.3 (series)

(c) Telecommunication Manual, COMDTINST M2000.3 (series)

(d) PACAREA SOP

1. In order to standardize procedures for establishing a

radio guard in the Sector Los Angeles - Long Beach area of responsibility, this set of instructions have been established.

2. Prior to getting underway, coxswains are to log on to POMS, fill in the patrol order with the names of all boat crew members and trainees scheduled aboard the patrol and save a copy of the Patrol Order on their hard drive. Print a copy of the Patrol Order to take aboard the patrol and email (as an attachment) a copy of the Patrol Order to Sector LA/LB, as explained in no. 3 below..

3. The Sector Command Center will hold a copy of all CG-5132 Patrol Orders in a designated public folder. Prior to getting underway on a patrol, coxswains will be responsible for emailing the CG-5132 (Patrol Orders) to the Command Center public folder using the designated email address, [D11-PF-AuxPatrols@uscg.mil](mailto:D11-PF-AuxPatrols@uscg.mil). The Patrol Orders shall indicate a complete crew listing for the patrol.

4. When the coxswain of the Auxiliary Operational Facility is ready to get underway, a telephone call shall be placed to the Sector Command Center at **(310) 521-3804**, which will initiate the radio guard process. During this phone call, any changes to the crew manifest emailed on the CG-5132 Patrol Order shall be updated. Names of approved guests, if onboard, shall be given at this time to account for all persons onboard. The GAR Model score will also be given at this time.

5. All coxswains shall continue to comply and be familiar with all listed references.

This message is being sent to all coxswains in Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, and 12

Please be sure to pass this to all concerned.

Roy Graboff, DSO-OP

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#### **FROM NATIONAL:**

#### **Proposed AUX 04 classes for 2011**

The following classes have been proposed for 2011. When the budget is approved we will be able to let you know which classes will occur.

- **Alameda, 12 students**, 24 FEB — 28 FEB 2011
- **Detroit, 16 students**, 30 MAR — 03 APR 2011
- **Academy, 20 students**, 28 APR — 02 MAY 2011
- **Seattle, 12 students**, 09 JUN — 13 JUN 2011

[Posted: Sep 23, 2010. Source: Gail Venezio, DIR-T]

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### **Proposed AUX 10 C-Schools**

The following classes have been proposed for 2011. When the budget is approved we will be able to let you know which classes will occur.

11 – 13 Feb 2011 – Alameda, CA

4 – 6 March 2011 – Cape May, NJ

1 - 3 April 2011 – Pontiac, MI

8 –10 April 2011 – Joliet, IL

[Posted: Sep 23, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

### **New Currency Maintenance requirements for PWO Beginning 01 Jan 2011**

AL AUX-037/10 issued this week has new currency maintenance requirements for PWO operators starting January 1, 2011. [Click here to go to the Response Department Surface News page for details.](#)

[Posted: Sep 22, 2010. Source: Bruce C Pugh DVC-RE]

### **Photo Contest & Call for Photos for Coast Guard Publications**

A photo contest and call for photos for Coast Guard publications is being held as part of an initiative to gather photos for the upcoming Coast Guard Performance Report and Posture Statement publications. Contact your District, Division, and/or Flotilla Public Affairs or Publications Officer for details.

[Posted: Sep 28, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

### **Corrections in Titles for Vice National Commodore and DNACO's**

Corrections to previous postings:

- Thomas C. Mallison is the Vice National Commodore (not National Vice Commodore).
- Donald Frasch is the DNACO Operations Policy - Atlantic East
- Mark Simoni is DNACO Operations - Atlantic Area West

### **AUXCHEFs fill in after station disaster**

When AUXCHEFs visiting Massachusetts from Virginia accepted an invitation from the Officer in Charge at Station Menemsha they expected a busy but calm week of cooking for the station personnel. Both Auxiliarists are graduates of AUXCHEF training, certifying them as chefs able to cook for large groups, such as Coast Guard Station personnel. They are adept in military style cooking and using Coast Guard accepted techniques and materials. A fire changed everything. Read how these Auxiliarists handled the situation, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Sep 29, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Paddlesports America Instructor Guide**

The Instructor Guide for the *Paddlesports America* course is now available for download on the E-Library Resource Center. A printed copy of the Instructor Guide will still be included with the book orders.

[Posted: Sep 29, 2010. Source: Anne R. Lockwood]

### **ALCOAST 460/10; SAFETY - DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN**

ALCOAST 460/10 highlights the fact that, for the first time in a decade, the number of Coast Guard operational fatalities has exceeded off-duty fatalities. To stem the tide of future mishaps, the Commandant has announced the expansion of the Coast Guard Atlantic Area "Don't Let Your Guard Down" safety initiative. Please read this message at the Coast Guard message web site:

<http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/> Posted by Webmaster at 7:54:47 PM on 30 Sep 2010

### **NEW CLOTH INSIGNIA REQUIRED BY JAN. 2011**

Members are reminded that cloth Auxiliary insignia of office bearing the blue or red "A" are no longer authorized on uniforms after December 31, 2010. Instead, insignia with a black "A" must be displayed after that date, or the member is out of uniform. No distinction is thus made whether or not the officer has been elected or appointed.

The new insignia have been available for some time, as part of a "phase-in" period that is coming to an end. The cloth, sew-on insignia are used on the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), ball cap, and the all weather parka tab. They can be purchased for a nominal fee at [www.shopauxiliary.com](http://www.shopauxiliary.com).

### **CONGRESS PASSES COAST GUARD BUDGET; 1500 NEW PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED**

In spite of White House proposed budget cuts for the Coast Guard, Congress today passed the "*Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Authorization Act of 2010*" which authorizes \$10.2 billion in funding for fiscal 2011. The bill provides for an additional 1,500 personnel versus a cut of 1,100 proposed by the President.

The bill additionally provides for quality-of-life improvements for Coast Guard personnel and their families, as well as additional law-enforcement authority in the case of suspected human trafficking.

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### **AUXCOM on Blackboard.com**

Did you know that the AUXCOM Course (Auxiliary Communications) could be taken on Blackboard.com? If you would like to participate in this online course just

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contact Dr. Juan Hernandez at e-mail address: [drjhernandez@comcast.net](mailto:drjhernandez@comcast.net) Dr. Hernandez will get you a password and user name and register you for the course! What are you waiting for...go ahead and get started on your AUXOP program today!

## Fourth Quarter Game Plan for Public Affairs Officers

Fall is here, and our natural inclination is to slow down our activities (on and off the water), and get ready for the winter months. However, there is still a great deal of work that can be done in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year by eager beavers. Here are some ideas on how to stay busy. Like planting bulbs in the fall, you should appreciate the benefits of planting some "PA seeds" now so that you will reap a bounty come spring.

### Reaching Out to the "Non-Boaters"

Much like an animal going into hibernation, a good number of recreational boaters in many parts of the country have or are putting their boats to bed for the season. However, hunters and anglers are still out in force in most areas of the country. These "non-boaters" don't even think of themselves as boaters, yet they account for as much as one-third of the annual boating fatalities. The primary reasons for these deaths are capsizing, failure to wear life jackets and hypothermia. Here are some suggestions to help these non-traditional boaters from becoming a statistic:

**Consider contacting hunting or fishing clubs** in your area offering to speak on boating safety. Remember, many of these folks do not consider themselves boaters. Highlight the fact that life jackets save lives, safe boats save lives, and staying sober saves lives. Be sure to highlight the effects of hypothermia, and the steps they can take to prevent or mitigate it.

**Work with your PE Officer;** consider offering some of our "bite-sized" courses, such as *Navigating with GPS*, or *Knot Tying*. This will at least expose this group to what the Auxiliary is, and what we do. It wouldn't hurt to mention that we offer short courses on boating safety. Don't feel intimidated about sharing statistics on how life jackets save lives. You might even work with a marine retailer arranging for a life jacket Fashion Show. Emphasize inflatables.

**Working with your PE Officer,** offer an *About Boating Safely* sending promotional materials to the local hunting and fishing clubs. Better yet, send a press release to all of the local hunting and fishing newspapers and magazines in your area, as well as the sports pages of the local daily or weekly newspapers.

**Write an article on the pitfalls of boating** during the fall and winter months. Incorporate ideas from our PE and MT courses. Localize the article 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. Send this article as a press release to local marinas and yacht clubs, as well as the traditional media.

### The Holidays are just around the corner...

The holidays are just around the corner, and with that, come parades. Everybody loves a parade! Most areas will have a Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years day parade. Don't forget the local Veterans Day Parade. This is also a great opportunity to get public exposure, and recruit new members. Here are some ideas on how to keep us in the public's mind during the 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. Have "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 TEAM COAST GUARD!

**Work with your local Coast Guard Recruiting office,** and consider setting up a booth at a local mall or large retailer (of course, you must get permission from the store/mall management first). As the year comes to a close, many people re-evaluate their lives, and what they want to do professionally. By working with the recruiters, we can offer (most) people a place on TEAM COAST GUARD. You can also use this exhibit to promote PE classes. You need to sell our PE courses. How about a course as a gift - the gift of safety! (Again, check with the management of the store/mall to be sure they will allow this)

### Speakers Bureau

Sign up for and participate in your district's speakers' bureau and talk boating safety at local civic organization meetings. They're always looking for interesting, knowledgeable speakers. Sig Murphy has reoriented our Speakers Bureaus throughout the auxiliary. Check it out at: <http://auxpa.org/outreach/speakers.php>

### Etc.

Some other things you can do during the fourth quarter include: Publicize **the results of flotilla and division elections,** as well as awards. Not only does this highlight the accomplishments of the elected officers, but it gets exposure for the Auxiliary as a whole.

**Work with your incoming 2011 PE Officer,** and develop a PE class schedule for 2011. Working with your Program Visitors, get these schedules distributed to dealers. Also be sure to put the classes on your web site, AND on your state BLA and the BOAT U.S. course line!

**This is a great time of the year to update** your media contact list. Also, consider visiting members of the

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media who have supported your efforts during the past year, and check with your elected officers to see if you can arrange for a certificate of appreciation for these valued contacts.

**It's never too early to start working on NSBW for 2011.** Make sure everyone knows the dates (May 21 - 27, 2011), and the importance of participation by our members in some activity, be it a Vessel Safety Check station, a PA exhibit, teaching a PE class, or conducting a safety patrol. This is an opportunity to get TV and radio exposure, and articles placed into the newspapers. Work with your elected officers, and consider forming a committee to plan for the event. Also, don't forget the Gold Side! Some unique ideas for NSBW include:

**Consider holding a press conference** to kick off your NSBW event. 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 TEAM COAST GUARD has for one of its primary missions- search and rescue! It is almost always a guarantee of tons of local media coverage!

**Last and certainly not least**, map out a calendar of PA events for all of 2010. Use calendar formats from the Microsoft Office web site. As a PA Officer, your goal should be to become known as "the" officer who knows what is going on, and it is your job as a PA officer to prime it internally, as well as externally. Start by looking at what you did during 2010. Evaluate what worked well and what didn't (and why). Work with your elected officers, and **SET GOALS!** This is the first step in planning, and at the risk of sounding trite, **if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Put your thinking cap on**, and think of other ideas that can help make 2011 a fantastic year. SEMPER PARATUS!

Thomas Nunes, Deputy Director - Public Affairs

### **Introduction to Marine Safety & Environmental Protection (IMSEP) Course Exam**

The Training Department has run into technical issues in posting the exam for the new IMSEP course on the National Testing Center. They are working on these issues. We will announce the exam's availability as soon as these issues are resolved.

[Posted: Oct 3, 2010. Source: Karel Kester, DVC-PO]

### **Advisory - AIRS Server Upgrade, October 7**

An AIRS server upgrade is scheduled for Thursday October 7 starting 1100 Eastern Time for a six hour window. During this time the website viewing should not be interrupted. Editing by the web manager should

be postponed until after 1700 Eastern Time. [The AIRS server provides web space for Flotillas, Divisions, and Districts. The upgrade will provide additional capabilities for future development.](#)

[Posted: Oct 4, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-I]

### **Tips for Keeping Your Trailer in Tip-Top Shape in the Winter**

- **A perfect boat** is no good if it's on a bad trailer. These four tips for off-season care, courtesy of BoatU.S., will help make your trailer last and get your boat back in the water as soon as the new boating season begins.
- **TREES**--Trees are trouble, so avoid them. Snow, ice, and limbs can cause damage, and leaves and pine needles can cause staining and clog up drain holes.
- **TILT**--Tilt the bow up and let gravity work for you. Place a small block under the trailer jack and tie the drain plug to your ignition key. Also, make sure the boat's cover is tight and keeping out the water.
- **TLC**--Take care of the trailer. Stay on top of little things to prevent major problems later. Spray a good lubricant on metal trailer roller assemblies, winch gears, and electrical connections to prevent rust. Sand, prime, and paint any rust spots now on the (galvanized) metal trailer frame.
- **TIRES**--Take them off--trailers don't need tires in the winter. Remove the tires to deter theft, and store them in the garage or shed to avoid sun damage. With the tires off, check and repack the bearings as needed. Block the frame and tie sturdy plastic bags over the hubs and brakes to keep them dry. If you will not be removing the tires, be sure to face the trailer away from the street and use a heavy-duty lock. Why tempt thieves with easy access to an expensive boat? Cover the tires with bags and make sure they are resting on a piece of plywood or plank to prevent dry rot. To avoid flat spots on the tires, move the trailer periodically a few inches throughout the winter.

**Following these tips** will help you be one of the first boaters underway when the weather warms up, and you'll be starting an extended boating season while other boaters are still stuck in their driveways waiting for expensive trailer repairs.

[Posted: Oct 4, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

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### **Getting Green for Going Green: BoatUS Foundation Will Award \$1,000 to Winner of Environmental Leadership Award.**

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting nominations until December 15 from any organization, group, marina, or individual who has made significant contributions in showing boaters, sailors, or anglers how to stay "green" through becoming more environmentally responsible and taking better care of their local lake, river, or bay. The one-page application form and details about the award and previous nominees are available at:

[www.BoatUS.com/Foundation](http://www.BoatUS.com/Foundation), and questions can be sent to Susan Single-decker at SShingledecker [at] BoatUS.com. [Posted: Oct 6, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

### **IMSEP Exam is now active on NTC**

The technical issues have been solved, and the exam is now active on the NTC. [Posted: Oct 6, 2010. Source: Matt Hammons DVC-TD]

### **ADDITIONAL AUX-10 CLASS IS BOOKED**

The following classes have been proposed for 2011. When the budget is approved we will be able to let you know which classes will occur.

- \* 11 – 13 Feb 2011 – Alameda, CA
- \* 4 – 6 March 2011 – Cape May, NJ
- \* 1 - 3 April 2011 – Pontiac, MI
- \* 8 – 10 April 2011 – Joliet, IL
- \* 10-12 June 2011 - Yorktown, VA

[Posted: Oct 6, 2010. Source: Marilyn McBain, DVC-]

### ***District 8CR, 9WR, 11SR, 11NR, and 13 IS Officers,***

Your district is now privileged to have available the new, totally-online 7029 "Webform" that allows members to quickly and easily enter their monthly administrative hours from any modern Web browser, and never again have to touch a paper or even an Adobe pdf 7029 form. Members are encouraged to migrate over to this simple and labor-saving system as soon as practicable. The form is accessed at <http://webforms.cgau.org>. A Help Desk is available on site for those with questions and feedback. A logon is required, and uses the same Member ID and password as AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer and the retired eDirectory. Users without passwords may create one right at the Webforms site, or at AuxDirectory (<http://auxofficer.cgau.org>). The Webform allows members to either report only totals, or to report activities in detail using the online form as a day-to-day journal. Entered information is retained for the member indefinitely until the form is submitted. The IS Officer receives the form in an email, enters it in AUXDATA

while viewing that email, and is encouraged to archive it as an email. If the FSO-IS does not have Entry/Approval access, he/she is to forward the form "up the chain" for entry/approval. He/she should simply forward the email itself, adding the words "READY FOR ENTRY/APPROVAL" to the Subject line.

For the rationale behind the 7029 form itself, please visit <http://forms.cgau.org/7029video.html>.

Marilyn McBain, DVC-IL

### **New ANSC Catalog Available**

The new Auxiliary National Supply Center Descriptive Listing Catalog is now available for download on the V Department website by using this link: [http://safetyseal.net/pdf\\_files/dcatnov-10.pdf](http://safetyseal.net/pdf_files/dcatnov-10.pdf) This catalog lists all of the safe boating pamphlets, brochures and such that are available through ANSC. Please share this information with your FSO-VE, FSO-MV and FSO-MA. [Posted: Oct 16, 2010. Source: P. Urgola, Director V-Dept]

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**SUBJ: LOSS OF COAST GUARDSMAN**

1. I am deeply saddened to report the loss of a shipmate resulting from an operational mishap.
2. On the night of 13 October, during a training evolution on the James River in Virginia, ME3 Shaun Lin on MSST New York fell into the water. After extensive and exhaustive searches by multiple Coast Guard Units and other agencies, his remains were recovered on 14 October.
3. Petty Officer Lin stood the watch on the front lines, from his time aboard CGC Maui serving in the North Arabian Gulf to his assignment at MSST New York. He protected our nation from criminal and terrorist threats. Petty Officer Lins' individual efforts are probably unknown to most people, but his selfless service continues to be highly valued by all Americans. His quiet professionalism, like so many others in our service, ensured we were always ready.
4. I commend our dedicated professional that searched in hope of finding our shipmate alive. Their tireless efforts are the true embodiment of the principles of "Honor or Profession" and "Respect our Shipmates".
5. As we shift focus towards providing care and compassion for the family of Petty Officer Lin and his closest shipmates, I ask each of you to keep Shaun, his family, and the crew of MSST New York in your thoughts and prayers.
6. Our investigative processes will help to pinpoint areas of possible concern. Pending the outcomes of the Administrative Investigation and Mishap Analysis Board in this case, I ask you to avoid speculation regarding the factors contributing to this tragic mishap. We will share

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the results of these investigations when they become available.

7. Our duties will always entail dangerous work in challenging environments. However, we must remain absolutely committed to the safety of our shipmates – A responsibility that belongs each of us. As members of the Coast Guard Family.

8. **ADM BOB PAPP, COMMANDANT, SENDS.**

### **AFRAS awards presented.**

AFRAS, The Association for Rescue at Sea, presented their annual Gold and Silver medals on Capitol Hill. The medals are awarded to an active duty enlisted Guardian and Auxiliarist for a conspicuous life saving rescue during the previous year. The Commandant of the Coast Guard and the National Commodore (e) participated in the event. Read who these recipients are and the deeds they performed to receive such a prestigious honor, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Oct 18, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Coast Guard Auxiliary member dies**

PAMLICO, N.C. - A Coast Guard Auxiliary member died while sailing Sunday evening in the vicinity of Piney Point, N.C. The deceased is David J. Gerdeman. Gerdeman, who was a member of Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 20-03 in Oriental, was out boating on Sunday with his wife and friends, when he was struck on the head by his sailboat's boom and knocked overboard at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Another Auxiliarist, also on the sailboat, dove into the water and retrieved Gerdeman. A good Samaritan with a power boat later arrived and transported Gerdeman to River Dunes Marina where they were met by a Coast Guard response boat crew from Coast Guard Station Hobucken. The Coast Guard started CPR until an Emergency Medical Service ambulance and crew transported him to Craven Memorial Hospital.

Hospital staff reported later that Gerdeman was deceased.

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Thomas Nunes, Director - Public Affairs (S)

## **Tips for boat winterizing with ethanol fuel: Suggestions from Auxiliary Partner, Soundings Magazine**

Boaters are starting to winterize their boats. Considering the problems that ethanol-blended gasoline can cause, proper preparation of the fuel system and engine is a critical step in preparing a boat for winter storage. Gasoline with 10 percent ethanol (E10) has led to disintegration of fiberglass fuel tanks, the gumming up of fuel lines, and piston and valve failure. Two properties of ethanol cause problems in boat fuel systems. First, ethanol absorbs moisture - so it can cause water to collect in your fuel tank and fuel system. Second, ethanol is a solvent. It can loosen debris in the tank or fuel lines and allow it to reach the engine. Engine manufacturer representatives recommend using a quality fuel stabilizer and conditioner. The stabilizer should be added to the fuel tank before the seasonal lay-up and the engine should be run long enough to ensure that the stabilized fuel runs through the entire system.

**Empty or full?** Opinions vary about whether tanks should be left empty, or about 95 percent full during winter storage. According to some experts, the benefit of leaving tanks empty is, that if there's no ethanol in the tank it can't absorb water and can't loosen deposits in the tank. According to other experts, the benefit of leaving tanks filled with treated fuel is that there's less likelihood of moisture forming in the tank from condensation and a topped-off tank minimizes the explosive fumes that can remain in an empty tank. The National Fire Protection Association calls for tanks to be topped off to minimize explosive vapors. Draining the tank may be an option for boat owners with small fuel tanks but for owners of larger boats, topping it off makes more sense.

**The rest of the fuel system** also needs attention.

Drain and replace the fuel/water separator and drain any fuel filters to the engine. You also should inspect all fuel hoses, and fittings. To determine the effect ethanol may have had on your fuel system, when changing the fuel/water separator, pour some of the gasoline into a clear jar and check the level of water and debris. If you see black specks in the fuel, you're looking at a potential ethanol problem. The black specks are typically pieces of rubber fuel line that has begun to deteriorate internally. If you find them, replace the affected fuel line with a new ethanol-resistant line.

[Posted: Oct 17, 2010. Source: Kelly Townsend, DVC-BL]



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