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Leadership of 5NR

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Cover Photograph:

ATLANTIC CITY - Auxiliary Aircraft Commander Judy Redlawsk and Aircrew member David Crownover perform preflight checks in Redlawsk's Robinson R44 helicopter before takeoff from USCG Air Station Atlantic City. AUXAIR aviators volunteer their aircraft for use as facilities, just as surface operators volunteer their boats.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photograph by Joseph Giannattasio

From the Desk of the Commodore

Proud Traditions, Worthy Missions

I have the opportunity to engage with a wide spectrum of members of Team Coast Guard. I had the privilege of coming into Philadelphia aboard the USCGC Eagle during the Parade of Tall Ships. Boarding her while she was underway via a restored Auxiliary 41' UTB, most capably handled by Kurt Sarac and his outstanding crew, I was greeted by a most enthusiastic Coast Guard Academy Cadet Castleberry. Her salute was perfect, her pride beaming, as she reported that she had been assigned as my escort. I had been aboard the Barque Eagle several times, but never while she was underway. I was immediately struck by the youthful energy and palpable excitement of the training crew that surrounded us. My tour group included members of the Philadelphia U.S. Navy League. We all responded, as I did, to the promise and dedication that surrounded us—with respect and a true sense of hope for the future. It was obvious that these cadets—Coast Guard and Navy—are among the best that we have. The emissary was a first year cadet, but the energy of the entire ship recharged us all.

I've listened first-hand to our Commandant, Admiral Zukunft as he addressed the Auxiliary at National Conferences and Training sessions. He always incorporates his Commandant's Direction to the Coast Guard—the guiding principles that we are to follow: *Service to Nation. Duty to People. Commitment to Excellence.* Each of these principles builds upon the other. His command direction is to assure that we truly are *Semper Paratus*.

It is important to note that Admiral Zukunft chooses to start his speeches by stating that he is “*honored to lead the 88,000 men and women of the Coast Guard—Active Duty, Reserves, Auxiliary and Civilians.*” No distinction between categories, we are *all* Coast Guard. We share the history, the proud traditions and the worthy missions that are the Coast Guard. Think what it means to **be** Coast Guard. Think about your place, your contributions, your actions—are you keeping the Core Values? Do you appreciate the legacy that you've chosen to join? Are you trained and proficient for the missions you are doing? What more do you need to do a better job? Our relevance to the missions of the Coast Guard has never been greater.

I am disturbed when an Auxiliarist is described as a “Coast Guard wannabe.” The very thought allows for compromising of the integrity that we all swore to uphold. We **are** Coast Guard, not just to the public, but also to each other and especially to the active duty and reserves. To be sure, we are volunteer, civilian members of the team but we are Coast Guard. Our actions reflect directly on the entire Coast Guard. How we wear the uniform, perform our missions, teach our classes, *everything* we do, every action, must meet or exceed standards. We have nothing to prove, but to ourselves. What we do have is the sworn obligation to contribute in meaningful ways to the public and to a service that has a heritage worthy of pride and honor.

Have you ever thought about how amazing the Auxiliary is? We are a force of 33,000 individuals voluntarily coming together to accomplish nothing short of incredible service. We are far greater than the sum of our individual efforts. General Doolittle said, “There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.” Heart is what drives the Auxiliary. All that we do, we do for love. Such devotion to duty is worthy of respect for the service we pledge to support and respect for each other as shipmates.

We are bound together by a common desire to serve and by the Core Values that define not only how we serve, but also how we choose to live our lives, with ***Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.***

*Thank you for all that you do and for choosing to make a positive difference.
It is an honor to serve with you. Keep safe.*

With abiding respect,

COMO K.C. Murphy
District Commodore, D5NR



Commodore K.C. Murphy
District Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

Message from the Chief of Staff

In my tenure with the Auxiliary over the past thirteen years, I have had the pleasure of serving alongside seven Commodores and five Directors of the Auxiliary. Each of these individuals provided leadership and emphasis in many areas and they all seemed to focus on one area of expertise or identified need within the district. Consequently, I have observed and had the good fortune to participate in several initiatives which served the membership well, but most importantly, they were completed in alignment with our overarching mission of serving the boating public and enhancing recreational boating safety. I hold each of these individuals in high regard for their selfless dedication to the ideals of the auxiliary and all they have done for the benefit of the D5NR.

Likewise, in my current capacity, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with department officers, Division Commanders, staff officers, and individual members at all levels of the district. I am continually amazed at the diverse backgrounds and wealth of experience that all of our dedicated members bring to their respective roles in the Auxiliary. It is this depth and range of knowledge that impresses upon me that if we as an organization continue to draw on these freely given resources and work together toward our common mission and goals that there is truly nothing that cannot be accomplished by our members to achieve our goals. I would like to thank everyone for their selfless dedication to duty and participation in Auxiliary activities. The membership is the lifeblood of this organization that keeps us moving forward and our boaters

safe. Bravo Zulu to you all!!

In the spirit of recognizing team effort, I would like to make you aware of some initiatives that are currently underway in the D5NR. When the current EXCCOM was elected, it was made clear to us that improvements in communication with the membership was a necessity to keep the wheels of the organization turning and the members informed and involved in activities. I think we have made strides in this area, but there continues to be much that can be accomplished to improve even more.

This issue of the TOPSIDE is a perfect example of those efforts. I would like to thank the editors and contributors for their endeavors in putting this issue together and look forward to future editions. In that regard, I would like to invite members to send articles, pictures and informational pieces to Tim Marks and his staff so we keep our members apprised of events and happenings throughout the District. Sending articles and pictures is also an excellent way of recognizing the many and varied contributions of our members to the ideals of the Auxiliary.

The Fall D-Train conference also provides an outstanding opportunity to participate in numerous training programs that are being offered at this event. Along with the training programs, the conference provides an opportunity for fellowship and “communication” on a one to one basis with fellow Auxiliarists. There is also the chance to meet those in leadership positions both at the District and National levels and to share your concerns and ideas with these folks. The new Director, Commander Gunter, will be there with some of his staff. It will be an excellent occasion to meet and get to know him and greet his staff as well. Please check the D5NR website for programming and registration information and plan to attend.

Previously, I mentioned the backgrounds and experience of the individuals who comprise the D5NR. At the conference this year the DSO-IM will have a station near the registration desk for members to review the information contained in the Auxiliary Skills Bank. Please stop by and visit with Glenna Tredinnick to review and update your information which will help us to better utilize our personnel in day to day operations and assist with future needs that may arise where our competencies can be more fully utilized.

The D5NR recently purchased site licenses for “Go to Meeting” and “Go to Training.” These tele-communications programs are gradually being implemented for teleconferencing among departments cutting travel times and increasing the ability to offer more services and training to our members.

As you are probably aware, the District website crashed during a server transfer in early spring of this year. The site is up and running, but it has been a tedious process to restore it to its previous status and to have it become operational for general usage. We are in the process of revising the job responsibilities in this area and hope to have a stronger site as the changes are implemented. The on-line district calendar will be a component of the update and I urge members to visit and utilize this important piece once it has been added to the site.



Barry Kyper
District Chief of Staff
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

Message from the Chief of Staff *Continued*

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Thanks to the many outstanding efforts of our members, there are numerous other programs and activities occurring in the district in the fields of Public Affairs, Operations, Marine Safety, Vessel Examinations, and Dealer Visits. Of course, none of this could be accomplished without the continued efforts of the members of our Logistics departments who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support all of the members and programs. Without their help, other activities in the District would surely come to a crawl slowing progress in many areas.

What has been reported is only a small portion of the many and varied activities that are occurring in our District. As you peruse this issue, you will have an opportunity to read about many of those activities and the members who participate and share in their success. Again, my thanks to all for your contributions, for the countless hours freely offered in the name of the Auxiliary and for your dedication to the mission and your shipmates.

As I conclude this article, I have one request that I would ask of everyone- to review the words in the oath of membership, the oath of office, the four cornerstones of the Auxiliary, and core values of the Coast Guard. These principles serve as the guiding light for our involvement in the Auxiliary and in our daily lives as well. They are the beacon that steers us away from the shoals of discord. They are the path that leads us to safe harbors with our shipmates by our sides. Semper Paratus!

Barry Kyper

District Training (DTRAIN) & Board Meeting



September 11-13, 2015

DEADLINE for Registration is September 1st



We expect with this NEW hotel that all classes will be FULL and sold out by 1 SEP if not sooner. Register early as it is first come first served.

Crowne Plaza Reading
1741 Papermill Rd, Wyomissing PA 19610

To register, go to: <https://www.regonline.com/5nrfall2015>

Message from the District Captain - East

EFFECTIVE AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

- Colin Powell

I am proud to serve with each of you to actively support the Auxiliary Fifth Northern District. You can expect me to perform my duties in a professional, proactive, and consistent manner, guided by our core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. I am committed to positive and inclusive leadership founded on mutual respect, trust, and integrity. Here are some principles that I find helpful as we work to support the Coast Guard and our Auxiliary missions.

Be proactive. There are three types of Leaders: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. Develop a plan, communicate your plan, establish responsibilities, determine goals, track progress, and make changes as needed.

Provide training opportunities and activities. Most members joined the Auxiliary for a chance to actively support the Coast Guard and improve themselves. And, many members leave the Auxiliary each year because they did not feel the organization cared about them or recognized what they had to offer. Good leaders prevent this by determining the goals, skills and desires of each member. The best tool to achieve this is the Individual Development Plan (IDP). Encourage established members to expand their capabilities and take online training via the **Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS)**.

Reward deserving members. Personal and team awards recognize and encourage the extraordinary efforts of our members. They serve as formal acknowledgement from the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Motivated members will help others to succeed and enjoy the rewards of Auxiliary participation. Write an award nomination today for someone in your division who really deserves it.

Have fun! Find enjoyment in your membership and do things that you find fun. If you are not enjoying your job(s) in the Auxiliary, then you are probably doing a poor job and you are certainly not inspiring other members to contribute or advance. It's important to participate in fellowship activities and enjoy the camaraderie and working together with others; what has motivated and taught me the most are the amazing members I've met that have encouraged me to try new things and face challenges to get the most out of my membership and to better serve the Coast Guard.

Project what you look for in a leader - Be Professional, Be Responsible, Be Accountable and you will Be Successful. Leaders in the Auxiliary must not only look sharp, but also be sharp about how they conduct business, do computer work, do paperwork, and support their unit and programs. Successful leaders ensure orderly meetings and regular fellowship; they instill an atmosphere of willingness to participate among their members. They lead by example, good humor, and by actively listening and helping others.

District Fifth Northern has a rich history of service earned by the effort and dedication of its membership and their leaders. I am confident that you too will continue this proud tradition. I look forward to working with you for years to come.



Joseph Giannattasio
District Captain – East

Joseph Giannattasio
District Captain – Eastern Area
Coast Guard Auxiliary Fifth District Northern Region

Message from the District Captain - West

Leadership Development

(How can we help?)

Just about everyone who has been around me since I accepted the position as DSO-MT knows how seriously I believe in developing good Auxiliary Leaders. National realized this fact years ago and created the Leadership Continuum. It begins with the Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) followed by the Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLAM) and then Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course (AMLOC). There is no doubt many of our members have received training in their private careers but leadership in the Auxiliary requires some unique skills to be successful. I think it is safe to say no one joins the Coast Guard Auxiliary to become a Flotilla Commander or Division Commander but it doesn't take long to realize the Auxiliary cannot operate without members willing to run for elected office. The job begins setting a series of goals, putting together a team to help accomplish meeting these goals, handling the required administrative and personnel tasks necessary to keep our units functioning. Elected office is a position of high honor, responsibility and service. Our elected leaders are to act as the unit representative, take care of the needs of their members as well as insure all we do is in conformance with the policies of the U.S. Coast Guard. Please take a minute from time to time and read the Prologue & Pledge for Elected and Appointed Leaders. It should keep us all focused.



Stephen J. Marthouse
District Captain – West
DSO-Member Training

We elect members to be the leaders of our units and we all have a vested interest in making them successful. That means we need to encourage our members to take advantage of the leadership training available to help prepare them for a term as an elected officer. Too often we have individuals elected to office because it was their turn, no one else would run or they desire to wear the insignia of office thinking it would give them some sort of power. Talk about a potential recipe for disaster! To turn a phrase “we reap what we sow”.

All members of EXCOM are in agreement we need to provide opportunities for our members to develop their leadership skills and assist with mentoring our elected leaders at all levels of the organization to strengthen all our units. We will continue to offer the FLC at “D” Train and a National “C” School Leadership course annually. However we feel we need to do more. Too many situations have arisen in the last couple of years that have caused major issues in some units. These issues all have a common denominator and that is a lack of effective leadership or not correctly acting soon enough at the lowest level of the organization. Some members have forgotten the oath they took or forgotten the real meaning of our “Core Values” of Respect, Honor, and Devotion to Duty.

Elected Officers, just like boat crewmembers or vessel examiners, need experienced mentors who can offer good advice and coaching. All elected officers need to know that there is no problem that they may be faced with that has not already been addressed by someone else. Whether it be a finance problem, a qualification issue or a need for discipline, there is a wealth of expertise in the District. The trick is to match the elected officer with the right expert. EXCOM would like to offer an opportunity to facilitate this.

Beginning on Monday July 27, 2015, and every Monday thereafter between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:00pm, elected officers may call my cell number (717-552-3452) and ask me their question or explain their issue and I will locate someone who has the expertise that can work with them. Most likely the mentor will call the elected officer within a couple of days. The conversation or recommendations provided by the mentor will be private and up to the elected officer to either follow or disregard.

This is a trial run of a referral mentoring program and should not be considered a direct line to EXCOM bypassing the Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM). By the same token, it is not EXCOM attempting to micromanage the units. It is our desire all leaders follow the COLM with suggestions and problems however if the elected officer wants an objective unbiased opinion or need a sounding board, they now have another option.

I plan to offer a report at the Fall “D” Train on the utilization of this service. If this is used or found to be of value, we will see that it becomes a permanent tool for the leaders in the 5NR District.

Stephen J. Marthouse
District Captain – Western Area
Coast Guard Auxiliary Fifth District Northern Region

Message from the District Captain - Central

It is an honor to serve as your District Captain for the Central Area (DCAPT-C) of District 5NR. In addition to my role as part of the District leadership, also referred to as the District “Bridge” or “EXCOM”, my responsibility is for the four Central Area divisions – 1, 4, 12 and 17 – an area that includes Delaware, most of eastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey along the Delaware River. Like the rest of EXCOM, I am committed to doing whatever I can to support you and help you accomplish your missions.

The District Captain fits into the Chain of Leadership and Management between the Division Commanders and the Chief of Staff and Commodore.

Like the rest of the District, the Central Area has been very active this year.

Under the leadership of Donald Merrill, DCDR and Reynolds Giovannozzi, VCDR, Division 1 Northern Delaware has been combining marine patrols with training, provided support to the Tall Ships Festival (Kurt Sarac and his crew earned a commendation from BMCS Sean Hayes, Officer in Charge, Station Philadelphia and CW04 Richard Clark for ferrying dignitaries to the Eagle while it was underway), and provided 3 fireworks patrols and a safety patrol for an Iron Man Triathlon.



Thomas J. Dever
District Captain – Central

Plans for the rest of the summer include a safety patrol for a poker run, a booth at the Delaware State Fair, a Division 1 rendezvous at the Perryville Yacht Club, a safety patrol for the Northeast Bass Tournament, participation in the Middletown Peach Festival parade and booth, and many more marine patrols and organized Vessel Safety Check events.

The DCDR’s monthly “Now Hear This” email publication has been a great tool for keeping members informed.

Division 4 Southeast Pennsylvania’s DCDR – Raymond Sims and VCDR – David Desimone earned a Bravo Zulu letter from Captain Arnett for their successful efforts working with Operations Training Officer (OTO) Richard Clark. Together they created a PQS for training members to serve as Coxswains and Boat Crew aboard the Division’s 31’ SAFE Boat. The Division leads the district in Marine Patrol hours with over 1,100 so far this year!

Members are very active in PA events, VSC activities, marine patrols and Public Education.

SARDET Marcus Hook, led by Commodore Robinson and Robert Roetz is temporarily operating from the Tinicum Township Fire Company until the Marcus Hook docks are repaired. They have had patrols out every weekend and holiday.

Division 12 Delaware, under the leadership of Robert McCleary, DCDR and Warren Huff, VCDR continues to be active throughout the Division in all of the Auxiliary’s responsibilities. Over 10,000 volunteer hours have been provided so far. SARDET Bowers Beach is very active and well along with the installation of the new Delaware Repeater Antenna.

Division 17 Penn-Jersey, with Jose Roman-Rivera, DCDR and William Mooney, Jr., VCDR has been active in VSCs, PE, Pa events and in actively supporting SARDET Bordentown. Members have also contributed over 10,000 hours of activity so far this year!

The divisions in our area face the same challenges that we’re encountering everywhere – recruiting and retention of members among them. One of my “assignments” as a DCAPT is to learn more about what is working so that we can help you. I’m investigating the “recruiting best practices” both locally and nationally and I’d welcome your insights into what has worked for you and your flotilla.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to serve you. Remember, we are at our best when we remember the basics and when we live the Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. Follow the Chain of Leadership and Management. Treat your fellow members with the respect they deserve, reach out and help or mentor new members, call and invite them to join in activities, help your flotilla members get out of REYRs, help them with the new mandatory courses and in achieving new qualifications and most of all – have fun doing it!

Thank you for everything you do for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Thomas J. Dever
District Captain – Central Area
Coast Guard Auxiliary Fifth District Northern Region

DIRAUX Change of Command



Captain Paul Arnett
Chief of Prevention
U.S. Coast Guard
9th District

On Monday, July 13, Commander Tim Gunter officially took over as Director of the Auxiliary for 5NR. We extend a warm welcome to CDR Gunter. We wish him the best as begins this new assignment with us.

Captain Arnett has moved to his next assignment which is Chief, 9th District Prevention Division which is based in Cleveland, OH. We thank him for all his guidance, assistance, encouragement, and support that he has given to the 5th Northern District and to Division 14.

CDR Gunter's biography is posted on the 5NR website.

An Introduction from the Commander

I really appreciate the warm welcome in my new assignment as D5NR Director of Auxiliary. It's great to be in the Philadelphia area. I am looking forward to working with the Commodore and entire District in supporting Auxiliary operations. I was an active member of the Auxiliary while in high school in Anderson, South Carolina and have stayed connected to the Auxiliary through my father's service over the last 23 years, where he is currently supporting the Marine Safety mission in District 7.

My first week as your new Director introduced me to the expanded scope of the Auxiliary supporting various Coast Guard commands which is a testament to the diverse skill sets of District membership. The 5th District Commander, RADM Metruck, expressed to me his admiration for the invaluable work performed by D5NR members. He noted several workforce gaps and asked me to facilitate Auxiliary support for unit Education Service Officers and health care facilities, see ALCOAST 285/15, in the District. I look forward to working with entire team, getting around the District in the coming months to meet as many of you as possible, and supporting the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.



Commander Tim Gunter
Director of the Auxiliary
U.S. Coast Guard
5th District-Northern Region



Generations Apart, Bound by Tradition



Generations Apart, Bound by Tradition—First Year USCG Academy Cadet Castleberry has a lively discussion with COMO Ken Brown, Deputy National Commodore LANT-East/Operations on the sail training barque USCGC Eagle during her visit to Philadelphia for the Tall Ships celebration.

Photo by COMO K.C. Murphy

Auxchef at Sector Delaware Bay Change of Watch



SECTOR DELAWARE BAY, PHILADELPHIA, PA - AuxChef working at SDB Change of Command ceremony on May 22, 2015.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by David Lau

Division 7

Recreational Boating Safety By Allison Rery, Jr., SO-PA

For the third consecutive year, 5NR USCG Auxiliary has been asked to promote Recreational Boating Safety at the annual Burlington County Farm Show, located in Columbus, NJ. In 2013, the official attendance was put at 50,000; last year (2014), the official attendance set an all-time of 85,000. This event helped the 5NR Auxiliary to establish 2014 RBS/PA event attendance record of 1,100,000 attendee. A record we can all be proud of.

I had the opportunity to assist at this event; we received many recruit inquiries, made new friends and ran into a few old friends.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Public Affairs



Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer
Karen Vorhees with Fred Harvey,
Flotilla 7-12 at the CG-44355
Dedication.

Mike Alexander, SO-PB



Why Everbridge?

The Auxiliary has adopted the Everbridge System for emergency communication. As global unpredictability continues to converge with advances in mobility and technology, Everbridge has developed a means of unified critical communications. They remove global, regional, and technology barriers to enable organizations to quickly communicate and collaborate with the right context. This helps us to be better prepared, make better decisions, and respond quickly and confidently during disruptive events—ranging from natural disasters to security breaches. More than 2,500 organizations use Everbridge to manage these critical communications.

Division 8

Night In Venice Boat Parade - 2015 by Howard Friedman

Four crews of Auxiliarists joined Coast Guard and NJ State Police crews, an OCPD crew, and a CGIS agent for a pre-event BBQ at USCG Station Great Egg (Ocean City) before departing on their mission to provide participant and spectator boat safety during Ocean City's gala boat parade along a two mile stretch of the ICW.

The photos were taken at the beginning of the parade in "The Coast Guard Lagoon." Once full darkness had covered the area, the main waterway and the six lagoons were all aglow from the decorative lights of the bay front homes and the boats and the reflections across the water. Party music could be heard the entire length of the route, even well after the last boat was headed for it's home port.



Above left – Mike McKenzie (4-8), Bruce Goldberg (8-1), and Bob Fritz (4-9)
Above right – Art Zack, Charlie Wilkins, Greg Kelchner, and Fred Ruddick (all in 8-1)
Top right, Lead Crew – Walt Alsegg (8-1) and Eileen Harrigan (8-5) (CGIS agent not pictured)
Bottom right - Wm Fithian, James Ryon, Lew Branin, and Ed Henne (all in 8-1)

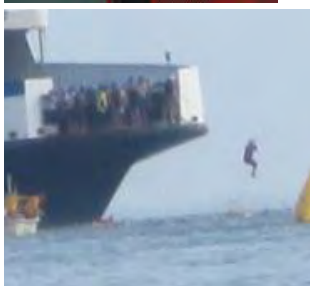
Jump From Ferry into Delaware Bay by Howard Friedman

The swimming event at the start of the annual Escape the Cape Triathlon begins with a jump into Delaware Bay from a Cape May (NJ) – Lewes (DE) Ferry. Two USCG Auxiliary facilities help provide a safety zone for the competitors as they swam to shore to begin the bicycling event.

Aboard Chris Gloede's facility were fellow members of Flotilla 8-3: Tom Palmer, Vanessa Brown, and Mike Hamilton. The crew on John Tredinnick's facility was comprised of Flotilla 8-2 members Lorraine Bianco, Joe Giannattasio, and Tony Kupstas.



Photos by Joe Giannattasio and Mike Hamilton.



Division 12



(Right) Bowers Beach, Del - Auxiliarist Bob Bradish surveys boating activities on the Murderkill River as a part of enhanced maritime safety and assistance patrols conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on July 4th.

*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
photo by Tom Roberson*



(Above Left) Blades, Del - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Al Grimminger patrols the Nanticoke River near Seaford, Del during the annual Riverfest Celebration. Missions such as this are conducted throughout the recreational boating season to protect boater celebrations and to minimize disruption of commercial shipping traffic. *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Tom Roberson*

Safe Anchoring Techniques for New Boaters by Tom Roberson FSO-PA 12-05

Dover – Anchoring a boat can be absolutely maddening. You find yourself doing everything the same way you did last time when the anchor held just fine, but this time the anchor refuses to hold the bottom. If you are a new boater, take heart - even experienced boaters sometimes have problems. No two anchoring scenarios will ever be exactly the same, but experience shows that following some relatively simple procedures can make the process much easier and far more effective:

- Successful anchoring begins well before you are ready to release the anchor. Study your charts carefully to find an anchorage that provides adequate shelter from wind and weather conditions that are likely to occur while you are at anchor. It should have plenty of room for your boat to swing in a full circle around the point where you set the anchor. Finding enough space may not be a problem in open water, but you don't want to drift onto rocks or into another boat when the winds or currents change. Make sure that it is also a place that is deep enough for the boat to remain afloat as tides rise and fall. Last, but not least, the area should have the kind of bottom that will allow your anchor to hold.
- With the spot where you want to anchor clearly in mind, approach the spot slowly from downwind or downstream. Go slightly past the point you want to anchor, stop the boat, and then lower the anchor across the bow to the bottom. If you have a rail around the bow, remember to pass the anchor and line under the rail. In some situations, you may have to use a bow and stern anchor. If so, always set the bow anchor first and never anchor the boat with a single anchor from the stern. The downward pull of the anchor combined with waves or current could swamp the boat. Old sailors call that "pooping" the boat—not something you want to experience personally.
- As you lower the anchor you will feel the pull on the anchor line, and you should also feel it go slack as the anchor reaches the bottom. When it does, slowly back away from the anchor in the direction of the wind and current as you gently deploy more line. How much line will you need? The answer will depend upon the depth of the water, currents, and the weather. The ratio of the depth of the water to the length of the anchor line in the water is known as the scope of the anchor. In calm weather at a protected anchorage a scope of 5:1 may be sufficient. The Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends a minimum of 7:1 for most conditions experienced by recreational boaters. However, a more exposed anchorage or stronger winds and current will require more scope (longer line) to allow the anchor to dig into the bottom. Some recreational boaters may even find that they need as much 15:1 if they are surprised by bad weather. (And yes, recreational boaters should always listen to weather forecasts before they depart and they should continue to pay attention to the sky around them and marine weather broadcasts while underway!)
- When you have payed out the amount of line that you think may be required, attach it securely to a bow cleat. You should have no trouble feeling when the flukes (the pointy protrusions) on the anchor dig into the bottom. Test how well the anchor is holding by backing away from the anchor with gradually increasing power. If it holds under moderate power, your anchor is set. Finally, check how well your anchor line is secured to the boat. You want to make sure that the line will not come loose based on changes in the direction and force of the wind or current.
- Even a good quality anchor that is set by an experienced mariner can drag when conditions change. As those conditions change, your anchor can release suddenly or start to drag very slowly. Do yourself a favor. Take sightings and note the bearing to various objects in the area. Don't just trust your memory. Write them down. Check these bearings again periodically and compare your new bearings to those in your notes to see if you have moved. If you moved, determine whether it was due to changes in the direction of the tidal currents or because the anchor was not holding. If the anchor was the problem, repeat the process that is by now familiar.

Following these procedures can make anchoring your boat much easier and make your boating experience more like fun and less like work. If you would like to learn more about safe boating practices or participate in a Coast Guard-approved Safe Boating Class, contact Nancy at 302-697-6188 or by email at nalaot@aol.com.

Division 17

Beach Sweep in Cape May By Mario Catanese, FSO-MS 17-82

The Thirtieth Annual Clean Ocean Action Beach Clean-up occurred on April 25, 2015. This event featured over 4000 volunteers in 70 sites across New Jersey. Flotilla 82 had ten volunteers, along with 75 recruits from the U. S. Guard Training Center, Cape May (TRACEN) to help with the clean-up of the Nature Center of Cape May.

The bulk of the mission was directing 75 recruits from TRACEN toward several labor-intensive projects, including clearing overgrown Nature Center grounds; spring clean-up of trash, leaves, branches, and other debris; repairing the ramp to the beach; cleaning up the Cape May harbor beach and sprucing up the fisherman's memorial. And, there were many other smaller projects.



John Tredinnick, DSO-MS/EP, with CG Recruits, cleaned the box turtle area.

Photo by Jack Kelley

75 USCG recruits marched to the Nature Center of Cape May, with Gretchen Whitman of the Nature Center of Cape May, to help with the Beach Sweeps.

Photo by Mario Catanese



Photo by Mario Catanese



Brick Green Fair By Carlos Gomez, SO-MS 16

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, members of Flotillas 16-5 and 79 manned a booth at the Green Fair at Brick Township High School, in Brick NJ. The Green Fair was an environmental protection event. The purpose of the fair was to promote recycling, growing plants, shrubs, trees, reclamation projects along with education of the effects of pollution of the environment. It is currently in its 5th year. Auxiliary members in attendance were Ted Hahula (FC 16-5), Kevin Pace (FSO

PV, VE 16-5), Dave Curtis (FSO PA 16-5), Dennis McMullen (FSO PE 79) and Don Gricius (FSO MS 16-5).

The table content provided Auxiliary and marine debris information to compliment the other green ideas at the fair alongside dozens of local "green" businesses and organizations. It also featured healthy refreshments, interactive displays, activities for all ages and entertainment.

Kevin Pace talks to a member of the public while Dave Curtis looks on.

Photo by Carlos Gomez



Division 18



SO-OP Paul Whitman and SO-MT Joe Mariano prepare PFDs with appropriate configurations for either boat crew members or vessel examiners.

Photo taken from the June 2015 edition of The Intended Track, Division 18's newsletter

Auxiliary Crew Rescues Boaters on Delaware River

A Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crew from the Marcus Hook Auxiliary Search and Rescue Detachment (AUXSARDET) rescued three boaters Monday afternoon.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay received notification through VHF Channel 16 of a disabled 14-foot pleasure craft with three boaters aboard.

Sector Delaware Bay watchstanders instructed the three passengers to put on their life jackets and launched the AUXSARDET boat crew.

The AUXSARDET crew arrived on scene near the Commodore Barry Bridge and found the boat wedged under a pier with the boaters still aboard.

The AUXSARDET crew positioned themselves to throw a heaving line, then established a tow and took the disabled boat to Barry Bridge Park.

"It was tough maneuvering under the pier to do the rescue," said Auxiliarist Maureen Lucas, a crewmember aboard involved in the case. "Thankfully no one was hurt and everyone was safe."



MARCUS HOOK, Pa. — Coast Guard Auxiliarists Maureen Lucas and Dave Wesler tow a disabled boat on the Delaware River Monday, May 25, 2015, near Marcus Hook, Pa. The boat crew from the Marcus Hook Auxiliary Search and Rescue Detachment towed the 14-foot pleasure craft to Barry Bridge Park.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Nick Matchica

Division 19

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety By Gregg Bollinger ADSO-MS

There is inherent risk and danger in just about everything we do. Among occupations in the United States, guess which one is ranked second most dangerous? You've probably guessed from the article title that it is commercial fishing. According to the most recently available U.S. Labor Department figures (2012), there are over 117 deaths for every 100,000 commercial fishing workers each year.

As is the case with all activity, be it on the oceans, bays, lakes,

and/or rivers, the need to remain ever-vigilant and Semper Paratus for all conditions is very great. The Coast Guard encourages all who own, operate, or work on or around commercial fishing vessels to use such common-sense safety measures as: having safety plans that identify such things as "pinch points" which are areas where crew may be injured or killed as was the case recently when a crew member was trapped between large-diameter trawl wire and the vessel's bulwark

during a change in the sea state resulting in the crew member's death; also conduct safety training emphasizing on-deck hazards and other dangers; and being vigilant towards potential dangers when in the presence of moving deck machinery, rigging, and equipment.

No one, of course, can eliminate all risk, but a great many can be eliminated or minimized by following safety procedures that are in place at all times.



Gregg Bollinger
Division Staff Officer
Marine Safety

****June 1, 2015 was Division 19's 75th Birthday!**

Vessel Safety Check Station—Codus State Park



USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 19-06 Vessel Safety Check Station at Codorus State Park on May 23, 2015.

Photos by Dave Reiss

Division 21

Activities of Division 21 by Barron Batchelder

Division 21 was newly formed in 2015 from the merger of Division 10 (Allentown, Lansdale, Quakertown, and Pottstown) and Division 11 (Reading). The merger has gone very smoothly and the division and flotillas are fully engaged in their seasonal missions.

In addition to safety patrols and vessel exams on Blue Marsh Lake, Lake Nockamixon and Beltzville Lake, Division 21 has been involved in several major public affairs events.

The first of these was the Armed Forces Day Parade in West Reading. Several decorated Auxiliary OPFACS delighted the crowd of about 3000.

We set-up safety booths at Cabela's in Hamburg on two occasions, as well as during the entire NSBW week at Blue Marsh Lake. At Blue Marsh, we also participated in the "Ready, Set, Wear It" life jacket campaign.

We also joined Get Outdoors Day at Blue Marsh Lake on 13 June with regatta and safety patrols, vessel exams and a safety booth. The "cold hand Luke" hypothermia demonstration at our booth was very popular. The Auxiliary assisted with the well-received flare and smoke demonstrations. Other presentations included SCUBA rescue teams, paddleboard and kayak instruction, rescue dog demonstrations, proper life jacket wear and a scavenger hunt.

Our largest event was a safety and Auxiliary historical display booth at the World War II Weekend at Reading Airport. Over three days, about 15,000 visitors stopped by our booth to investigate our displays and materials.

Our new division is looking forward to a continued high level of activity this summer as we make new friends while serving the Auxiliary mission.



Photos of the Get Outdoors Day at Blue Marsh Lake on June 13, 2015.



Top: DCDR Barron Batchelder on patrol in his boat.

Bottom: Armed Forces Day Parade



Welcomes & Farewells, Etc....

We are sure to be missing many on this list, we will get better as we get rolling.

Welcome!

CAPT Benjamin A. Cooper, Sector Commander Sector Delaware Bay, Captain of the Port—Congratulations are more in order, as you were already the Deputy Sector Commander. And really, we are long overdue in welcoming you back for a second, now third tour at SECDELBA. We are excited for you and for the Auxiliary as this new chapter unfolds. We are fortunate to have you in command. We wish you continuing success and stand ready to assist the Sector in any way that we can.

CDR Tim Gunter, Director of Auxiliary, D5NR—Fresh from Coast Guard Headquarters, we offer a huge “Welcome Aboard” to our new DIRAUX. If your first week is any indication, you are going to have an action-packed time with us! Thanks for hitting the ground running!

Farewell! Fair winds and following seas...

CAPT Kathy Moore USCG, Ret., former Sector Commander Sector Delaware Bay, Captain of the Port—Now that you are retired, Captain, and are an Auxiliarist, we may start addressing you as “Kathy”—nope! Captain, you will always have our respect and our gratitude for being such a fine commanding officer, a terrific friend to the Auxiliary and a woman of faith and grace. Best wishes and may you be kept safe while you continue your life of service.

CAPT Paul D.J. Arnett, former Director of Auxiliary, D5NR—What a tour! Captain, you had to have had one the most interesting tours ever. Through it all, you kept your sense of humor, your integrity, your wits and you lead by example. Your passion and friendship will be cherished for years. Your counsel will be missed. And Cleveland! How lucky they are to have needed a “Prevention Guy.” Your battle cry of “This is the Auxiliary, we are supposed to be having fun!” will resonate for years to come. We’ll be thinking warm thoughts for you when the snows start in blasting off the lake in September.” Which does prompt the question, “what do you do in the winter?” Fair winds!

Auxiliarist Robert Myers, former District Administrative Aide (D-AA), D5NR—For 31 years you have served the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard, including serving on District and National Staff. Bravo Zulu for an exceptional performance in all of your roles. As D5NR’s D-AA, you have served as the District’s Administrative guru for many very grateful Commodores. Your knowledge and wisdom will be almost impossible to replace. In fact, we have *two* officers doing their best to fill your shoes! D5SR is very fortunate to be getting an officer and a gentleman as fine as they come. Best wishes for the start of your next chapter in North Carolina.

Etc....

Jason Flynn, advancing From District Aide to District Administrative Aide—Auxiliarist Flynn has done an outstanding job as the Commodore’s District Aide. This advancement is the equivalent of District Staff Officer and is a testament to Jason’s dedication and his quick mastering of his duties under the expert mentoring of Bob Myers.

Phil Walmsley, advancing to District Administrative Aide—Auxiliarist Walmsley has been pinch-hitting as the on-scene D-AA at Spring DTRAINS for years, and doing an exceptional job, so much so that he has agreed to accept the appointment officially. His expertise was also gained under the expert mentoring of Bob Myers.

Behind the scenes, these gentlemen help make the District run smoothly in the areas of administration and management.

Tim Marks, District Staff Officer Publications—A very special acknowledgement goes out to Mr. Marks along with the publishing of this edition of Topside. Showing great initiative he virtually “willed” this edition into existence. Bravo Zulu!

This publication is the start of much more to come as we cooperatively advance in digital communications.

5NR Divisions Support the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial

Divisions 7 and 8 from the Fifth Northern District are among the first Auxiliary units in the Country to have engraved bricks that will be used in the construction of walkways leading to the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial.

The Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial is planned for the grounds of Training Center Cape May, NJ, the current birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted corps. The site will be centered on three granite walls which identify by name the over 1,500 Coast Guard men and women who perished in the performance of Coast Guard missions. The names begin in 1915, the year the Revenue Cutter Service and U.S. Life Saving Service were merged and Congress formalized the existence of the U.S. Coast Guard. Granite benches are provided for reflection and will face these walls. Also central to the site is a pyramid shaped monument with a bronze eternal flame. Each side of this monument will be engraved with the emblems of those services that were precursors to the modern Coast Guard. A brass ship's bell held in a granite structure will be located at the front of the site for use during ceremonies. Sponsor plaques listing those who provided substantial donations and support will be positioned along the perimeter of the site. The entire memorial will be illuminated by in-ground lighting.

The Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foundation is gathering donations to build a memorial in recognition of the Coast Guardsmen who have given their lives in the performance of duty. Auxiliary Flotillas and Divisions wishing to order engraved bricks to honor those who have paid the ultimate price: <http://www.cgemf.org/brick>

Photos and article by Joseph Giannattasio, DCAPT-E



Coast Guard Birthday Message

District 5NR Shipmates,

On August 4th, Coast Guard men and women throughout the Country celebrate the service's 225th birthday. The roots of the Coast Guard lie in the United States Revenue Cutter Service established by Alexander Hamilton under the Department of the Treasury on 4 August 1790. The first USCG station was in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Until the re-establishment of the United States Navy in 1798, the Revenue Cutter Service was the only naval force of the early U.S. It was established to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. When the officers were out at sea, they were told to crack down on piracy; while they were at it, they might as well rescue anyone in distress.

The service received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

Did you know that the Coast Guard has been involved in every major war that the United States has been a part of since the Civil War? It is, in fact, our Nation's oldest and continuous sea-going service.

As Auxiliarist, we are all part of Team Coast Guard. So, enjoy the celebration and take pride in being part of America's heritage.



Joseph Giannattasio
District Captain – East

Thank you for your service,

Joseph Giannattasio
District Captain - Eastern Area

Photographs



WASHINGTON, DC - Photos from the Air Station Washington Change of Command ceremony. CDR Frances Messalle was relieved by CDR Prince Neal on June 26, 2015. Remarks were given by Admiral Zukunft.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by David Lau.





MARCUS HOOK, PA. – “The Legacy Continues.” The USCGC EAGLE shares the Delaware River with the District Fifth Northern Region, Division 4’s Defender Class 31-foot SAFE Boat that is docked at the Division’s Auxiliary Training Center (AUXTRACEN). The USCGC EAGLE was participating in the Tall Ships Challenge at the PHILADELPHIA and CAMDEN waterfronts. And like the USCGC EAGLE, the AUXTRACEN’s SAFE Boat continues crew training in the excellent tradition of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary

*Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo
by Paul Bonnes*



CAPE MAY, NJ - The USCG Honor Guard from Training Center Cape May form up with Auxiliarists from Auxiliary Flotilla 82 5NR for the annual Memorial Day Flower Boat Ceremony on Cape May Beach. Succeeding the sounding of Taps, a 21-gun Salute, and Presenting of Arms; the small boat adorned with fresh flowers is towed out to sea where a Coast Guard helicopter drops a floral wreath upon its deck. The Flower Boat Ceremony was originated by the Flotilla and has been conducted every Memorial Day since 1976 .

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo
by Joseph Giannattasio*



PHILADELPHIA - Billowing sails of USCGC EAGLE waft in the breeze sailing up the Delaware River for the Tall Ships Challenge Philadelphia Camden June 2015. The USCGC Eagle (WIX-327) is a 295-foot barque used as a training cutter for future Coast Guard officers. She is the only active commissioned sailing vessel, and one of only two commissioned sailing vessels in American military service. The Tall Ships Challenge is an annual event, which drifts in a three year cycle between the waters of the Great Lakes, the Pacific and the Atlantic coasts of North America.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photos
by David Lau.*

*Photos taken from aboard a USCG
MH-65 helicopter from Air Station
Atlantic City.*



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A Message from the Editor

I would like to thank the many, many contributors to this issue of *TOPSIDE*. Without the articles and photos that they contributed, this issue would not have happened. Thank you all!

As I am sure you noticed, each division in the district was given a page in this issue. The information contained for each division came from their respective division newsletters. All credit is due to the division SO-PBs and contributors to the division newsletters. I was very pleased with the turn-out from the district. Seven divisions were represented in

this issue. Hopefully we can get all twelve represented in the next issue.

Along those lines, it is my plan to publish *TOPSIDE* on a quarterly basis. The next issue will be ready to send out around October. Keep that in mind as you save articles and pictures. Feel free to email them to me or send them to your SO-PB. I will be calling for articles at that time from them and the Division Commanders. If you send them to me, be sure to include what division they are from.

I encourage everyone to attend DTRAIN later this year.

Information and a link to the registration site are included in this issue.

Hopefully you have enjoyed reading this issue and seeing what great things 5NR is doing. It should give you a sense of pride in the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. I know it does for me.

I trust everyone is having a good summer and will continue to do so. Until next time, stay safe and stay involved.

Semper Paratus,
Timothy Marks



Timothy Marks
District Staff Officer -
Publications

Parting Shot



CAPE MAY, NJ - The frigid February sky looks ablaze during a spectacular winter sunset as Coast Guard Auxiliary Don Dobson aboard USCGC MAKO prepares to haul down the Ensign during evening colors while moored at USCG STATION CAPE MAY.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Joseph Giannattasio