



Spring 2019 Newsletter

Shipmates,

2019 is definitely shaping up to be a great year for our flotilla. Although forced to cut back on operations during the 35-day partial government shutdown, we can take pride in the role played by the Auxiliary to collect food items and gift cards and then staff food pantry operations that assisted our active duty counterparts through an unprecedented challenge for them and their families.

Our flotilla also sponsored an Auxiliary Weather Specialist Course over the winter that helped six students pass the final exam that is considered by many to be the most difficult in the AUXOPS program. Congratulations to all for achieving this milestone.

Having outgrown available facilities at SARDET Bowers, we were able to work with the Milford Elks Lodge to begin meeting in their facility at our February meeting. If we ever wonder about support for the Auxiliary in the community, we need look no further than the Elks Lodge for the definition of hospitality.

On Super Bowl Sunday, four of our members provided safety cordon support for the Polar Bear Plunge in Rehoboth Beach that supported over 3,500 participants and raised over \$905,000 for Special Olympics Delaware.

At our February meeting, we unanimously approved new Standing Rules and an Appendix to facilitate participation by our members who are unable to participate in person.

I trust you will agree that we can expect even better things throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Roberson
Flotilla Commander

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Milford Elks Lodge 18951 Elks Lodge Road in Milford, DE

Welcome our new members:
Joy Nagle
Dave Nagle
Paul Missfeldt



The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a uniformed, civilian volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard. We work to improve recreational boating safety and provide support for other Coast Guard missions.

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Auxiliary Support at the Polar Bear Plunge



On 3 February, four members of Flotilla 12-03, along with other members of Division 12, took part in the 28th annual Polar Bear Plunge at Rehoboth Beach. Although it was a blustery day at the beach, more than 3,500 people were ready to jump into the 39° water. The Auxiliary along with other area agencies were there to ensure the safety of all of those in attendance.

Flotilla Awards and Recognition

- **5-Year Service Award** – Russell Johnson
- **Meritorious Team Award** – Russell Johnson—Russell was presented this award by IPCDR Cindi Chaimowitz before the Polar Bear Plunge on 3 February.



Upcoming Events

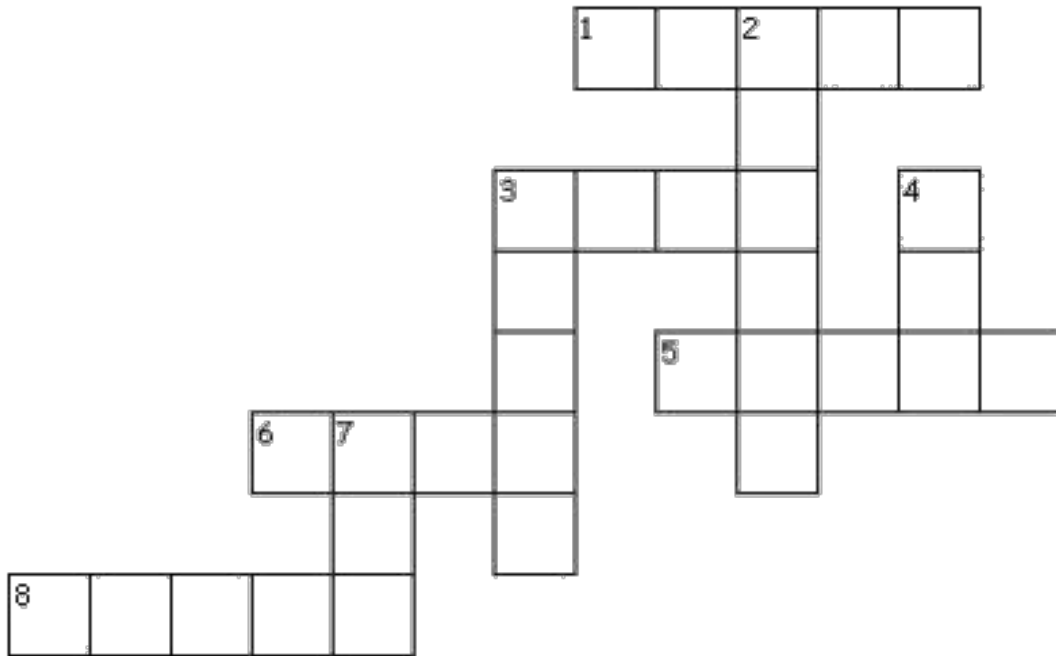
The following are dates and times of events in which Flotilla 12-03 members are welcomed to participate. If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact debroberson2102@yahoo.com.

April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4/11–1900: 12-03 Flotilla Meeting, Milford Elks Lodge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/4–0900: Central Area District Training Event, Red Lion Christian Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/1–0900-1600: Safe Boating Course, Milford Elks Lodge (8 hours)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4/20–0900: AUX-ED Class, Sec Del Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/9–1900: 12-03 Flotilla Meeting, Milford Elks Lodge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/3–4–1800: Safe Boating Course, DNREC, Dover (4 hours each night)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4/25–1900: Division 12 Meeting, Milford Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/11–0900-1600: VSC Station, Taylor Marine, Milford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/9–1300-1600: VSC Station, Cedar Creek Marina
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/15–1000-1430: ATON Verification, SARDET Bowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/13–1900: 12-03 Flotilla Meeting, Milford Elks Lodge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/18–0900: AUX-ED Class, Sec Del Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/15–0900: AUX-ED Class, Sec Del Bay
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/19-25: National Safe Boating Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/27–1900: Division 12 Meeting, Milford Green
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/20-21–1800: Safe Boating Course, DNREC, Dover (4 hours each night) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6/29–0900-1600: VSC Station, Milford Elks Lodge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5/23–1900: Division 12 Meeting, Milford Green 	



Flotilla 12-03 recently moved our meeting location to the Milford Elks Lodge. Members are looking forward to growing our membership and expanding our programs in our new location.

Spring Puzzle



Across

1. An area where water collects in the bottom of a vessel
3. Spar attached to the bottom of a mainsail
5. The distance over which wind can increase wave heights
6. The side of a vessel with a red side light
8. Device for seeing through clouds and fog

Down

2. A drain hole through a frame or other structural member of a boat
3. An area where Public Affairs and Marine Safety information is displayed
4. Courtesy inspection for recreational boaters
7. Secondary means of propulsion

Answers will be included in the Summer Newsletter.

Potential volunteers can find more information about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, its history, and programs at www.cgaux.org.