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Motor Life Boat Dedicated

2015 began with a cold, blustery but sunny day in Tuckerton as U. S. Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat 44355 was formally welcomed to the town's famed seaport. A Color Guard started the ceremony which was hosted by Seaport Executive Director Paul Hart. Addresses were given by the Mayor of Tuckerton Susan Marshall, Chief Warrant Officer Station Barnegat Light Kevin Speer and Auxiliarist/Seaport Volunteer Claire Lovoi. A letter was read from Congressman Frank LoBiondo. Several members of the Auxiliary were in attendance including newly elected Division Commander Joe Smith and Vice Commander Bob Adams.



CWO Kevin Speer and Mr. Paul Hart

The vessel was once located at the Beach Haven Coast Guard Station where it was used to rescue many stranded seafarers. Last year it was moved from its previous location at Bayview Park in Long Beach Township to the current site. It is now on a trailer but eventually will be moved closer to the water where it will be reassembled and given a fresh coat of paint. Visitors will be treated to an up close and personal visit to a piece of maritime history.



Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat 44355

The event coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the Coast Guard as we know it. In 1915 the Revenue Cutter Service combined with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (est. 1848) to create the United States Coast Guard. BM3 John Kopp gave a brief history of the events leading up to this historic date. **Back then, New Jersey's** shores had more wrecks than any other coastline because of the heavy shipping traffic between Europe and the busy ports of New York and Philadelphia. William Newell, a medical student from Manahawkin, witnessed the wreck of the Count Terasto off the coast of Long Beach Island. Thirteen sailors perished.



BM3 John Kopp

He tested various systems to rescue victims on the front lawn of his uncle's home (now the Thomas Shinn Funeral Home). From 1871 to 1915, 176,000 lives were saved using the surfboat, an oar-driven boat designed to enter the ocean from the beach in heavy surf or severe waves (see above), and the breeches buoy, a rope-based rescue device used to extract people from wrecked vessels. The audience was treated to a demonstration of its use. As of 2003 the Coast Guard has been a part of Department of Homeland Security.



Breeches Buoy

Two episodes exemplify the heroism of the Coasties and the durability of CG-44355. Matthew C. Greer, Boatswain's Mate Second Class, received the USCG Extraordinary Heroism Medal for his services on 5 January 1980. He assisted in the rescue of two men from the grounded barge *Michael F.* in the turbulent surf near Little Egg Inlet. Upon notification of the grounding, Petty Officer Greer departed Coast Guard Station Beach Haven as coxswain of Coast Guard Motor Life Boat CG-44355 and proceeded to the scene despite heavy surf and a driving snowstorm.

Arriving on scene, the barge was observed engulfed in 20-foot breakers, lying broadside to the surf, approximately 1-mile offshore. When he was informed that a desperate helicopter evacuation would be attempted, Petty Officer Greer volunteered to attempt a boat rescue. In the face of the mounting surf, he maneuvered CG-44355 to the inshore lee of the barge by tacking in and out of the surf to prevent capsizing in the shallow water. As the two crewmen, trapped in a leaking deckhouse of the 300-foot barge, were in danger of drowning, Petty Officer Greer approached the barge as two of his crewmen lashed themselves to the bow rail of CG-44355. Undaunted by the extreme peril facing him, Petty Officer Greer reached the barge on his second attempt. While he held the motor lifeboat to the side of the barge with full throttles, the trapped crewmen broke out of the deckhouse and waded through the waist-deep water. Upon reaching the barge railing, they vaulted the rail and were caught by the Coast Guard personnel tied to the bow of CG-44355.

Greer then reversed the engines to clear the barge before the next wave hit. As the survivors were placed in the cabin of the boat, a wave approaching 25-feet lifted three-quarters of the motor lifeboat from the water and slammed it down. Despite this freak wave and the still turbulent seas, Greer cautiously piloted the boat seaward to safety. He demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in spite of imminent personal danger in this rescue. His unselfish actions, courage, and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard. Also receiving medals were Machinery Technician Third Class Eric M. Langstaff, **Seaman** Daryl G. Quinn, and Seaman Apprentice Robert M. White.

Auxiliarist Emmanuel Greenwald was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Award with Operational Distinguished Device for dedicated service as communication watch stander at Beach Haven Station during res CG-44355's rescue of fishing vessel *Michelle F.* which was taking on water in seas in excess of 25-feet

with winds exceeding 50-knots, and in danger of sinking approximately 25-miles southeast of Beach Haven Inlet.

Story and photos by:

Mike Alexander, SO-PB



Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer Karen Vorhees with Fred Harvey, Flotilla 7-12 at the CG-44355 Dedication

Remember to Post Your Hours

Mission Hours as values	053-07-02 TUCKERTON/LITTLE EGG HARBOR	053-07-04 MANAHAWKIN	053-07-09 LACEY TOWNSHIP	053-07-11 BAYVILLE-GLEN COVE	053-07-12 BARNEGAT LIGHT	5NR - Div 07
ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	7.00
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	333.60	305.70	600.90	863.40	146.00	2,069.60
CGADMIN - Cg Administrative Support (08,92)	34.00	24.00	255.00	0.00	58.00	371.00
CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	141.60	83.60	581.10	642.50	57.05	1,505.85
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	11.00	5.00	10.00	47.50	0.00	73.50
HS - Health Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	9.00
MS - Marine Safety	14.00	83.50	312.00	481.00	0.00	890.50
MT - (06) Member Training	172.00	50.00	414.00	268.00	75.00	979.00
RBS - (99) Recreational Boating Safety	8,023.00	7,887.00	10,741.00	6,913.50	1,665.50	35,230.00
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	20.40	47.00	4.00	89.80	14.00	175.20
UMDV - (11) Marine Dealer Visits	201.00	248.00	554.00	373.00	44.00	1,420.00
UPA - Public Affairs (10)	702.50	344.50	225.50	310.00	129.50	1,712.00
UPE - Public Education (04)	134.00	303.00	282.50	309.00	97.00	1,125.50
UREC - Recruiting Assistance (09,90)	0.00	1.00	39.00	8.00	0.00	48.00
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VSC - (91) Vessel Safety Check	185.00	330.00	1,123.00	105.00	87.00	1,830.00
All Missions	9,972.10	9,712.30	15,142.00	10,246.70	2,273.05	47,446.15

CALENDAR

Division Change of Watch: 11 January, 2015 the Holiday Inn 14:00 – 18:00

Instruction on Mandatory Courses: 17 January, 2015 at TRACEN, Cape May. Classes will start at 0900 and last until 1600

N-TRAIN National Training Meeting: 25 January-1 February, Saint Louis MO

MONTHLY RADIO DRILL

When: Monday, 26 January

Time: 2000

Frequency/Channel: VHF Channel 82A

DIVISION MEETING

When: Friday, 6 February 2015

Where: Meeting Room A Bay Ave Community Center, 775 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, NJ 1930 Hours



To All,

Your assistance is needed at the 2015 Indoor Atlantic City Indoor Boat Show. If you are available and can help, contact ADSO-PA Al Revy with availability: date and time. Your help is appreciated. Thank you,

Allison Revy, Jr.

arevy@aol.com

Mandatory Courses Offered

The Mandatory Courses we are all required to complete will be offered at the Bay Avenue Community Center, located at 775 E. Bay Avenue in Manahawkin, on Saturday, 21 February. Classes will start at 0900 and last until 1600. Your instructor will be Bob Fritz. Bob has presented these courses many times and his presentations are always well received. This is a unique opportunity to complete these required courses. New members have one year to complete the courses from their acceptance date and other members have until December 2016 for completion. We have heard comments that completing the course on-line or traveling to a distant event can be a hardship. Registration is necessary to ensure enough seats are available for all interested members. Please contact

Ken Kendall at LBI42@comcast.net or (609) 492-2530 to register or for further information.

Auxiliary Uniform Changes

Each of us takes pride in wearing the Auxiliary uniform. The Coast Guard conducts an ongoing process to evaluate uniform policy and recommend changes to the Commandant. The Commandant approved a number of recommendations of the Uniform Board and these changes were released to the Auxiliary in an ALAUX on 22 Dec 2014. Two of these changes have the most impact on Auxiliarists.

FOUL WEATHER PARKA II



***A. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF FOUL WEATHER PARKA II WITH SDB:** The FWPII (with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue (TB), Winter Dress Blue (WDB), and Service Dress Blue (SDB). The trench coat remains a required seabag item and may be prescribed for wear with the SDB and other uniforms. However, the FWPII provides superior weather protection. The previous limitations on the wear of the FWPII with the TB and WDB uniforms are removed. Commands are reminded that for inspections and occasions where more uniformity is required, they may prescribe seabag outerwear."
-ALCGPSC 171/14 RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46 - 08DEC2014

Note for Auxiliarists: This should not be taken to mean the ODU Utility Jacket can be worn as outerwear with Service Dress Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or Tropical Blue.

First, the Foul Weather Parka II (FWP) may now be worn with Service Dress Blue (SDB) and the prior limitations on wear with Winter Dress Blue (WDB) and Tropical Blue (TB) are removed. There may be formal situations in which the Foul Weather Parka is not appropriate with Service Dress Blue. Please be sensitive to the situation.

This change means that Auxiliarists can now acquire a single piece of outerwear that can be worn with all our typical uniforms – simplifying uniform compliance. Also, please note that this does not extend to wearing the ODU Utility Jacket or the FWP fleece liner as a stand-alone outerwear item with SDB, WDB, or Tropical Blue. The ODU Utility Jacket may be worn as outerwear with the ODU or zipped into the Foul Weather Parka with SDB, WDB, or Tropical Blue. Second, the Garrison Cap is now authorized for wear with the Service Dress Blue uniform. The Combination Cover is still preferred and may be required in formal situations like a change of command.

GARRISON CAP



***B. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF GARRISON CAP WITH SDB:** The Garrison Cap may be worn optionally with the SDB unless the Combination Cap is otherwise prescribed. The Combination Cap remains the preferred cover for wear with the SDB, especially for outdoor or formal ceremonies where the cover is integral to the uniform. Commands may prescribe when the Combination Cap is required. The wear of the Garrison Cap with the SDB allows for greater flexibility during travel and while transiting between outdoor and indoor spaces."
-ALCGPSC 171/14 RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46 - 08DEC2014

As Auxiliarists typically wear Service Dress Blue in formal situations, you might want to acquire a Combination Cover when you procure Service Dress Blue uniforms.

COAST GUARD FOUNDATION



The men and women of the Coast Guard need you. The Coast Guard is there for us if we ever need them. Today, you can be there for them. Help provide essential, much needed support. There are few things more frightening than **being far from shore in a disabled boat**. If you've ever faced that kind of emergency, you know the incredible relief you feel the moment you see the Coast Guard coming to your rescue. Just as the Coast Guard is there for us, you can be there for them. With your gift, you can help provide scholarships to attend college, equipment to do demanding jobs, emergency aid to families whose loved ones die in the line of duty and more. On behalf of the thousands of Coast Guard men and women, thank you!

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Sincerely,

Anne B. Brengle

President

Internet Links and Telephone Numbers of Interest to Recreational Boaters:

Federal Boating Regulations:

http://www.uscgboating.org/regulations/federal_regulations.aspx

NJ Safe Boating Manual:

<http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/info/pdf/marine/021606-boating-manual.pdf>

Local Notice to Mariners:

www.navcen.uscg.gov

Hurricane Sandy Update/debris removal:

www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/wwdebris.htm

Frequently Asked Questions For Boaters:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/docs/faq-boaters.pdf>

NJ State Police Marine Services Bureau Stations

Atlantic City: 609-441-3586

Ocean (Waretown): 609-693-8371

Point Pleasant: 732-899-5050

Report Debris in Water: 1-877-WARN-DEP

Report Oil/Chemical Spills: 1-800-424-8802 Courtesy of U.S.C.G Auxiliary, Division 7, Southern Ocean County, NJ

EDUCATION

The following courses are available on-line:

Communications (AUXCOM):

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxcom>

Auxiliary Advanced Coastal Navigation (AUXACN)
Formerly AUXNAV:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxacn>

Auxiliary Patrols (AUXPAT):

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxpat>

Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution (AUXSC&E):

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxsc-e>

Auxiliary Seamanship (AUXSEA):

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxsea>

Auxiliary Weather (AUXWEA):

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxwea>

Aux On-Line Testing:

<http://ntc.cgaux.org/>

NATIONAL TRAINING WEB SITE

<http://www.cgaux.org/training/>

PUBLIC EDUCATION

<http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/index.htm>

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

NATIONAL AUXILIARY E-DIRECTORY

<https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/index.php>

FORMS WAREHOUSE:

<http://forms.cgaux.org/>

USCG AUX 5th DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION

<http://www.5nr.org/>

AUX AUXINFO:

<http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/>

USCG AUX HISTORY WEB PAGE

<http://www.history.auxpa.org/about/programcomponents.htm>

SHOP AUXILIARY:

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/>

BOATER'S WORLD:

<http://www.boatersworld.com>

2015 TCT REFRESHER TRAINING:

The TCT Refresher mandatory Workshop for 2015 is now available. This training is required for all Auxiliarists active in any aspect of the surface operations program. Any Auxiliarist qualified in the operations area can present this workshop; however an operations-qualified person who is also IT qualified is recommended. Download the 2015 TCT Refresher Training documents in PDF format, with the presentation in PDF or in protected PowerPoint Show format at:

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Workshop%20archive/s/2015TCTParticipantReferenceGuide.pdf>

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Workshop%20archive/s/2015TCTFacilitatorResourceGuide.pdf>

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Workshop%20archive/s/2015TCTPresentationSlides.pdf>

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Workshop%20archive/s/2015TCTPresentationSlides.pptx>

2015 OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

The Operations Workshop for 2015 is now available. Any Auxiliarist qualified in the operations area can present the workshop, however an operations qualified person who is also IT qualified is preferred. While this workshop is optional at the national level for 2015, it is highly recommended that all surface operations members review the material in local workshops. To download the workshop, go to the link below:

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Workshop%20archives/2015OperationsWorkshop.pptx>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 31 JANUARY, 2015

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Note from the editor to all Division Officers and Flotilla Commanders: This newsletter is a monthly platform for each of you to communicate activities/issues that should be shared with the other Flotillas in the Division. Maybe you have a special fundraiser or event where you need extra support, or a class that would interest other members in the Division. If we share our activities, it will not only be cost effective but also capitalize on our exceptional resources at all levels of expertise. However, if you have something that needs to be distributed between publications, we will issue an interim alert to accommodate you.



To the Auxiliarists we lost in 2014, may they find peace and happiness...

"Crossing the Bar"

Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark;

Tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place the flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crost the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

PB Footnote: If you know any of the souls we lost this year please forward to me and I will publish in the next issue.