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# The Scuttlebutt



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## Assawomen Canal Pedestrian Bridge Proposal sent to United States Coast Guard

**Email to members 9/30 from Dennis Burgard, FSO-NS**

An application has been received by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District from Watershed Eco on behalf of the Division of Parks and Recreation State of Delaware (DNRC), for the proposed construction of a new Pedestrian Bridge over a tributary to Assawoman Canal, Ocean View, Sussex County, DE.

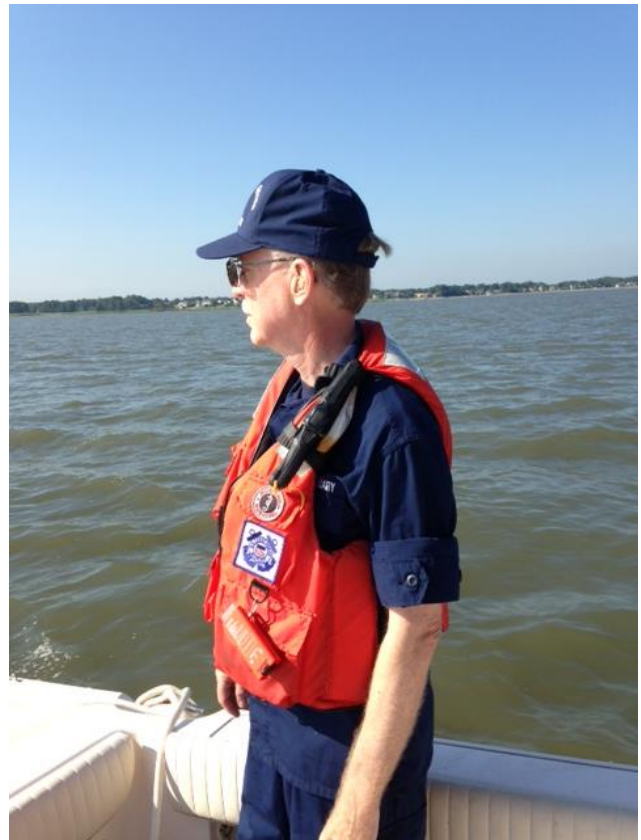
The new bridge would have a vertical clearance of 4 feet above mean high water; along with a horizontal clearance of 20 feet from centerline of the bridge, according to information on submitted plan sheets.

The proposed project would consist of the construction and placement of a new pre-fabricated fiberglass bridge at the location. DNRC is also requesting a waiver of a Coast Guard bridge permit under Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 115.70; Advance approval for bridges. Advance approval waterways are those that are navigable in law, but not actually navigated by other than small boats.

The Commandant of the Coast Guard has given advance approval to the construction or repair of bridges across such waterways.

A copy of Public Notice 5-1347, which describes the proposal in detail, can be obtained by calling (757) 398-6557 or by viewing at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges>. Chart 12216"

## Focus On .... 12-01 Member Bruce White, FSO-CS, FSO-SR



*Bruce during requalification for boat crew in 2013*

Bruce relocated from Massachusetts to Maryland in 1978 to continue working with deaf students at Gallaudet University, which is where he met Barbara. She has recently joined him in retirement after more than thirty years at Gallaudet. They have one daughter, Ally, and hope to move to Delaware in the next few years after downsizing and selling their home in Maryland.



*Flotilla Commander Joe Harris and new member Jerry Roderick*

At the July Flotilla meeting, Flotilla Commander Joe Harris presented Jerry Roderick his Certificate of Membership, Letter of Membership Status Notification, and Auxiliary ID card, and also administered the pledge of membership.

He presented a Meritorious Team Commendation and ribbon to Fran Doyle and

Bob Adams. Bob Adams also received a 10-year membership certificate.

## 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.

### Member Training

For the members wanting to complete the required courses in one day, the **Mandatory Courses** we are all required to complete are being offered at **TRACEN, Cape May on Saturday November 1, 2014**. Classes will start at 0900 and last until 1600 per attached agenda.

Each course is stand alone and a Mission Completion form will be completed with each course, so you may attend any or all of the courses that you chose to attend. The time allotted for each course may vary. At the most, you will need to complete only two on your own on line.

If you plan on attending, you are requested to email Bruce Long in order for him to prepare a roster for TRACEN. His email is [dcp08@comcast.net](mailto:dcp08@comcast.net).

Your instructor will be Bob Fritz. This is a unique opportunity to complete these required courses. New members have one year to complete the courses from their acceptance date and the other members have until December 2016 for completion.

Uniform may be either ODUs or Tropical. If you chose to wear ODUs you must wear boots

not deck shoes. Wearing the uniform properly, while at TRACEN, is mandatory. Lunch will be served at the Galley for \$4.65.

If you have any question, please direct your inquiry to Bruce Long via email. First come, first served.

## Public Education

All scheduled boating safety classes are complete.

A tentative 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.



*USCG Indian River performing a tow during one of the training sessions with our facility.*

## Operations

Several hours of on the water training have been conducted under the leadership of Bob Adams, FSO-OP and the Indian River Coast Guard Station to assist in member's obtaining required hours necessary to remain in the program. KUDOS to those that put in the effort to remain qualified or working especially hard to get out of REYR status.



*Flotilla 12-02 member, Marty Intelli, joined us this year for some on-the-water boat crew training.*



*Coasties training too....*

There are many members in Division with Facebook accounts that have not liked our page yet.

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## **Annual Flotilla Picnic**

September's meeting and picnic was held at the home of member Bob Lesperance and his wife Kathy. Several members and their guests enjoyed a few hours of BBQ, salads, desserts, and ended the evening with great attention on the nautical items included in a tailgate giveaway. If you missed it, we *had* exactly what you still need.

We wish Arlene Bailor, the wife of member, Tom Bailor, well and a speedy recovery.

The next meeting (and annual election) is back at the South Bethany Town Hall on Thursday, October 16, 2014, starting at 1900 hrs.

Our Facebook page has 91 likes, please make the effort with your contacts to get 100 likes.