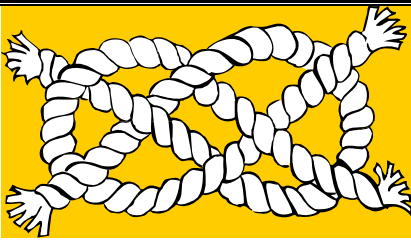


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# SHORELINES

## NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 7 5<sup>TH</sup> NORTHERN DISTRICT, DCDR Joyce McGowan

Editor: Edna M. Winans SO-PB Division Web Site: <http://a05307.uscgaux.info> May 2009 Vol 07 No. 05



### DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Coast Guard requires that every Crew and Coxswain complete an 8 hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) class every 5 years. New Crew trainees must complete this class before they receive their final crew certification. Every year, you must complete a one-hour TCT refresher class. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE ONE HOUR REFRESHER, IF YOU TAKE THE 8 HOUR CLASS.** So, if you are Crew or Coxswain, you must take either the 1 hour or the 8 hour TCT. The Coast Guard is very serious about this training and the regulars must take it as well. Ken McGowan, SO-IS, notifies your Flotilla Commander if you are due for your 5 year 8 hour class. The Division is giving the 1 hour TCT refresher class on Friday evening, May 1 prior to the Division meeting. We are providing pizza and soda to all members who attend this class which will begin at 6:00 PM. You don't have to call anyone beforehand, just come. The Division meeting is held at 1199 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin.

Crew school is being held this week, at last count there were 22 enrolled. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the 8 hour TCT class is being offered at the Barnegat Light Coast Guard Station 601 Bayview Avenue, Barnegat Light. I am taking the names for this class and it is almost filled up. If you want to take this class, email me at [division7jam@aol.com](mailto:division7jam@aol.com) there is still time to sign up. The Division is paying for the lunch and then billing your flotilla.

There will be an Operations workshop on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1199 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin. This is mandatory for all Coxswains. Equipment received from the Director's Office will be handed out (but only if you attend the workshop).

Our annual Awards Dinner will be held Friday evening, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Firemen's Hall,

Barnegat Light. There will be spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, marinara sauce, alfredo sauce, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, beer, soda, cake and coffee. FS1 Dean Berkovics and his crew will be preparing this great meal with the aid of our new Auxiliary Chefs. **Flotilla Commanders:** Please collect the names of your members planning on attending and let Barbara Bomengen know at [bomengen2@verizon.net](mailto:bomengen2@verizon.net).

Congratulations to Luis Salgado and Jeff Orsoe who were elected Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 7-12. I know I echo the entire Division's good wishes and thanks for stepping up to be leaders.

A fond farewell to Tim Bonsper who is already in his new home in Florida. He will be missed by the members of Flotilla 7-11 and by Station Barnegat Light he was a great Watchstander and spent many Saturday hours working at the Station. Good luck to Tim and his wife.

It is going to be a busy month between the above-mentioned activities plus the boating classes scheduled. Happy Spring!

*Respectfully submitted*  
Joyce A. McGowan, DCDR



### DIVISION VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Division is currently looking for a new Materials Staff Officer. Due to a serious illness Frank McDonald has requested to be relieved of his position as SO-MA. If anyone is interested in assuming the duties of the Division Materials Staff Officer please contact me so we can make the change through DIRAUX. Any further information or update that is received on Frank's condition will be released to the Division at that time.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
Jon Bomengen VDCDR

**DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR HOURS****NEXT DIVISION MEETING**

*When:* Friday, May 1st, 2009

*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center

Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

*Time:* 1930 Hours

**1 Hour TCT Refresher Course: Starts 6:00PM –  
Pizza and soda provided**

**OPERATIONS WORKSHOP**

*When:* Sat, May 9, 2009

*Where:* Station Barnegat Light

**POC: Herb Hoeger**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – MOTHER'S DAY**

**PATROLS BEGIN – MAY 15TH****AWARDS DINNER**

*When:* Fri, May 16, 2009

*Where:* Barnegat Light Fire House

*Time:* 1800 hours

**SIGN UP THROUGH YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

*Reservation deadline May 8th*

**May 16<sup>th</sup> ARMED FORCES DAY**



**May 25<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY (observed)**



**FLY YOUR FLAG IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO LOST  
THEIR LIVES SERVING OUR COUNTRY**



**DSO-PE: Submission of 5NR Intent to  
Teachforms Goes Paperless**

Effective May 1, 2009 *Intent to Teach* forms will only be accepted by electronic transfer.

Paper (hard copies) submitted via U.S. Mail will no longer be accepted.

This change is in compliance with National policy to go "paperless." The change also has other benefits: elimination of delays of posting on the 5NR website, elimination of typographical errors, assurances of the correct persons receiving the information and the course submitter will be sent a reply that the course(s) has been posted on the 5NR website.

The 5NR *Intent to Teach* form is on the 5NR website. DO NOT use the form on the National website. The form may be saved on your computer. PC users right click your mouse button on the form name (do not open the form) and then left click "Save Target As..." For MAC users, open the form, click on "File" then click "Save As." If this method is used you must send the completed form to Harry Dyer [hdyer@mindseyeconsult.com](mailto:hdyer@mindseyeconsult.com).

You may also submit the form electronically by completing the information online and click on the "Submit" button on the bottom of the form. Your e-mail software program will then automatically appear on your screen and then just click on "Send." The completed form will be sent to Harry Dyer.

A reply that the course(s) information is posted on the 5NR website is sent to the submitter so the submitter may check for accuracy, etc.

Note: If you are still teaching an ABC course, you may enter that as a "Course Abbreviation" although it does not appear on the top of the form.

Please direct all questions about this procedure to: Harry Dyer, ADSO-CS, [hdyer@mindseyeconsult.com](mailto:hdyer@mindseyeconsult.com).

**APC COURSE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Administrative Procedure Course (APC) – is now available on Auxiliary eLearning. This course will prepare you to take the APC test on the National Testing Center, which is a prerequisite for holding elected office. It takes the student through the subject matter in a systematic way, introducing and summarizing existing Auxiliary resources and evaluating the student's progress. The APC covers a lot of material – essentially the entire Auxiliary Manual, and many of our members have had difficulty passing the test due to inadequate preparation. If you can take this course, and complete the chapter quizzes with a score of 90 percent, you will almost certainly pass the online test as well. You can access the course at: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/course/view.php?id=43>. You may need to create an Aux eLearn account if this is your first visit. If you have any questions or comments on the course, contact Nick Tarlson, DC-Td at [nick@tarlson.com](mailto:nick@tarlson.com).

*[Posted: Apr 15, 2009. Source: Nick G. Tarlson, DC-Td]*



### PA Corner

#### Getting Your "Props" By Reporting Time and Activities

Although this article is mainly meant for public affairs officer, the intent can be applied to all phases of the Auxiliary. It is meant to further the promotion of both yourself and your unit internally.

Sometimes, in order to get much needed recognition (props), you have to blow your own horn.

This horn blowing falls within the duty of the PA officer. One of the many duties of a FSO-PA is to "Promote the best possible image of the Auxiliary". This "promotion" is both internal (within the Auxiliary) and external (the public).

The PA officer should not only recognize the impact of receiving a pat on the back, but also the need for handing out a pat on the back to the members who put in the time and effort at your public affairs events. While the need for a little appreciation or credit can not be measured; bestowing that credit can have a tremendous impact on both the individual member and the unit as a whole. It also is a factor in how you are viewed by your fellow Auxiliaries.

This burden makes the PA officer a "morale officer" of sorts, or a "Dr. Feel-Good", for members of your unit. Ignoring the contributions of your members can have a discouraging effect.

Members and units report their time via the appropriate mission report form, but something is lost when it comes down to just crunching bare numbers. Somehow a picture should accompany these numbers, to insert a persona.

From an internal aspect, one simple and easy way to gain credit is to take a few minutes each month and list your PA accomplishments in your staff officer's report, which you should be presenting at your monthly flotilla meeting. Just be sure you send a copy of your report to the SO-PA in addition to your flotilla bridge. Many FSO officers believe that their reports are sent on to division staff, but this is not necessarily the case.

The question may be asked "What difference does it make who gets my report?" There is a difference. Reports sent up through the elected "chain of leadership" deal with overall unit accomplishments, while those sent via the staff chain deal with program specific missions or activities.

Now the question may be "So what?" Well, it all starts at the top. The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard gets a quarterly report from the Auxiliary National Commodore. The NACO report is assembled from the District Commodore reports. The DCO report is assembled via information received from the District Bridge and staff. All the district material is taken from reports sent by Division Bridge and staff. Division gets its information from the flotillas' bridge and staff.

As you can see, there are two parallel chains, but there is only need for one report. Just be sure to copy both elected (FC/VFC) and staff (SO-PA).

Most, if not, all these reports can be accessed on the internet; from the NACO report to the Commandant, down to flotilla minutes. So somehow, somewhere, people have access to the information,

The only way Division 7 and its flotillas will get any distinction is to have their specific accomplishments noted in these reports. It all can start with the FSO-PA sending a brief synopsis of PA activities to the SO-PA. It then becomes the duty of the SO-PA to see that all the good work of the flotillas is sent up the staff chain.

The report does not have to be very long. It should cover the event (Open House at Maritime Marina), where, when, number of members involved, estimated number of attendance and comments (utilized 3 displays from D5 OFC [Outreach Fulfillment Center]). If no public event is involved, then just a brief write-up (submitted article on VSC program to XXX newspaper, gave lecture on safe boating to XYZ Civic Assoc., etc.).

It is possible to get your individual or unit accomplishments made known to district and national.

If a flotilla insists on operating in a vacuum and does not make its accomplishments known (blow your horn); there is no way anyone else will know. You owe your members some consideration and you can measure this consideration through the morale of your unit.

Handing out praise, glory, acclaim, status; whatever you call it, will have a tremendous influence on all your future PA efforts. Giving your members a little praise will make it easier to secure help at future events, boost morale; and add spirit and fellowship. It also says volumes about your leadership ability.

Recruiting may be an external function; morale and retention are internal functions. Once you get them, you've got to keep them. One tried and true method is to let members know that they have done a great job and their efforts are appreciated.

*Allison Revy, Jr.; SO-PA*

**ADDITIONAL AUX-12 MARKETING & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COURSE OFFERED**

An Additional Aux 12 C School is now scheduled for June 12-14, 2009 at Coast Guard Air Station San Diego, CA. Qualified FSO-PA/PB, SO-PA/PB, DSO-PA/PB and Elected Officers are eligible to apply. Please submit your STTR to your Flotilla Commander to apply. For further information please check out the AUX 12 Website as we update the information on the class.

<http://www.training.auxpa.org/aux12/> To find out what to do next please go to

<http://www.training.auxpa.org/aux12/enrollment.shtml>

This class has a pre-class assignments before you attend you need to go to

<http://www.training.auxpa.org/aux12/students.shtml> See you at the class.

**TO ALL,**

The summer boating season is fast approaching. This means that the Auxiliary will be ramping up its Public Affairs exhibits and related events.

Using the latest available information on conducting these events is always a good idea.

There are two updated documents dealing with the subject:

1. "Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Exhibits" can be viewed at:

<http://auxbdept.org/pdf/AuxRBSExhibitGuide3Mar09.pdf>

2. "Coast Guard Auxiliary Informational Exhibits" can be viewed at:

<http://auxbdept.org/pdf/2008ShowGuideSOPv2.pdf>

*Allison Revy, Jr., SO-PA*

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SIGNS LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 AS A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE**

9/11 Once Again Inspires a Call to Service  
Founders of 9/11 Day of Service Attend Bill  
Signing Ceremony in Washington, DC

WASHINGTON, D.C.– On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which for the first time includes federal authorization to establish September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

"Today President Barack Obama created a historic, enduring and compassionate legacy that truly honors the 9/11 victims and their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety, and the many volunteers who spontaneously contributed their efforts in the immediate aftermath of 9/11," said David

Paine, founder and president of MyGoodDeed.org, the nonprofit group that led a seven-year campaign to formally establish 9/11 as an annually recognized day of service and remembrance. "There isn't a better or more fitting way to remember 9/11 than for all of us as Americans to voluntarily set aside time on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks to help others in need."

"As a 9/11 family member, I cannot think of more inspiring, appropriate and constructive tribute to my late brother and all those who perished, were injured or rose in service – to rekindle at least for one day each year the remarkable spirit of compassion and service that unified our country," said MyGoodDeed.org co-founder and vice president Jay S. Winuk, whose younger brother Glenn J. Winuk, an attorney, volunteer firefighter and EMT, died in the line of duty in the collapse of the World Trade Center. "This groundbreaking national service legislation will greatly benefit the nation in so many meaningful ways as we face these challenging times."

Paine and Winuk were among a select group of service sector leaders, government officials and other dignitaries who attended today's ceremony at the SEED School in Washington, D.C. to witness President Obama signing into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.  
[A New Catalyst for Volunteerism](#)

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and U. S. Rep. Peter King (R-Long Island) both worked closely with the sponsors of the Serve America Act in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives to draft and include language to establish 9/11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

"I could not be more proud to work to pass this important provision," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), who joined with U.S. Representative Peter King (R-Long Island) in first proposing to Congress back in 2004 that 9/11 should be designated a national day of service. "September 11 should not only be a day for mourning – it should be a day to think about our neighbors, our community and our country. We can take a tragic day in our nation's history and turn it into a force for good."

"I have been active in seeking a service day for years," said Rep. King. "America came together in the aftermath of 9/11, reminding us what it truly means to be part of this great nation. By making 9/11 a national day of service, that same spirit of giving will continue in a day of remembrance, unity and selflessness."

"We greatly appreciate Senator Schumer's, Congressman King's and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's tireless dedication to this cause, as well as the support we received from Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), and Representatives George Miller

(D-Calif.), Carolyn McCarthy (D-Calif.) and Buck McKeon (R-Calif.), all of whom joined together to include the 9/11 Day of Service in this important national service legislation," Winuk said.

Under the new law, the anniversary of 9/11 would be observed annually in ways somewhat similar to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, although it intentionally will not be a federal holiday. "We do not wish to see it ever become a state or federally designated day off," said Paine. "Instead, we hope that individuals, businesses and organizations will be inspired on their own to voluntarily engage in community service, perform good deeds of any nature, and participate in other private and organized activities in remembrance of the events of 9/11."

To support this observance, the new legislation authorizes the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees federal national service programs, to make grants and provide other assistance to community nonprofits and other groups that want to organize 9/11 service and remembrance activities.

"Our hope is to organize the single largest day of service in U.S. history on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11," said Paine, referring to September 11, 2011, just two and a half years away. "Though millions of people already support the MyGoodDeed.org initiative by engaging in charitable service each 9/11, we realize it will take some time to build widespread awareness of this formal observance. We are very confident, however, that the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance will ultimately play a very significant role in energizing volunteerism in America, while also bringing a sense of national healing to one of the worst human tragedies in U.S. history."

MyGoodDeed.org is a 501c(3) charitable organization based in New York. Each year MyGoodDeed.org organizes activities that encourage individuals and organizations to set aside time on the anniversary of 9/11 to perform simple acts of good deeds and service that help others in need. Since the initiative began as a grassroots movement, more than one million people have visited the MyGoodDeed.org Web site, from all 50 states and 170 countries, with many posting their plans to perform good deeds and service projects on 9/11. It's many affiliates and partners include the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Citizen Corps, Points of Light/HandsOn Network, Youth Service America, and others prominent groups. Visit <http://www.mygooddeed.org/>.

*This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at <http://www.citizen corps.gov/>.*

*The National Office of Citizen Corps  
FEMA Community Preparedness Division*

### **AMATEUR RADIO SPECIAL EVENT**

There is a planned amateur radio special event that will be held in October 2009. It is in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the CG Auxiliary. Deadline for registration is September 15, 2009.

Click here for further information:

<http://www.auxodept.org/documents/Special%20Event%20Announcement%20Oct2009.pdf>

Click here for the procedures guide:

<http://www.auxodept.org/documents/Special%20Event%20Procedures%20guide%20Oct2009.pdf>

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

### **COAST GUARD UNIT BALL CAP CLARIFICATION** - 011/09

1. ALAUX 33/08 of 10 November 2008 dealt with several Auxiliary uniform matters. One of these involved the wear of ball caps, specifically Coast Guard unit ball caps. Section 1.C.2. stated:

"If an Auxiliarist is authorized to wear a Coast Guard unit ball cap, such wear shall not extend to activities involving public interaction. This is to ensure that an Auxiliarist is not mistaken by the public as an active member of a Coast Guard unit with commensurate authority. For example, an Auxiliarist may not wear a Coast Guard unit ball cap when performing VSCs."

2. Questions have arisen as to whether or not the conduct of Auxiliary patrols (e.g. - surface patrols on vessel facilities) constitutes "...involving public interaction." The short answer is "Yes, Auxiliary patrols involve public interaction." As further clarification, the following involve public interaction:

- a. Performance of Vessel Examiner (VE) activities involving Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exams (CFVSE).
- b. Performance of Program Visitor (PV) activities.
- c. Performance of Instructor (IT) activities.
- d. Performance of patrol activities (surface, air, shoreside including missions involving mobile radio facilities).
- e. Performance of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection (MSSEP) activities.
- f. Performance of public outreach, public affairs, and recruiting activities.

3. Situations in which a Coast Guard unit ball cap may be worn, if authorized, include:

- a. Wear of the cap to, at, and from the unit in the course of providing the direct support for which it is authorized (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).

b. Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla meetings (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).

c. Wear of the cap to, at, and from flotilla fellowship events (appropriate for commuting, stops for gas, and drive-thru services).

4. If there is any doubt about the propriety of wearing a Coast Guard unit ball cap due to potential interaction with the public, then the Auxiliary ball cap shall be worn.

5. These guidelines will be included in the next change to the Auxiliary Manual.

6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.



#### **DIRAUX: DHS EFFICIENCY REVIEW INITIATIVE**

MESSAGE FROM COAST GUARD CHIEF OF STAFF VADM PEARSON ON THE DHS EFFICIENCY REVIEW INITIATIVE

Men and Women of the Coast Guard,

On March 27th, Secretary Napolitano announced her agenda for increasing efficiency, accountability, and transparency in government.

As members of the Coast Guard, it is in our organizational DNA to find better ways to do our jobs. Our current modernization effort is founded on the exact principles the Secretary is using to shape the Department. Given the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to create the most efficient organization possible.

I expect to make changes to some of our current business practices in the near future as we receive additional guidance. My staff is working closely with the Department to refine these details. In the interim, all current Coast Guard policies and processes remain in place. Additional guidance will be provided via the general message system.

VADM C. I. Pearson  
Chief of Staff

From: Secretary Department of Homeland Security  
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 1:03 PM  
Subject: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY NAPOLITANO ANNOUNCING EFFICIENCY REVIEW INITIATIVE

Dear Colleagues:

Today (3/27/2009), at a TSA facility in the Washington,

D.C. area, I announced to employees a major step forward for our Department to advance one of President Obama's most important goals - improving efficiency and transparency across the Federal government.

Over the next 120 days, we will begin implementing nearly two dozen initiatives to trim costs, streamline operations, eliminate duplication, and better manage resources across the Department. This effort is the result of a comprehensive assessment by our Efficiency Review Team, which worked with DHS components, offices, and employees to identify more than 700 initiatives - some immediate, some long-term - to improve efficiency and transparency. Many of you contributed to the ideas considered by the Review Team, and I thank you.

Among the immediate changes we will make over the next 30 days:

- \* Eliminating all non-mission critical travel and maximizing our use of conference calls and web-based training and meetings;
- \* Consolidating subscriptions to professional publications and newspapers to lower costs and avoid duplication;
- \* Eliminating printing and distribution of all reports and documents that can be sent electronically or posted on-line.

Over the next 30 days, we will also begin using purchasing agreements to substantially save on office supplies. This may sound like a small matter, but by leveraging the Department's collective buying power, we can save up to \$52 million on office supplies over the next five years. Over the next 60 days, we will begin implementing a new electronic tracking system that will help increase alternative fuel usage; guard against waste, fraud, and abuse; and optimize how we manage our fleet. In addition, we're going to take steps to streamline employee training and orientations, and reduce costs and backlogs associated with background checks for new employees. Finally, in the interest of cost containment and unifying the Department, I enacted a moratorium on all external contracts for the design and production of new seals and logos. Let me be clear - many DHS components have long histories that are linked to their seals. We are proud of this heritage and thankful for their service. But we're also stewards of taxpayer dollars and we're not spending any more money to develop new logos.

This is just the beginning. I'm calling on each employee to keep efficiency in mind as you go through your workday.

I look forward to keeping you updated as we make these changes, which will result in a stronger, more effective DHS

**NATIONAL COMMODORE'S VISION STATEMENT**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue to meet America's changing maritime safety and security challenges, through a balanced allocation of resources towards our recreational boating safety and maritime domain awareness missions.

**The Mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary**

The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions, as directed by the United States Coast Guard. We will balance our missions in Recreational Boating Safety, Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.

**Strategic Imperatives**

Provide continued focus on those unique roles and missions for which the Congress, the Department of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard grant us the authority to fulfill. Serve the country and its citizens, by participating in Auxiliary programs and activities Augment the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security as requested. Work with the states, partner agencies and boating organizations, as well as with the public. Provide a capable, reliable and sustainable workforce to fulfill any mission we agree to undertake. Encourage a greater cooperation between the different levels of the organization leadership to support the recruitment and retention of our volunteers. Value the contribution of all members, regardless of their level or type of participation. Seek members who have the interests, skills, capabilities and dedication to serve in any role, and in any manner, that contributes to our goals and is consistent with our Auxiliary traditions and our values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. Auxiliary leadership will:

- Articulate our vision to the membership
- Provide strategic and tactical leadership,
- Obtain resources critical to our continued success,
- Recognize and capitalize on opportunities to execute national and local initiatives
- Take responsibility for creditable results

Allocate resources across our National and District structure to support the balanced mission requirements in support of the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security.

Provide continuous updates to the Auxiliary business plan that address the financial and other resource realities of our traditional and emerging roles.

**SPRING CLEANING - THE I WANT A VSC SYSTEM**

Please help us do some Spring Cleaning...

We need your help to do some spring cleaning and to spruce up the I Want a VSC system with new VE Volunteers.

Please visit <http://safetyseal.net> and use the I Want a VSC link and enter your ZIP Code. If you see anyone from your unit that you know is no longer in the Auxiliary or who is no longer qualified as a VE, please report it to [webmaster@safetyseal.net](mailto:webmaster@safetyseal.net) so we can remove them from the database.

Along with this, if you know of Vessel Examiners in your Flotilla that are not on the list, please show them how to join the list to be volunteers to provide VSC's in your area for web visitors that are attempting to find a local VE.

The "I Want a VSC" system is a volunteer system and volunteers must sign up themselves.

The sign-up is on the National V Departments Members side of the site at <http://safetyseal.net/index3.asp>.

Please help spread the word to all examiners in your area.

Thanks,  
Paul Mayer, DVC-VC



**Tim Bonsper and Crew of Station Barnegat Light**

**TIM BONSPER RETIRES**

4/15/2009; The crew of Station Barnegat Light said good by and presented Auxiliary member Tim Bonsper with a framed piece of Chart Art. Mr. Bonsper is relocating to the Fort Myers, Florida area. Every Saturday for the past 8 1/2 years Mr. Bonsper stood a 12 hour Radio Communication Watch for Station Barnegat Light and also maintained his Crewman qualification on board the units Defender Class boats. "Auxiliarist Bonsper is the best Communication watch stander I have ever seen in nearly 20 years at Boat Forces units said CWO3 Kary Moss the unit's Commanding Officer". He has contributed to the training and mentoring of all of our watch standers present and past and will be missed tremendously by us all.

Thank you,  
Kary L. Moss Bosn3, Commanding Officer  
MLB Sta Barnegat Light / Sta Beach Haven (sm)

**2009-Q1 EDITION OF EDUCATION CONNECTION NOW AVAILABLE**

The first quarter 2009 edition of the E-Department's *Education Connection* newsletter is now available online at <http://cgauxed.org/newsletter.html>. This edition features an insight into what one Florida flotilla is doing to promote recruiting through the cooperation of its PE and VE efforts, a look at the fast growing Stand Up Paddleboard sport, a discussion of how digital selective calling (DSC) works and why boaters should embrace the technology, a report on a cooperative liaison that has been formed between an 8CR flotilla and the Red River Army Depot Federal Police, and a thorough look into the problems associated with barnacle growth on recreational boats.

***April Division Meeting***

*DCDR Joyce McGowan presents J. Yusif FI 77 with Certificate and Ribbon as Interpreter*

**NEW MEMBER/ALL MEMBER WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS ON THE DIVISION WEB SITE:**

<http://a05307.uscgaux.info>

Go to main page, click "member area".  
On "Member area" page click on "Member Resources".  
From there download which ever presentation you want.

Thanks to Bill Smith SO-CS for making this possible.

**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](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 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>

**CHDIRAUX Site**

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>

Please check and update any links you have to the "old" web sites

([http://www.cgaux.info/g\\_ocx/](http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/) and [www.cgaux.info/g\\_pcx/](http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/)). Also update your bookmarks accordingly

**Nautical Chart Updates**

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