

The Daymark

Commander's Corner

Introductory Issue

By AUX Alexander R. Rico, Flotilla Commander



It is with great pleasure that I present the inaugural issue of our flotilla newsletter. As we start a new year, I am committed to engaging our partners in new and exciting ways. While our website and Facebook enable a quick glimpse into our activities, it is

my hope that *The Daymark* will promote more communication and understanding between our members and the citizens we serve.

For 2020, we will continue to promote recreational boating safety and support the U.S. Coast Guard by pursuing our three goals: Recruitment, Community Relations, and Tradition. For more information about our goals, please check out my Command Philosophy on our website. There, my leadership team and I outline the tenets that guide us as we seek to advance past last year's accomplishments.

In 2019, Upper Manhattan's top five achievements included:

1. Over 7,600 hours of service – second (2nd) highest in the Division
2. Establishment of a home base on the Baylander IX-514 museum ship
3. 20% increase in membership
4. Adoption of an official unit logo
5. Commissioning of an USCG Auxiliary facility for surface water operations

Moving forward, we aim to surpass these successes and to be even more helpful and influential in the communities we serve. For any interested in joining, please reach out to us. We are always looking for talented students, veterans, retirees, first responders, nurses, and any engaged citizens who want to help their neighbors and support the U.S. Coast Guard.

We hope this publication will shine a light on our world and serve as a marker for continued engagement.

Semper Paratus!

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Highlights – Past Events

New York Boat Show 2020

By AUX William H. Linder (FSO-PA/PB)

The 2020 New York Boat Show was held from January 21st to January 26th at the Javits Center with Flotilla 5-11 participating, along with members of other flotillas.

The setup crew arrived on the afternoon of January 21st led by AUX David Mooney, Vice Division Commander for Division 5. Auxiliarists quickly coordinated with other members of the crew to assemble an eye-catching exhibit.

The tables were arranged in three parts:

1. Part one (left portion of photo), was geared towards children. We utilized a model to teach children nautical names of different parts of a ship (port, starboard, bow, stern, bridge) and literature to rouse the interest of kids to safe boating and environmental protection of waterways
2. Part two (center of photo) was dedicated to literature on safe boating and promoting the USCG Auxiliary. We also had samples of personal floatation devices (PFD or life vest, to use the common terminology)
3. Part three (right of photo) was purposed for Coast Guard career and Academy opportunities

AUX McNamara, who worked as a member of the setup crew and assisted AUX Barth with Coast Guard recruiting, said the display booth “received quite a few visitors who were interested in all components of the Coast Guard, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.”

AUX Jose Peña, Flotilla Commander for Flotilla 5-04, who served as an Auxiliarist-in-Charge, said of the enthusiasm, “By week’s end, we ran out of printed materials! That’s always a good sign that we are engaging our audience.”

Bravo Zulu to the members of Flotilla 05-11 who donated their time and efforts to make the New York Boat Show exhibit successful: AUX Rico (FC), AUX Barth (VFC), AUX McNamara (FSO-PE/VE), AUX Linder (FSO-PA/PB), and AUX Adams.



Division 5 Members at Setup | Photo by AUX David Mooney

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Hamilton's Birthday Celebration

By AUX William H. Linder (FSO-PA/PB)



Members with Hearts of Oak Militia
Photo by Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society

In January, AUX Rico (FC) and AUX Barth (VFC) gave a presentation at Hamilton Grange, the former residence of the Revenue Marine's founder, Alexander Hamilton. The Revenue Marine later became the Revenue Cutter Service, which merged with other entities to become the U.S. Coast Guard. AUX Barth gave a presentation on the history of the U.S. Coast Guard and its precursor agencies, and an introduction to what recruits experience at the Coast Guard training facility in Cape May, New Jersey. Both AUX Rico and AUX Barth then answered recruiting and other Coast Guard-related questions.

Meanwhile, AUX Arroyo and AUX McNamara, both Flotilla Staff Officers, manned the public affairs booth outside talking about recreational boating safety and environmental conservation.

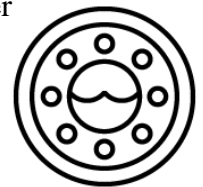
This was a great example of how we engage our public in a variety of topics.

Recreational Boating Safety Tips

By AUX John McNamara (FSO-PE/VE)

Cold Water Boating

The traditional boating season is set to begin in three short months! For those who enjoy winter boating, please be sure to check the weather, including the water and air temperatures before heading out. Be sure to also monitor the conditions during your voyage. While your day may start out sunny, a sudden cold rain could soak you and bring on hypothermia. Carry pocket warmers, an extra change of clothes, a thermos filled with a hot drink or soup. Please be sure to have everyone in your party wear a properly fitted life jacket as well!



Communication Devices

For reliable on-the-water communications be sure to carry a fixed-mount or hand-held VHF Radio. A VHF radio can be your lifeline to the world in a time of need. While underway, be sure to monitor VHF Channel 16, which is the international distress channel. The United States Coast Guard maintains a listening watch on this channel, along with other vessels and most coastal stations.



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Upcoming Events

The following are events that will include Flotilla Participation. For more information, please reach out to Flotilla Public Affairs at uscgauxflotilla511@gmail.com or view our calendar at <http://bit.ly/flotillacalendar>.

-  17 March – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
-  4 April – Division Awards Lunch – USCG Academy
-  2 May – Row New York - SRL Scrimmage – 8AM – 12PM
-  9 May – PA Event at Liberty Landing Marina’s Spotlight Vendor Show - *Joint with Flotilla 5-03*
-  16 May – Row New York - Harlem River Classic – 8AM – 12PM
-  16 & 17 May – VE weekend at Liberty Landing Marina - *Joint with Flotilla 5-03*
-  31 May – Row New York - SRL Champs – 8 AM – 12PM

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





Upcoming Meetings

-  2 March – Division Monthly Meeting – MIO – 7:30 PM
-  6-8 March – District 1SR – District Training (D-Train) – Newport, RI
-  15 March – Monthly Flotilla Meeting – Baylander – 12PM
-  22 March – Division Change of Watch – Sea Shore, City Island – 1PM
-  6 April – Division Monthly Meeting – MIO – 7:30 PM
-  26 April – Monthly Flotilla Meeting – Baylander – 12PM

Awards & Commendations

The following are awards and recognition presented to our members for their service.

Certificate of Appreciation & Challenge Coin

-  AUX Arroyo (FSO- PV)
-  AUX Barth (VFC)
-  AUX Das (FSO-CS)
-  AUX McNamara (FSO-PE/VE)
-  AUX Wadsworth (FSO-MT)
-  AUX Zwebner

Welcome to our newest shipmates!

-  AUX Rios
-  AUX Soldo