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**FROM THE DIVISION CAPTAIN:**



Can't believe we have reached the imaginary middle of summer already, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The warm weather just got started; rain, rain go away.

When you see Bill Fennelly of 16-10, give him a hearty handshake and congratulations. Bill received a Commandant's Auxiliary Letter of Commendation, Ribbon Bar and the Operational Distinguishing Device. This was presented to Bill, for the Commandant, by CWO (BOSN) Joseph J. Carlino the CO of Station Manasquan Inlet for Bill's outstanding service to Station Manasquan Inlet as a radio watch stander. Bill has now retired from that position.

Changes at the top-----We have a new Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Fifth District. At a COC on June 29<sup>th</sup> Rear Admiral Wayne Justice replaced Rear Admiral Fred M. Rosa, Jr., who retired. And on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Sector Delaware Bay, Capt. Meredith L. Austin replaced Capt. David Scott, who also retired.

There was news recently concerning the private sector of boating safety education. There were rumors that some of the providers were providing the "education" in less than an acceptable manner. Well the scum finally floated to the surface. We know we are the best at presenting boating safety education classes. Please continue to present our message in a professional, open, and honest manner, which I know you are doing now.

We had a very successful event with the kayak racers, again this year. Patrols led by Joe Juska and John Fisher performed admirably. I spoke to Ray Fusco, the organizer, and he was really pleased with the Division 16 Auxiliary and our contribution. Thanks Joe & John for the fine representation.

At the Spring Operations Meeting new patrol guide lines were laid out. There are "slots" to be filled, in the sectors of our AOR. The main concern was getting our

time in, and working within the "slots". I know a lot of boats were late in launching, but there are many "slots" going empty. Please, let's step up the patrols, fill the "slots", and do what we do best, add value to our service to the U. S. Coast Guard.

Lastly, have a great and safe summer.

Semper Paratus  
Dennis

**WILLIAM FENNELLY RETIRES  
AS WATCHSTANDER**

On 20 May 2009 Auxiliarist William Fennelly retired as a watchstander at Station Manasquan Inlet after 10 years of service. Bill was presented a Letter of Commendation from CWO Joseph Carlino, Commanding Officer Station Manasquan Inlet. Chief Seabeck also presented Bill a plaque from Station Manasquan Inlet for his service as a radio watchstander. Auxiliarist Fennelly will continue to serve at Station Manasquan, quite possibly as an assistant to the quartermaster.



Letter of Commendation text:

I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while serving United States Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey from March 1998 to May 2009. After honorable

service to your country with the United States Navy during World War II as a Tin-Can Sailor, you began your service to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in October 1975. In 1998 you qualified as Communications Center Watch Stander at Station Manasquan Inlet. During this period you dedicated over 1,650 hours behind the radio console and in support of the service's missions. A consummate professional, you represented the unit and service in an extremely positive manner at all times, on both the telephone and over the airwaves on the VHF-FM radios. In over ten years of service to Station Manasquan Inlet you witnessed countless numbers of young watch standers report to the unit and always made time to share your vast storehouse of knowledge to ensure the highest level of professionalism was maintained while on watch. During this time you have also maintained your proficiency on the constantly evolving equipment, most notably your mastery of the "Rescue 21" system implemented in 2005. Your expertise and patient manner of training junior personnel was crucial in the unit's successful transition to the new system. Always ready to answer the call, you have volunteered to stand additional watch on many occasions to free active duty members to attend morale events, mandatory training sessions and various operational missions. Of particular note, you served as crewman for over 550 hours of underway auxiliary patrols under Flotilla 16-10's operational facilities. You were also instrumental in the execution of the Auxiliary Division 16 Surge Plan, serving as Vice Flotilla Commander and primary phone tree point of contact. You have made a lasting impression on the crew, and left a legacy of professionalism in the communications center for all to follow. Thank you for a job well done!

You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar; the Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant  
J.J. Carlino

CWO (BOSN), U.S. Coast Guard  
Commanding Officer, USCG Station Manasquan Inlet





The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard  
Washington 20593  
20 May 2009

From: Commandant  
To: Mr. William Fennelly, USCG Auxiliary  
Subj: AUXILIARY LETTER OF COMMENDATION

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J.J. Carlino  
CWO (BOSN), U.S. Coast Guard  
Commanding Officer, USCG Station Manasquan Inlet

**PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE AUXILIARY**

In recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 70 years of outstanding service, President Obama issued the following letter to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was read at Tuesday, June 23rd anniversary celebration at Coast Guard Headquarters, and a framed copy was presented to National Commodore Nick Kerigan by Admiral Thad Allen. Please see the Coast Guard press release at

<http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/786/282969/>.

Additional photos will soon be posted through SITREP.

**Congratulations again, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!**



"From the President of the United States of America

June 19, 2009

I send my warmest regards to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in celebration of your 70th anniversary of service to our Nation.

Formed by an act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has distinguished itself through gallant service in support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the safety of our Nation's recreational boaters. Today's 29,000 Auxiliarists, and the legions of those who have gone before them, have willingly sacrificed their time and resources to save hundreds of

lives, conduct thousands of search and rescue missions, and prevent millions of dollars in property loss.

In the wake of staggering national challenges posed by the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma in 2005, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary selflessly served millions of hours to protect our citizens and improve maritime safety and security. Members of the Auxiliary have always displayed unparalleled devotion to the welfare of America's recreational boaters through public education programs, vessel safety checks, and marine dealer visits. These efforts have proven invaluable to accident prevention and the vast enjoyment of our Nation's coasts, rivers, and lakes.

I congratulate you for your steadfast commitment to the highest standards of citizenship, patriotism, and community service. On behalf of all Americans, I wish you all the best for a memorable celebration. May you continue to find happiness and fulfillment in your many contributions to our country.

Barack H. Obama, President."

**70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**



June 23, 2009, Is A Significant Date For The Coast Guard As It Will Mark Our Auxiliary's 70th Year Of Dedicated Service To The Nation. We Take Tremendous Pride In Calling These Volunteer Guardians Our Shipmates, Knowing That Their Selfless Devotion To Duty And Unwavering Pride Have

Given Us Invaluable Support Throughout Our Daily Routines And Greatest Challenges.

For Seven Decades, Auxiliarists Have Nobly Offered Their Time, Efforts And Resources To Support The Coast Guard. Specifically During The Past Ten Years, A Period Of Unprecedented Challenge To Our National Safety, Security And Spirit, Auxiliary Contributions Have Been Staggering In Their Breadth And Scope. These Undaunted Volunteers Have Performed Over 1.2 Million Recreational And Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Checks, Over 980 Thousand Hours Of Boating Safety Course Instruction, And More Than 7.7 Million Hours Of Operational Support And Patrol Missions. The Costs Of Such Performance Have Also Been Overwhelmingly Borne By Auxiliarists As They Have Logged Over 23.7 Million Hours Of Staff Work, Travel, Preparation, Training, And Self-Administration. This Has All Been Unselfishly Delivered As Auxiliarists Have Stood Side

By Side With Their Coast Guard Counterparts To Confront And Overcome A Roll Call Of Challenges: Y2k, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, And Many Other Natural And Man-Made Disasters.

The Auxiliary Continues To Align Itself With The Coast Guard, Modernizing Its Organization Across All Sectors, Districts, And Headquarters Directorates To Shape Optimal Support Of Coast Guard Missions Today And Into The Future. Moreover, The Auxiliary Has Gained Even Greater Headway As It Has Progressively Broadened Its Ability To Comprehensively Address More And More Non-Traditional Mission Areas Such As Interpreter, Vessel Documentation, Legal, And Health Services Support. I Greatly Admire The Organizational Courage And Determination Of All Auxiliarists As We Make Our Final Approach On Achieving A Fully Modernized And Integrated Coast Guard.

Auxiliary Performance Has Been Nothing Short Of Stellar, And Its Greatest Impacts Are Readily Reflected By Auxiliarists Spirit Of Patriotism And Dedication To The Coast Guard Men And Women With Whom They Serve. I Therefore Intend To Duly Recognize The Auxiliary With An Award Of The Coast Guard Unit Commendation As Part Of Its 70th Anniversary Celebration At Coast Guard Headquarters On June 23. Please Join Me In Setting Aside Time To Recognize The Exceptional Honor, Respect, And Devotion To Duty So Consistently Displayed By Our Coast Guard Auxiliarists, And Thank Them For Their Service.

Admiral Thad Allen  
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

**THE AUXILIARY CELEBRATES IT'S 70th ANNIVERSARY**

Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen presented the Auxiliary with a Coast Guard Unit Commendation award on Tuesday, June 23rd at Coast Guard Headquarters as part of the Coast Guard's celebration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's 70th anniversary.



"The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the finest all-volunteer organization in our nation," said Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard. "It is an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without their selfless devotion to duty."

For the past decade, Coast Guard Auxiliary efforts have accounted for more than 3,100 lives saved, assistance to more than 91,000 boaters in distress, the prevention of the loss of more than \$437 million in property and the education of more than 1.6 million boaters through boating safety courses, in addition to the many other services the Auxiliary provides. Coast Guard Auxiliarists accomplished these feats by volunteering more than 36 million hours of their time.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded June 23, 1939, when Congress authorized legislation that established a volunteer civilian component of the Coast Guard to promote boating safety and to facilitate operations of the Coast Guard. Auxiliary members initially conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. In 1996, the Auxiliary's role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, with the exceptions of law enforcement and military operations.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, with the motto "America's volunteer guardians," is one of the largest volunteer marine safety organizations in the nation.

Additional information and pictures can be found at <http://www.teamcoastguard.org/2009/Jun/A090626/index.htm> located on SITREP, The Auxiliary Internet Magazine, at: <http://www.teamcoastguard.org/>.

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*Saving Lives and Guarding the Coast since 1790.  
The United States Coast Guard  
Proud History. Powerful Future*

#### **NATIONAL COMMODORE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE**



On June 23, 1939, Congress established the Coast Guard Reserve, a volunteer civilian organization, to promote boating safety and to facilitate Coast Guard operations. Initially, members conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. In February 1941, the Coast Guard military reserve was established

and the volunteers renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As the U.S. entered World War II, recruits flooded Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. In 1942, some 50,000 Auxiliarists became the core of the Temporary Reserve performing coastal defense and search and rescue duties, patrolling bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare. As their ranks grew, thousands of active duty Coast Guard personnel were freed for service overseas.

By 1950, the four Auxiliary cornerstone missions - public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship were established. In 1996, legislation expanded the Auxiliary's scope to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission authorized by the Commandant. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the world's largest volunteer marine safety organization, has kindled and interest in to create similar groups in other countries. Today, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels; flying in C-130's, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars. Active Duty, Reservists, Civilian Employees, Retirees and Auxiliarists, -truly constitute TEAM COAST GUARD.

Auxiliarists have a great deal to be proud of. Over the past ten years, Auxiliary members have:

- Contributed 44,417,850 hours
- Taught 1,678,946 people with 980,000 hours of classroom work.
- Spent over 869,000 hours in community relations and media events
- Conducted 1,170,535 Vessel safety Checks (VSCs) over 579,000 hours, including more than 167,000 first time VSCs and over 158,000 high risk VSCs
- Made over 418,000 visits Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits spending more than 279,000 mission hours
- Served 4,297,312 hours underway on safety patrols
- Worked 56,188 hours on 25,377 missions, verifying 138,867 ATONs
- Spent over 19,475,000 hours on administrative tasks
- Examined over 10,223 Commercial Fishing Vessels
- Provided 1,587,646 hours of Coast Guard Operational Support on over 197,000 Support missions
- Supported the Coast Guard administratively with 770,554 hours & 115,292 missions

- Trained over 1,125,019 hours
- Performed Search and Rescue for over 723,000 hours, resulting in 5,083 lives saved, 141,980 persons assisted, & \$1,460,055,940 in property saved.
- Recruited for The Coast Guard Academy, Active Duty & Reserve Officer and Enlisted programs for over 105,000 hours
- Spent more than 700,000 hours on Marine Safety and Environmental Protection missions
- Contributed more than 22,000 hours in medical support to the Coast Guard
- Worked more than 39,000 hours in the International arena
- Consulted with state legislatures for over 5,483 hours

Since 1999, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has participated in events, including but not limited to:

- OPSail 2000 & USCGC Eagle visits to U.S. ports
- 9/11 attacks response
- Hurricanes Charlie, Rita, Katrina, Ike
- The California Delta Whale Rescue
- Several oil spills in the gulf coast, Alaska and in California.
- Annual support for AIM week(s) at the USCGA
- Annual support for the International Boating and Water Sports Symposia
- National Association of State Boating law Administrators events
- Boating Safety Advisory Council
- Training various waterborne police agencies
- Support the Coast Guard with Interpreters throughout the world
- Support as Chefs on CG vessels and stations.
- Augmenting by Auxiliary Health Professionals at Coast Guard clinics.

We provide the biggest bang for the buck for the American taxpayer. Each of us should take pride in knowing that we are special group, making a unique contribution to the Coast Guard and our Nation. Thank you for your service.

Happy Birthday and Semper Paratus

COMO Nicholas Kerigan  
National Commodore  
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MEMBERS SPEAK ON BOATING

Division 16 members Dennis Georgia and Terry Bearce attended the 21 May Lakehurst/Manchester Rotary Meeting to talk about the important role of safeguarding the waters off the coast and also the importance of proper boating safety. Pictured are Terry Bearce, Flotilla 16-05; Dennis Georgia, Flotilla 16-07 and Lakehurst/Manchester Rotary Club President Joyce Theodore



The **Coast Guard Unit Commendation** is the highest  peacetime unit award which may be awarded to military commands of the [United States Coast Guard](#). The decoration was first created in 1963 and is presented to members of any Coast Guard unit which distinguishes itself by valorous or extremely meritorious service, not involving combat, but in support of Coast Guard operations.

Additional awards of the Coast Guard Unit Commendation are denoted by [award stars](#). The [Operational Distinguishing Device](#) is also authorized for units which are presented the decoration for field operations and conditions.

Prior to 2003, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation was subordinate to the [Secretary of Transportation Outstanding Unit Award](#). With the transfer of the Coast Guard to the [Department of Homeland Security](#), the [Secretary of Transportation Outstanding Unit Award](#) became obsolete, making the Coast Guard Unit Commendation the senior peacetime award, ranking under the [Joint Meritorious Unit Award](#) and, in times of war, the [Presidential Unit Citation \(US\)](#).

## OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (ODU) ORDERING

1. The supply of untucked Operational Dress Uniforms (ODU) for Coast Guard consumption has been subject to several different challenges since its beginning last year, and this has posed uniform

procurement problems for all elements of the Coast Guard workforce.

2. These challenges are being aggressively addressed between the Coast Guard and the provider, but expected resolution to a point where the Supply of untucked ODU's will be able to meet not only active duty/reserve but also Auxiliary demands is not expected to be reached until late this summer (August-September). Also of note, new recruits at Tracena Cape May are still being issued the tucked ODU version, and there are still some substantial stocks, albeit of limited sizes, of tucked ODU's.

3. Working with the Coast Guard Uniform System Manager and the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), and in the interest of minimizing Auxiliary orders to new members who need them most, the following process has been put in place to fill orders for new Auxiliarists for one (and only one) untucked ODU until they can open up sales for all Auxiliarists later this summer:

a. The Auxiliarist must fill out the UDC Standard Uniform Order Form (attached, and it can also be found on the UDC web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>)

b. The Auxiliarist's Flotilla Commander must fill out the attached authorization memo (preferably on Flotilla/Auxiliary letterhead)

c. The Auxiliarist must then fax the UDC Standard Uniform Order Form and the Flotilla Commander's endorsement memo to the UDC at (609)861-7930 (no phone or web orders).

4. ODU orders received and processed this way will be shipping via USPS priority mail (not FEDEX).

5. Though easy to regard these as significant hurdles to jump in order to get an untucked ODU uniform, please regard it in the context of knowing that the Coast Guard is trying to protect a limited supply for at least another 2-3 months and has to make sure all orders are bonafide.

### ALL HANDS - Publication 1



To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard,

I am pleased to announce the first revision to our capstone doctrine, Coast Guard Publication 1 (Pub 1). Secretary Napolitano officially announced the revision at today's Coast Guard Academy graduation ceremony. She stressed its importance for our Service and its applicability for the

entire Department of Homeland Security.

I expect all Coast Guard members to read Pub 1 and discuss it with your shipmates. Hard copies will be widely distributed and it is also posted on our website available at [www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt).

As a capstone doctrine, Pub 1 explains our principles of operation: clear objective, presence, unity of effort, on-scene initiative, flexibility, managed risk, and restraint. These traits can be traced back to Alexander Hamilton's Letter of Instruction to the Commanding Officers of the first 10 revenue marine cutters and are even more relevant today. This guidance will help every member of the Coast Guard - active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary - understand who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

Pub 1 maps our organizational DNA and reveals the evolution of our Guardian Ethos. Looking forward, Pub 1 provides a solid foundation so we can adapt our operational activities to meet the maritime challenges of the 21st century. Use it as a fundamental building block to educate our newest Coast Guard members and to guide your professional judgment as you address emerging mission demands in your area of responsibility.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to the Coast Guard and the Nation.

Admiral Thad Allen  
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

### OPERATION DRY WATER TARGETS BUI



Alcohol continues to be a major contributing factor in recreational boating accidents, injuries and deaths. In an effort to raise awareness about the dangers of combining

drinking and boating, the [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](#) is spearheading [Operation Dry Water](#). This coordinated, national weekend of boating under the influence (BUI) detection and enforcement is being held June 26-28, 2009. The effort is aimed at reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities and to foster a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water.

[Operation Dry Water](#) will directly address two strategies of the National Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan:

- Strategy 6.2, ...increase the number of BUI checkpoints to collect and report BUI and

safety compliance data in the Performance Report Part II, and

- Strategy 6.6 Challenge law enforcement officials to test more operators for alcohol/drug use in accident investigations.

Curbing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities is a key to achieving safer and more enjoyable recreational boating. In 2007, Coast Guard statistics indicate that more than one-fifth (21%) of all boating fatalities were a result of alcohol use. This continues an upward trend in the percentage of fatalities where alcohol was the primary cause of the accident.

Participating agencies are asked to increase BUI enforcement during the targeted weekend. This can be accomplished by

1. focusing on a particular body of water,
2. increasing patrols in several locations,
3. conducting BUI checkpoints in one or more locations, or
4. undertaking a combination of these activities

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### **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE SERVICE DRESS BLUE (ALPHA) UNIFORM**

The Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform was discontinued as a Coast Guard uniform several years ago.

In January 2009, the Auxiliary National Board approved a recommendation to discontinue its use within the Auxiliary, and the Chief Director has approved this National Board action. Accordingly, the Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform is no longer authorized as an Auxiliary uniform.

This change will be included in the next update to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.

The Service Dress Blue (Alpha) uniform consisted of the standard Coast Guard officer's blouse and a white shirt.

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### **NATIONAL MARINA DAY RBS OPPORTUNITY**

Marinas across the country are gearing up for the eighth annual National Marina Day, to be held August 8, 2009. [The Association of Marina Industries](http://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd/) found at <https://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd/> organizes this public affairs event to spotlight the important role that marinas play in the recreational boating community.

National Marina Day is a great opportunity for Auxiliary flotillas to engage in outreach of their own.

RBS Program Visitors are encouraged to contact their local marinas in advance of National Marina Day to organize Auxiliary participation. Giving VSCs, advertising upcoming PE programs, reminding boaters about America's Waterway Watch, recruiting new members, or setting up displays featuring life jacket wear and other elements of safe recreational boating are all ways that local flotillas can capitalize on the opportunities presented by National Marina Day.

Many marinas nationwide have already received "resource kits" including suggestions for partnering with the Auxiliary during this annual event. Contact your local marinas today to find out how you can help make National Marina Day 2009 a success!

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT ELECTIONS AT FALL CONFERENCE**



COMO Jack Witemeyer, DCO, has appointed the following members to the 5NR Nominating Committee:

Harvey Monter, Chairman  
Al Grimminger  
COMO Robert Wecker

Per the District Standing Rules, each individual seeking election shall submit a letter of their intent to be a candidate to the DCO. The DCO shall refer the names of all such members to the nominating committee, which shall confirm that each member who has submitted a letter of intent is eligible for the intended office.

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### **D5NR FALL CONFERENCE**

The good ship D5NR FALL CONFERENCE has made landfall in Philadelphia.

On 11/13 September 2009, Fifth Northern's Fall Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Philadelphia (Historic District) located at 400 Arch Street. This multi-story facility has more than 300 sleeping rooms with several meeting room configurations and is proximate to many of Philadelphia's prime historic & tourist sites.

Detailed program and registration information will be mailed out shortly. However, members may now make hotel reservations as follows:

1. Room rate is \$94.00 per night. This includes on-site parking fees. The hotel is totally non-smoking and there are several Special Needs rooms.

2. Call 1-800-THE BELL (843-2355) and give the reservations' personnel our group code UCG to get the discounted rate of \$94.00.
3. You may also register on line by going to [www.holidayinn.com/phlhistoric](http://www.holidayinn.com/phlhistoric). Once on this page, look for a space on the left hand side to enter a three (3) letter group code. Our code is UCG. This will take to you to a reservation page with the discounted rate.
4. Hotel reservation cutoff date is 28 August 2009. After that, reservations are accepted on a space available basis.

The conference program will include new items along with our traditional training and informational sessions. We are in the “big city” as a change of pace and this will be a good time to meet with new and old friends.

For more information, contact Arline and Ira Dolich

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**National Safe Boating Council Boating Safety Side Kicks Annual Kids Safe Boating Contest**

Information concerning the National Safe Boating Council's Boating Safety Side Kicks Annual Kids' Safe Boating Contest can be found at:

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/1024team.htm>

**Stories**

Stories can tell about a particular boating experience involving safety or it can convey the reasons why you're a safe boater and what safe boating practices you and/or your family follow. Stories must include life jacket wear.

**Posters**

Posters should contain a simple, brief message that encourages and inspires others to be safe boaters. Posters must include and show life jacket wear.

**Videos**

Short videos can be very serious or contain some humor to make a point about boating safety. Videos must include and show life jacket wear.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Wooden Boat Festival (Huddy Park).....    | Jul 18    |
| National Conference .....                 | Aug 22-30 |
| 5NR Fall Conference .....                 | Sep 11-13 |
| Division Picnic .....                     | Sep 19    |
| Division Memorial Service.....            | Sep 20    |
| Div Auxiliarist of Year to DCO.....       | Oct 01    |
| Winter Uniform Begins .....               | Nov 01    |
| Disenrollment Deadline to DSO-PS .....    | Nov 30    |
| Division Change of Watch.....             | Dec 06    |
| Election & Staff Reports to SO-IS.....    | Dec 15    |
| Annual Currency Maintenance Deadline..... | Dec 31    |



**Informational Web Sites.....**

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| Division 16 .....                | <a href="http://a05316.uscgauz.info">http://a05316.uscgauz.info</a>         |
| National Auxiliary .....         | <a href="http://nws.cgauz.org">http://nws.cgauz.org</a>                     |
| Fifth Northern District .....    | <a href="http://www.5nr.org">http://www.5nr.org</a>                         |
| Chief Director Auxiliary.....    | <a href="http://www.cgauz.info/g_ocx">http://www.cgauz.info/g_ocx</a>       |
| On-line Training.....            | <a href="http://www.dirauxannex.org">http://www.dirauxannex.org</a>         |
| Vessel Examination.....          | <a href="http://safetyseal.net">http://safetyseal.net</a>                   |
| SITREP, e-Magazine .....         | <a href="http://teamcoastguard.org">http://teamcoastguard.org</a>           |
| Navigator Online .....           | <a href="http://www.auxpa.org/navigator">http://www.auxpa.org/navigator</a> |
| US Coast Guard.....              | <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm">http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm</a>   |
| USCG Navigation Center .....     | <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov</a>         |
| Dept. of Homeland Security ..... | <a href="http://www.dhs.gov">http://www.dhs.gov</a>                         |
| Maritime Domain Awareness .....  | <a href="http://www.opr.auxnstaff.org">http://www.opr.auxnstaff.org</a>     |

**Editors Note:**

*To all Division and Flotilla Officers:*

*This Newsletter is a bi-monthly platform for each of you to communicate information and/or activities that should be shared with the other Flotillas in the Division.*

*Sharing our activities, will not only be cost effective but will capitalize on our exceptional resources in all levels of expertise.*

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A copy of this publication may be found on the Division web site at <http://a05316.uscgauz.info/>