



# TillaTalk

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Summer Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1930 Hours, SARDET Long Level

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FIFTH NORTHERN REGION  
DIVISION 14 FLOTILLA 14-02**

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## Flotilla Commander Jeff Kuhn



Greetings fellow Auxiliarists!

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the District Elected Officers Training in Reading. This was a completely outstanding day, organized by our District Captain Ken Brown. It was one of those uncommon opportunities to train and fellowship with a host of motivated and committed Auxiliarists. I learned many things about the tedium of the FC position. By the time I finish my second watch, I'll have the job pretty well under control.

We are a valued part of Team Coast Guard. We heard this at the EOT and those of you

at the Division Change of Watch heard it as well. I was so proud to hear over and over from the gold-side officers in attendance how much they value our contributions. Let's wear those compliments with pride and head into the year's activities with enthusiasm.

Speaking of "wearing" with pride. There is much emphasis coming down the chain on wearing the uniform properly, and looking like we are a part of the Coast Guard, including grooming and especially hair standards. The public sees us as Coast Guard, so we need to look the part. Let's start with wearing the uniform period. Paraphrasing Commander Tredinnick, if you are not wearing your uniform because it no longer fits (change in muscle proportions as one ages), then buy a new one and wear it! She was quite serious about this, and I heard it again in one of the breakout sessions. She also pointed out that the AUX Manual is rather difficult to understand in the matter of proper uniform wear, so new materials are coming out. Incidentally, at our last meeting I read off a list of new uniform regs. I misinterpreted one of those when I said the female combination hat was disapproved. In truth, it was the recommendation from the

uniform committee to discontinue the female combination hat that was disapproved, so, ladies, don't trash those hats.

From the miscellaneous department: The term "Coastie" is now OUT. The correct term to use when referring to Coast Guard personnel is "Guardian". Just when we were getting used to it, the term "Personal Floatation Device or PFD" is OUT. It is once again a "Life Jacket"!

Finally, from the trivia department: Who commanded the slanted stripe to be placed on the bow of our CG Cutters?

Now get out there and start fussing around with your boats. It will not be long until we are on the water again. April meeting is back at the base.

*Semper Paratus.*

Jeff

### MARCH 2009 MEETING MINUTES

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
FIFTH NORTHERN DISTRICT, DIVISION 14  
FLOTILLA 053-14-02

Date- Tuesday 10 March 2009

Time- 1930 hours

Place- Hoss's Restaurant, West York

Event- Flotilla Meeting

Attendance- 18 total, 14 members and 4 guests.

Call to order- FC Jeff Kuhn

Pledge to the Flag- Troy Faw

Invocation- Jeff Kuhn

Introduction of guests- Bob Kuhn, Michael Rholase, Jake Fredrick, and Robert Whyland

Minutes of last meeting- Darwin B. Dosch

Financial report- Karen Hagerman

Staff Officers reports- FC Kuhn

MT (Member Training) - Jeff Kuhn- Three members are completing the weather course within 3 weeks. Watchstander- 18 April is training date for Instructors, Operations, and One-hour TCT, beginning at 0900. In the afternoon, Watchstander training will be available for radio operators at the SARDET Base. The radio can be operated by AUXCOM qualified members, for the time being.

MA (Materials) - Troy Faw- Large orders of materials can reduce shipping costs.

CM (Communications) - Troy Faw- No report

OP (Operations) - Jeff Kuhn for Lindy Harrison- Lindy had an appendectomy and was hospitalized after being sick for 3 weeks.

PS (Personnel Services) - Keith & Karen Hagerman- Potential new member Michael Rholase has begun his paperwork tonight.

IS (Information Systems) - Bob Wecker- Very little paperwork has been submitted.

PV (Visitation Program) - Henry Reeser. No report.

PB (Publications) - Stan Olson- The Tilla-Talk newsletter is now posted on the District web site.

MS (Marine Safety) - Rob St. Clair accepted this position. No report

AN (Aids to Navigation) - Greg Stough- No report

PE (Public Education) - Jeff Kuhn for Lindy Harrison - 19 people in the BS&S course with 6 interested in Auxiliary membership.

PA (Public Affairs) - Patti Kuhn- No report.

CS (Computer Services) - Ryan Crider- No report

VE (Vessel Examiner) - Henry can train members for the VE qualification, or the exam can be taken on line.

Commanders Report- FC Jeff Kuhn:

From the EOT- One of the best events of this type ever attended; run by Ken Brown. PROFESSIONALISM! The public sees us as the Coast Guard, so we must look & act the part.

Actions, uniforms, grooming standards, more rigorous training.

The term "Coastie" is out, "Guardian" is in.

"PFD" is out; "Life Jacket" is back in.

Jeff will attend SC&E training at TRACEN, Cape May.

Jeff reported that Coast Guard Officers at the Division COW had great praise for the Auxiliary and it's mission.

Meetings ideas-

More emphasis on training.

Trivia contest with a prize. An example: Who conceived the slanted wide stripe painted on the bow of Coast Guard ships?

Email agenda to members before each meeting to get member feedback.

Correspondence - REYR letter from Carolyn Inglis.

New Business -

Distribution of and instructions regarding the 2009 Flotilla Roster handout.

Suggestions regarding meetings.

Old Business-

Workshops for 2009, date changed from 4 April to 18 April, 2009

Operations workshop - voluntary

Instructors workshop - required for instructors

One hour TCT

Family picnic (Division) postponed one week to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. In September, 2009

Presentation of floor to visiting officers- Bob Whyland DCDR 053-14, noted he started boat safety training for NY State in 1959. Bob Wecker and Henry Reeser got him involved in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Bob stated that our Flotilla is the anchor of a smooth working Division. Division meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the SARDET Base, and all members are welcome. He noted important elements of a good Flotilla include a short training session at each meeting, Staff Officers that support the Flotilla, and a stable and growing membership. From the Philadelphia Headquarters, he presented our Flotilla with 3 dry bags, float vests, and rescue & survival knives for the facilities.

Awards- From the Division COW: Our Flotilla won the award for Operations; Ed Ross- Individual Operations award; John Houseman- Instructor award; Jeff Kuhn- Member Activity award; and Rob St Clair & Diana Peters-Scurto- Membership Certificates.

Good of the Auxiliary- Jeff announced the Auxiliary Color Guard to attend the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game on Saturday, 23 May. Admission is \$9. Henry Reeser questioned about what are the goals of the Flotilla? Bob Whyland responded that the Division has nine listed goals, but they were not passed down to the Flotillas.

Guest comments- Bob Kuhn- "Nice to have dedicated members & share job responsibilities". Jake Fredrick-"Jeff covered the watchstander issue; we need more people trained".

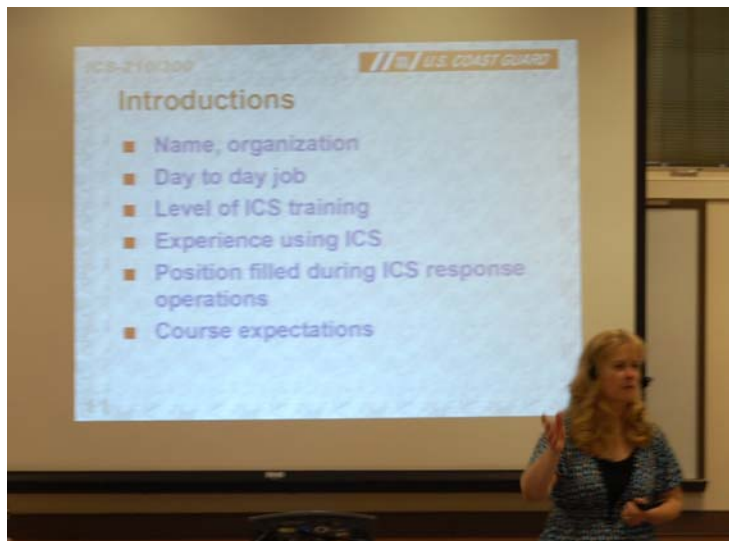
Refreshments for next meeting- Henry Reeser

Next meeting- Tuesday, 7 April 2009, SARDET Base, Long Level, 1930 hours

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Stan Olson, second by Henry Reeser

Respectfully submitted, Darwin B. Dosch FSO-SR

## Member Activities



Training for ICS 210, Initial Response Training, was held at the Lower Windsor Township building on Sunday, March 8 with USCG Commander and Director of Auxiliary-D5NR Glenna Tredinnick presenting. Attending from Flotilla 14-02 were Coxswains Diller, Faw, Olson, Reeser, Ross and Wecker. John Maramarco also attended. *Photo by Stan Olson*

Rob St. Clair receives his long awaited Certificate of Membership from FC Kuhn as DCDR Bob Whyland looks on. *Photo by Stan Olson*



Diana Peters-Scurto receives her Certificate of Membership from FC Kuhn. *Photo by Stan Olson*



During our March meeting, we were privileged to be addressed by DCDR Bob Whyland. He remarked that Flotilla 14-02 is considered the anchor of a smooth operating Division. *Photo by Stan Olson*

## **Calendar Of Events**

### **March**

20-22 March, District 5NR Spring Conference, Heritage Hills Conference Center

### **April**

2 April- Division Meeting- SARDET Long Level

10 April- Good Friday

12 April- Easter Sunday

**14 April- Flotilla Meeting- SARDET Long Level- 1930 Hours**

15 April- Income Taxes due ☺

18 April- Training Session- Ops, Instructor, TCT & VE. Watchstander in P.M.- SARDET Long Level- 0900 Hours

25 April- Prepare docks and service base- SARDET Long Level- 0830 Hours

## **Trivia Question Answer**

"The Racing Stripe, officially known as the Service Mark, was designed in 1964 by the industrial design office of Raymond Lowry Associates to give the Coast Guard a distinctive, modern image. This symbol was first used in 1967. It consists of a narrow blue bar, a narrow white stripe between, and a broad red bar with the Coast Guard shield centered. The stripes are canted at a 64 degree angle, coincidentally the year the Racing Stripe was designed. Auxiliary vessels maintained by the Coast Guard also carry the Racing Stripe in inverted colors and the Auxiliary Emblem." *Obtained from Wikipedia*

Late News Flash- Dave Scurto's paperwork has just been received and he is now BQ.