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**Special D-Train
Issue**

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Leadership of 5NR

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		DSO-CM	Richard F. Lord
		DSO-AV	William A. Fithian
		DSO-OP	Kurt P. Sarac, Sr

Front Cover: READING, PA - The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th Northern Honor Guard at the opening of the awards banquet during D-Train in September 2019. For additional pictures of this great event, see the picture section at the end of this newsletter.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Barbara Sama

From the Desk of the Commodore

We are only about one month away from one of the great events of the year – District Training or D-Train on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 13-15 March! Please join us at the Crowne Plaza Reading, PA for a weekend of training and fellowship or just come for the day on Saturday if your time is limited.

You'll meet members and our Auxiliary and Active Duty leadership from all around the district and beyond. You will have great opportunities to learn about serving in appointed positions in our Devotion to Duty Hallway. You can get great leadership training in the AUXLAM B course. The IMAST training will prepare you to assist in emergencies and large events. With our new youth program – the Sea Scouts now underway – you can learn all you need to know to begin participating. Appointed officers will want to take advantage of the special training offered for them. Learn how the active duty Coast Guard plans and executes SAR missions. Find out how to participate in our aviation program.



Commodore Thomas J. Dever
District Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

Before and after all this great training you can join in a casual fun night on Friday evening and the more formal Commodore's Dinner Banquet on Saturday evening.

For more information please go to <https://5nr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/SPRING-2020-Registration-Flyer.pdf> and register at <https://uscgaux5nr.regfox.com/2020spring> before the end of the day Saturday, 22 February!

I sure hope to see you there!

READING, PA - Commodore Thomas Dever receiving his commodore shoulder boards at the dinner banquet at during the fall 2018 D-Train.

Photograph taken from the spring 2020 D-Train brochure



Message from the Chief of Staff

Making Way in the New Year

Joseph Giannattasio, District Chief of Staff

With the dawn of a new year in our wake, it is a great time to reflect on the past as well as look forward to the year ahead with new resolutions. This time last year the country was affected by a 35-day government shutdown, the longest in U.S. history. Especially burdened were all Coast Guard men and women standing the watch, and Coast Guard civilians who were furloughed, all without pay. One of my grandmother's most important lessons was to always be prepared for the unexpected. "Prepare in the good times for the bad times that are sure to come," she wisely taught me.

As I look ahead in the year 2020, the connection to having 20/20 vision is not lost on me. If hindsight is 20/20, grandma seemed to magically have the benefit of hindsight, foresight, and maybe even night vision goggles! Her lesson is a powerful one: Try to see and anticipate what's around the next corner.

Having 20/20 vision doesn't necessarily mean you have perfect vision—it only indicates the sharpness or clarity of vision at a distance. It's so important to have that clarity to know your purpose, your past, your present, and your future

Last year was far from perfect, and it was chock-full of the unexpected. With the government shutdown, unprecedented weather, and the unusually high number of mishaps within the district, it was arguably the most challenging year in my 16-year tenure within the Auxiliary. I know grandma would be proud to know that, indeed, we were prepared; we stepped up by spearheading donations to supply pantries for Coast Guard families and we executed a unique initiative to provide risk management refreshers online to our members. We prevailed with stellar results, stronger than ever.

Likewise, I'm so incredibly proud of our members for their resiliency and perseverance. This year, we begin our eighty-first year of serving the Coast Guard and the nation, a major milestone for our entire Auxiliary Family. As we look ahead, we do so prepared for the unexpected, with clear vision and high hopes that our best days are ahead.

Happy New Year!

Joe G.



Joseph Giannattasio
District Chief of Staff
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

Message from the DCAPT-East

Greetings from the Eastern area of our 5th Norther Region. The East area covers the lower portion of New Jersey, from Long Branch on the Jersey Shore down to Cape May and up the Delaware river to Burlington county. Our Operational members patrol approximately 109 miles on the Atlantic Ocean, the intercoastal waterways and their tributaries, around Cape May into the Delaware Bay and the Delaware River. We have 796 members that belong to the 4 Divisions in the East, making up approximately 46% of 5NR. Our 4 Division are led by my team of outstanding Division Commanders and their Vice Commanders. My DCDR's are so responsive that at times I feel they are faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive and able to leap buildings in a single bound. Now, onto my Divisions.

Division 7 is a progressive unit consisting of four flotillas which continue to grow their membership through participation in several community functions, provide division wide training opportunities for all division members while providing inclusive fellowship events for its members. Division 7's AOR runs from the north at the Mathis, Seaside, NJ Bridge to Little Egg Harbor Inlet in the south. We are actively involved with Watch Stander activity at both Station Barnegat Light and the Atlantic Strike Team at Ft. Dix, NJ providing hundreds of support hours to the active duty. We are active in the commercial fishing vessel examination program and Helo-Ops with Air Station Atlantic City, NJ. Our youngest member has applied to and is awaiting acceptance to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Our Crew and Coxswain program continues to grow through the use of our five member owned facilities and the AUX Facility 279521 which was assigned for use by Division 7 last year. Division 7 provided in excess of 18,000 hours of support to the Auxiliary program in 2019 and is positioned to far exceed that accomplishment in 2020.

Division 8 Consists of 7 Active Flotillas covering all of extreme South Jersey. From just north of Atlantic City and Brigantine, South to Cape May, the Delaware Bay and west to the Salem / Gloucester County line. Division 8 has 380 members and include Flotilla's 81 and 82, two of the oldest Flotilla's in the nation. Within the Division 8 AOR, we are home to the active duty facilities that include: Training Center Cape May, Station Cape May, Boat Stations Herford Inlet, Ocean City, Station Atlantic City, Air Station Atlantic City and small boat Station Port Norris. In addition to participating in traditional Auxiliary missions that include Boating Safety Classes, operational patrols, vessel exams and program visitor opportunities, many Division 8 members work directly with the active duty with assignments that include: the Auxiliary Food Services program, TRACEN Tour Guides, Recruit Graduation Duty, watch standers, joint OPS Patrols and the Aux Air Program. Division 8 also participates in the annual Atlantic City Boat Show, Atlantic City Air Show and the Wildwood NAS Air Show.



Noreen Schifini
DCAPT-East
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

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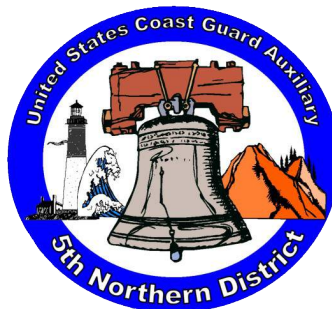
Message from the DCAPT-East

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Division 16, Northern Jersey Shore, was founded in 1958 and has been active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the last 62 years. It currently consists of five (5) Flotillas and 156 members. Its Area of Responsibility includes an area from Long Branch, New Jersey at 40° 18' N (the sea boundary between the First and Fifth Coast Guard Districts, south to Seaside Park, NJ at 39° 57' N, including the Manasquan River and Shark River Inlets; Shark River and its tributaries, the Manasquan River and its tributaries, the Metedeconk River and its tributaries, the Point Pleasant Canal and Barnegat Bay for the Southern end of the Point Pleasant Canal, south to the Thomas A. Mathis Bridge. In 2019, Division 16 was ranked 3rd in Sector Delaware Bay, with over 26,000 hours of Mission Hours. In addition to participating in traditional Auxiliary functions that include Boating Safety Classes, Marine Patrols, Vessel Exams and Marine Dealer Visitor opportunities, members work directly with the active duty Coast Guard with assignments that include: The Aux Chef Program, Coast Guard Boat Crew, CG Station Manasquan Inlet Radio Watch Standers and CG Station (SM) Shark River Security Watch Standers. Several of our members are Watch Standers at the Atlantic Strike Team at the Joint Base. Division 16 also participates with the Coast Guard in the support of the annual Point Pleasant Beach Offshore Grand Prix. Division 16 is currently working with two Sea Scout Ships located in Point Pleasant, NJ in developing a cooperative relationship in order to enhance our common goals of promoting recreational boating safety throughout our area.

The geographic area of Division 18 covers the greater South Jersey areas of Gloucester County, Camden County and Burlington County. South Jersey comprises the southern portion of New Jersey between the lower Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean. Division 18's AOR home base is to Sector Delaware Bay. Division 18 members are land locked and travel usually an hour South to the Shore Points for patrols and air bases, to participate in Helo Ops with Air Station Atlantic City and West towards the Delaware River for patrols. Division 18 current membership at 104 members encompassing 4 Flotillas. The members of our Division are qualified in the following areas:

- 10 Crew qualified, 7 Coxswain qualified, 1 Examiner qualified, 16 Instructors,
- 1 Aircraft Commander, 20 Vessel Examiners and 8 Marine Dealer Visitors qualified.
- 4 members in application status.
- Seven Surface Facilities active
- Five Radios active status



A Focus on 5NR Departments



Public Affairs

The Importance of Mentorship

By ADSO-PA Christopher M. Orlando

How many times have we heard, “It takes a village to raise a child”? I have a second question: How many Auxiliarists does it take to mentor a new Auxiliarist? The answer is still the same: a village. Think back to your first few years in the Auxiliary. I am sure there was a member who took you under their wing and helped you navigate your way. As a Flotilla Commander in 2019 and only being in the Auxiliary since 2016, there are plenty of ways to help our new shipmates. To a new member, finding a place to sit at your first meeting is the scariest step they’ll take. Below are a few steps that we can take to make sure we are welcoming to our new members and help them be STABLE.



***Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA3
ADSO-PA Social***

Smile and be warm: When you see a new person, make sure you introduce yourself.

Offer the new member a place at your table and introduce them to fellow members. We do not want to be seen as cliquy. We want to be inviting and welcoming.

Teach our new members where to find information: There are countless guides, manuals and resources available to Auxiliarists and to someone new, this is overwhelming and hard to find answers when you may not even know the question you should be asking. Certainly answer questions but also help our new shipmates find the answer so they have a point of reference.

Ask your new shipmates their interests: there are 15 directorates and endless opportunities in the Auxiliary to make a difference. By asking a new member’s interests, you can point them towards someone involved in that area and even a future mentor.

Be willing to answer questions: what ribbon is the red and white striped one? How do I know different ranks and rates of the active duty? What uniform is worn for a business meeting? All these questions have crossed every Auxiliarists mind or lips throughout their time and like those who can before us, we should be willing and excited to answer these questions for our new shipmates.

Learn from our new members: As a new member, I was incredibly excited to work towards my public affairs specialist ribbon and I had mentors that encouraged this passion. Over the course of my Auxiliary career, I have had members ask me about website development, photography, social media and other public affairs tasks. This has given me a way to assist my flotilla and help it grow. We should be utilizing everyone’s gifts towards our mission of boating safety.

Excitement is contagious: One of our cornerstones is fellowship. People often see us teaching classes, performing vessel exams or encouraging the public to protect marine life but fellowship may be one of the most important aspects of our organization. Talking to our shipmates before and after a meeting, bonding over training sessions or patrols, joining together at Change of Watch ceremonies to celebrate a year well served are what make our organization human. We want to make sure we get our business done but we also want to be excited about our work and sharing our experiences, so make sure our new members feel welcome when a fellowship event is planned or invite them out to coffee and learn about the person behind the uniform.

One of our recent missions across the Auxiliary is recruitment and retention and after seeing it on the Flotilla level, we should all be prepared to mentor and befriend our newest shipmates. It’s because of my mentors and shipmates that I have been successful in the Auxiliary and I am proud to call them mentors, shipmates and friends.

Marine Safety

When Others Stop, We Continue Our Op

Recently, while writing the quarterly District report to the National P-Directorate, I was struck with the fact that long after the RBS patrol season has ended, the Commercial Fishing Vessel Exam "season" continues unabated. While our CFV examiners are not on the water as RBS patrols are, they are boarding commercial fishing vessels that are in the water. These exams are quite lengthy and comprehensive with regard to inspection for safety and proper operation of commercial fishing vessels in our Fifth Northern District. All Auxiliary missions have a certain degree of risk involved but CFV exams also include the risk of hypothermia when conducting exams throughout the late fall and winter. Two exams have been conducted thus far in December and a total of ten (10) in the NOV-DEC reporting period thus far. An added risk for CFVEs is the fact that crews of fishing vessels can sometimes prove to be "uncooperative" as one crew did this past year. Entrance into engine rooms and other spaces have their inherent risks as well.



Gregg Bollinger
DSO
Marine Safety

During the government shutdown and sequestration of Coast Guard funding, I was greatly impressed with the willingness of our examiners to continue conducting exams without the prospect of reimbursement for expenses. DCOS Giannattasio shares in this sentiment and urged me to write about the men and women who form the CFVE cadre. To this end, I propose that we all increase our appreciation for the efforts of our CFV examiners and their highly capable leader, ADSO-MS (CFVE) Maurice Kiely, officially adopting the motto: "Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners: When Others Stop, We Continue Our Op!"

Semper Paratus,

Gregg Bollinger, Th.D., DSO-MS, D 5 NR

All photos taken by Maurice Kiely



5NR CFVS Examiners are ready to board the FV Northern K, a 102' Clammer in Pt. Pleasant, NJ on 19 December. Pictured L-R CFVSE's David Hellmuth 07-04, Fred Reiniger 16-08, Fred Choppy 16-08, Diego Herrera 15-11.



A bit warmer in the wheelhouse. (Choppy, Hellmuth, Herrera)

Marine Safety, continued



Fred Choppy looking for hazards in the clam boat pump room



David Hellmuth checking life raft, EPIRB, nav and fishing lights and day shape, all located on top of wheelhouse.



ADSO-MS-CFVE Maurice Kiely examining life raft on Lady Caroline II, 43' gill net boat in Waretown, NJ



CFVSE Fred Reiniger examining survival suits with the captain who is in the Holiday Spirit !!

D-Train 2020 Information



OUR MEMBERS • OUR STRENGTH

2020 SPRING D-TRAIN MARCH 13-15

What is D-TRAIN and WHY should I go?

D-TRAIN=District Training

It is a **FUN** place to go and hang around like-minded fellow Auxiliarists who are the best at what they do. The dream team if you will, the most active members in the entire District come together along with some gold side (USCG) to teach and spend time with you.

A great motivational tool to keep you excited about things, to hear from active Coast Guard Officers on why the Auxiliary is important. Good Training you need!! Training is devotion to duty!

EVERY member should attend; we strive to have something for everyone!

COST CUTTING to attend a D-Train: Share a room, carpool, and come for the day. See if your Flotilla or Division is funding members? We hope to see you!

Information from the brochure is on this page and the next several. Click the link below to see the full brochure and how to register:

[SPRING 2020 D-TRAIN BROCHURE](#)

Training Workshops



Crew and Coxswain Navigation refresher Workshop - This course will review the navigation requirements for both crew and coxswain qualifications. This will provide an a review of all required navigation competencies prior to the upcoming patrol season. This is a hands on course and students will need to bring a course plotter, dividers, #2pencil and eraser.

Coxswain SAR refresher workshop - This course will review all search patterns and their implementations with hands on plotting of Vector Sierra and Expanding Square search patterns. This is a hands on course and students will need to bring a course plotter, dividers, #2pencil and eraser.

Course Instructor - Ted Hall DSO-MT and Marilyn Hughes DSO-PE

Line Splicing & Knots:



Phil Walmsley will lead a hands-on teaching line splicing and knots. Here is a chance to make some new dock lines or perhaps a new towline. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill.

AUXILIARY CORE TRAINING – Mandatory for all New Members:

Saturday 0800-1200.

AUXCT Course Requirements: As a result of changes, AUXCT is now comprised of the following repeatable and one-time courses:

a. Repeatable Courses: To be successfully completed by the end of the first full year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

- (1) Workforce Resilience Training (502379)*
- (2) Security Fundamentals (810030)
- (3) Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information (810015)
- (4) Sexual Harassment Prevention (810000)
- (5) Civil Rights Awareness (502319)

* Auxiliarists who have yet to complete AUXCT because they had not completed the Sexual Assault Prevention / Response course (810045) must now complete the new Workforce Resilience Training course (502379). This holds true even if they already completed the Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide in the Coast Guard course (502379) because the new version now contains material from the old Sexual Assault Prevention / Response course (810045).

b. **One-time Courses:** To be successfully completed only once (new enrollees must complete them by the end of the first full year of enrollment):

- (6) Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts (502306).



Sea Scouts and USCGAUX program Details

Get an overview of the new program between the Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts. This course will provide the training and requirements needed for a member to participate and interact with the Sea Scouts.

Search and Rescue Examples How and Why

Learn how the active duty Coast Guard plans and executes SAR missions. Learn from the best hear their stories of rescues performed.

Auxiliary Aviation program overview

This course will focus on the Aviation program requirements and provide the members with all that is required to participate.

Appointed Officer Training

This course will focus on the expectations and requirements for all appointed offices. A review of policies and procedures required along with practical and learned experience to be a successful officer and leader.

New Member Orientation and Training

This course will orient the new member on how the Coast Guard Auxiliary operates, policies and procedures, forms, manuals and Auxiliary programs.

IMAST Training

This course will introduce members to the Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team.

- Part I on Friday afternoon from 1400 to 1630 – This session would cover why the team was formed; types of events the team supports; how it is managed by Sector Delaware Bay; how a complex, longer term ICS response is organized geographically; and internal team organization. To get credit toward the Level 1 IMAST Team Member PQS attendees would all have to attend this session.
- Part II would be offered on Saturday Morning from 0800 to 1130 and again on Saturday afternoon from 1400 to 1730 – This session would provide a basic orientation of the Incident Management Software System that is mandated by the Coast Guard for use in producing Incident Action Plans for Type 3 and higher level events. To get credit toward the Level 1 IMAST Team Member PQS attendees would have to attend one session or the other on Saturday, but not both.

GREAT FOOD • GREAT FUN • GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

THEME:

- Fun & Prizes
- Costume Party
- Silent AUCTION



BIG BUFFET with CASH BAR



*Get Your TEAMS
Together!!!*

**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**



COSTUME CONTEST

1st PLACE WINS \$50 Walmart Card

2nd and 3rd place prizes

FUN TIME FOR ALL!



A Photographer will be taking
entertaining photos of all the
fun!

SPOUSE & GUEST PROGRAM

SELF DEFENSE FOR EVERYONE

Shihan Bart Ganster will be presenting this class on self defense and awareness. This class is for everyone including those in wheelchairs, using mobility devises such as canes or walkers.

ALL AGES, ALL ABILITIES!!! NO COST FOR CLASS.

If you want to be more prepared, please sign up!

SATURDAY 0930 to 1100 with Lunch to follow.

FREE KUBATON INCLUDED

**For questions on the guest program call:
Janet Brown at
717-451-2384**

**Shihan Bart
Ganster**



CROWNE PLAZA INDOOR SWIMMING POOL AND FITNESS CENTER



HONOR RESPECT & DEVOTION TO DUTY

DEVOTION TO DUTY HALLWAY

A Place for all FSO & SO's to meet & learn from the DSO

Sheduled to appear:

- AuxData Help Desk
- Publications
- Vessel Examinations
- Public Education
- Communication Services
- Human Resources
- Food Service
- History
- Marine Safety
- Diversity
- Operations
- Communications
- Information Services
- Navigation Systems
- Aviation
- Member Training
- Public Affairs
- **LINE SPLICING**



This hallway has become one of the best parts of attending the dtrain. If you are interested in any area you can get all the information directly from the top DSO staff.

MOTIVATION for MEMBERS
Let's Get Motivated!

**The LUCKY BAG Cape May Uniform store.
District Store for uniform accessories and Team 5NR clothing items.**

**Deadline to register is February 22, 2020. Click the
brochure for details:**

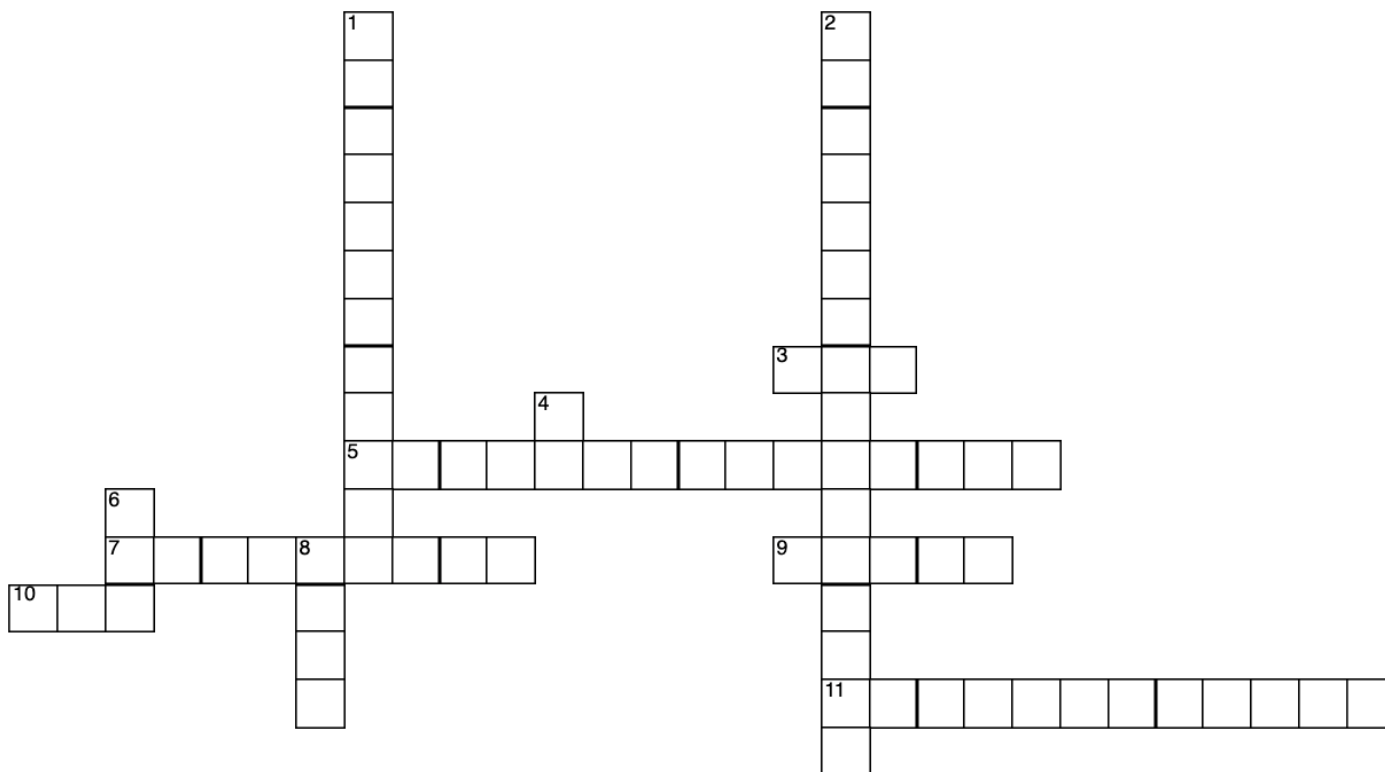
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Information from Around the District



Crossword Puzzle

Topside Crossword #2



ACROSS

- 3 Operational or working uniform
- 5 SAR stands for
- 7 Youth Program of the USCG Auxiliary
- 9 Auxiliary Chef is now called ABBV
- 10 Flotilla Staff Officer ABBV
- 11 National Publication of the Auxiliary

DOWN

- 1 5NR Chief of Staff (Last Name) /
- 2 The US Coast Guard and Auxiliary is under this US department
- 4 Administrative Leader at the Flotilla Level ABBV
- 6 District Staff Officer ABBV
- 8 Commodore ABBV

BoatSafe365 – Cold Water Safety

Adapted from U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Public Affairs Fragmented Public Affairs Guidance (FRAGPAG)

Cold water can kill you in less than a minute. It's actually so dangerous that it kills a lot of people within seconds. Thousands of people have drowned after falling into cold water and a lot of them died before they even had a chance to reach the surface.

That's a scientific and medical fact that most people have trouble understanding - because they have no personal experience actually being in cold water. When they hear or think about 50F (10C) water, it doesn't sound particularly cold - or dangerous - because they're mentally comparing it to 50F (10C) air. It's a big mistake that gets a lot of people killed each year. Therefore, as part of your boating safety campaign, BoatSafe365 is helping spread the message about the dangers of cold water and how to prepare and react is being promoted via safety messages throughout September. These messages should bring awareness to the dangers of boating in cold water and how to prepare for it.

- Dress for the water, not the weather. The fall and spring months can deceive boaters into thinking that the water temperature is warm, just because the air may be. Water temperatures at 70 degrees or below can cause hypothermia.
- Wearing a life jacket can keep you afloat, provide insulation and make you visible. Even the strongest swimmers lose muscle control after 10 minutes of being exposed to cold water, making it nearly impossible to locate and put on a life jacket after-the-fact.
- File a float plan. Letting people know when and where you are going, and when you are expected to be back, exponentially increases the odds of being rescued if something unfortunate happens. You can create a float plan quickly and easily on the boating safety app.
- Sound and visual signaling devices are required, no matter the time of year. Attaching a whistle to your clothing before going out is a good idea.

Q&A

1. How do I know if the water temperature in my area is dangerous?

Temperatures below 70 degrees are dangerous and can cause hypothermia and induces cold-water shock.

2. What are some safety measures to take before going out on cold water?

Check the weather and WATER TEMPERATURE before embarking; File a float plan; Dress for the water, not the weather; Give your boat a look-over for any holes, mechanical issues and ensure that the drain plug is in.

3. What the first thing you should you do if you fall into cold water?

If you know you are going into the water, shield your mouth and nose with your hand, this can help you maintain control of your breathing.

Online Resources

Hypothermia facts:	https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/hypothermia.html
Cold water facts	https://www.weather.gov/safety/coldwater
Water temperature guide	https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/
Float plan app	http://uscgboating.org/mobile/

New Coast Guard Auxiliary Logo?



The Coast Guard Auxiliary of the future must have the adaptability and flexibility to respond to a wide range of challenges—a fact that must be reflected in today's planning for tomorrow's needs, missions, and operations.

Coast Guard Auxiliary graphic by Joseph Giannattasio.

Video Highlighting Captain Anderson

Created by Scott Sigman

Click on the link to view the video:

[Captain Scott Anderson - Captain of the Port of Philadelphia](#)

4-76 Change of Watch

Photos taken by Scott Sigman



4-76 Change of Watch, continued

Photos taken by Scott Sigman



Fog on the Delaware



"Still considered one-mile of visibility?" DELAWARE BAY BRIDGE - Fog that forms over water is commonly referred to as sea fog or lake fog. It forms when warm, moist air flows over relatively colder waters. Sea or lake fog can occur over any body of water and also be a concern for mariners.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photo
by Joseph Giannattasio.

Auxiliarist of the Week - Robert E. Ward, Flotilla 8-5

I would like to respectfully nominate Robert E. Ward as Auxiliarist of the week.

Bob has devoted an incredible amount of time since joining Flotilla 053-08-05 on 29-Oct-18. He has become a member that I can always depend on for any situation. Bob is now our FSO-PB and FSO-PE and took the responsibility of both these disciplines so the member previously in both those jobs, was available for our VFC and FSO-OP. Bob also has started our monthly newsletter again, with is certainly a welcome addition to our flotilla to get new members and keep the flotilla members up to date with aspects of the Bridge and other members. Bob has exceeded expectations and is an inspiration to all our members. He quietly puts a tremendous effort into furthering our Flotilla. He is very enthusiastic and is engaged in all aspects of our meetings. I believe he is very deserving of the Auxiliarist of the Week.

Respectfully,

Marie Librizzi,
Flotilla Commander
Flotilla 053-08-05

Photographs from September 2019 D-Train

All Photos taken by Barbara Sama



Gangster Night



Activities During the Day



Awards Banquet



A Message from the Editor

Good day 5NR,

I trust this newsletter finds you well.

As you can see, this issue is heavily focused on the upcoming D-train. EXCOM and I feel it is so important for you to attend this training.

Please consider coming this year, especially if you have never been to one. We realize the deadline is fast approaching. Please look at the information in this newsletter and click on the link to the brochure and information about registering.

If you have never attended a D-Train let me highlight some of the advantages of attending:

1. Network with other members
2. Get to see what other divisions are doing
3. Engaging training you can't get elsewhere
4. Meet the 5NR leadership
5. Meet and interact with the active duty Coast Guard
6. Learn new skills and gain new information
7. Fun fellowship
8. Exciting awards banquet

I would like to thank Barbara Sama for all the great D-Train photographs.

Again, please consider attending.

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Parting Shot

READING, PA - The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th Northern Honor Guard closing out the awards banquet during D-Train in September 2019.

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