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10-10 patrol boat, *The Renee Carley*



## Message from Flotilla Commander

By: Keith Massey

As we still continue through the coldness of Winter, we know that a New Spring comes soon, not just to our planet, but to our Flotilla. The upcoming year will be one of boundless new opportunities for service to the missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and warm fellowship with other shipmates. Thank you for all that you do. ⚓

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### FLOTILLA NEWS: Flotilla Gains COASTIE



CGAUX Photo, National PA Website, acc. 1/31/16.

#### **Example of Coastie the Tugboat, on patrol.**

After much anticipation, Flotilla 10-10 has acquired Coastie, proving that patience, perseverance, and hard work pays off. The purchase was completed in December, 2015.

Coastie is an interactive robot manufactured by Robotronics®, and is a valuable Auxiliary public affairs tool used to help teach kids about water safety. Flotilla 10-10's Chris Scarlata, who has been instrumental in acquiring Coastie, explains "The real attraction of Coastie is that it attracts and entertains children as Auxiliary Members speak to the parents about boating safety".

The Flotilla has been saving up diligently for years by teaching boater safety courses, and setting aside proceeds monthly in a special Coastie Fund.

A special thanks is owed to D1SR, Chris Scarlata, our other RBS teachers, our finance and PE officers, and many others, for their tireless efforts in reaching this goal. ⚓

## FLOTILLA NEWS: *The Finest Hours* Movie and PA Event

On January 29, 2016, Flotilla 10-10's PA Officer Vera Reed organized a public affairs event and information desk during the movie opening period of *The Finest Hours* at Sparta Theatre, in Sparta, NJ.

The movie focused on a famous Coast Guard rescue out of Station Chatham, MA (still active) in Sector Boston, on February 18, 1952. A Boston bound oil tanker, SS Pendleton, split apart in 60 foot seas and hurricane force winds. The rescue was conducted by coxswain BM1 Bernie Webber, 3 crew, and shore commander, CWO Daniel Cluff, rescuing 32 crewmen on a 36 foot wooden motor lifeboat (CG 36500) designed to carry 12 persons. The coxswain and crew were awarded the CG Gold Lifesaving Medal for their actions.

On hand at the movie event were: Keith Massey, Vera Reed, Arlene Petronacci, Adriana Toma, and recruit Chris Higgins.

The team appeared in uniform, and handed out brochures on our boating class *About Boating Safety* (next class: 2/28/16 at Franklin American Legion). They also handed out brochures on water safety and life vest safety. They gave out compasses and stickers to children, and developed a well rapport with theater manager Chris. This has led to a planned fellowship event watching the movie in Sparta Theatre, later in February.

We thank Sparta Theatre for their hospitality in hosting this event, and the residents of Chatham, MA in 1952, for illuminating the shoreline with headlights allowing the safe return of the Guardians and wreck survivors. 

### 2016 Bridge

FC Keith Massey  
VFC Capt. Greg Szabo  
(Merch. Marine)  
IPFC Vera Reed

### Appointed Officers

FSO-CM Sean Dunn  
FSO-CS Dr. Andrew  
Tashjian  
FSO-DV Arlene Petronaci

FSO-FN Dr. Rick Curro  
FSO-HR Keith Massey  
FSO-IM Alan Albert

FSO-IS Vera Reed  
FSO-MA John McDonald  
FSO-MS James D'Amore

FSO-MT Capt. Greg Szabo  
(USMM)  
FSO-NS Lillian Negron  
FSO-OP Alan Albert

FSO-PA Vera Reed  
FSO-PB Alan Albert  
FSO-PE Joyce Bellfield

FSO-PV OPEN  
FSO-SO Chris Scarlata  
FSO-SR Adriana Toma  
FSO-VE James Longo

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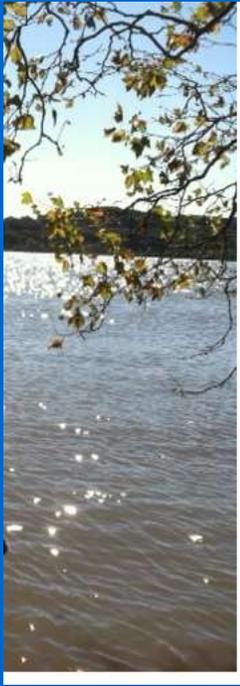
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Station Chatham  
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Hudson River

## Article: Know your Local Waterways – Paddling on Hudson River

*A -Compass Points-* original article  
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**Hackensack**—Our AOR includes some excellent local canoe/kayak trips. Below is one such trip recently taken by canoe.

Location: Hudson River. Hazards Beach, Englewood Boat Basin, Englewood, NJ. Vessel: 16 foot fiberglass canoe. Recommended Paddler Level: Expert. Weather: Light breeze, 80 degrees air temp. Crew Compliment: 2.

Drive to the North end of the park, past all the boats recently located in the parking lot, and encounter an historic beach. The historical poster explains that hundreds flocked to this beach in the early decades of the last century, by ferry, to bathe. Plop your canoe down on the sand, and be transported into a sea-like environment, complete with calling sea-gulls, mussel shells, sand, surf like waves, and people fishing from the pier.

Drag your canoe right down the beach, and the next thing you know, you are in the middle of the Hudson River. Now it is time to work to not lose ground to the 5-10 mph current. Muse as your craft launches over narrow .25 to .5 ft. wave action on a windy day, and notice that the tide and wind, even when both going upriver, never seem to overcome that endless ocean bound current. Find amazement when the spray touches your lips for the first time and taste extreme saltiness.

Cross the Hudson and in the center, find an eddy strong enough to move a large tire round and round, and continue toward Spuyten Duyvil Bridge. You have now gone into another State, and saved over \$13 in tolls. Beat the swift Harlem River current racing between the bridge supports, and instinctively duck as a train barrels a few feet overhead. Then, as quiet returns, see a patch of Manhattan as it appeared 200 years ago as you gaze in amazement at the unspoiled and untouched woods and cliffs above and past the bridge.

Check out Columbia University's boat house and the Inwood Park tidal flat, and check out Broadway Bridge, and the subway trains rumbling across. Come about and paddle back to Englewood, completing a 1 hour trip. 🚣



**Cape Cod Coast Guardsmen awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal for heroic 2015 rescue off Nantucket**



**The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Petty Officer 3rd Class Evan Staph (2nd from left) and the Air Medal was presented to Petty Officer 2nd Class Derrick P. Suba (3rd from right) Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ross Ruddell)**

BOSTON — Two Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod members received two of military aviation's most prestigious awards Friday during a ceremony at the air station.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Petty Officer 3rd Class Evan Staph and the Air Medal was presented to Petty Officer 2nd Class Derrick P. Suba for their heroic actions in February 2015 during a lifesaving rescue mission south of Nantucket.

Staph is the 144th recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross in Coast Guard history.

During the rescue, a Coast Guard Station Cape Cod MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter aircrew navigated through low visibility and near hurricane force winds to save two men [father and son, editors note] aboard a sail boat disabled and adrift in 25 foot waves 150 miles south of Nantucket. ⚓



USCG Video by Air Station Cape Cod

PO3 Evan Staph (left). PO2 Derrick Suba (right)

USCG Photo by PO3 Ross Ruddell



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2/17/16; 1930 hours -** Division 10 Monthly Meeting. See below for details.

**2/28/16; Time: TBA -** *About Boating Safety* - State Boating License Class. Hosted by Flotilla 10-10, Location: Franklin American Legion. Further details, contact FSO-PE Joyce Bellfield.

### Recurring Events:

Most Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm (1900-2100 hrs): Boat Crew Training, Larkin House, Wyckoff, NJ (beginners always welcome, civilian attire. Contact: FSO-MT Greg Szabo, captain.g.szabo@gmail.com.

Most Third Wednesdays of Month, 7:30 pm to 9 pm (1930-2100 hrs): Division Meeting, American Legion, 33 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, NJ. Members welcome, Civilian, ODU, Trops attire usually permitted. See Division website for more uniform details, past minutes, etc. Sometimes features training, presentations, Gold side guests.



## Commandant's Mission Statement

Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant of the USCG states our missions as Auxiliarists as follows:

1. To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety.
2. To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions.
3. To support Coast Guard Operational, Administrative, and Logistical Requirements. 

## Recent Photos: CGAUX Patrol Vessel *The Renee Carley*, and Equipment

*"We're Lookin' for a Few Good Crew".*

**Join Crew Training &  
Get Current on Crew**



CG Aux Photo. Date: 1/3/16.

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