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# The Scuttlebutt



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## Vessel Examiners and Public Affairs at Tuckahoe Acres on Memorial Day



*Submitted by Fran Doyle.*

## 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.

Flotilla dues are due. If you haven't already sent in your payment, do so now.

## Member Training Bob Lesperance, FC

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

Bob indicated that those not completing the courses may be subject to dismissal.

The quick link to the courses can be found on our website:

[http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wowII/053-12-01/Mandatory\\_Training.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/053-12-01/Mandatory_Training.pdf)

## MS and Environmental

### CIB erosion project a true team effort

#### Editor:

The Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) recently completed a significant project to prevent the erosion, and to expand the habitat, of a portion of the land strip that runs along the Bethany Loop Canal.

The project required the installation of some 100 logs into the Salt Pond, and using 500 stakes and 2,000 feet of hemp rope to keep the logs in place. Installation was performed by: Darryl Duffie of the Mosquito Control Section of DNREC; and CIB staff members and volunteers — Marianne Walch, Jonathan Forte, Dave Ritondo, Mike Read, Larry Hutson, Martha Redmond and Ramon Vasquez.

Two Bethany Beach residents played significant roles on this project. Bob Collins, a CIB employee and a resident of Lake Bethany, was responsible for the entire implementation. He also installed 27 coir fiber logs along the Strip. Chuck Peterson, a resident of Tingles Addition and a member of the Bethany Beach Town Council, worked for two-plus years with CIB and Tingles Addition neighbors to clarify the problem and the solution. He also helped Bob install and tie down the 27 coir fiber logs.

I'm most appreciative of the implementation efforts made by all. And I especially want to thank Bob Collins and Chuck Peterson for their significant efforts that made this implementation a reality.

**Steve Piron**  
Tingles Addition

*Submitted by Dave Ritondo*

## Navigation Rules

The "New Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook" is available at the USCG Nav Center "<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRuleChanges>" as a free download or may be purchased on line from Amazon.

## Focus On Member Jerry Roderick



*Jerry working diligently on his boat crew qualification this boating season!*

I've always believed you should give back to your community when you are able serve. I have been a member of many volunteer organizations and found the USCGAUX to be one of the most interesting. The mission, training, and experience has been a great endeavor. Being relatively new to the organization, I have been welcomed and accepted openly by all.

I started my career in law enforcement on the Eastern Shore in the small town of Chestertown, MD. I had attended Montgomery Community College in Maryland and then moved to Chestertown. The police department hired me and sent me to Baltimore City Police Academy. After policing the community for several years

Washington College hired me in 1983 to build a campus security program. I have been doing so ever since. I am the Director of Public Safety for the campus and run the campus police operation as well as many other areas of safety and security. I have raised three sons ranging in ages from twenty to thirty. My job and family has kept me very busy over the years and now I can look to give my service the USCGAUX when I can.

## Patrol Dates

Several 12-01 members took part in the Fourth of July fireworks patrols at Dewey Beach when the USCG Station Indian River requested assistance. A good time was had by all and they look forward to more patrols of this nature.



Wednesday September 16- Training Patrol

Saturday September 19- Safety Patrol

Wednesday September 30-Training Patrol

Saturday October 3- Safety Patrol

Wednesday October 14- Training Patrol

Saturday October 17- Safety Patrol

Wednesday October 28- Training Patrol

Saturday October 31- Safety Patrol

## Flotilla Elections

Any qualified Flotilla members wishing to become nominees for either Flotilla Commander or Flotilla Vice Commander positions, please contact Denny Burgard, Chuck Woolson or Steve Straneva.

As a side note, we are in desperate need of more qualified members to run for these positions. We know personnel schedules and other interests are often in the way and we respect that. Bob has encouraged us to obtain the necessary qualifications to be eligible in the future to run for these positions.

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