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THE GAZETTEER

Official Newsletter of Division 5 Hampton Roads



The Gazetteer Reintroduction

Hello and welcome to the reintroduction of the Gazetteer. As many mariners know, a gazetteer is used to index important maritime information for reference. We hope to create a similarly informative and relevant publication that you will find both useful and interesting. This newsletter will be published quarterly each year and will include pertinent news and information. If you would like to submit an article for publication, or if you have a suggestion for consideration, please feel free to pass it along.



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A Message from Division Commander

As the newly elected division commander with Robert Ashurst as your vice division commander, we look forward to this year with you all and working toward a STRONGER division for Hampton Roads. I'm going to be honest, Division 5 is struggling with participation and getting leaders in the flotillas. This year we only have one vice flotilla leader in a flotilla, so please be patient with your flotilla commanders, and let's all work together to build a stronger division. Here are some of the goals Robert and I are working toward:

1. Increasing Retention and Recruitment
2. Building up activities and participation in activities
3. Adding a one new facility
4. Updating Communication and Transparency

I plan to visit all the flotillas at least two times throughout the year to meet with you, award individuals, and listen to how we can become a STRONGER Division. I challenge each of you to please participate where you can. Your participation not only expands boater safety, it encourages people to get interested and learn more about the Auxiliary. I pledge to participate in all division outreach events and I invite you to do the same. I have included the list of events on the back of this newsletter. I look forward to an exciting 2024.



2024 Change of Watch



We started this year with a change of watch attended by special guests Deputy Sector Virginia Peggy Britton, Director of the Auxiliary District Fifth South, Commander David Otani, Jim Thomas, Auxiliary District Fifth South Chief of Staff, and David Gamble, District Captain Sector Virginia. During the change of watch, we honored those who could not be with us, awarded individuals in Division 5, heard from our special guests, and swore in the 2024 Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla and Division Staff officers.



Division Leadership

- Division Commander: Nathan Dull
- Vice Commander: Robert Ashurst
- Staff Officer Navigation Services: Fred Hetzel
- Staff Officer Communications Services: Rawl Gelinas
- Staff Officer Finance: Gary Alvis
- Staff Officer Human Resources: Phillip Stone
- Staff Officer Information System: George Langdon
- Staff Officer Materials: Philip Stone
- Staff Officer Operations: Richard Dunnington
- Staff Officer Recreational Boating Safety Visitor: Robert Ashurst
- Staff Officer Secretary: Nathan Dull
- Staff Officer Vessel Examinations: Richard Dunnington



Flotilla Leadership

- 05-01 Virginia Beach Flotilla Commander: Richard Dunnington
- 05-01 Virginia Beach Vice Flotilla Commander: Theresa Betancourt
- 05-07 Lynnhaven Flotilla Commander: Charles Hurd
- 05-08 Portsmouth Flotilla Commander: Robert Reichner
- 05-09 Smithfield Flotilla Commander: Mark Middlecoop

If you need to contact a division officer, please route your request through the appropriate chain of leadership.

Upcoming Events

Important Due Dates:

JANUARY 2024

- 24 FSO-FN & FSO-MA submit Form 7025 to FC & VFC.
- 31 Completed and signed Flotilla Form 7025 due to DCDR & SO-FN.

FEBRUARY 2024

- 13 @ 1900 Division Meeting

MARCH 2024

- 15 DCDR and DSO reports due to DCAPT and DDC
- 31 Approved Flotilla budget copy due to DCDR.

APRIL 2024

- 05-07 D-Train, Marriott Shortpump, Richmond, VA.
- 09 @ 1900 Division Meeting.
- 12-14 S-Train, TraCen Yorktown, VA.
- 31 Approved flotilla budget copy due to DCDR.

MAY 2024

- 18 – 24 National Safe Boating Week
- 31 Approved Flotilla budget copy due to DCDR.
- 31 NACO Three Star Award for DV Excellence nominations due to DCO via chain of approval: (FC to ANACO-DVd with cc to FSO, SO, & DSO-DV).

Outreach Events:

- February 2, 3, & 4 2024 Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show (Virginia Beach) (5-1 lead)
- June 2024 HarborFest (5-7 Lead)
- September 21-22 NAS Oceana Airshow (DCDR)