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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION, DIVISION 7  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FLOTILLA 74, MANAHAWKIN, NJ

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### Message from Edna Winans, Commander

In a few days patrol season will be over for 2012. Collectively we have logged 7,134.50 mission hours thus far this year. Those are impressive numbers, we can all be proud of our Flotilla and it's accomplishments. You have consistently demonstrated our charter to educate the public by Patrols, teaching PE classes, conducting VSC's, installing KDF sheds and last but not least manning Boating Safety tables.

I want to thank you for sponsoring my attendance at the Fall Training Conference in Valley Forge. It is always beneficial for members to attend the general sessions and take advantage of the training provided at the event. I am sure we will be sponsoring members to attend the conference in the Spring of 2013.

Please consider attending the Flotilla Leadership Course, it is loaded with excellent material on the overall operation of the Auxiliary. In addition, it will provide insight of Auxiliary leadership responsibilities. The course will be held on two Saturdays, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean Acres Community Center, 489 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 from 0830 to 1600 both days.

Our Flotilla elections will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope you make a special effort to attend, we need a quorum that night. I have thrown my hat in the ring for a second term.

My thanks go to each of you for your faithful support of our Flotilla family.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Edna M. Winans, Flotilla Commander*



### Message from Joseph Jenci Vice Commander

FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental issues.

This position requires the officer to be vigilante regards to Marine Safety/Environmental protection. He/she must develop close liaison with staff officers/division/district, as well as, USCG unit office.

The FSO-MS must oversee training and guidance for the programs related to Safety Environment. The position encourages others to reach out for training and implemental activities which tie into safe boating/water protection. Any or all materials, training aids will be made available to the Flotilla/Division activities and the FSO-MS needs to be compliant to their needs.

Outreach programs, missions, emergency response teams fall under the role of the FSO-MS. He/she must develop goals/objectives and prepare plans as to the required activities as they present themselves. Timely reports of activities will be prepared for the FC/VFC and SO-MS.

*Joseph Jenci MD, PhD,  
Flotilla Vice Commander*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES**

### CALENDAR:

#### DIVISION MEETING

*When:* Friday October 5th, 2012  
*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050  
*Time:* 1930 Hours  
**2013 Division Election results:**  
 Ken Kendall Commander  
 Mike O'Brien Vice Commander

#### FLOTILLA MEETING

*When:* Friday October 12th, 2012  
*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050  
*Time:* 1930 Hours

#### MONTHLY RADIO DRILL

*When:* Monday, October 29th, 2012  
*Time:* : 2000 hrs  
*Frequency/Channel:* VHF Channel 82A  
**POC: Doug Smith:** [condou@comcast.net](mailto:condou@comcast.net)

#### FLOTILLA BREAKFAST MEETING

*When:* Wednesday October 31st, 2012  
*Where:* Stafford Holiday Inn  
 Rt 72 East, Manahawkin, 08050  
*Time:* 1000 Hours

#### NEXT DIVISION MEETING

*When:* Friday November 1st, 2012  
*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050  
*Time:* 1930 Hours

#### NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING

*When:* Friday November 9th, 2012  
*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050  
*Time:* 1930 Hours **ELECTION NIGHT**

#### FLOTILLA 74 MISSION HOURS

Accumulated Hours as of **September 30, 2012**

AUXMP	394.00
CGADMIN	27.00
CGOPS	48.50
MS	6.00
MT	42.00
RBS	5,706.00
SAR	0.50
UMDV	118.00
UPA/PB	294.00
UPE	329.00
VSC	169.00
<b>TOTAL 7,134.50 Hours</b>	

We are ranked 2 out of 6 for Flotilla mission hours

### *DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR HOURS*

#### News Release

#### COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HAS JOINED FORCES WITH ALLIANCE FOR SAFE NAVIGATION

**WASHINGTON** - The Coast Guard Auxiliary has joined forces with the Alliance for Safe Navigation (Alliance) to inform boaters of the importance of maintaining current navigation information. Alliance members include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), BoatUS, Jeppesen Marine, the U.S. Power Squadron, OceanGrafix, and the Sea Tow Foundation for Boating Safety and Education.

Surveys have revealed that most boaters are not concerned about the accuracy of their charts and related navigation information. More than three quarters do not pay attention to local notice to mariners issued by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will utilize its Alliance partnership to promote boating safety. For more information concerning the Alliance, see [www.allianceforsafenavigation.org](http://www.allianceforsafenavigation.org).

#### **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs**

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#### VE CORNER

When was the last time you reviewed the Vessel Safety Check Manual? How many items on the Vessel Safety Check form #7012 are needed to be revisited or reviewed? How often did you have a discussion about safety with a boat owner?

Most of us, when doing group vessel inspections, are rushed to do as many as we can in order not to keep boat owners waiting, especially if appointments are set up at marinas or with home owners associations. But the most important part of our inspections are to make the vessel owners aware of the importance of keeping and maintaining clean, safe vessels, and that they be in compliance with the vessel safety check requirements and recommended items on the VSC form 7012. To that end during the cold and winter months ahead it would benefit all of us to reread and review any items in the VE manual that we have forgotten or re-examine so that we will be prepared for the next VE season.

FSO-VE  
 Bob Kratsch

## REPORT:

### PADDLE CRAFT OPERATOR (PCO) CLASS

For this Auxiliarist the September conference was the best ever! The new Paddle Craft Operator program was very exciting both in the classroom and on the water. It was my first kayak experience, compared to a canoe it was far easier and even relaxing. Everyone was enthusiastic, and the questions and comments were great. Super special thanks to the Paddle Craft Operators, who showed terrific commitment in doing the on-water demos, mentoring, and patrolling on Sunday. We had great support from two TCOs, Dave Hayward, and Barron Batchelder.

Also on Sunday, Admiral Ratti and Commander Johns visited the dock, and the PCOs demonstrated several evolutions. We were excited to have him visit, and encourage us.

The program led by Andy Crowley D5NR Paddle Craft Operator Program Coordinator wants to provide as many training opportunities as possible in what remains of our patrol season. In addition, work has begun on a Paddle Craft Operator Academy, an intensive weekend, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. The weekend will include pool sessions.

To be able to complete the PCO qualification on that weekend, trainees will need to do some preparation:

Current on TCT requirement, (8 hour every 5 years)

ICS courses, (IS-100, IS-700) must be complete.

Paddle Craft Operator Qualification Guide printed, in binder

Have several of the sections in the manual prepared for sign offs, for instance, first aid, NATO alphabet

It is strongly recommended that each trainee have a paddle craft that has been accepted as an Auxiliary facility. As Andy works out the details, he will keep us informed.

Best Regards:

*Carlos Gomez*

*USCG Auxiliary 07-04*

*FSO -MV / DV*



**TOWING PREP**



**PUMPING OUT**



**SELF RESCUE**

*Photos by Carlos Gomez*



## RBS Outreach Department News

### BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR KAYAK FISHING, TRAGIC OUTCOME

Posted on 2 October 2012 by Bruce White DVC-BL

Unfortunately, another kayak fisherman has drowned. According to local news reports, the 58-year old male was wearing no life jacket, had beer in the boat, and tried to swim to shore after capsizing. The incident occurred in Pohick Bay, Virginia, adjoining the Potomac River. Pohick Bay is generally still water, with a weak underwater current from Accotink Creek. This is not wild country or wild water; Pohick Bay is in the middle of the Washington, DC suburbs. The accident occurred in sight of the person who called 911.

The victim's mistakes suggest he had not attended a safe boating course.

Auxiliary PEs are encouraged to offer the Paddlesports America course in their local area to help prevent future catastrophes like this one. Find the course and instructor guide here

<<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=E-DEPT&category=paddle-sports>>. Instructors don't need to be kayakers to teach this course. The material on basic boating safety should be quite familiar from teaching BS&S or ABC. The paddlesports-specific elements are easily mastered. Supporting materials are available on the AuxBWiki site <<http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php?title=Paddlesports>>.

Source: Don Goff, BC-BLC

RBS-Alerts mailing list

[RBS-Alerts@bdept.cgaux.org](mailto:RBS-Alerts@bdept.cgaux.org)

[http://bdept.cgaux.org/mailman/listinfo/rbs-alerts\\_bdept.cgaux.org](http://bdept.cgaux.org/mailman/listinfo/rbs-alerts_bdept.cgaux.org)

### From the Director

#### **RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY IS JOB ONE**

Admiral Papp, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, in his *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Policy Statement*,<sup>1</sup> makes it clear the Recreational Boating Safety is the Auxiliary's top priority:

The Auxiliary Service priorities include:

- Promoting and Improving Recreational Boating Safety;
- Providing trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions;
- Supporting Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements.

The current *United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Strategic Plan2* reads in part:

The primary mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is Recreational Boating Safety.

But is it **your** primary mission?

We all have Auxiliarist friends who devote long hours out on the water looking for and responding to boaters in distress.

When we respond to these urgent calls for help, our payback is immediate and sometimes startling. We've rescued a boater who might otherwise have lost their life. The story may find its way into the local newspaper. We certainly will talk about it at the next division or district meeting.

Now let's consider for a moment ... wouldn't it have been much easier if the emergency had never happened? Not every problem on the water can be prevented, but most can. How does it happen? It happens when the boater takes a Coast Guard Auxiliary public education class. It happens when a Coast Guard Auxiliarist performs a vessel safety check and coaches the boater.

It happens when a boater visits a Coast Guard Auxiliary public affairs booth and learns an important boating safety tip. You won't read about this in a local newspaper, but lives that were never needlessly put in danger doesn't make the news.

It is the unsung Auxiliarist hero of the classroom, the boat ramp, the boat show, who is out among our fellow boaters, preventing boating casualties before they happen. The need for RBS heroes is year-round, 24-7-365. **Are you an RBS hero?** A past Auxiliary Chief Director who has continued his service as an Auxiliarist, has this to say about being an RBS hero:

"One of the most difficult things about RBS work is that it can not be quantified. It can not be measured.

When the Coast Guard saves someone in peril, that can be measured, and statistics can be made. But when we teach a boating class...we never know if some tidbit of knowledge we imparted to someone helped guide them through a storm or avoid a collision to return safely home to their family. When we perform a VSC, and advise a boater they needed to get a new throw cushion, life jacket or fire extinguisher...we never know if those items may have been used that very day to allow someone to return home to their loved ones. Just because RBS success cannot be measured with numbers, should we stop doing RBS? My experience tells me no! I am sure we save lives with RBS activities. We'll

never know just how many lives we save, but I can live with that." – *William Griswold, BC-BLN*

I am making a call to our new members who haven't gotten involved in an Auxiliary mission yet: Why not be an instructor, or a vessel examiner, or program visitor, or public affairs specialist? Your contribution is critically important to the Auxiliary and to the Coast Guard. You will get to know boaters in your community who may just decide that you're so great to know that they want to join you ... and join the Auxiliary. That sense of satisfaction you get when you've taught someone how to be safe on the water is truly special.

Remember, there's lots of good information about promoting recreational boating safety. Here are a few websites:

- The Coast Guard's Boating Safety Resource Center, <http://www.uscgboating.org/>
  - AuxBWiki, the Auxiliary's Boating Safety Partnership Center, <http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org>
  - The Auxiliary's Education Department, <http://cgauxed.org>
  - The Auxiliary's Vessel Examinations Department, <http://safetyseal.net/index3.asp>
  - North American Safe Boating Campaign, <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com>
  - Resources for Instructors and Vessel Examiners, <http://bdept.cgaux.org/peveresources.php>
- Be an RBS hero! Let us help.

- *Bruce Johnson, DIR-B*

To: All -- DCO's, DCOS's, DSO-VE's, SO-VE's, FSO-VE's  
 From: Mr. Kelly Townsend, DIR-V  
 Date: Sept. 24, 2012

**UNACCOUNTED FOR VSC DECALS**

Auxiliary Shipmates,

On Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the ANSC (Auxiliary National Supply Center) informed the V Dept they were currently out-of-stock on 2012 VSC Decals.

On one hand, I want to thank all VE's nationwide for their 5+ % increase in VSC's this year. But on the other hand, the V Dept was puzzled as to how we were out of decals with the huge allotment of decals provided to us by our new 2012 sponsor BoatUS.

Upon running the AUXDATA numbers, (shown below), the V Dept has discovered that we currently have over 144,000 decals un-accounted for in the Auxiliary.

\* As of today (9/24/2012) we have shipped 222,964 decals.

\* AuxData shows as of 9/18/12 that we passed 77,967 vessels – with issuance of a decal.

\* That leaves 144,997 VSC decals un-accounted for in the Auxiliary.

Below is the breakdown from AUXDATA per district.

	Total Decals Distributed	2012 VSC Passed	Distributed Decals-Less VSCs Passed	% VSCs Passed & Decals Distributed
<b>Nat</b>	<b>222,964</b>	<b>77,967</b>	<b>144,997</b>	<b>35%</b>
5NR	22,373	9,268	13,105	41%

It is too late in the year to re-order decals – Especially with this outstanding number of decals un-accounted for. I would ask that all DCO's, DCOS's and VE Officers of all levels (Flotilla, Division, & District) authorize the sharing and distribution of VSC decals with other neighboring districts & divisions. If one district or division finds they have an abundance of decals...please share them with another neighboring district\division which may be running short.

Hopefully, this will allow the USCG Auxiliary to complete 2012 with VSC decals available to Vessel Examiners in need.

Thank you all very much for your consideration & participation with this request.

*Mr. Kelly Townsend,  
 USCGAux DIR-V*

**PROMULGATION OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) MISSION ASSIGNMENTS: OPERATIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION, COMDTINST 3006.1**

Ms. Mary E. Landry, Director of Incident Management and Preparedness Policy

1. On August 13, 2012, Commandant (CG-5RI) signed COMDTINST 3006.1. This policy outlines the processes and procedures associated with the issuance, acceptance, execution, and management of FEMA mission assignments. It also formalizes previously issued guidance on pre-scripted mission assignment templates. As outlined in the policy, Coast Guard financial

reimbursement processes and procedures are important elements linked with mission assignments. The Coast Guard continues to be fully prepared to support engagement in the nation's all hazard/all incident operations. This COMDTINST and reference documents are posted on CGPORTAL at:

<https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/coast-guardpreparedness/plans-and-policy>.

2. A mandate of the Coast Guard is to be always ready for all risks and all hazards. In an ever changing world, our continued success depends heavily upon our ability to be prepared to meet day-to-day mission requirements as well as being prepared to surge and respond to a crisis. Continuous improvement and a commitment to excellence must remain part of the Coast Guard's legacy. The processes and procedures outlined in this instruction will help us to more efficiently and effectively execute crisis response. *Semper Paratus.*



## NEW SHOW PROVIDES INSIDE LOOK AT US COAST GUARD

Protecting 1.8 million square miles of land and sea, the heat is on for these heroes!

The Weather Channel's exciting new, original series **Coast Guard Florida** follows the men and women who patrol the 7th Coast District of Florida: a vast expanse of sea and land that encompasses an area of responsibility (AOR) stretching from Clearwater to Miami/Everglades to the Florida Keys.

This tropical paradise is also a hotbed for illegal activity and the Coast Guard is empowered as the first line of defense for the Sunshine State.

Follow the drama and danger of their missions, which include:

- Stemming the flow of illegal narcotics - they embargoed \$957 million in illegal narcotics in 2011.
- Saving those in peril on the sea - they saved 889 lives in 2011.
- Securing the southeast border - they rescued 5,707 undocumented migrants in 2011.
- Enforcing maritime laws and treaties - they inspect a fleet of 2,000 commercial vessels and 2 million recreational boats.

## AUXILIARY ONLINE MEMBER TRAINING WEBSITE HAS MOVED!

The member-training website known as the "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Virtual Classroom" has moved to a new location, and is now called the "Coast Guard Auxiliary – Online Classroom". The new link (URL) to the Online Classroom is:

<http://classroom.cgaux.org>.

Members, member training officers, and unit webmasters should change all bookmarks, links, or other references to the old Virtual Classroom to the new site and address.

## **Underwater study reveals N.J.'s coastal waters healthier than once thought**

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/09/nj\\_coast\\_ocean\\_healthy\\_study.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/09/nj_coast_ocean_healthy_study.html)

## **KIDS DON FLOAT SHEDS INSTALLATION**

**Bravo ZUZU to Nick Pignato, Len Migliara, Bill Smith, Malcolm Leslie, Carlos Gomez and Roger Guenther**



**Nick and Bill (Malcolm's Truck)**



**Len and Carlos digging holes (note levels so professional)**



*Malcolm, Nick and Bill*



*Malcolm talking to Roger our Videographer*

## **GO BACK TO SCHOOL**

The following courses are available on-line:

### **Communications (AUXCOM)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxcom.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxcom.html)

### **Navigation (AUXNAV)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxnav.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxnav.html)

### **Patrols (AUXPAT)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxpat.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxpat.html)

### **Search Coordination & Execution (AUXSC&E)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxsce.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxsce.html)

### **Seamanship (AUXSEA)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxsea.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxsea.html)

### **Weather (AUXWEA)**

[www.cgaux.org/training/auxwea.html](http://www.cgaux.org/training/auxwea.html)

## **USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS**

### **NATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Here is the web site with a lot of courses available for download. There is a really good GPS course.

<http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/index.htm>

### **SHOP AUXILIARY**

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/MembershipSignIn.php>

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/>

### **BOATER'S WORLD**

<http://www.boatersworld.com/price-busters.htm>

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESOURCES**

<http://www.auxadept.org/navigator/>

### **NATIONAL AUXILIARY E-DIRECTORY**

<http://www.auxedirectory.org/>

### **USCG Division 7 Web page:**

<http://a05307.uscgaux.info>

### **USCG Aux On-Line Testing:**

<http://ntc.cgaux.org/>

### **Aux NATIONAL TRAINING WEB SITE**

<http://www.cgaux.org/training/>

### **USCG Aux AuxInfo:**

<http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/>

### **USCG Aux 5<sup>th</sup> Dist Northern Region Homepage**

<http://www.5nr.org/>

### **USCG Aux History Web Page**

<http://www.history.auxpa.org/about/programcomponents.htm>

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