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Message from Mike O'Brien
Flotilla Commander

It's May and we finally made it to the 2009 boating season. This is the time of year we really start to get busy and again for us to be ready to accept the challenges we have to have active members.

This month we start off with an ABS class of about 55 students (so much for 2009 slowing up in public education) on Saturday May 2nd, if you have the time stop by and help out with lunch or breaking down the room. The more people we have the faster the process goes.

On May 8th we have our flotilla Monthly meeting so please make an effort to attend and make your voice heard. We are still looking for suggestions from the membership on what you would like to see in the way of member training.

On May 9th we have an operations meeting for all coxswains at the Mill Creek Rec center and the 8 hour TCT training class at station Barnegat Light. This course is a requirement for any member who seeks to become operational. This includes crew and watchstanders.

The station has requested more radio watchstanders from the auxiliary and if you are interested the station will provide all the training necessary. Contact me and I will put the wheels in motion to get you on your way.

May 15th is the beginning of our surface patrol season. Let's make sure our vessels are seaworthy and properly equipped for patrols. If possible include trainees on your patrols and provide training underway.

May 15th is also the date of the Division Awards Dinner at the Barnegat Light Firehouse at 1800. Members in uniform will be paid for by the flotilla. Please notify Barbara Bomengen if you plan on attending and send her a check for \$8.50 for each guest or if you plan on attending in civilian clothes.

May 16th and 17th we have a boat on display at Dicks Sporting Goods in Manahawkin and a boating safety table in the hunting and fishing section of the store. If you have the time please stop by and lend your support.

On May 31 the opt out test alternative will expire on the NJ Boating Education requirement. Any boater not in compliance by June 1 will have to attend a boating safety course. We will be offering the opt-out test at Dicks Sporting Goods the weekend of the 16th from 1000 until 1300. We are pre-registering people for an hourly slot to ensure we have adequate room available.

You can see we have a busy month and it is only going to get busier from this point forward. **Please get involved and give us a hand.**

Respectfully,
Michael J .O'Brien, Jr. Flotilla Commander





**Message from Bill Smith
Vice Flotilla Commander**

I have finally returned from my long cruise vacation through the Panama Canal. I had a good time once I finally got on the ship but that's a story for another time. It's great to be back to the best country in the world.

I want to thank everyone who got involved in the many events, that I was not able to participate in such as the Fireman's Flea Market and the ABS and BS&S classes.

May is here and patrols will begin on May 15th. Get Involved; volunteer to go on patrols. I know we are only supposed to go out on weekends but I'm sure we will have training missions during the week.

The Awards Dinner is coming up on May 15th. If you attend in your tropical blues uniform you will only have to pay \$8.50 for your guest. Come meet the Coast Guard personnel from Station Barnegat Light and hopefully see some of your fellow Flotilla members receive an award. I received one last year and it will always be with me for the recognition I received from the Division. Come out and enjoy the salad, spaghetti, and meatballs prepared for us by the Coast Guard personnel. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,
Bill Smith Vice Commander Flotilla 74



Jon Bomengen presented the introduction to the first "About Boating Safety Course of the season held on April 3. Donuts, coffee, and lunch were served to the large group of attendees, some of whom are shown below.



Herb Hoeger receives honors for 20 years service



Edna Winans (seated), Left to right: Len Migliara, Fred Stang and Doug Smith at the open house at the Boat Shop

Dates to remember

(For the latest information See
<http://www.a0530704.uscgaux.info/members.htm>)

NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING

When: May 8, 2009
Where: Mill Creek Community Center
 1199 Mill Creek Road
 Manahawkin, 08050
Time: 0930 Hour

Next Breakfast Meeting

When: May 27, 2009
Where: Jon & Barbara Bomengen
 284 Jennings Road
 Manahawkin, NJ 08050

About Boating safety Course

When: May 2, 2009
Where: Mill Creek Community Center
 1199 Mill Creek Road
 Manahawkin, 08050
Time: 0800 to 1600 Hour

Eight Hour TCT Training

When: May 9, 2009
Where: Station Barnaget Light
Time: 0900 Hour

Operations Seminar (Coxwain only)

When: May 9, 2009
Where: Mill Creek Community Center
 1199 Mill Creek Road
 Manahawkin, 08050
Time: 0800 to 1600 Hour

Division 7 Awards Dinner

When: May 15, 2009
Where: Barnaget Light Firehoue
 10th & Central Aave.
 Barnaget Light, NJ
Time: 1800 Hour

Note: Uniformed members to be paid by flotilla, Non-uniformed and guest \$ 8.50 PP

Current June Schedule

- June 5th, 2009** **Division 7 Meeting (1930 Hrs.)**
 1199 Millcreek Road, Manahawkin, N.J.
- June 6th, 2009** **"About Boating Safely Course"**
 (0800 Setup till 1600 Hrs. for Clean Up)
 Instructor Times Predetermined by FSO-PE
 1199 Millcreek Road, Manahawkin, N.J.
- June 12th, 2009** **Flotilla 74 Meeting" (1930 Hrs.)**
 1199 Millcreek Road,
 Manahawkin, N.J.
- June 13th, 2009** **Founders Day Parade (Around Noon)**
 Route 9, at Manahawkin Lake
 People for Parade and Table Needed
 (More Information to Follow)
- June 24th, 2009** **Flotilla 74 "Breakfast Meeting"**
 (1000 Hrs.)
 284 Jennings Road, Manahawkin, N.J.



VE Corner**By Bob Kratsch, FSO VE**

Remember that when doing inspections be sure the boat owner is aware that "recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coastal waters or the Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either: 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices 2) one day non-pyrotechnical device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise."

Any VE needing supplies (stickers or 7012 Vessel Safety Check forms) should contact me at 609-698-3868. Please remember June 27, 2009 is the date for the Pebble Beach Home Owners Association boat inspection and we will need a minimum of 6 people. Coffee & donuts will be provided at 8:30 AM and lunch at noon. The inspection time will be 9AM to 2 PM.

Obtaining a Boating Safety Certificate**By Barbara Bomengen, PE-FSO**

All persons who wish to operate a power vessel must possess a valid boating safety certificate by June 1, 2009 or face up to a \$500 fine. You can obtain this certificate by successfully completing an "About Boating Safety" (ABS) course or a "Boating Skills & Seamanship" course, which are provided by Flotilla 74. Last year 290 students successfully completed the About Boating Safely course and 20 successfully completed the Boating Skills & Seamanship course. This year 53 students completed the April ABS class; 50 are scheduled for the May class and 15 are scheduled for the June class. Fourteen Instructors certified by the NJ State Police teach these courses. They had to complete an on-line course, teach a 2 hour class and be fingerprinted to earn their credentials to be certified. To sign up for a course, go to [website](http://www.a0530704.uscgaux.info/response.htm) <http://www.a0530704.uscgaux.info/response.htm> or Call either 609 978-4716 or 609 304-3403 for more information.

The boating safety certificate can also be obtained without taking a course by taking a test and self certifying that you have had at least 100 hours of experience in operating a power vessel. You have only one chance to pass this test. If you do not pass, you will be required to take a classroom course. This option expires as of June 1, 2009. To take this test you will need: Identification including proof of age is required,

such as: motor vehicle drivers license, military i.d., county i.d., college i.d., passport. The fee is \$25.00, payable to the sponsoring Auxiliary unit. Suggested study materials include generic boating safety material supplemented by the New Jersey State Police Boating Safety Manual. The NJSP Boating Safety Manual is available at www.njsp.org For more information see the website shown in paragraph 1.

There will be a Flotilla 74 table in Dicks Sporting Goods store in Stafford Park 16/17 May to promote Boating Safety. The "Test-Out" test will be available there between 10 AM and 3PM Sat 16 May and Sun 17 May.

Allocation of Stickers**By Joe Reiser SO-VE**

Our allocation of stickers has been halted temporarily. Please use the USC decals that you have. If there is a problem, please let me know. The new allotment of stickers should be coming soon.

Editor's Corner

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