

**BOATING SAFETY  
ADVOCATE**

**Newsletter**



FLOTILLA 03-10



CALLAO, VA



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**JULIAN EVERLY  
SELECTED 2015 DIVISION 3  
AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR**



At the January 16th Division 3 Change of Watch, Julian Everly was selected as the 2015 Division 3 Auxiliarist of the year. This was the 4th time that Mr. Everly was honored with this distinctive award during his long Auxiliary career. Presenting the award are (l to r) CDR Eva VanCamp Chief of Response for Sector Hampton Roads, Julian Everly, Peter Kirkpatrick IPDCDR 3 and COMO Rob Sersen DCO 5 SR

## 2015 CALLAO FLOTILLA ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH



The Flotilla Change of Watch for 2016 was held at *The Inn at Montross*, an historic inn/ordinary, B&B, in the center of Montross, Virginia on Saturday

evening December 12th. This was a departure from the long time practice of prying open any one of several almost-always, closed-on-Monday facilities, and it proved to be a good decision. Good venue, good food, good service, a festive mood, and traditional camaraderie.

Thirty two (32) members, spouses, friends, and 3 retirees-- Pim Montgomery, Jean Everly, and newly retired member, Ron Schiller attended.



Receiving their activity awards are (l to r) Bill Harrison, Jr., Ed Gray, Joe Riley, Julian Everly and Ollie Knight

After the presentation of several member activity awards, the administration of Prologues and Pledges to new leadership and officers, Ron Schiller was officially retired with 17 years of service.



Joe Riley Flotilla Commander (l) presenting Ron Shiller his retirement letter from RADM Metruck Fifth District Commander

Ron was presented Admiral Metruck's letter of thanks and certificate as well as special plaque from the Flotilla.

Another one of the highlights of the evening was our annual gift exchange among "Member Mates", those who signed up last December and had exchanged cards and notes secretly to their Member Mate throughout the year.



Pim Montgomery speaking to the members and guests about how inclusive this Flotilla is to all its members--new, active and retired

Pim Montgomery took "center stage" and awarded the Flotilla -- in her words -- the "Camaraderie Award" for the Flotilla's long standing welcome of new members, recognition of active members, and inclusion of all who have joined and served, especially retirees - "we are all family and I have always felt the friendship and continued connection with the Flotilla even though I have retired", she said.

Thanks to Pims comments the Fellowship cornerstone took on a strengthened meaning of inclusiveness to all those in attendance.

It was a good closing to our annual Change of Watch ceremony and the beginning of the holiday season.

## 2015 DIVISION AWARDS CONTINUED

The 2016 Division Change of Watch and 2015 Awards presentations were held on January 16th at the DGIF offices in Richmond, VA. The day was full of activity, beginning with a ***DIRAUX Procedures*** presentation by Carol Alexander from the Directors office. This was followed by a mix of award presentations, comments by CDR Eva VanCamp, Response Chief for Sector Hampton Roads and COMO Rob Sersen District Commodore, along with the swearing in of our new DCDR Amy Thomas and VCDR Eric Perkins.

He serves as an Instructor of boating safety classes and a Vessel Examiner of both commercial and recreational boats. As a Coxswain and Qualification Examiner for Boat Operations he has trained and certified countless members throughout the 5th Coast Guard District (VA, MD, NC and Wash. DC) as well as our own Flotilla, to high performance standards while sharing his philosophy and record of excellence through training and preparedness. Julian is truly ***Semper Paratus***.

Flotilla 3-10 and some of its members were well represented in the awards category.



Eric Perkins and Amy Thomas taking their oath of office



CDR Eva VanCamp speaking to the membership



1st Place Flotilla Vessel Exams—with an average of 21 VSC's per examiner

Callao Flotilla 3-10 received many of the awards and recognition during the awards presentations. The major highlight was the selection of our very own **Julian Everly as *Division 3 Auxiliarist Of The Year***.



1st Place Division Individual Vessel Exams—with 122 Gary Palsgrove



1st Place Flotilla PA Hours—with 26 Hrs. per member  
1st Place Division Individual PA hours—Joe Riley

As you know Julian is recognized throughout the Division and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for his life-long service of 63 years in the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserves, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## 2015 DIVISION AWARDS CONTINUED

Additional Division 3 recognition goes to:

Flotilla 3-10 – 2nd Place, Hours per member  
Flotilla 3-10 – 2nd Place, PV visits per member  
**Sal Puglisi** – 2nd Place, VE 89 VSC's  
**Ed Gray** – 2nd Place, PA missions



Sal Puglisi



Ed Gray

In addition COMO Rob Sersen presented Certificates of Appreciation for total years of Auxiliary service to 21 members of Callao Flotilla 3-10.

Julian Everly had the highest number of consecutive years served - 47.



District Commodore Rob Sersen presented **Erik Amato** with a *DCO Letter of Recognition* for his superior performance as **District Directorate Chief-Logistics** for a period of six years.

The Commodore also stated in the document that Erik was to be commended for his 28 consecutive years of designing/producing/mailling the **District Program Book** for the membership, working directly with every DCO since 1987.

It continued with recognition for publishing 37 issues of the Fifth Southern District Publication *The Blinker* for the membership as **DSO-PB** during 10

cumulative years, moving it from black and white print and distribution, to color, and then into digital format and electronic distribution.

In addition Erik was also cited for exceptional service as **DSO-VE** during the period of time that the original CME program transitioned to the current VSC program. During that time he published 36 consecutive VSC Newsletters keeping the membership engaged in the process and knowledgeable of all the changes that were taking place.



As an added note, Erik is also the designer of the current Auxiliary Fifth District Southern Region Flag.



### WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You've been meeting and greeting boaters all day at your favorite launching ramp, performing multiple VSC's and spreading the Safety "word".

You are approached by an individual who is spending the day on his buddies boat that you've just completed a VSC on. The boat had an easily corrected problem and you're about to do a re-exam.

This person begins to question you about various things pertaining to his own boat sitting at home on a trailer. It seems that this relatively new vessel has some "quirks" that don't sound quite right to you. The individual tells you that he's heard rumors that this brand of boat had a factory recall, and questions you on how he can get that kind of information.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Would you – tell this guy "Hey! we're not marine surveyors, get one of those guys to help you out"

**OR**

What?

The answer is elsewhere in this issue.

## WHY CALL THIS PUBLICATION BOATING SAFETY ADVOCATE?

This name was selected because I believe it best spells out our primary mission that the Coast Guard is asking us to perform. This is what Webster's says about the word *advocate*:

**ad·vo·cate** (ad'və kit; for v., -kāt') *n.* [*< L ad-*, to + *vocare*, to call] one who speaks or writes in support of another or a cause — *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing to be an advocate of —

AND

**advocate v. bolster, push, further, advance; see also PROMOTE 1.**

Well there you have it, although a little simplistic, it's the basic formula that outlines what we the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary do.

We **SPEAK** and **WRITE** in support of Boating Safety.

We **BOLSTER** Recreational Boating Safety messages.

We **PUSH** to bring Boating Safety knowledge to all those enjoying our waterways.

We **FURTHER** Safe Boating practices.

We **ADVANCE** all Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Missions.

We **PROMOTE** all facets of on-the-water boating safety.

Each of us accomplish these tasks in various ways as our qualifications, backgrounds and skills sets dictate, all with the end goal of assisting the Coast Guard in it's overall missions.

All of us need to remember that each hour that we volunteer our time and talents to the Coast Guard, we're easing the overall workload for active and reserve duty CG teams, so they may focus on keeping the American Homeland safe and secure.

Erik Amato FSO-PB 03-10 5SR

## UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**February 15, 2016 . . . . Flotilla Meeting – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Callao, VA**



**National Safe Boating Week . . . . . May 21 – 27, 2016**





# WHY OUR AUXILIARY RBS MISSION IS SO IMPORTANT!



**T**he number of registered recreational boats continues to increase each year, along with the numbers of individuals that participate in water sport activities. The task of keeping them safe and out of harms way also continues to be a monumental task. Organizations such as our Auxiliary, the US Power Squadron, and various State and local law enforcement groups push to educate the general public, yet we still see problems such as these occurring.

All of our outreach programs such as Vessel Safety Checks, Public Education, Program Visitors, and our other activities that bring us in front of those who need the safety messages we bring to them, can help to eliminate or at least decrease the catastrophic accidents and possible loss of life that these pictures illustrate. **WHAT EACH OF US DOES-MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

Erik Amato FSO-PB 03-10 5SR



**KEEP SHARP! . . . KEEP CURRENT!  
KEEP TRAINING!**

***HERE'S A SAMPLING OF SOME OF THE CLASSES  
AVAILABLE AT D-TRAIN***

**Tactical Situational Awareness Training**

This course will discuss:

- Using diversity to solicit information from suspect individuals during missions
- The evolving role of Auxiliary members to support USCG in domestic intelligence gathering
- "Tactical Situational Awareness" when conducting your mission for your safety
- Documenting observations and/or taking photographs that might have an evidentiary/lead value to law enforcement
- Terrorist/extremist organizations and their targets

Led by Alvin Powell

**Operations Workshop**

This class is based on the requirements of the QE program for coxswains to initially qualify or re-qualify every 3 years.

The class will go over the basics the coxswain should know how to perform and various new requirements in the District Operations program and the Coast Guard AOM program.

The information is intended as a refresher to all coxswains so they will know what the QE will be looking for during a check ride.

This class will be general in nature, but will include specialty items from each Sector and requirements for the whole District.

Led by past DCAPT-HR Gary Derby

**Public Affairs Workshop**

This course will update Public Affairs officers and Auxiliarists alike regarding current developments in Recreational Boating Safety. Learn how to enhance your presentations and explore the many ways we brand our messages to the boating public. We will discuss the position called "Public Affairs Apprentice" and how you can quickly become a growing part of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Public Affairs mission. Come join us and discover why all Auxiliarists play a role in Public Affairs.

Led by DSO-PA Al Romero

**Vessel Examiner/Program Visitor Workshop**

The purpose of this combined workshop is to:

- Provide a learning experience to help USCG Auxiliary members become a certified Vessel Examiner or a Program Visitor.
- Help experienced Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors review program material in preparation for the upcoming boating season
- Address scenarios covering 95-99% of the vessels VE's will come in to contact with
- Cover key sticking points with regard to Operational Facility (OPFAC) Inspections
- Provide a table top discussion opportunities for best practices.

Led by DSO-PV John Grubb & DSO-VE Vince Cerverizzo



**D5SR 2016 D-Train Schedule—Training Opportunities on Saturday, February 13, 2016**

Saturday	Capital A	Capital B	Capital C	Capital D	Capital E
0800-0915	Positive Leadership	Honor Guard/Funeral Ceremonial	Auxiliary Measurements	Robotics Certification	New Member Boot Camp
0930-1045	HR Workshop	Food Service Workshop	Navigating AUXINFO		
1100-1215	Materials Workshop	Diversity Workshop	VE/PV Workshop		
1230-1330	AWARDS LUNCHEON				
1345-1500	Advanced Uniform Wear	Public Education Workshop	Marine Safety Workshop	AUXAIR Program	Coast Guard Auxiliary Ethics
1515-1630	Grant Writing Workshop	Tactical Awareness	Operations Workshop	Public Affairs Workshop	Curbstone



**WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

**WHAT GREAT TIMING . . .** We now have a resource directed at this very question. Here's how you can answer.

To make it easier for marine manufacturers to let boat owners know about mandated defect recalls and to increase the number of boat owners who are notified about them, BoatUS has launched the BoatUS National Recall Alert Registry, which is the first of its kind in the nation.

Often warranty information doesn't get back to the manufacturer or the boats are re-sold and no information is sent to cover the transfer of ownership and the names and addresses of the new owners.

There is a website: [www.BoatUS.com/mfrRecall](http://www.BoatUS.com/mfrRecall) that allows owners to register their boats in the database for notification if and when a recalls occurs on their particular vessel. The database is privacy protected.

The Coast Guard maintains an entire recall database at the web address: [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) where boat owners can do their own search for recalls.

Keep these two web addresses in your VSC Kit for easy reference for the boater who needs the information.

**SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW!**

**NEW CHANGE COMING SOON!**

**SECTOR BALTIMORE**

**HAS A NAME CHANGE SCHEDULED SOME TIME THIS SPRING/SUMMER**

**IT WILL CHANGE TO**

**SECTOR MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**



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## MAKING WAVES . . .

## HAVING FUN !



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND  
PHOTOS OF AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES  
AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO:

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**trawler@wildblue.net**

(Editors Reminder - all that you do is significant and  
important! Share it with others in this publication.)

### Fifth Southern Flotilla 03-10 Elected and Appointed Officers 2016

Flotilla Commander . . . . .	Joseph C. Riley
Flotilla Vice Commander . . . . .	G. Edward Gray, Jr
Communications . . . . .	Donald Chamberlain
Communications Services . . . . .	Erik H. Amato
Finance . . . . .	Oliver M. Knight
Human Resources . . . . .	Gary I Palsgrove
Information Services . . . . .	John F. O'Neil
Materials . . . . .	Glen R. Thomason
Member Training . . . . .	Julian W. Everly
Navigation Systems . . . . .	Charles B. Thomas
Operations . . . . .	Joseph C. Riley
Public Affairs . . . . .	G. Edward Gray, Jr
Publications . . . . .	Erik H. Amato
Public Education . . . . .	Vacant
RBS Program Visitor . . . . .	Philip K. Landry
Secretary/Records . . . . .	Andris Baltins
Vessel Examinations . . . . .	David J. Brack