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***FROM THE COMMANDER:***

I want to take this moment to thank my vice commander, Tony Ashlin, for a great job he did in putting together the 2010 Division 5 OPTREX. Twenty seven members re-qualified for Boat Crew and Coxswain, completing their on the water requalifications. Lunch was provided and four QE's were on hand to test the members. We had five Operational Facilities on hand to provide a platform for testing. It was one of the smoothest OPTREX's I have attended. Also special thanks to Norma Norgaard for her quick spatula, we didn't loose one hamburger, even though they had to use a water bottle to cool the flames down. I am looking forward to our next OPTREX.

**Dennis Grinstead, DCDR-5**

**OPTREX 9-4-10**



**Norma Norgaard cooks**



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Here are the results of the District 11s 2011 elections. District Commodore, Harry Jacobs; District Chief of Staff, Al Verdi; Captain LA/LB North, Trent Kelly; Captain LA/LB South, Dennis Grinstead; Captain, SD/I, Mary Klock. This will be your District Bridge for the year 2011. We are looking forward to serving you.

**Dennis Grinstead, DCDR-5**

### **YOUR BRIDGE FOR 2011**



**Cdr. Greg Matlan; DCO Mike Johnson; Harry Jacobs, DCO elect, Mary Klock, Dist. Captain SD/I elect; Al Verdi, DOS elect; Trent Kelly Captain LA/LB N elect; Dennis Grinstead, Captain LA/LB S elect**



**Dennis Grinstead receives his shoulder boards from CDR Matlan and DCO Johnson**

### **FROM THE VICE COMMANDER: Tony Ashlin**

#### **Current progress:**

- Working on recruitment and retention

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

- Successful OPTREX event at Al Larson's Marina. A team of 30 members assisted in the re-qualification of 4 Coxswains and 8 Crewmembers using 5 boat facilities, 1 mobile radio facility to handle radio guard. PQS evaluations were administered by 4 Qualification Examiners. Hot Lunch served at the marina to crew

and those who assisted in the event.

#### **Program performance**

- Successful RBS booth at Pt. Fermin for Ham Radio Event.

#### **Problems encountered**

- Challenged by multiple events in the SoCal area and staffing watch-standers for LB Boat Show.

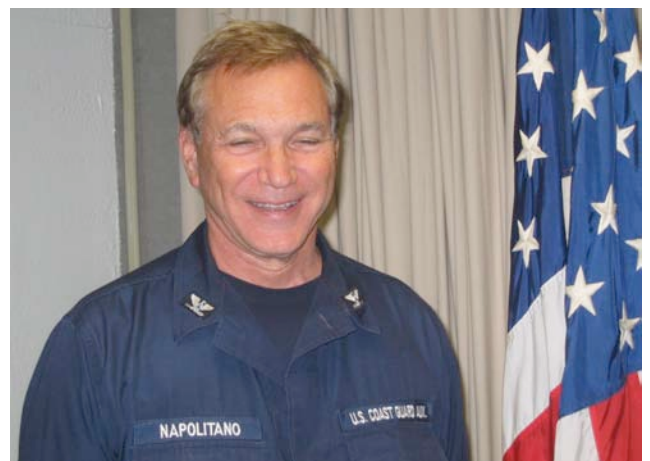
#### **Future plans and milestones**

- Plan to visit more flotillas throughout the Division Division elections
- Staff selection for 2011- plan to ask all staff members at the next meeting if they desire to continue within the division staff and if not that they can suggest a replacement and begin them.



**To view more pictures see Div. 5 website**

### **FROM THE DIVISION:**



**At the Division 5 Meeting 21 September, Don Napolitano, District Captain, South conducted the elections for 2011. Elected:**

**Tony Ashlin, DCDR  
Karl McMillin, DVCDR**

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**Karl & Tony**

### **To: Division 5 Staff Officers.**

I would like to thank you for your dedication, commitment and the wonderful job that you have done so far in 2010. It has been an exciting year working with a newly merged division and the teamwork has not only been superb but the fellowship has also been an awesome experience. As your newly elected Division Commander I am hopeful that the spirit and professionalism that we have displayed will carry on in 2011.

I want to extend a hardy congratulations to our SO-OP, Karl McMillan, who has been elected to be the Division 5 Vice Commander next year. Karl and I have worked closely for four years as a team and I am certain that he is going to do a fine job in overseeing the staff.

This is a good time to ask the Division Staff Officers if you would like to continue as an appointed division staff next year so that we can fill out the 7007 Annual Unit Officers Report in a timely fashion.

Thanks again for all your support.  
Tony Ashlin, DVCDR 5

### **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:**

- SO's MA have been ordering required materials

#### **Problems encountered.**

- Additional shipment of ABCs of California Boating Laws has been received from CAL Boating.

- The District Materials Center is back from NACON and back to normal hours (1<sup>st</sup> three Saturdays of the month 09:00-14:00 and Mondays 18:00-21:00).

#### **Future Plans:**

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

### **MEMBER TRAINING – Kim Anderson**

#### **Current Progress:**

- Flotillas are actively meeting deadlines for all member training/

#### **Accomplishments in the Division:**

- Successful OpTrex held Labor Day weekend at Al Larson marina. It was well attended and the cook out was a hit! A team of 30 members assisted in the re-qualification of 4 Coxswains and 8 Crewmembers using 6 boat facilities. 1 mobile radio facility to handle radio guard. PQS evaluations were administered by 4 QE's.
- Members are completing required workshops.
- Flotillas are holding member training.
- Examples from reporting flotillas include:
  - Latitude determined by noon sun shot training
  - Electronic Charts training
  - Re-administer AuxNav B
  - New IS officer training

#### **Program Performance:**

- In several flotillas, new members are preparing for the Crew Program.

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

- The only remaining 2010 Aids to Navigation class is scheduled NS Workshop – 6 Nov. 2010, at BSU, bldg. 32. Pre-registration is required.
- Point of contact: G. Richard Reinhardt – [grr4kh@juno.com](mailto:grr4kh@juno.com) - (310) 375-7619; the Galley will not be open, you need a brown bag – Uniform is Tropical Blue.

### **OPERATIONS: Karl McMillin**

**Current Plans: Successful OPTREX** was held on 04 SEP at Al Larson's Marina on Terminal Island. It was very well attended and the cook out was a hit! A team of 30 members assisted in the requalification of 4 Coxswains and 8 Crewmembers using 5 vessel facilities. 1 mobile radio facility handled the radio guard for the exercise. Requalification evaluations were administered by 4 Qualification Examiners.

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

- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 24AUG10 Noble Eagle patrol.
- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 04SEP10 Training patrol as part of Division 5 OPTREX.
- Flotilla 5-3 – completed 16SEP10 Noble Eagle patrol.
- Flotilla 5-10 – completed 21AUG10 Regatta patrol

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(Red Bull Flugtag) on vessel facility Four Fun II.

- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 28AUG10 Safety patrol on vessel facility Merryot.
- Flotilla 5-12 – completed 04SEP10 Training patrol as part of Division 5 OPTREX.

**Assistance required**

- Backup needed for key DIRAUX positions. When key persons are on vacation or otherwise not available, boats cannot be approved, coxswains cannot be assigned.

**Future plans and milestones**

- Scheduled Patrols

**NAVIGATION SYSTEMS – Jo Paulo**

**Accomplishments in your Division:**

- ALL PATON's for area 6.5 are out to the members

**Problems encountered:**

- Everett Harper to get Salvador Gonzales out to complete the 4 PATONS
- Kim will be completing 7 PATONS

**Future plans and milestones:**

- **ONLY REMAINING NS WORKSHOP** to be held in 2010
- NS Workshop – November 6, 2010, Coast Guard Base Bldg 32
- 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

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Tony Ashlin**

**Current Progress:**

- Using PA for recruitment.

**Accomplishments in your Division**

- Division 5 RBS Booth at Pt. Fermin Ham Radio Event.
- 5-3 Waterway watch presented to Rotary Clubs in orange and Cypress
- 5-3 PA booth at Sunset Aquatic Launch Ramp in Huntington Beach

**Program performance:**

- 5-12 Positive results for classes advertised

**Problems encountered:**

- Many events are being planned resulting in schedule conflicts for watch-standers
- 5-3 materials from Cal Dept. of Boating & Waterways becoming scarce

**Future plans and milestones:**

- Long Beach Boat Show Sept 09-12
- 5-3 AWW presentations rotary clubs in Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Long Beach Singles Yacht club

**PUBLIC EDUCATION – Gary Norgaard**

**Accomplishments in Flotillas:**

- No reports from Flotillas.
- Flotilla 05-13 completed Navigation class, one student traveled to Rancho Cucamonga. He is joining Auxiliary I believe Flt 3-12. Flt 5-13 completed an
- ABS class and is planning an ABS class for the public and our seven new members.

**Problems encountered/potential problems:**

- Communication now as in the past is always the big problem. With the exception of Flt 5-10 and Flt 5-4 (we work together) I seem unable to receive any reports.
- A large part of the problem is the flotilla staff officers may hold many jobs, not necessarily in their area of comfort or expertise.
- A Flotilla Commander, in my opinion should not hold two three or even more jobs. If a flotilla is not active in a discipline and has no interest in becoming active I find no reason to filling a FSO slot. In an attempt to create interest the smaller flotillas are overwhelmed in doing what they do.
- **Solution:**  
Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. This said it becomes an attempt to initiate a dynamic viable program in VSCs and Public Education.

**Future Plans and milestones**

- Make an attempt to convince flotillas to submit reports. It seems necessary for the division to sponsor a Public Education Instructor Class.

**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. 1 new member was certified in September.
- 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 August 10 – September 11:

- Flotilla 5-8 – Completed 20 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-9 – Completed 8 Program Visits
- Flotilla 5-10 – Completed 8 Program Visits

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- Flotilla 5-13 – Completed 6 Program Visits

**Problems encountered/potential problems:**

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

**Future plans and milestones:**

- 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**

**Problems and concerns:**

During the last four months of the year, all Auxiliary Units, (District, Divisions and Flotillas) will be conducting elections for their new elected officers for 2011. All Units are reminded that, in accordance with the manual, each unit is required to submit the Annual Unit Officers Report, ANSC-7007 (11-08) as soon as possible after the annual election and that it must be submitted to the DIRAUX Office prior to 20 December. We use this form to create the new District Directory so if you do not submit your form in a timely manner, you will not be listed in the new Directory which is published in early 2011. Remember, all Office positions need not be filled in order to submit this form.

**FLOTILLA 53 – Donn C. Kirby, FC**

**Current progress:**

- 1 new member in AP status

**Accomplishments in your Flotilla**

- VE blitz and PA booth at Sunset Aquatic Marina Huntington Beach
- Waterway watch presented at Rotary Clubs in Orange and Cypress

**Program performance:**

- Noble Eagle patrol and training patrol by DIV 5 OPTREX completed
- VE's completed by members
- New PV member reactivated PV partners not visited in months.

**Problems encountered:**

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

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- VE blitz at Davies launch ramp in Long Beach with PA booth

- AWW presentations planned for Long Beach, Huntington Beach, and Costa mesa
- Noble Eagle patrol in L.A.-Long Beach area
- Flotilla elections planned for next flotilla meeting



**Jo Pauloo, 53 receives Certificates for S.E.T.S. and Service Performance Award for 86 hours on Patrol**

**FLOTILLA 54 – Everett Harper, FC**

**Current Progress:**

- New members being mentored
- Two new members in flotilla
- Four new members recruited for other flotillas
- Fellowship and training at each flotilla meeting.
- Successful Fellowship BBQ in August for members and families.

**Accomplishments in the Flotilla:**

- Active boat program with underway missions for Training, PATONS, Noble Eagle, and Regatta
- TCT Refresher training held at flotilla meeting
- Flotilla members participated in Division OPTREX
- Two Flotilla members active in Translation Corps
- Two Flotilla members actively performing crew augmentation
- Elections held for 2011. Congratulations to Robert (Wally) Waldron and Ari Requicha

**Assistance Required:**

- Backup needed for key DIRAUX positions. When key persons are on vacation or otherwise not available, nothing moves forward; boats cannot be approved, coxswains cannot be assigned.

**FLOTILLA 55 – James Stewart, FC**

**FLOTILLA 57 – John Kinner, FC**

- Flotilla was dark for August due to illnesses.
- No reported activities. We will conduct our Annual Election this month on 23 September at BSU. Bld. 32.

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

### **Current Progress:**

- La Mirada city has asked us to represent the US Coast Guard at their annual Veterans' day program. from 1800 to 2100
- Brian Regalbuto FC visited the R-Ranch Lake and gave out 30 whistles and he put them on to 30 lifejackets. See attached press release sent to The Kern Valley Sun Newspaper.

### **Accomplishments in the flotilla:**

- Aug Meeting had quorum
- We have 3 new potential members.

### **Future Plans:**

- Flotilla elections to be held next month Oct. 26, 2010

## **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Comes to the Sequoias**

Any body of water, large or small, is still dangerous. That is why the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary came to the R-Ranch in the Sequoias this past Labor Day weekend. The R-Ranch, also known as Johnsondale, has an eleven-acre lake where owners and their guests enjoy several paddleboats. While ranch rules require wearing lifejackets when on the lake, Auxiliary inspection of the facilities noted the absence of an important safety item; whistles. The Coast Guard recommends attaching a whistle to every lifejacket for use in signaling emergencies. This is because while yelling, "Help" might work on a small lake, a whistle can be heard over longer distances, engines, and other people's voices. Also, you won't lose your voice shouting for help when using a whistle. Lifejacket whistles must be designed for use in water, i.e. they cannot contain a ball that may swell when wet and keep the whistle from working. Although U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members came to put whistles on R-Ranch lifejackets, they also demonstrated to some paddle boaters how to properly fit a child's lifejacket. Making sure that a lifejacket is the right size is very important to avoiding tragedy. An improperly fitted lifejacket will rise above the child's chin, submerging the mouth and nose under water. Thus a child can drown even while wearing a lifejacket! To check for proper fit, have the child put on the lifejacket, stand behind the child, place your hands under the lifejacket's shoulder straps, and lift up. If the lifejacket rises above the chin, it is not a proper fit.

These Labor Day weekend activities were conducted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary as part of its mission to assist the U.S. Coast Guard in its safe boating endeavors. The Auxiliary is composed of volunteers dedicated to promoting safe boating through teaching safe boating classes, conducting free vessel safety checks, safety patrols on lakes, rivers and oceans, and public information activities such as the recent visit to the R-Ranch. If you

would like more information on lifejackets, boating, and safety on any body of water, large or small, visit the Auxiliary's web site at [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).



**R-Ranch Security Guard Kris Snyder assists Brian Regalbuto, Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 58 Dist. 11 Southern Region, attach water whistles to lifejackets.**

## **FLOTILLA 59 – Rose Castrobran, FC**

### **Current Progress: - August**

- openhouses at lighthouses:
- Point Vicente : Members Eric Castrobran, Frank Martin, Mandy Cordova
- Point Hueneme June: members Kim & Rose Castrobran
- Flotilla members Joe Nebelsky, Frank Martin, Duke Overpeck are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols
- Member Wako Winters manning radio and going out on patrols with Robert Uy(Div 14)
- Member Rene Martin featured in Navigator magazine for his work in Africa with the Aux Interpreter Corps

### **Accomplishments:**

- 37 PVs performed to date by member Wako Winters
- member Salvador Gonzalez completed Advanced Navigation Class
- Lee Anthony performed 6 VSCs this month

### **For September:**

#### **Current Progress:**

- openhouses at lighthouses:
- Point Vicente : Members Eric Castrobran, Frank Martin, Salvador Gonzalez
- Point Hueneme: members Kim & Rose Castrobran

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- Flotilla members Joe Nebelsky, Frank Martin, Duke Overpeck are going out weekly on Noble Eagle Patrols
- Member Wako Winters manning radio and going out on patrols

**Accomplishments:**

- Successful ham radio event with members from flotilla at all three lighthouses. Point Hueneme had its' open house on same weekend, total of 368 visitors.

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

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

I was returning from Catalina Sunday when I heard a Mayday broadcast that some Kayakers were about 12 miles off Catalina trying to return to San Pedro at about 4pm. Evidently they had been paddling for about 7 hours and were completely exhausted and out of energy and unable to make headway into the current. I answered the Mayday call and said I would try to locate them. With the help of several vessels in the area including the sail boat that spotted them originally I was able to locate the scene.

When I arrived one of the Kayakers was in the water the others were hanging on to the sailboat I was able to rescue all three and brought them on board my vessel (The Lady M) with the invaluable help of my Wife Mar Jean who personally pulled the Kayakers out of the water. We were in serious seas at the time and just keeping the 55 foot Navigator into the swell and the wind was a major undertaking, so while I was doing that Mar Jean was personally pulling these guys out of the Channel and securing their large Ocean Going Kayaks on the back of the Navigator. In total we rescued 3 adult males. When we got these guys on board they were suffering from hypothermia we wrapped them in blankets and were able to stabilize their body temperatures so by the time I got them into San Pedro 2 hours later they were pretty well recovered.

Based on the condition they were in when I pulled them out of the Pacific I believe they would not have survived the night out in the middle of the Channel.



**A happy ending! Groff Emery, FC 5-11 (L)  
with kayakers –  
“ALLS WELL THAT ENDS WELL!”**

**FLOTILLA 5-12 – Edward Green, FC**

**Current progress:**

- Working with new members in getting them into classes and the Auxiliary Team Spirit
- PE courses continue to be a source for new members

**Accomplishments in your Flotilla**

- Participation in PA programs, VE activities and fellowship continues
- New certifications for members in various areas
- VE's continue and interest has been expressed for qualifying additional members

**Program performance:**

- Vessel Inspections continue with independent and group inspection pushes at local marinas

**Future plans and milestones from the Departments**

- Continue BS and S classes and Weekend Navigator Courses
- New IS Staff Officer to attend course on Aux Data
- Elections at our October Flotilla meeting, discussions to occur at this month's meeting

**FLOTILLA 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC**

- **No activity reported.**

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**FROM THE DISTRICT:**

**Inland Rendezvous October 1-3.** Division 9 has announced that the annual *Inland Rendezvous* will be held in Laughlin Nevada beginning Friday, October 1, and concluding Sunday, October 3. Auxiliarists and their families from inside the District and without are invited to join in the festivities. Inquiries about the event, which will be based at the Aquarius Resort and Casino, should be forwarded to J.W. Napier, SO-FN of Division 9 (contact info in AuxOfficer). Registration is \$10.00 per person before September 22nd and \$15.00 thereafter. Friday night social and Saturday Night dinner are \$35.00 per person. A Flyer with a mail-in registration form can be downloaded here.

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### **Video Features CG Band, Auxiliary at Parade.**

An entertaining, 13-minute video featuring the United States Coast Guard Band in concert, and marching in the May 15th Armed Forces Day Parade at Torrance, CA has been produced by DCDR-12 Al Verdi, and may be seen online at:

[http://gallery.me.com/christopherpheller/100130.](http://gallery.me.com/christopherpheller/100130)

The video celebrates both the event and the Auxiliary's participation with clips and montages from both the parade and the evening concert. The National Honor Guard is also featured.

**Sunday Brunch** – The PCA Fall Meeting and Brunch was held on 12 September at the Meadowlark Golf Club in Huntington Beach. 1130 Social – 1200 Brunch. Guest Speaker was John Ochs, Senior Director, West Coast APM Terminals. John is a former Active Duty Coast Guard Officer and Director of Auxiliary in this District in the 1990s.

**Elected for 2011:** Charles Long, President and Rob Tanner Vice President.



**Jim Franklin**

### **Shipmates:**

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Jim Franklin, our DSO-CS for the past nine years, and a good friend and mentor to many throughout the District has passed over the bar after a long illness. Jim will certainly be missed. I will inform you about any services as soon as I have the information.

**Michael C. Johnson DCO 11(SR)**

**Jim Franklin's Memorial Service** was held on Saturday (28 Aug) in Tucson, AZ. Condolences may be sent to the Franklin family at 9002 E. Holmes St., Tucson, AZ 85710-3033

### **DSO PE – Victoria Jacobs**

A new chapter is being added to the VE manual to cover Sport Utility Boats – canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, etc. Slides with this information have been uploaded to the national VE site at

<http://safetysal.net/2010-nacon/KayakPresentation.ppt>.

The 7012 form will be updated to reflect these changes and that information will come via the VE Chain of Information.

Although this is VE material, it links perfectly with the Paddlecraft class and adds to the depth of knowledge. On occasion (too many occasions) I hear from PE Officers or Flotilla leaders that they would like to have a PE program, or expand their PE program, but they just can't find a great location, or get more than a few students, or some other reason that makes sense to them. You are trying to be perfect. **DON'T DO THAT!** You are getting stuck trying to be perfect. The following is from Mary Hunt, and she is talking about finances, but it applies to the PE program also. You still need to make the best effort you can with what is available, just don't get overwhelmed by the details. Note: this refers to God – if that isn't your thing, OK.

“Perfectionism can keep us from moving forward, but it doesn't have to be that way. There are antidotes for perfectionism.

**1. Believe that no one is perfect.** You will liberate yourself when you lower your expectations from perfect to realistic. Don't be afraid to make a mistake. You don't have to be perfect to be happy.

**2. Let go and let God handle things.** It takes a lot of faith to let go of those things over which we have no control.

**3. Learn contentment.** Life must be lived in less than perfect circumstances. Accept that. Love the moment, and enjoy the journey. Dump the pressure that says you must be perfect to be accepted. It's time to break out of your prison of perfectionism. Identify what you need to do and take the first step. Even if you fall flat on your face, you will have gained at least five feet. Then take the second step, and the third. Before you know it, you will be making terrific progress. Not perfection, but progress!”

*“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” — William Arthur Ward*

Richard Heller, Div. 7, has created a Power Point from for use in making presentations to community groups and has generously allowed me to share it with you. You can take PA credit, or if it lasts at least an hour PE credit. See attached. This presentation is perfect for the Rotary/Kiwanis/Lions/Soroptimist meeting circuit.

[GPS Short Overview.ppt \(859K\)](#)

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Remember to get all your hours into AuxData before the end of the month and double check your listing to be sure all the hours were recorded

### **25 Sept TCT Training Rescheduled to 9 October**

**2010.** Due to an unexpected "planned" power outage, the Team Coordination Training scheduled for Saturday, 25 September 2010 has been *rescheduled* to Saturday, October 9th – two weeks later. If you have not met your five-year TCT currency requirement, *this is the last District-sponsored class available in 2010.* Members not already signed up who still wish to participate must email D11S training specialist Pat Swope.

### **Are you an Auxiliary Communicator?**

Do you love talking on the radio and making contacts around the world? If so and you did not participate in the International Lighthouse and Lightship Radio Weekend you missed a wonderful opportunity. In the time I was logging we had contacts with New Zealand, Uruguay, Mexico, Canada, AZ, OR, WA, NV, FL, AL, and TN. The next morning there were so many contacts in Africa that they had to give them numbers so that they could properly log them. As much fun for me, since I'm not a radio techie, was seeing all the equipment set up and watching those who are techies tweak the radios for maximum performance.

### **Good afternoon, Shipmates--**

The District's Member Training calendar is now ready for use. However, it can only be of use to the membership if good information is provided.

I am, therefore, requesting that all SO-MTs and FSO-MTs now provide me with a list of any training activity that is going to occur within your Flotilla/Division. The information needed is: class name, description, prerequisites (if any), date, time, location, instructor, links to manual or other instructional information, contact person and instructions for registration, and any other miscellaneous information deemed to be useful to a potential student. Providing this information should now occur on an ongoing basis.

I have tasked my ADSO, Bob Holm, with entering the data into the calendar; please send both of us the class information (contact: [reholm@scualum.com](mailto:reholm@scualum.com)).

As you may recall, one of my goals for 2010 was to get all of the District's member training information into the hands of all members, no matter where they live, enabling each of them to potentially attend whatever class they needed or desired.

Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor.

**Mary H. Klock, DSO-MT 11S**

### **Subject: Invitation to Use New Online Web 7029 Form**

ANACO Bruce Miller, Chief Information Officer of the Auxiliary, has extended an invitation to all members of D11SR to begin testing a new, online 7029 form that completely eliminates any paper or PDF files. Using your web browser, you fill out your hours whenever you want, and the online form remembers them. When you are ready, you click SUBMIT, and your IS officer automatically receives your "99A-E" hours in an approved email format. As of May, 2010, all IS officers are required to accept that email as your sole report of administrative hours.

To participate, visit the Webforms beta test site at <http://webforms.cgaux.org/>, and read the online material several times. Then start a NEW form, and you are off and running. Note that any form can be used as a day-by-day form record of one month, or you can clear the dates, and organize the form however and for whatever period you wish, typing in your own dates. A modern browser is required.

Thank you in advance for helping to prove this new, streamlined concept in reporting hours.

By direction of: Michael C. Johnson, Commodore D11SR

\*\*\*\* PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE BY CLICKING ON ONE OPTION BELOW \*\*\*\*

1. [I have read this invitation and intend to try out the new online 7029 Webform for my 99A-E hours.](#)
2. [I have read this invitation and intend to stick with the PDF or paper form.](#)

**The following NACON videos** have been posted as indicated. Admiral Papp : <http://vimeo.com/14960669>  
Ryan Bank: <http://vimeo.com/14960858>

Thomas Nunes, Deputy Director - Public Affairs

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### **FROM NATIONAL:**

#### **The RBS Affairs Site Has Moved**

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Affairs Department web site is now on a new server, with a new address: [bdept.cgaux.org](http://bdept.cgaux.org). For now, visitors entering the old "auxbdept.org" address into their browsers or following old links will be redirected to the new site automatically. This automatic redirection will end eventually, so please update all links to the RBS Affairs site. Thank you. [Posted: Aug 25, 2010. Source: Alan Dove, BC-BRI]

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### **New Boating Safety Alert Service**

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Affairs Department is pleased to announce that a new boating safety alert service has been launched. RBS-News provides information about boating safety tips, best practice ideas, and important announcements about boating safety. To subscribe to the RBS-News alert service, simply click [here](#) and fill in the section labeled "Subscribing to RBS-News". [Posted: Aug 25, 2010. Source: Bruce Johnson, DIR-B]

### **A Rescue: Persons in the water**

Recently the crew of an Auxiliary vessel was returning to their Coast Guard Station after searching for some stranded boaters on an island. On board were the coxswain and crew of three with a trainee. Just as they were approaching a Bridge they saw three members of a family fall off their personal watercraft. A mother, father and their 4 ½-year old son were all struggling in the water to stay afloat. Read how the crew's quick action saved the day, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Aug 19, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **New Deputy National Commodores**

Commodore Donald L. Frasch, currently District Commodore of District Seven, has been elected Deputy National Commodore Operations and & Atlantic Area East. Commodore Mark Simoni, currently Assistant National Commodore Operations Policy & Resources, has been elected Deputy National Commodore Operations Policy & Atlantic Area West. Commodore Marie M. Scholle, currently as District Commodore District Seventeen, has been elected Deputy National Commodore Force Readiness & Pacific Area. [Posted: Aug 27, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

### **Commodore Thomas C. Mallison Elected National Vice Commodore**

Commodore Thomas C. Mallison has been elected National Vice Commodore. He is currently serving as Deputy National Commodore – Operations Policy and Atlantic Area West. He previously served as District Commodore, Eighth District Eastern Region from 2007-08, as District Vice Commodore from 2005-06, and as District Rear Commodore West from 2003-04. He served as Department Chief of the National Department of Personnel from 2000-02. Commodore Mallison graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Science. He also holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration. Commodore Mallison joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1990. He has a wide variety of experiences in both elected and staff of-

fices at all levels from flotilla to National. He is active as Boat Crew Coxswain, PATON Verifier, RBS Visitor, Vessel Examiner, Instructor and Qualification Examiner. He is an AUXOP member. He is a member of Flotilla 63 in Dayton, Ohio . [Posted: Aug 27, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]



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### **Commodore Jim Vass Elected National Commodore for the 2010-2012 Term**

Commodore Jim Vass has been elected National Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the 2010-2012 Term. Commodore Vass began his career in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1991. He has served in all elected positions up to his current role as National Vice Commodore. Commodore Vass is a 1964 graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He began his military career as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers serving six and one-half years of active duty and retiring from the reserve program with 28+ years of total service. While serving on active duty, he served in Korea, Vietnam, Germany and the Virgin Islands. After leaving the Army, he joined the DuPont Company and retired after 29 years of service as a Senior Project Engineer. While working with DuPont he was stationed at 7 different sites responsible for major construction activity: Richmond Virginia, Augusta Georgia, Beaumont Texas, Dordrich the Netherlands, Parkersburg West Virginia, Ulsan Korea and Victoria Texas [Posted: Aug 27, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

### **2010 Grants Handbook now available**

The RBS Affairs Department is pleased to announce that the 2010 edition of the Grants Handbook is now available. This is a terrific source of information about potential grants and awards in the field of recreational boating safety. All flotillas and divisions should plan on downloading a copy and reviewing it for potential opportunities. The Grants Handbook can be downloaded [here](#).

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Posted by William Griswold, BC-BRG. [Posted: Aug 27, 2010. Source: ]

## Online Tax Guide for Boat Buyers

Suppose you're thinking about buying a new boat at an out-of-state boat show or marine dealership. Do you know what the tax rate will be on your dream boat, whether you will need to pay additional tax in your home state, and how many days there are in the registration grace period? BoatU.S. has compiled an online State Boating Tax and Registration Guide [here](#). Clicking on any state will bring up details about sales and "use" taxes, credits that might be given for a boat purchased in a different state, registration grace periods, state decal requirements, and title information. Online links and phone numbers for state boating registration and tax departments are also provided. Auxiliarists who have the option of shopping for a boat in several states might be able to cut their costs significantly by referring to this Guide before getting into boating or trading up.

[Posted: Aug 26, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

## Adm. Papp thanks Auxiliary at National Conference

Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Bob Papp expressed his deep appreciation to the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their selfless service during the Auxiliary National Conference in Scottsdale, AZ.

See [Coast Guard Compass](#) [Posted: Sep 1, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes,



Adm. Bob Papp at NACON 2010



## COMO Mike Johnson, 11 SR

NACO Kerrigan called retiring each retiring COMO to the podium and presented each with a life membership certificate and a parting gift. Each Commodore had an opportunity to then offer remarks. Along with other remarks each thanked their staff and membership for the assist they received over the course of their two years.

## New USCG Policy Statement re: USCG Auxiliary

A new USCG Policy Statement concerning the Auxiliary is available at [Auxiliary Policy Statement](#) [Posted: Sep 1, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-Ad]

## CITRIX IS GONE FOR AUXDATA

CITRIX is no longer a choice for connecting to AUXDATA. It was deleted on 31 Aug 2010. Please use the most current version of JAVA. [Posted: Sep 2, 2010. Source: MARILYN McBAIN, DVC-IL]

## SAFE BOATING: A Year-Round

**Commitment** By Harriet Howard, Special Assistant for NSBW

According to Coast Guard statistics for 2009, there were 12,721,541 boats registered by the states, representing an increase of 0.23% from 2008. Compared to 2008, the number of boating accidents decreased 1.23%, but the number of boating fatalities increased 3.81%. Almost 3/4 of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, 84% were not reported as wearing a life jacket. These sobering statistics emphasize the importance of promoting boating safety as a year-round commitment.

**Labor Day** is coming. Expect our nation's waterways to be crowded with boaters and their families enjoying the last of the summer boating season. The Labor Day holiday is an opportunity for us to promote life jacket wear. There is a life jacket to meet every recreational boater's need, including the new inflatable versions and belt packs. The National Safe Boating Council points out that

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there are life jackets for hunters, anglers paddlers, water skiers, water boarders and personal watercraft riders. "There are no excuses for not wearing a life jacket." In addition to urging the boating public to "Wear It!" let's remind them to take a boating safety class, get a vessel safety check and also to file a float plan.

### **SITREP at NACON**

SITREP's presentation of NACON 2010 is complete. We tried to cover all of the events and assemblies to provide our readers a "feel of being there." Any photo presented in the coverage can be provided in hi resolution for reproduction into other Auxiliary publications or for your personal use. A simple email request to the editor at melborofsky@comcast.net will suffice. Take a look at NACON 2010, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Sep 5, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Auxiliary and Active Duty at Boy Scout Jamboree**



Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia was the site of the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary Jamboree and the active duty and Auxiliary were on hand to take part in this celebration. Sporting a huge portal to their area, Team Coast Guard provided hands-on exhibitions and assisted Scouts in many maritime themed merit badges. Join in the celebration, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Sep 8, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Southeast Districts Search and Rescue Competition**

What do "on-the-water" Auxiliarists love to do? Why they love to show off their skills in a less than life or death situation. Districts 8 Eastern and Western Regions combined for an outstanding Search and Rescue Competition. Auxiliarists from a large chunk of the Southeast competed in skills, using Incident Control System (ICS) guidelines. The meet was a huge success and they are sharing this fun with you, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Sep 13, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **eBEACON Posted**

The [August eBEACON](#) is posted for your viewing pleasure. Go there now by clicking on [August eBEACON](#). [Posted: Sep 12, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director CGAuxA]

### **Western Outdoor Times Features CG Auxiliary**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the front page feature of the Western Outdoor Times, Arizona Boating & Watersports publication for October 2010. View the photo review of the successful [Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference](#).

[Posted: Sep 16, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-I]

### **OPERATIONS POLO SHIRT FORMS**

You may now obtain the forms for both the 100% cotton version and the new moisture wicking version of the Operations Polo Shirt by going to the [ASSOCIATION WEBSITE](#). The forms include instructions to guide you in placing your order. [Posted: Sep 16, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director, CGAuxA]

### **New Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Course**

The new Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Course (IMSEP) has been posted on the Prevention Department website under the Marine Safety Training Ribbon section. This course replaces the 2002 version of the same course. The exam for the 2002 version will remain on the National Testing Center until 01 October 2010 to allow those currently studying that version to complete the course. The new exam will be posted on 01 October. Those completing the new course will not need to complete the Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS) course as a part of the Marine Safety Training Ribbon or Trident qualification requirements. [Posted: Sep 17, 2010. Source: Karel Kester, DVCPO]

### **Flotilla pushes life jacket loaner program**

There is an age-old saying, "You can talk the talk if you can walk the walk." This Central Florida flotilla has done just that! Using in house donations, obtaining an important grant, challenging themselves and the craftsman within the unit, the Flotilla has instituted a two-fold approach to saving lives on the water. They turned a hulk of a boat into a "safety demo boat" and using the aforementioned funds, established a countywide child's life jacket loaner program. Read about this multi-year project, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Sep 20, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

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### **Auxiliarists to be Assistant National Commodores**

NACO (elect) Jim Vass has selected the following Auxiliarists to be Assistant National Commodores effective 1 November 2010:

**ANACO-RS:** Readiness Support and Planning & Performance Support: Gail M. Venezio, D1S, currently serves as Director of Training.

**ANACO-IA:** International Affairs: Everette L. Tucker, Jr., D5S, a former NACO, currently serves as ANACO-IA.

**ANACO-RP:** Response & Prevention: David A. Elliot, D7, currently serves as ANACO-RP.

**ANACO-GP:** Governmental & Public Affairs: Robert E. Nelson, D8CR, currently serves as Director of Public Affairs.

**ANACO-PR:** Operations Policy & Resources: Jack son J. Gumb, D8WR, currently serves as ANACO-GP.

**ANACO-PS:** Planning & Performance Support: Stephen R. Salmon, D11NR, currently serves as Director of Strategic & Contingency Planning.

**ANACO-RB:** Recreational Boating: Chester H. Lowe, D1S, currently serves as the Executive Assistant to NACO.

**ANACO-SA:** Strategic Analysis: Fred C. Gates, D11SR, currently serves as ANACO-SA.

**ANACO-IT:** Information Technology: Daniel L. Maresh, D8WR, currently serves as District Commo dore, D8WR.

**ANACO-CC:** Chief Counsel: Sigurd E. Murphy, 8CR, currently serves as Deputy Director of Prevention.

*[Posted: Sep 19, 2010. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR Ad*

### **Education Connection Posted**

Read the latest update about the 2009 boating statistics from the Office of Boating Safety in the September 2010 edition of the <a href=[http://www.cgauxed.org/edcon/edcon\\_sept\\_10.pdf](http://www.cgauxed.org/edcon/edcon_sept_10.pdf)> "Education Connection"</a>, the E-Department newsletter. Other articles include AUX-plusPE update, Soundings Magazine information, and the ILearning Corner – "Where Am I"?

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### **To: CGAuxA Membership**

**Frm: Publisher August 2010 eBeacon**

1. We are proud to announce the new eBeacon is available for your reading pleasure at our website located here:

<http://www.cgauxa.org/beacon/2010-08-beacon.pdf>

### **Expired Flares:**

I have talked to most of you about the fact that in California there are no enough safe means for proper disposal for the marine expired flares (MEF). We all know that MEF are considered household hazardous wastes and explosives. Currently, there are only 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection centers throughout the State collecting marine and aerial expired flares [http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Ca\\_Flares.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Ca_Flares.pdf) In some regions, people can drop them off at some police or fire stations, but this option isn't applicable to the entire state.

Considering this situation, we started a working group with the Department of Toxic Substances Control, Cal-Recycle, a CUPA representative and the Coastal Commission to explore statewide solutions for this issue with the ultimate goal being the development of a consistent and comprehensive disposal program for expired marine flares, therein promoting protection to our marine environment, landfills and public safety. Based on some calculations we made, we estimated that approximately 174,026 flares are generated per year by recreational vessels and recreational documented vessels in California.

Mismanagement of marine expired flares poses a public safety hazard and potential harm to the environment. There are no documented cases of environmental harm or emergency incidents caused by mismanagement of marine flares in California. However, it is imperative to find proper and convenient solution to this issue before a major disaster involving human live or environmental impacts happen. At this point, we (the working group) are collecting information to prove that there is a need to find a solution to this lack of proper and convenient locations for disposal of the marine flares.

In order for us to continue to build the case, I am contacting you today (the experts) to request you to please send me a statement (one paragraph) describing, based on your experience, what your experience has been dealing with marine expired flares (incidents), why in your boating world are MEFs a big issue. If you even have photos of marine expired flares you have found (at your marina, yacht cub or events) please send them to me.

I would appreciate if you please send me your statement/information and photos (if applicable) by Thursday, September 9. Please feel free to forward this email to other boating experts who could help us getting the information we are requesting.

Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you. **Vivian Matuk**, Environmental Boating Program Coordinator California Department of Boating & Waterways California Coastal Commissio

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*“This nation will remain the land of the free only  
so long as it is the home of the brave”  
~Elmer Davis~*

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