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10-10 patrol boat, *The Renee Carley*



Message from Flotilla Commander

By: Keith Massey


New Year's Celebrations are still fresh in our memories. At such events, we celebrate the past, we honor the past, but we acknowledge that a page is turning in the story of our lives. And there is a feeling of exhilaration as the clock strikes Midnight and a New Year has begun. It is a time for lofty dreams and grand plans. Even if they don't all come -true, there's nothing wrong with reaching for a stars that night.

And that's where we also stand as Auxiliarists at this time. The hours for last year have been submitted and logged. 2015 is over. 2016 is young and fresh and bursting at the seams with possibilities.

As you know, I am setting as an initial and important goal for this year to get our memberships substantially complete on the Mandated Training. We need to embrace the Mandated Training as a confidence the Regular Coast Guard is placing in us as volunteer Auxiliary members of Team Coast Guard. The very reason we also are mandated to have the same training as the other elements is that the Regular Coast Guard intends to lean on our contribution even more as we move forward in a time of restricted budgets.

And so, we take these courses with a sense of pride that the knowledge we gain in them further integrates us into the Mission we share with the Gold Side. I will continue to make myself available to members one-on-one as necessary until we will announce at some Division Meeting that Flotilla 10-10 is fully in compliance.

We have so much to anticipate. You have your own personal Auxiliary career that you will further in 2016. The Bridge and Staff Officers will help you realize your goals. Within our Flotilla, we will see actual patrols on our boat in this calendar year. And we will continue to offer ourselves to the multitude of other opportunities for service the Auxiliary provides.

As your Flotilla Commander, I will work to the best of my ability to serve you and help you realize your lofty dreams. Let's resolve to put in a year that will make us all abundantly proud when we find ourselves reflecting back on the previous year, twelve months from now. 

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2016 Bridge

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

NEWS: Flotilla Gains Facility--*The Renee Carley*

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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**HONORED: 10-10 Member
Renee Carley. Photo: C.G. Aux.**

Flotilla 10-10 has gained, fully equipped, and 'offered and accepted' a 19 foot 135 HP Galaxy, donated by VFC Greg Szabo. She is named after our 45 year member, Renee Carley, whose contributions to the CGAUX are too numerous to list, and continue full strength. The vessels name makes the point. IT qualified, as an Auxiliarist she has proudly served the U.S. Coast Guard under 8 Presidents: Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, G.W. Bush, and Obama.

Many members donated their time, funding and equipment toward getting this vessel ready for service. The facility is winterized in Bergen County, and is ready for launch on Hudson River this Spring. We are presently looking for crew to get current, refresh on skills, and new crew trainees to go on patrols in 2016. May we conduct many safe patrols on the good ship, The Renee Carley. ⚓

Message from Vice Flotilla Commander

By: Capt. Greg Szabo (USMM)

As a new year begins, I would just like to reflect on all the work that our members have done in the past year and thank you all. There is a lot to be done this year, and I am counting on all of us to make the goals of Team Coast Guard come to fruition. I will be counting especially on all my new Flotilla Staff Officers, whom I will be relying upon to do the duties of the office of which they volunteered. I will always be available to you, whether as a staff officer, or a regular member, in regards to helping get these goals accomplished. I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season, and I hope everyone has a wonderful new year. ⚓

Message from Immediate Past Flotilla Commander

By: Vera Reed

(Condensed version. Ed.) I'd like to welcome Marjorie ("Marge") Korteweg, Chief of Logistics, Flotilla 10-10 members and guests to the 55th annual Change of Watch and Awards Dinner. I'd like to tell you some of the things that we accomplished in 2015.

We attended public affair events. 3 members attended Hooked on Hudson – Renée, Joyce and I. Rio marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We did security details. Alan helped the Coast Guard at the bike tour. 4 members helped the Coast Guard at the New York Marathon – Alan, Joyce, Jim L. and Jim D'Amore. We did member training in 2015. We had four members take the TCO class – Jim L, Jim D, Alan and Sean. We had 2 members become crew qualified – Alan and Jim L. (Ed. Note.: We also had Jim D. begin crew training). We had 7 PE classes and taught over 45 students – Chris, Greg and I.

This year the flotilla gained three facilities, two vehicles--Greg and I, and a boat from Greg. Thanks to Greg the Flotilla now can do patrols. We have voted to name the boat the Renee Carley. The boat took: 1 members donation- Greg, 5 members working over 46 hours on maintenance – Greg, Alan, Chris, Bob and I, and 8 members and one Flotilla donating over \$1700 in cash and supplies – Greg, Alan, Chris, Bob, Steve, Andrew, Karen, Flotilla 10-13 and I. And one members spent over 65 hours securing us a free slip at Alpine Marina – Jim L. Thank you to all who helped and best wishes for 2016. ⚓



[Hudson River, 2014](#)



[Hudson River Bald Eagle, 2014](#)



[Hackensack River Turtles 2014](#)

River Quality in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson Counties

A *-Compass Points-* original photo article.

Are the local waters clean? In a canoe or kayak, you get wet. There is spray that you taste, and paddle drippings all over your arms. On a warm nice day, in clean, fast moving water, (like cresting little waves, center of Hudson, windward) this is great. But with kids in the canoe, you have to step up and make sure the water is clean. And how about fishing, can you eat them?

Wildlife. Without dispute, our rivers and lakes (Hackensack, Passaic, Hudson Rivers, and Overpeck Creek) have been remarkably quick to rebound over the last 3-4 decades since most major industrial discharges ended, and landfills were capped and closed. Proof is seen in birds. As the Hackensack Riverkeeper regularly reports, the birds are a bellwether to the river's ecological health, and in the Meadowlands, the species have numbered in the hundreds and are ever growing.

The return of the bald eagle on Overpeck Creek (Hackensack tributary in Bergen County) is proof enough, experienced personally. Lately, one of their nests are cordoned off. With chicks in the nest, the giant bald eagle will circle you 100 feet above, warning and defending.

Eating Fish. The NJ EPA measures waterways for safe consumption levels. In Hudson River below the Battery, one can eat 1 winter flounder per month, but only 4 white perches per year. In Overpeck Creek, Ridgefield Park, general population can eat 4 largemouth bass per year, but high risk population may consume 0. Perhaps our *catch and eat* fishing should be in places like Monksville Reservoir near Greenwood Lake, or Rockland Lake, in New York.

Skin Contact. I have observed on many occasions, the Hackensack River in the Teaneck / River Edge areas, causes minor skin irritation on contact. This is somewhat less so in center river, in Secaucus. Maybe the abundant tall grasses clean the water, and wide flow and wind churning help. Overpeck Creek is cleaner yet. It is spring fed from the clean hills of Englewood, Tenafly, and Teaneck, passing by minimal industrial pollution. Cut off from the Hackensack River by a tidewall, it is abutted by tree and grass capped municipal landfills, closed for many decades. Our Flotilla enjoyed its beauty during last year's paddle event.

In sum, the future will surely only bring cleaner waters to our local waterways. In the meantime, enjoy responsibly. 🚣

CALENDAR OF 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 always welcome, Civilian, ODU, Troops attire usually permitted. See Division website for more uniform details, past minutes, etc. Sometimes features training, presentations, Gold side guests.




RECENT AWARDS

From Change of Watch, Flotilla 10-10, November 2015:

Most Instructor Hours – Vera Reed
Most Program Visits- Greg Szabo
Most Vessel Examinations – Amy Onufrick
Most Miles and Hours- Chris Scarlata


New Auxiliarist of the Year for 2015, Flotilla 10-10– Sean Dunn
Sean became TCO certified and is very interested in communications. He has set up a radio facility, which is something that our Flotilla sorely needs. (Vera Reed)

Auxiliarist of the Year for 2015, Flotilla 10-10 – Alan Albert
Member since 2014, he is Certified Boat crew, First Aid, CPR, and IT Trainee. He took the TCO class, attended most meetings, performed 9 boat patrols, and regularly volunteered. (Vera Reed)

Harry S. Carley Award for Outstanding Member-Chris Scarlata.
“Without Chris I could not have made it through the year. A special thanks”. (Vera Reed). 

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. 



PHOTOS CORNER

Example of Awards 2014-2015



(Left to Right) IPFC Vera Reed, DCDR Michele Rollino, FSO-PE Joyce Bellfield



(Left to Right): Chip Greiner (Bogota Fire), Jim Longo (back), Chris Scarlata, IPFC Vera Reed, CHIP GREINER, FOR BOGOTA FIRE DEP. RCVD AWARD CONTRIBUTION TO WATER SAFETY FAIR 2014



Enjoying personal boating on Overpeck Creek, Leonia/Ridgefield Park area.



-We Remember-

(Above and below) **Pearl Harbor Remembrance, 12-7-14, USS Ling Museum, Hackensack, NJ**



(L to R) IPFC Vera Reed, Joseph Mongelli, USN ret., Alan Albert

Museum worker J. Mongelli (left, center) age 92, served on USS Ling as Machinist Mate in WWII.

Thanks 10-10 members Art Bischoff and Gwen Radloff for running the USS Ling Museum and these events.

Bravo Zulu!

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