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10-10 patrol boat, *The Renee Carley*

2017 Bridge

FC Chris Scarlata

VFC Vera Reed

IPFC Keith Massey

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IS- Vera Reed
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MT- Christopher Scarlata
MS- Jim Damore
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CM- Sean Dunn
NS- Lillian Negrón
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DV- Steve Fonder
HR- Keith Massey
VE- Jim Longo
PB- Alan Albert
IM- Alan Albert
SO- Alan Albert
PV- Jim Damore
FN- Bob Hastings



Message from Flotilla Commander

Members,

This is a reminder that our flotilla meeting will be held at the West Marine Store, located at 100 State Route 17 South, Lodi, New Jersey. We will be hosting a class for the Division on "Trailers, Gauges and Lighting."

Set up shall begin at 6:30 pm. The Flotilla meeting shall begin at 7:00 PM. We will also be discussing activity for the Water Safety Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, 2017.

Italian Ice is being provided by the Longo's. Please bring a container if you would like to bring some home with you.

Please confirm your attendance.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Scarlata

FC 014-10-10



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Message from Vice Flotilla Commander

By: VFC Vera Reed

Please remember to send in your report to your Division Officer. Even if you have no report, please let them know. If you attend any boating activity or event let us know so we can report it also. These reports help the Coast Guard see what we are doing to promote boating safety, marine safety and justifies our existence. Also send in your member hours!!

2017 EVENTS

May 20- Earth Day- Overpeck Park Creek Leonia- 10-08 event -Stan Laser

May 20- Ready Set Inflate- Flotilla 10-13 event - Tony Palfy

May 20-27- National Boat Safety Week - All Flotilla should hold an event!

May 21- Wear Your Life Vest to work Day- NSBC event

May 24- Fleet Week Parade-Hudson River-District event

May 25-31- Fleet Week-District event

May 29- Memorial Day Parade Guttenberg- Division event- OPEN

June 3-5- Secaucus Street Fair- Flotilla event- Donna Przychodzki

June 21 - 76th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

July 4- Macy's Fireworks- Hudson River- District event- Operations- Pat Emilio

July 15- City of Water- Jersey City- Division event- OPEN

August 4- Coast Guard Day Anniversary- Ft Wadsworth- National event

September 9-Guttenberg Safe Kids Day- OPEN

September 23-Riverfest-Laurel Hill County Park- OPEN

November 4- NY Marathon Security Detail- Fort Wadsworth-District event

November 11- Veteran's Day Parade- NYC- District event

This is an ever changing list . District events and other Division events, that we are invited to participate in, will be sent by our Commander or SO-PA Officer.



FLOTILLA NEWS: In Memorium, Dr. Frederick Curro, DDS



Photo: ExL Events (exlevents.com)

We are saddened by the sudden passing of our friend and shipmate, Rick Curro. Regulars at Flotilla meetings knew Rick for his conscientious work as Flotilla Finance Officer, and as a friendly personality. Furthermore, he was known for his care for Coast Guard Academy cadets, in regard to dental care, recruitment, and their general welfare. He was a dentist and held a PhD in clinical pharmacology. He was most recently associated with New York University, where he conducted research in medicine and dentistry.

In 2012, he received national attention when he was mentioned in the Navigator article, "AUXMED", which noted: "Rick Curro DDS, Flotilla 10-10, Hackensack, New Jersey, has provided dental services at the Coast Guard Academy clinic for over 10 years".

The following year, he was featured in a half page article in EBeacon, Sept/Oct. 2013 (also a national CGAUX related publication). The article explained,

“After 28 years in his dental practice, Dr. Frederick "Rick" Curro didn't retire to a beach in the Caribbean. He started to volunteer at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in the Health Professionals Program under the leadership of Auxiliary Commodore Vic O'Connell. For the past 12 years, he has been traveling the 150 miles from his home in Emerson to the Coast Guard Academy volunteering his time and expertise helping to care for Coast Guard cadets and officer candidates”.

Rick was quoted, "This is purely a give back program to the men and women who serve and allow the Nation to stay secure. I get a renewed patriotism every year that I volunteer."

EBeacon further reported that Dr. Curro has received the following awards:

Meritorious Team Commendation Award

Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award

Presidential Unit Citation

Health Services Specialist Award (from the Coast Guard in 2013 for his years of service).

He was honored with a Coast Guard Auxiliary Passing the Bar ceremony, and his family was highly appreciative.

The full text of the Ebeacon article can be read in its entirety at <https://www.cgauxa.org/beacon/2013-15-03-beacon.pdf>.



THE *RENEE CARLEY* GETS REPAIRED

By: VFC Vera Reed

On Saturday, May 20, Bob Hastings, Vera Reed and Chris Scarlata worked on the Flotilla facility. The Renee Carley is operating very well. We repaired the starter circuit by installing a new relay. Then, installed a bilge pump, and new horn switch, rewired several circuits, installed a 12V outlet with a portable dash light, lubricated the engine and drive cables, charged the battery, and filled 34 dash board and deck holes.



VFC Chris Scarlata (left), Bob Hastings (right). Photos: Vera Reed



COAST GUARD NEWS

Sector New York

Coast Guard assists in East River dielectric fluid spill response

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NEW YORK – The U.S. Coast Guard is evaluating the safety zone that was created in the East River Monday as a response to a spill of dielectric fluid from a ConEdison power station.

The Coast Guard, ConEdison, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), continue to work together responding to the spill, which occurred Sunday when a transformer failed on the ConEdison Farragut Substation in Brooklyn.

At the time of the failure, approximately 31,000 gallons of dielectric fluid was released from a 37,000 gallon capacity transformer into a containment area on the ConEdison substation. An unknown amount of the fluid subsequently spilled into the East River. A total of 6,300 gallons have been recovered from the containment area and 520 gallons have been recovered from the water. The Coast Guard estimates approximately 10 times of what has been recovered from the water may have seeped into the waterway, impacting areas along the East River and the Buttermilk Channel.

The safety zone was implemented as a precaution to protect waterway users from potential health hazards directly related to the spill, and to aid in the response of the spill. The safety zone includes all waters on the Brooklyn side of the East River south from the Williamsburg Bridge to the Brooklyn Bridge. Recreational and human powered vessels may not enter, remain in, or transit through the safety zone during the enforcement period unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or designated Coast Guard personnel. Mariners are requested to exercise caution while near the area.

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Response to the spill is on-going with boom and skimming vessels employed to prevent the spread of the pollution and collect recoverable amounts of the dielectric fluid.

The Coast Guard is currently conducting overflights with the assistance of the NYPD. Shoreline assessments are also being made to determine the effectiveness of response efforts by ConEdison and judge the continued necessity of the safety zone. If the safety zone is deemed to still be necessary, its exact dimensions and geographical limits will also be assessed.

Should the evaluation result in significant change or disestablishment of the safety zone, the Coast Guard will make proper notifications to all concerned parties.

The Coast Guard plans to conduct over flights of the area Friday morning and Monday morning.

RECURRENT EVENTS

Recurring Events:

Most Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm (1900-2100 hrs): Boat Crew Training, Larkin House, Wyckoff, NJ (beginners always welcome, civilian attire. Contact: FC/FSO-MT Chris Scarlata, 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. 