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# The Scuttlebutt



Newsletter for Flotilla 12-01  
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## **Vessel Examiners Prepare to Educate Public on Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall** **By Fran Doyle, FSO-VE**

I received a notice on the fire extinguisher recall, the Name brand is "KIDDIE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS".

The years are July 2013 and November 2014. These fire extinguishers have a "black nozzle" They are ABC or BC disposable, and the cylinders are red, white or silver in color. If you come across any of these extinguishers while doing a VSC, you may still reward a VSC DECAL. At the same time let the vessel owner know about the recall.

Give them the TOLL FREE phone number for "KIDDIE" (855) 283-7991.

The date code is an ink jet, 10 digit number stamped on the side of the cylinder near the bottom.

More info can be found by going to: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=dir-v-says> and <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Kidde-Recalls-Disposable-Plastic-Fire-Extinguishers/>

When the PV's are doing dealer visits, talk this up with them.

I spoke with one dealer, and their supplier came in and removed all the KIDDIE extinguisher and replaced them. These extinguishers have 2015 on the bottom.

Upcoming VE event at Tuckahoe Acres on Memorial Day.



*Ken Kulakowsky, president of Delmarva Grady-White Club, requesting the Flotilla at the club's annual picnic on 20 June 2015 at White's Creek Marina to provide vessel examinations.*

## Change of Watch 2015



*Division Commander Elect Bob McCleary swears in 2015 Flotilla Officers at the Cottage Café in Bethany.*



*Saying goodbye to our Chief and mentor. We will miss you!!*

## 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 Bob Lesperance, FC

The 2015 TCT is available on line and can be downloaded.

The mandatory training for members needs to be addressed by our Flotilla members. These courses are available online and take about 60 minutes each.

For those without computer access, or wish to attend a class, one is scheduled on 11 April at the DNREC building in Lewes. If you would like to attend, please notify Bob immediately. Bob indicated that those not completing the courses may be subject to dismissal.

April's meeting there will be a MT work shop on the VE workshop.

## New Member Dawn Curlett



*Dawn Curlett gets sworn in to 12-01. Congratulations Dawn!*

## Public Education

April 18, 2015- South Bethany Town Hall-  
South Bethany  
May 23, 2015- Treasure Beach Campground-  
Fenwick island  
June 06, 2015- Indian River Marina- Rehoboth  
June 20, 2015- Gulls Way Campground-  
Dagsboro, DE

All classes are the Delaware Boating Safety  
Course and will run from 8:00am to @4:00pm

## Joy and Sorrow

We wish Pam Burgard, the wife of member,  
Dennis Burgard, well and a speedy recovery.

## Focus On .... 12-01 Member Barry Widmer, FSO-RSSO

A new Staff Officer position is being established. Flotilla Commander Lesperance appointed Barry Widmer as Flotilla Rescue and Survival Systems Officer. Barry's duties will include responsibility and supervision over all matters pertaining to Flotilla requisition, administration, inspection, and maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as other responsibilities. Barry will report directly to the Division PPE.



*IPFC Joe Harris and Barry Widmer (left)  
pictured here in 2014*

## A Message from the National Commodore

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April  
2015**

Fellow Auxiliarists,

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011). Our mission is to eliminate sexual assault from the Coast Guard and the United States Coast Auxiliary and adhere to the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. The Commandant's call to action is NOT IN MY COAST GUARD; I respectfully would add, NOT IN MY AUXILIARY.

As your National Commodore I will not tolerate sexual harassment, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct of any kind in the

Auxiliary and as a member of Team Coast Guard. If you see something that is wrong and against the Coast Guard policy on sexual misconduct, you need to have the courage to say something. This includes having the courage to intervene when you witness sexual assault, predatory behavior, sexual harassment or other misconduct. You may be the only one who notices the misconduct. I implore you to ask questions, encourage your shipmates, and challenge or report inappropriate behavior, whether it is directed at you, or someone else. Shipmates, there are no bystanders in the prevention of, or response to, sexual assault. Your devotion to duty is demonstrated by doing the right thing, the right way, at the right time, for the right reason. Dedicating yourself to the maintenance of the high moral, professional and personal standards that come with service in our Coast Guard is but one more way to demonstrate your devotion to duty.

Please review the following ALCOAST and if you have the opportunity to wear Service Dress Bravos while assigned to duty (or wear blue/teal clothing on civilian attire) on 08 April please do so. Also, if you can present the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training Session (AUXLMS code 810045/AUXDATA Short Title "SAP") at your next flotilla meeting to show support of the Coast Guard's commitment, that would be most appreciated. You can download MT materials at the Training Directorate website at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=mandated-training>

Very respectfully,

Mark Simoni

National Commodore

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