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USCG Auxiliary celebrates 75 years of service

Letter from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant

Congress founded the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1939 as an organization of volunteers to promote boating safety and to augment the United States Coast Guard. On 23 June 2014, we celebrate the Auxiliary's 75th anniversary of dedicated and heroic service to our Nation.

The Auxiliary provided sustained mission excellence to the Nation and the Coast Guard during this diamond anniversary year, as it has throughout its proud history. This year, Auxiliarists delivered over 4.2 million hours of operational and administrative manpower to Coast Guard missions. Auxiliary instructors spent over 96,000 hours teaching boating safety classes, and its vessel examiners performed over 130,000 recreational and fishing vessel safety checks. Auxiliary operators performed more than 66,000 hours of SAR mission support saving over 470 lives and assisting 13,000 members of the boating public. Much to the credit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the number

of boating safety-related deaths in the U.S. reached a historic low for a second consecutive year.

Congratulations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 75 years of outstanding service. In recognition of the profound devotion, sacrifice, and achievement of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I will award them with the Coast Guard Unit Commendation at Coast Guard Headquarters on June 23. Please join me in honoring their long and distinguished history of service by congratulating Auxiliarists throughout your regions and by proudly hoisting the Auxiliary colors.

Flotilla 12-01 Train with the Coasties



Seven members of 12-01 joined other Division members for a day of training with the best trained Coasties this side of the Delmarva (Okay we are a little biased, as we love OUR Coasties of Indian River).

On the morning of 6 June, Bob Adams, Bruce White, Jerry Roderick, Betty

Smith, Doug Deiss, Dave Ritondo and Joe Harris attended Operations Training at the Indian River Marina Conference Center. After a classroom session covering SAR patterns and Communications, the group divided into teams for some afternoon Underway training on Auxiliary facilities. Member Fred Zikas, unable to attend the Indian River training session, attended a session held at Lewes, Delaware two weeks later.



Jerry Roderick demonstrating the dewatering pump usage under the guidance of IR CG Station member.



On June 6th, members of Division 12 trained with USCG members of Indian River in a full day training session. We were given instruction by BMC Mike Kristiansen, Officer in Charge, Station Indian River, on the afternoon exercise of performing SAR patterns.

Vessel Examiner

The follow pictures were taken during the Tuckahoe Acres event in May, 2014.



USCG Dan giving guidance in the tow exercise that was done in heavy current of the inlet.



Mike Geletej conducts a vessel safety check on this boater's Seadoo.



12-01 FSO-VE's setting up for a day of Vessel Safety Checks at Tuckahoe Acres.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings

Regular Flotilla meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the South Bethany Town Hall, and begin promptly at 1900 hrs. Division meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at Milford Parks and Recreation at 1900 hrs. All members are welcome.

Public Education

April 26, 2014- South Bethany Town Hall- South Bethany

May 17 2014- Treasure Beach Campground- Fenwick island

June 07, 2014- Indian River Marina- Rehoboth

June 14, 2014-Gulls Way Campground- Dagsboro, DE

A class is scheduled in the Fall at Georgetown Campus of Delaware Technical Community College

Our thanks to FSO-PE Bob Adams and the other instructors for doing an excellent job in the area of Public Education.

Public Affairs

Best wishes go out to CWO4 Sean M. McGarigal, Operational Training Officer, Assistant Director of Auxiliary 5th Coast Guard District-Northern Region in his upcoming retirement, July 26th.



Flotilla Commander, Joe Harris presents Abigail Gilliar, who works at Bob's Marine, a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work she has done to promote the Auxiliary and safe boating. Congratulations, Abby. With them is FSO-NS, Dennis Burgard.

Communications

A training session was held at Lewes for a review of the radio communications.



SO-CM, Bob McCleary explaining the radio watch functionality to members.

Navigation Services

In his May report, Dennis Burgard, FSO-NS indicated the USCG had made the following decision. "DE- CAPE HENLOPEN TO INDIAN RIVER INLET - PEPPER CREEK AND WHITE CREEK - DISCONTINUATION PROJECT CANCELLED

The Coast Guard has determined the Federal aids to navigation in Pepper and White Creeks will not be discontinued as proposed in the Local Notice to Mariners article "DE- CAPE HENLOPEN TO INDIAN RIVER INLET - PEPPER CREEK AND WHITE CREEK - DISCONTINUE AIDS TO NAVIGATION", 5th Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, week 12/14."

Thanks to the involvement of Dennis and others concerned that navigate these areas, an email confirmed that for now, the areas will remain supported.

May 30, 2014

Dear Neighbor,

Senator Gerald Hocker and I have learned that the Coast Guard has decided to continue to maintain the channel markers in Pepper and White Creeks for the time being. Please see the article below for the opinion letter we have submitted to our local newspapers updating constituents on this important issue. In addition, please see the article below for the schedule for construction and related lane closures for the SR 26 Widening Project for the weeks of June 2nd and June 9th.

Sincerely,

State Representative Ron Gray

Preparing for Hurricane Season

A recent notification from BoatUS, indicated NOAA released its hurricane forecast for the coming season. The prediction is for a lighter than average year. The fact is that early seasonal forecasts in general are not very accurate. Taking the time to develop a comprehensive plan for yourself, your family and your boat now can make all the difference when a storm is coming your way.