

# SCUTTLEBUTT



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**Message from Mike O'Brien**  
**Flotilla Commander**

Spring has almost sprung, although it's hard to see that through the snow. We should all be thinking about the upcoming boating season and like I said before getting ourselves ready before we start thinking about our boats.

We have some good news, our PE and Finance staff officer underwent successful surgery. I wish her a speedy and full recovery. We all miss you Barbara, hurry back.

We had a successful public affairs event at the fisherman's flea market on March 21. I heard that we had a number of people express interest in joining the auxiliary. Thank you Leonard, Rich, Kay and Roger for your work in making this event such a success.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March we will have a table at the Firehouse in Manahawkin, we will again need membership participation in set up and manning the table for the day. We will also be offering the test out option for the boating safety certification either at the firehouse or the Church across the street. We will need proctors and instructors to make the tests.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> the division is sponsoring a new member/all member workshop at the Millcreek Recreation Center. If you have not attended this workshop before I encourage you to make the time and spend the day with our division and flotilla staff officers. They will be explaining the different staff officer positions as well as some fundamentals of the auxiliary like where to purchase a uniform and how to wear it properly. It will be time well spent.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the District is sponsoring its annual Spring Conference in York Pennsylvania. This is a three day conference and includes workshops, exhibits and an awards banquet.

We have two BS&S classes scheduled; one is already in progress in Barnegat High School and a second will be starting up the end of March at Southern Regional High School. As I always say, "please get involved". We need your help. At these classes we always need people other than the instructor to help out. Come to a class and lend a hand, you will see how rewarding the instruction can be and it may promote an interest in becoming an instructor.

Please make an effort to attend our Flotilla monthly meeting and Breakfast planning meeting the times and dates are posted on the website in the member's area "Calendar of Events"

Respectfully

Michael J. O'Brien  
Flotilla Commander



**Message from Bill Smith**  
**Vice Flotilla Commander**

Well, February has come and gone and we are now into March. Not a lot has happened this past month other than we had a very successful Fishermen's Flea Market on February 21st. Leonard Migliara, Rich Alderiso, Roger Guenther, and Kay Johnson handed out various pamphlets, PE flyers and advice. Thanks again for all

your assistance. We look forward to another Fishermen's Flea Market this month on March 28th at the Manahawkin Firehouse. The firehouse is located at 133 Stafford Avenue. We have reserved a spot there and we will be looking for volunteers to man our table.

We also had three of our members attend an 8 hour TCT class on the same day as the flea market, in Vineland, N.J. Tom Morrissey, DCDR Division 3, hosted the class and provided a great meatball sandwich etc. for lunch. Division 7 was well represented in the TCT class. At least half the class were from Division 7, with Division 8 and Division 3 making up the remainder of the class. If you are Crew or Coxswain you must attend an 8 hour TCT class every five years to keep qualified. We were able to carpool, along with a member from Flotilla 79. We were well prepared because everyone had their own GPS unit. This gave us four different ways to get there. We were able to find it though and even made it home afterwards.

There is a New Member/All Member Workshop coming up on March 14th at the Stafford Community Center on 1199 Millcreek Road, Manahawkin. This is only for Division 7 members and I hope to see many of our Flotilla members there. Come find out what the various Flotilla and Division Staff Officer's jobs consist of.

Spring is right around the corner even if we did have a large snow storm on March 2nd.

Regards  
William Smith  
VFC Flotilla 74

**Summarized from "Conversation with the Commandant" By Manny Romero, Division Chief, Training, National Department of Public Affairs**

The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen, had breakfast with members of Arizona's Division 10 on February 5, 2009. He made several interesting comments regarding the modernization plan and on achieving more transparency through "better use of the internet, social media and networking." He added that "I think that you're going to see a real push for making information more available to the public and everything more transparent." He further stated that "I think we've barely begun to tap the talents of the Auxiliary," He further stated "My philosophy is that there is nothing an Auxiliarist can't do, unless precluded by qualification or legal restriction such as law enforcement. Our new command structure "should give us some significant opportunities to more closely align with the Auxiliary...to serve you better and give you more visibility with us," he said. "It allows us to pull the skills and talents you have and put them to use for what we need beyond the traditional operational, inspection and education missions that you do," he said. ADM Allen has often

praised the Auxiliary during his long Coast Guard career. His facebook page can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coast-Guard-Commandant-Thad-Allen/29550062054>

**Cold Water Boot Camp**

What happens when a person suffers sudden immersion in cold water? A group of hardy volunteers finds out, and a team of expert commentators explains, in the video "Cold Water Boot Camp," now available from the [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](http://www.nasbla.org). You can order a free copy of the DVD from NASBLA, or watch the video on [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1xohI3B4Uc). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1xohI3B4Uc>

[Posted: Jan 26, 2009. Source: Alan Dove, BC-BRI]

**ALL VESSEL EXAMINERS:  
By Bob Kratsch FSO-VE**



The 2009 boating season is about to get under way and promoting boating safety is one of our primary goals. To achieve this goal, all vessel examiners should make sure their skills and qualifications are up to established standards. Please make sure you do your minimum of **5** examinations each year. Also please let me or Joe Reiser know if any marinas, boat clubs, or organizations (home owners associations, fishing clubs etc.) want group examinations so that we can schedule them. To date we only have one scheduled which is Pebble Beach HOA on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 0830 – 1400. Please make a note of this date. We will need a minimum of 6 VEs. Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30. Lunch will be provided.

**Southern Regional High School Fishing Club Flea Market**

Southern Regional High School Fishing club held their annual Flea Market at the district middle school on February 21. Leonard Migliara, Roger Guenther, Kay Johnson and Rich Alderiso took part in the event. There was a lot interest in joining our Flotilla, getting boat inspections, and attending the Flotilla's America's Boating Course. Some photos of the event are shown on the next page.





Darren Dorris, founder and co-advisor of the Regional High School Fishing Club welcoming Leonard Migliara, Immediate Past Flotilla 74 Commander, to the fishing flea market



Curt Bobzin, Managing Editor of the New Jersey Angler, from the neighboring table greeting Leonard Migliara.



A large crowd viewed through some of the many fishing rods on sale at the event.



The large display of Auxiliary literature interested the crowd

### **Dates to remember**

(For the latest information See

<http://www.a0530704.uscgaux.info/March%20Calendar%20of%20Events.htm>)

### **NEXT DIVISION MEETING**

*When:* March 6, 2009

*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
1199 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

*Time:* 1930 Hour

### **NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING**

*When:* March 13, 2009

*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
1199 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

*Time:* 1930 Hour

### **New Member, All Member Workshop**

*When:* March 14, 2009

*Where:* Mill Creek Community Center  
1199 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

*Time:* 0800-1430 Hour (lunch provided)

### **5NR Spring Conference (3 day weekend)**

*When:* March 20, 2009

*Where:* Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center  
2700 Mount Rose Ave  
York, PA

### **Next Breakfast Meeting**

*When:* March 25, 2009

*Where:* Jon & Barbara Bomengen  
284 Jennings Road  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

*Time:* 1000 Hour

### **Stafford Flea Market**

*When:* March 28, 2009

*Where:* 133 Stafford Ave.  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

*Time:* 0900 Hour-1500 Hour (must set up earlier) Need people to assist.

**ICS 210**

Deadline is still March 31st But  
another class is scheduled for April 4, 2009  
(0900 to 1500 Hrs.) Station Manasquan Inlet  
61 Inlet Drive Point, Pleasant Beach, NJ  
Please contact Commander Tredinnick  
by e-mail if interested in attending  
Glena.T.Tredinnick@uscg.mil

**Don't Forget to post your hours!**

**Editor's Corner**

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We have our second FSO article in this edition. Bob Kratsch, FSOVE wrote article addressing vessel examiners. Bill Smith and Bob have signed up for future articles. If you have not signed up for a future article, please sign the sheet provided at the meeting or email me to do so. Utilizing the Scuttlebutt to get your message out is an effective way to communicate to your Flotilla members and others on the World Wide Web regarding your function. See Admiral Allen's comments about the need to achieving more transparency through "better use of the internet, social media and networking." on page 2.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT PUBLICATION IS**  
**March 31, 2009**

