



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

History of Flotilla 06 South Windsor, CT

A visual History 2010-present

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This report chronicles the activities of Flotilla South Windsor (06). South Windsor is one of the five flotillas that comprise Division 25 (New London). Division 25 is one of 16 Divisions that comprise District 014 First Southern. District 014 is one of 16 Districts throughout the United States and its possessions.

Each section of this report covers a year of flotilla activity. As I complete a year I will add it to the document. I began this presentation in 2010 as I have maintained a library of photographs and press releases to capture our activity over the years. I welcome member submissions as this is a living document.

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Brief History of the Auxiliary

Since 1939 the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports, at sea, and around the globe. Members from all walks of life bring their training and experience as a member of the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard.

Our main goal is recreational boating safety and education, while acting as a force multiplier in support of Coast Guard authorized missions.

Today's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with nearly 26,000 men and women, is a unique force that carries out an array of responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment. The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. We will balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.

The Coast Guard's motto is *Semper Paratus*, meaning "*Always Ready*".

Year: 2010

2010 was an exciting year for flotilla 06. We started the year with David Marriott elected as our Flotilla Commander (FC) and Eileen Christensen as our Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC). This was a year of change. The flotilla was aggressively recruiting new members and new ideas were beginning to impact our programs and activities beginning with a change of Watch (COW) at the officers club at the Academy. Other highlights included winning the Search and Rescue (SAR) competition. Our FC, David Marriott was a member of the team of three. We ended the year at the very popular Veterans Day Parade in downtown Hartford. Several members of our flotilla attended.

FC: David Marriott

VFC: Eileen Christensen first half. Bob Carlson second half.

Members: 15

Awards: Winning the 2010 SAR Atlantic East Coast

Highlights: Boat Show, Fishing Show, Change of Watch (COW), Commencement at the Academy, Whites Training, Veteran Parade Hartford CT.

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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary South Windsor Flotilla announces election results for the offices of Commander and Vice Commander.

SOUTH WINDSOR, Connecticut –December 30, 2009 – David Marriott and Eileen Christensen were recently elected to the offices of Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander respectively for a second one-year term.

Elections were held during the Flotilla's regular monthly meeting at the South Windsor Community Center. Commanders Marriott and Christensen are serving a second term as leaders of the USCG Auxiliary's South Windsor Flotilla. Marriott, a resident of Vernon, has been with the Auxiliary for 3 years serving in a number of offices and leadership positions. Christensen, who resides in Manchester, has 17 years of service in the Auxiliary and has held several leadership, elected and appointed positions. South Windsor Flotilla is a component of the First Southern District of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

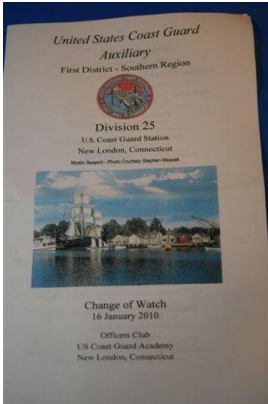
The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian, uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. The Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the US Coast Guard Reserves and re-designated the Auxiliary in 1941. The 30,000 volunteer members (men and women) donate millions of hours in support of Coast Guard missions, such as Search & Rescue, Public Education, Marine Environmental Protection and Maritime Domain Awareness.

For additional information or information on joining the Auxiliary, please contact Robert Carlson at: rrc06uscgaux@sbcglobal.net or visit the Auxiliary website at: <http://join.cgaux.org>.

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Change of Watch (COW)

The 2010 Division COW at the CG Academy January 16, 2020. The purpose of an Auxiliary COW is to install the newly elected officers and to recognize the accomplishments and service of the outgoing officers. The annual COW is often the only formal gathering of Division and Flotilla members during the year. Special guests and speakers often include Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel (often referred to as the “Gold Side”) Attendees had a great dinner with entertainment by the Academy Cadets Glee club.



SAR Competition and Presentation



Search and Rescue (SAR) Kings

Members of First Southern Division 25 sail home with the winning trophy.

Congratulation to members of the **2010 First Southern Division 25 Dream Team** for winning the Atlantic East Search and Rescue (SAR) competition held July 24 in Yorktown, Virginia.

Rick Pianka 25-04, Eric Kanter (Coxswain) 25-03 and **David Marriott 25-06** formed the winning team that edged out 10 other teams for the coveted 2010 Champion SAR Competition Atlantic-East Trophy. The Dream Team earned the opportunity to represent Division 25 by winning a local completion this past June, 2010. In a hot contest of skills designed to demonstrate their technical boating skills and expertise, the team persevered through a morning temperature of 90 degrees and reaching 101 degrees by mid afternoon. “We were told that there was a clear distinction between 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We look at this a complement to the training that we receive here in Division 25,” said Marriott. On hand supporting the team were Dream Team Coach-Eileen Christensen 25-06, Steve Ackerman, District Commodore, and Chief Warrant Officer Manny Zambrana, the District Operations Training Officer. “This was a team effort made up of all the division members who mentored us, provided facilities or acted as crew or coxswains,” said Marriott. Many hours we spent underway and our bridge spent considerable time getting the paperwork in place. We thank them all and appreciate their support and well wishes.”

Mission accomplished and job well done.

Hunting and Fishing Show

SOUTH WINDSOR, Connecticut –February 16, 2010 – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in attendance at the 13th annual Fishing and Hunting Show, which runs Friday February 26-Sunday February 28 at the Connecticut Convention Center. Members of the Auxiliary will be on duty at Booth 524 to meet the public to discuss boating safety, educational programs, vessel exams and the benefits of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



(L to R) Eileen Christensen, David Carpenter and David Marriott stand ready at the 2010 Hunting and Fishing Show, Hartford, CT.

Whites Training Day

The spring of 2010 we all enjoyed a day of training at White's Point. The owner, Auxiliarist George White who graciously opens up his home for a day of training and over the years George has hosted a spring and fall training day for all auxiliarists in Division 25. George will also invite the local team at Station New London and the senior leadership from the Coast Guard Academy. Members can get a number of sign offs for crew and coxswain requirements. It is a very productive day ending with a cookout featuring some fine steaks.



Team Coast Guard shows their stuff at the 2010 Veteran's Day Parade in Hartford, Connecticut.



Team CG was well represented during the 11th annual Connecticut Veterans' Day Parade. About 4,000 participants in the parade marched through downtown Hartford for more than 40,000 spectators.

Leading Team Coast Guard was the color guard from the Coast Guard Academy. Towing the 25' Response Boat - Small (RB-S) from Station New London on hand representing the Auxiliary were John McLeod 24-04, Dave Marriott 25-06, and Bob Carlson 25-06 with Roger Rosella 25-02, Pat Norton 25-03 and Ed Pratt 13-01, managing the 22' Grady White in tow.

The parade participants were all very friendly and braved the cold to express their support and thanks. During the parade, David Marriott was greeted by a Marine Corps veteran who came out of the crowd to shake his hand. He commented about how well the Academy Cadet Color Guard marched. "This is the first group that I saw who knew how to march". "The Cadets looked very sharp, were professional and very polite. I really appreciated their support," said Marriott.



Coast Guard Auxiliarist Ed Pratt 13-01(summers with 06) places the finishing touches on his 22' Grady White as Auxiliarists Pat Norton 25-03 and David Marriott 25-06 look on.

