

To all 5NR members,

We have come to the end of another successful patrol season and I would like to personally thank all of our Boat Crew program personnel who participated in operations this year. We experienced a decrease in the number of assets available for use, but in the long run we were only down slightly from last year in the total number of patrols and underway hour. Thank you to those of you who picked up the slack and for all Boat Crew personnel for working so hard this season. This is a good example of that 5NR “can do” spirit that you always exhibit. You all never cease to impress with your dedication to the mission and the personal sacrifices you must make to ensure this very important Coast Guard program continues so successfully here in our region.

There were way too many highlights and high profile events this season to mention them all here and I would not want to try in fear of offending someone by leaving someone’s mission out. This was a season in which we experienced long stretches of brutally hot weather and it will also go down as one of the wettest season on record thanks in part to Hurricane Irene. You all came through this season safely and professionally; as you always do.

Special thanks should go out to our people behind the scenes, our area POMS coordinators; Carol Halligan, Joyce McGowan, and Tom Morrissey. They did an extremely good job in spite of some serious issues with POMS in August. I know the POMS outage put a financial strain on many of our members, but amazingly there were very few complaints to our POMS coordinators. On their behalf I thank you for your patience. They were hard at work catching up the day that POMS came back online so that all our members could be reimbursed in a timely fashion.

A short recap of what we did for the 2011 year is as follows:

<u>Ops Category:</u>	<u># of Missions:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>
Safety Patrols	472	3,309
Regatta Patrols	40	45
Operations Training	195	962
SAR	11	91
Marine Safety & Env.	28	169
ATON	12	69
Totals	758	4,845

D5NR (Regional Highlights):

Western Region: Lake Marburg “Summer Blast” in Codorus State Park in June.

Central Region: Sector Del Bay’s “Mass Rescue Operation” Drill in the lower bay in September.

Eastern Region: Annual “Thunder over the Boardwalk” Atlantic City Air Show in August.

On behalf of the Operations Department, the District 5NR OTO and the District Staff, I would like to congratulate you all on a job well done. BRAVO ZULU!

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