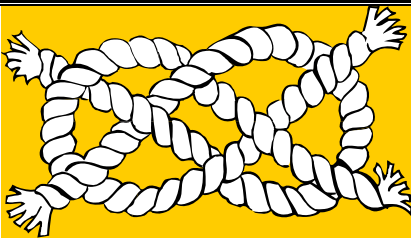


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Here is wishing a Happy New Year to you and every member of your family. The Division Change of Watch on 5 Dec 09 was a great success. I would like to personally thank Jim Emery for accepting the job as emcee. He did a superb job. Congrats to Al Revy for receiving the Auxiliarist of the Year Award. Also Joyce McGowan received a special certificate of appreciation from Mr. Moss, Commander at Station Barnegat Light.

I hope the attendance of our next COW will be even greater. Our plans are to have it in January 2011 so as not to conflict with the Flotilla COWs as well as other holiday commitments.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for the AOT on 9 Jan 2010. Div 7 has close to 30 attendees so far. If you are planning on attending the AOT training on January 9th, 2010 at TRACEN, Cape May, please bring a flash or thumb drive with you if you would like a copy of all the presentations.

Division 8 is hosting a booth in AC on 3-7 Feb 2010. All Auxiliarists must wear the Show ID Badge while on watch and return it to security upon leaving. Any Auxiliarist in uniform at the show and not on the roster to stand watch and without a paid ticket will be asked to leave. If anyone is interested in participating at the show please let me know before Jan 28th which is my next meeting with Div 8 on the subject.

At our 4 Dec Div meeting we discussed many topics one of which is the New Member Workshop. We plan on having it sometime in March and everyone is encouraged

to attend/participate. Last year's attendance was a success. Many good comments were received supporting the effort of the Staff Officers who gave insight to their responsibilities.

Finance Officers are required to prepare a FIN-1a form and attach it to your audits. It is a District requirement that all units within the Fifth Northern Region utilize form FIN-1a to be used solely for public education receipts and disbursements. This is a cumulative form that, if all appropriate columns are routinely totaled, will provide end-of-year information needed for the Financial Report of an Auxiliary Unit (ANSC-7025). The latter form should be prepared by the FSO-FN as soon as the bank statement for December 31 has been received and reconciled. That report should then be immediately forwarded to the FC for presentation to the unit audit committee for their review and approval.

I will keep you informed of any emails I receive of importance.

Respectfully submitted
Jon A. Bomengen, DCDR



VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Thank you for electing me as your Vice Division Commander. I hope I can contribute to the spirit that Jon and Joyce has established for us during the last two years. The Division is now, more than ever, a nourishing and supportive unit to all of the flotillas thanks to the concerns and efforts of Joyce and Jon.

This is the time of the year when goals are set for the Division and each of the Flotillas. How about your goals

as an Auxiliarist? This is also the time to think about what you hope to accomplish this year. It could be to inspect more boats, teach more classes, take some training courses, visit more marinas, or become more active in Operations or Marine Safety areas. Maybe decide to do more of what you truly enjoy as an Auxiliarist and do less of other tasks.

Maybe your interest is in leadership as an elected or staff officer. Then consider the excellent management and leadership programs available such as Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLAM) for flotilla level or Auxiliary Mid Level Officers Course (AMLOC) for division level.

For our new members, welcome aboard. There are programs especially designed for you to help you become integrated into your unit and become involved in some interesting programs. Talk to your FC or mentor and start the process.

I am looking forward to serving Jon, our leader, and all of the Flotillas this year as your Vice Commander. I know I'm reasonably competent, but not perfect. When you see me going wrong, please contact me and let me know. I'm Irish, but willing to listen and move forward.

I hope by the end of the year you will look back and feel you have accomplished your goals. We belong to a great volunteer organization, one of the best in the country. Serve well. Serve proudly. Have fun.

*Respectfully submitted
Ken Kendall, VCDR*

DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR HOURS

News Item January 2, 2010
NEW 7029 FORM FOR 2010



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Starting 4 January 2010 there will be a new Member Activity Log, ANSC Form 7029. The old one CANNOT be used. The old mission 99 has been expanded into 5 sub-missions; 99-A through 99-E. The form has been posted on the National forms page at <http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7029H-Jan2010.pdf>.

99-A - AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP: Report all time spent by elected and appointed staff performing National, District, Division, and Flotilla position duties. This includes all time spent for preparation and travel for these duties.

99-B - RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY (RBS) SUPPORT: Report all time spent in RBS Support that is

not otherwise reported on a 7030, 7038, 7039, or 7046. This includes all time for preparation and travel in support of missions reported on 7030, 7038, and 7046.

99-C - Marine Safety (MS) Support: Report all time spent in MS Support that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7038. This includes all time for preparation and travel in support of Marine Safety, Marine Environmental Protection, Commercial Fishing Vessel, Uninspected Passenger Vessels, and Uninspected Towing Vessels.

99-D – TRAINING SUPPORT: Report all time spent in Training Support that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7039. Any hours spent as a Trainee, other than attending a workshop, should be reported here. This includes all time for preparation, study, homework, and travel regardless of the level of training.

99-E – AUXILIARY ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL SUPPORT: Report all time spent for Auxiliary and CG Support missions not otherwise reported on any other form or any other Mission Code above. Include all time working on committees or attending meetings (if you are not an elected or staff officer.) This includes all time for preparation and travel.

There are added fields for Non-Reimbursable Miles Drive and, Tolls and Parking. These two enhancements will provide the Coast Guard with important "Return on Investment (ROI)" information relating to the Auxiliary.

CLARIFICATION OF NEW 7029 PROCEDURE

AUXData will be updated on Monday (the first business day of 2010) to reflect the new "99" sub-categories. Any December 2009 time to be entered after the 4th; the members may submit the old form and the IS Officer will enter the time as 99E or the member may use the new form; either filling out the form using the new categories or putting all time into 99E. Starting with 1 January 2010 all time must be submitted on the new form using the new categories. Both AUXData and AUXInfo will report the time as entered.

[Posted: Jan 2, 2010. Source: Roy Savoca DIR-I]

USAGE OF THE 7029 OPTIONAL MEMBER ACTIVITY WORKSHEET, Page 2

The new 7029 does not require both pages to be submitted. The optional worksheet, page 2, is available for members to use as an aid to tracking their hours on a daily basis if they do not keep a daily date book record. The optional worksheet, page 2, can be submitted in place of page 1. The IS Officer may request on occasional submission of the optional worksheet in order to ensure the accuracy of hours and categories being submitted. It would be a beneficial strategy to submit the optional worksheet with page 1 for the initial usage of 7029.

[Posted: Jan 4, 2010. Source: Irene Wetzel, DIR-ID]

CALENDAR**NEXT DIVISION MEETING**

When: Friday, January 8th, 2010

Where: Mill Creek Community Center

Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

Time: 1930 Hours

EASTERN AREA APPOINTED OFFICERS TRAINING

When: Saturday, January 9th, 2010

Where: TRACEN

Cape May

The Eastern Area Appointed Officer Training (AOT) will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at TRACEN, Cape May from 0800 to 1530.

All Appointed Officers are expected to attend one morning and one afternoon class, giving priority to their appointed staff function.

Those that are not appointed officers are encouraged to attend classes to prepare for support/leadership positions in areas of interest. All members are encouraged to attend to update and expand their knowledge in fields that interest them.

ATLANTIC CITY BOAT SHOW

When: February 3rd to 7th, 2010

Where: Atlantic City Convention Hall

Volunteers needed

POC: Jon Bomengen

AUXILIARY SEARCH, COORDINATION, AND EXECUTION**(AUXSC&E) COURSE TRAINING POLICY****1. Purpose**

This document provides policy and guidance concerning the Auxiliary Search, Coordination, and Execution (AUXSC&E) specialty course and the Teach the Teacher element for this course. The document was developed jointly by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division (CG-5421), the U.S. Coast Guard National Search and Rescue School, and the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – National Training Department

http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/AUXSCE_GUIDELINE_S.pdf

NATIONAL TESTING CENTER-UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The National Testing Center will be having some construction being done from 25-DEC-2009 to 31-DEC-2009. We apologize for the inconvenience. The old system will continue until 31-DEC-2009 after which the NEW NTC will be online.

[Posted: Dec 24, 2009. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

**PA Corner****Start of the Year Thoughts and Ideas**

The beginning of a new year is also a time to take stock of your PA successes, assess your PA weaknesses and develop an effective strategy (or strategies) for the new year.

One item you must look at, is your unit membership on the decline, holding steady or on the increase?

On the increase is a good thing. Holding steady, can be viewed either way depending on whether you just want to exist or really make a difference. Declining membership is a kiss of death.

Division 7 has lost one flotilla due to declining membership. While the loss did not have a major effect on the division total membership, with remaining flotillas absorbing members; it did have an impact on the division's effectiveness by a loss, or lessening, of coverage to some areas.

Keep in mind that in order to accomplish the Auxiliary's primary mission of promoting safe boating, the Auxiliary must maintain a membership that is adequate, capable and enthusiastic enough to achieve success.

Also remember, it is very likely that the Auxiliary may be called upon to take on more even responsibility in support of the U.S. Coast Guard. D5NR, District Chief of Staff Harold Robinson alluded to that likelihood at the Division 7 Change-of-Watch and promised more information at the Eastern Region A.O.T. on January 9, 2010. All the more reason to want to recruit new members.

Beyond membership, just the need to spread the word on safe boating means getting out and working with the public in general. This is basic "Public Affairs".

Auxiliary Public Affairs means marketing the Auxiliary, making the Auxiliary synonymous with safe boating and seizing on any and all opportunities to place the Auxiliary in the public eye.

To effectively deliver a Public Affairs program requires planning and cooperation within your flotilla and the division. We need to work together to be able to cover all opportunities that may arise.

Our division and flotillas have earned a well deserved reputation as a "can do" Auxiliary unit. Let's try to make 2010 an even more memorable year.

Allison Revy, Jr.; SO-PA

News Item December 10, 2009**DSO-CM: DSO-CM Webpage Updated**

Check out the latest updates to the DSO-CM webpage. Stay tuned, additional updates are coming soon.

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

□ ***IMPORTANT C-SCHOOL INFORMATION!***

If you are attending a C-School here is some very important information you need to know!

Coast Guard Expectations of Students Attending C Schools Coast Guard C Schools are intended to properly train Auxiliarists to perform the CG Auxiliary duty for which they have volunteered. Since each set of orders to a C School is a substantial Coast Guard expense (i.e. taxpayer dollars), each student is expected to adhere to the rules for every C School they attend. Regardless of an Auxiliarist's status or office, these expectations apply to everyone. These are the Chief Director's expectations for every Auxiliarist who attends any C School. Failure to properly abide by them may result in a wide range of consequences including lost credit for the school, non-reimbursement of travel expense claims, expulsion, and in the most severe of cases, disenrollment from the Auxiliary.

These expectations are:

- Follow the instructions on your orders. Any deviation from the orders must be communicated in advance to the order issuing authority (usually the Auxiliarist's DIRAUX).
- Students are expected to attend each day of a C School, and be on time each day. They are also expected to stay until the very end of class each day.
- C Schools require pre-class assignments, in-class assignments, and/or post-class assignments. Students are expected to complete all assignments issued by the instructor(s), in the timeframe given by the instructor(s).
- Students are expected to demonstrate the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty at every step of the C School process. This includes adhering to proper CG courtesies and protocols, proper wearing of the uniform, saluting, non-cohabitation of unmarried couples on any base, and respecting military base rules (whether a CG base, a DOD base, or any other type of military installation). Students who display fraudulent, belligerent, argumentative, or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. If rental cars are assigned for a class, the authorized drivers are expected to transport their fellow students, as appropriate. Additionally, authorized drivers are responsible for ensuring the timely and proper return of any rental cars in accordance with the rental company's agreement.
- The authorized Government per diem rate (normal rate or reduced – as stated on the orders) for meals and lodging are fixed and non-negotiable. Incurring more expensive lodging or meals are the personal responsibility of the student. If students do not understand reduced rates for lodging or meals stated on their orders, then they should seek clarification from their DIRAUX as soon as they receive their orders. If students prefer to "upgrade" their accommodations, they should discuss such desire with the order issuing authority with

the understanding that any cost in excess of the authorized lodging rate will not be reimbursed by the CG.

- Extra travel days must be requested of the order issuing authority well in advance of any C School. The order issuing authority will contact the CG Auxiliary Division (CG-5421). When an earlier flight is available and would preclude a traveler from needing an extra day on either end, utilizing the earlier flight is mandatory unless the traveler wishes to personally incur an extra day's expenses (this applies to OCONUS travel as well as CONUS). Extra travel days will not be authorized for shopping, sight-seeing, personal visits, etc.

- Lodging will not be authorized for any student who lives 50 miles or less from the school. If there are extenuating circumstances, those circumstances should be communicated to the order issuing authority and a waiver requested from CG-5421. Anyone who desires to drive their POV to a class must obtain authorization from the order issuing authority in writing (e-mail is fine). They must also submit a Government Travel Request (GTR) form. This form clearly indicates how much someone will be reimbursed if they choose to drive their own vehicle. All tolls are reimbursable, but lodging and additional per diem are specifically prohibited for reimbursement per the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR).

[Posted: Dec 2, 2009. Source: Gail Venezia, DIR-T]

SMALL-ENGINE MAKERS VOICE WORRY AS EPA WEIGHS NEW ETHANOL RULE

By **MARK LONG** Barrons

NEW YORK—Boaters and small-engine-industry groups are worried their concerns about engine damage will be overlooked as the Environmental Protection Agency considers allowing as much as 15% ethanol in the nation's gasoline.

Since fuel with an ethanol content of up to 10% has been introduced across the U.S. in recent years, boaters have complained of problems. Now they are lobbying the EPA to test the effects of ethanol on small engines—in addition to the testing being done on car and truck engines—as the regulator weighs increasing the ethanol content.

"We don't have the science on it," said Margaret Podlich, vice president of government affairs of the Boat Owners Association of the United States. "We don't know what this will do to marine engines."

Backers of allowing additional ethanol in the fuel mix cite reduced greenhouse-gas emissions, the possibility of job creation, and the need to meet a federal mandate to increase use of biofuels.

The EPA has postponed a final decision on raising the ethanol limit until next year amid concerns among oil companies and vehicle makers. In an emailed statement,

the agency said it would look at all data submitted to it for both onroad and nonroad sources, and that testing smaller engines, such as marine outboards, was being discussed.

As a solvent, ethanol frees up the gunk in fuel tanks and engines that can clog carburetors and fuel lines. The blended fuel can also cause problems if it separates when stored for lengthy periods—as boats commonly are—creating safety worries, especially when boats are used offshore.

Chris Thorne, a spokesman for ethanol industry group Growth Energy, said boaters "have a legitimate concern," but noted that the EPA wasn't considering mandating use of 15% ethanol, adding that consumers would have time to prepare and that the different fuel blends would be clearly labeled.

"This is not going to be a surprise to anybody," Mr. Thorne said. "We have been through the process of changing fuel systems before."

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, which represents makers of lawnmowers, chain saws and other power gear, said it is "deeply concerned" since educating millions of consumers to prevent potentially dangerous misfueling would be "a daunting task." Small-engine makers are particularly concerned about the potential liability associated with accidents or strandings due to engine failures caused by extra ethanol in the fuel mix. Mat Dunn, legislative director of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, said he welcomed the EPA's additional testing, but was worried about potential boating-safety problems and complicating the fuel market for consumers. He said his industry group has no statistics to illustrate the scale of boaters' difficulties with ethanol-blended fuel, but that it anecdotally hears of complaints "all the time."

Having ethanol in the fuel "was a disaster for us," said Bill Bahen, executive director of Hudson River Community Sailing in Manhattan. He said the six gasoline outboard engines purchased new last year for the nonprofit sailing school and club's sailboats broke down repeatedly with carburetor and fuel-line problems, and were never all running at the same time this year, disrupting activities. Other boating organizations echoed Mr. Bahen. "The ethanol created a litany of things that we had to do," said Nick Judson, executive director of the nonprofit Nantucket Community Sailing. "Our maintenance bills definitely went up."

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

ON-LINE COURSES

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/>

NATIONAL AUXILIARY E-DIRECTORY

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

5nr Online Store

http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district_store.php

USCG Division 7 Web page:

<http://a05307.uscgaux.info>

USCG Aux e-magazine SITREP:

<http://teamcoastguard.org/>

USCG Aux On-Line Testing:

<http://cgexams.info/testing>

Aux NATIONAL TRAINING WEB SITE

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

USCG Aux 5th Dist Northern Region Homepage

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

USCG Aux History Web Page

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

CHDIRAUX Site

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/> Please check and update any links you have to the "old" web sites (http://www.cgauz.info/g_ocx/ and www.cgauz.info/g_pcx/). Also update your bookmarks accordingly

Nautical Chart Updates

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>
<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/>

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT PUBLICATION IS:
JANUARY, 29TH, 2010**

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Note from the editor to all Division Officers and Flotilla Commanders:

This newsletter is a monthly platform for each of you to communicate activities/issues that should be shared with the other Flotillas in the Division. Maybe you have a special fund raiser, or event where you need extra support, or a class that would interest other members in the Division.

If we share our activities, it will not only be cost effective but also capitalize on our exceptional resources in all levels of expertise.

If you however, have something that needs to be distributed between publications, we will issue an interim alerter to accommodate you.

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