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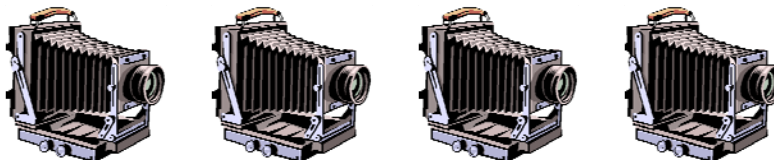


Wayne Mulligan, DCDR

As we begin the month of June, we in Division 20 will be celebrating the retirement of Chief Boatswain's Mate Kenneth Grande as he hands over the command at Station Hobucken to Chief Boatswain's Mate Nathan Jones. The celebration on June 29 will be a joyous occasion for those in the USCG Auxiliary. We will be celebrating that we have had the honor and pleasure to work with Chief Grande in his capacity with the USCG. His ability to bring levity to the very serious business being carried out by those at the Station each and every day in a most professional manner is unique. His support of and reliance on the assets available to him from the Auxiliary have had a great impact on not only those of us in the Auxiliary, but added significantly to the ability of those at the station to perform the necessary daily tasks. The fact that Ken has chosen to continue his support of the USCG by joining the Auxiliary is another joy for those of us working with him. His talents, whether teaching in the classroom or on a facility in the water, are first rate. We and the boating public are the beneficiaries of his wealth of knowledge and more importantly, his desire to share that knowledge with others. His work to facilitate collaboration among the three flotillas under his command has resulted in superior training opportunities for all in the division and his decision to continue that work as an Auxiliarist will continue those efforts.

Congratulations, Chief Grande on your retirement from active duty and thank you for your service to America from all of us who are pleased to call you not only boss, but also friend.

SEMPER PARATUS



Photographers wanted: Bring a camera to all flotilla activities. SHOW is always better—clearer and more concise—than TELL. Help capture the history of your flotilla by photographing all our missions and submitting articles and photos to editor Don Lindberg at dlinberg1@embarqmail.com.

Web Site

<http://a05420.wow.uscgaux.info/>

Agenda

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- VCDR Remarks
- Staff Reports
- Flotilla Commanders' Reports
- DCDR Remarks
- Presentations/Awards
- Open Forum
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

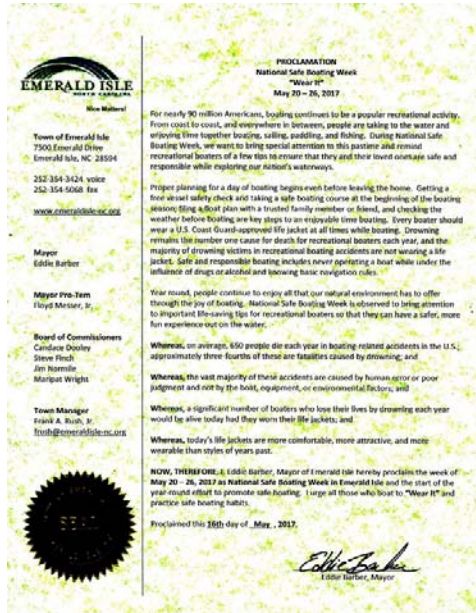
Officers for 2017

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| DCDR | Wayne Mulligan |
| VCDR | David Fort |
| IPDCDR | Heinz Rister |
| SO-CM | Thomas Wiggins |
| SO-CS | Melissa McLauren |
| SO-DV | Alvin Powell |
| SO-FN | Benjamin Reed |
| SO-FS | Vacant |
| SO-HR | Thomas Labuda |
| SO-IS | Elliott Roberts |
| SO-MA | Benjamin Reed |
| SO-MS | Vacant |
| SO-MT | Karl Mielenhausen |
| SO-NS | Barbara Pohlman |
| SO-OP | Fred Jelinek |
| SO-PA | vacant |
| SO-PB | Donald Lindberg |
| SO-PE | Steve Mathusek |
| SO-PV | Filippo Pagano |
| SO-SR | David Fort |
| SO-VE | Wayne Mulligan |

FCs for 2017

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| 20-01 | Tom LaBuda |
| 20-02 | Heinz Rister |
| 20-03 | Thomas Wiggins |
| 20-04 | Bill Flynn |
| 20-06 | John Anderson |
| 20-10 | Fred Jelinek |

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Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

- Whereas**, for nearly 90 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and
- Whereas**, year-round, people continue to enjoy all that our natural environment has to offer through the joy of boating; and
- Whereas**, proper planning for a day of boating begins even before leaving the home. Getting a free vessel safety check and taking a safe boating course at the beginning of the boating season, filing a float plan with a trusted family member or friend, and checking the weather before boating are key steps to an enjoyable time boating; and
- Whereas**, knowing important life-saving tips for recreational boaters will help to ensure that they and their loved ones are safe and responsible so that they can have a safer, more fun experience while exploring our nation's waterways; and
- Whereas**, safe and responsible boating includes never operating a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and knowing basic navigation rules; and
- Whereas**, every boater should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times while boating. Today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past; and
- Whereas**, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately three-fourths of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and
- Whereas**, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and
- Whereas**, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors.
- Now Therefore**, I, Mayor Scott Chadwick, on behalf of the Swansboro Board of Commissioners do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign (Wear It) and proclaim May 20-26, 2017 as "NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.
- In Witness, Thereof**, I urge all those who boat to "Wear It" and practice safe-boating habits.

This 18th day of May 2017.

Paula W. Webb
Paula W. Webb, Town Clerk

Scott Chadwick
Mayor Scott Chadwick

The Mayors of the towns of Emerald Isle and Swansboro have publicly provided their proclamations to the Swansboro Flotilla (054-20-10) supporting National Safe Boating Week.

In addition, WCTI-TV interviewed and filmed both Gold- and Silver-side members at the Emerald Isle Station and at the Emerald Boat ramp on 20 May illustrating Auxiliary and active-duty Coast Guard safe-boating activities. **[Submitted by Carl Rauschenberg]**

VSCs at Station Emerald Isle



Vince Starace, David Burrell, and Bill Gerdson conducted vessel safety checks on the pier at Station Emerald Isle during Memorial Day weekend. The station opened its outside pier so we could do VSCs. With the station's RB-M 45 in the background, Gold and Silver sides combined to perform our joint mission of safe boating by ensuring the boats have the required equipment. **[Submitted by Carl Rauschenberg]**

Flotilla 20-01 Awards and Activities

On 28 April 2017 Flotilla 20-01 (New River) participated in the annual seasonal opening of Camp Lejeune's Gottschalk Marina. Flotilla members provided various brochures and related items focusing on recreational boating safety, the Waterway Watch program, and Auxiliary recruiting. Questions from attendees were answered and three vessel safety checks were conducted. The flotilla also left the marina well supplied with various materials to further educate their customers. Additionally, mention of the flotilla's participation in this event was noted in the base newspaper, the *Globe*. **[Submitted by Steve Sayko]**

Bath Fireworks



Bunyan FD boat



Skydiver



The big show

On 27 May, Bath continued its celebrations with a concert, skydivers, and fireworks. Most of the area's on-water response teams were on site (NC Wildlife, Sydney Dive Team, Bunyan and Bath FDs, USCG, Auxiliary, et al) as more than a hundred boats anchored in the small Bath Creek area to celebrate. Station Hobucken and Flotilla 20-06 served as picket boats to keep the danger area clear. When we stopped boats entering Bath Creek from the Pamlico River, we had excellent cooperation; all vessels thanked us for our warnings and anchored where we directed. [Submitted and photos by Don Lindberg]

Flotilla 20-02 VSCs



On 6 May Bob Leibet, FSO-VE, along with other Flotilla 20-02 qualified vessel examiners Ben Crabtree, Ruth Dickens, and Sandy Roberts went to Crow's Nest Marina to perform a day of safety vessel inspections. Crow's Nest Yacht Club is located on the causeway of Atlantic Beach, N.C. and has direct access to the Intracoastal Waterway. The surrounding waters in this area at times can become extremely crowded with recreational boats, commercial and military vessels. Navigating through this waterway safety can test the skills of the most seasoned captain. Compounding the crowded marine environment with recreational boats that don't meet minimum federal boating safety standards becomes a formula for disaster. Providing free vessel exams makes the waterways safer for travel and recreation on our waterways. VSCs provide the Auxiliarist an opportunity to impart important safety information to recreational boaters. It might be the one piece of advice that will help the captain to navigate home safely at the end of a fun day on the water.. [Submitted and photos by Dave Tolley]



Minutes of Division 20 Meeting 3 June 2017

Division Meeting was called to order by Wayne Mulligan, DCDR, at 1003 at the River Bend Town Hall in River Bend, NC. A quorum was present.

Elected officers present: Mulligan, DCDR; Fort, VCDR; Rister, IPDCDR; Labuda, FC, 20-01; Rister, FC, 20-02; Wiggins, FC, 20-03; Flynn, FC, 20-04; Anderson, FC, 20-06; Lindberg, VFC 20-06.

Staff officers present: Wiggins, SO-CM; McLauren, SO-CS; Powell, SO-DV; Labuda, SO-HR; Roberts, SO-IS; Pohlman, SO-NS; Lindberg, SO-PB; Pagano, SO-PV; Fort, SO-SR; and Mulligan, SO-VE.

Guests present: none

DCDR Mulligan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The DCDR asked for approval of the April meeting minutes. On motion by Labuda, seconded by Flynn, the minutes were approved.

The 30 May Financial Report was approved on motion by Rister, seconded by Lindberg.

The DCDR requested that all Flotilla Financial Reports be sent to the DCDR and VCDR in addition to the SO-FN.

Michelle Thornton, DCOS, has instituted a program to recognize excellence in wearing the uniform. The DCDR distributed recognition cards to the Flotilla FCs. A drawing will be held at D-Train and the winner will get a complete set of ODUs.

Bosun McAloon has requested assistance with a weekly report of all Auxiliary significant activities in Sector North Carolina. Please submit significant upcoming Flotilla activities to the DCDR and VCDR every Tuesday so they can get them to Mr. McAloon by Wednesday.

Mulligan reported that 2016 had achieved the highest boating fatality rate in years, up 12% over last year. He reminded all that PE, PA, VE, on-water, and PV activities help to reduce the numbers.

He mentioned the incident of a Division 20 member going into the water off a dock at the end of a night patrol. The Station Hobucken-supplied PFD worked, and there was no injury to the individual or damage. It was recommended that PFDs be worn at all times while on the dock (i.e. not left on the facility). Personal vigilance is most important. Remind all Operational people that they should pull the cord if they know they are going in the water and not wait for the automatic inflation which could take up to 10 seconds.

Hurricane season officially started 1 June; we are now in Condition 5, which was reviewed.

SO-IS Roberts was recognized for his excellent pre-meeting division reports.

The e-mail distributed clarification concerning towing policy and procedure was discussed.

DIRAUX weekly report issues were reviewed; the DCDR will address several problems.

The VCDR thanked all the FCs and SOs for their cooperation in report submission and he and the SO-DV reviewed the DV suggestions included in his report.

Old Business: The need for new leaders to replace the current DCDR and VCDR for 2018 was discussed. Letters of intent are requested by the end of July.

New Business: Issues with the 2017 COW and discussion of possible locations and times for the 2018 COW were then brought to the group. Pagano volunteered to research and negotiate for the Division. Results will be reviewed by the DCDR, VCDR and Pagano and a recommendation will be made at the August meeting.

The DCDR announced that, as a result of the prior FC's resignation, Tom Wiggins was elected and will serve as the FC for 20-03 through the end of the year.

An election screening committee was appointed consisting of Fort, McLauren, and Roberts.

D-Train will occur from 15 through 17 September.

Unannounced accountability drills will be done in June, September, and December. FCs were asked to ensure their members know their need to respond. The VCDR also urged the FCs to have a plan for a major storm such as Irene or Matthew where there is limited or no phone or internet available.

Good of the organization: Rister, through his membership in the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, informed the group of several activities which the DCDR will

disseminate. Included were "Wreaths across America," a Purple Heart celebration in New Bern, Chamber of Commerce night with the Marlins (free tickets available for 15 June), and the Soldier of the Quarter (a Marine and a Coastie – the next one being 21 July).

Powell invited participation in a PAL event recognizing Station Hobucken and Chief Grande on 20 June. Details will be distributed.

Flynn received a request for Auxiliary assistance for "Cats to the Cape." He will forward to Jelinek for further action.

Pohlman asked that the FCs ask their FSO-IS to send all 7030s involving ATON reports to her prior to being sent to the SO-IS. The SO-IS will also check to make sure she has seen them before posting.

Rister indicated that new members who have completed FEMA courses (such as ICS courses) in their worklife, but cannot find a certificate indicating same can get them on-line through FEMA. Apparently, FEMA retains records and can issue a lost certificate of completion. He also mentioned the FSO changes in 20-02 due to moves and resignations.

There being no further business to come before the members, on motion by Labuda, seconded by Wiggins, the meeting was adjourned at 1130.

Respectfully submitted by David Fort, SO-SR

Division 20 Meeting Schedule for 2017

4 February–1000

1 April– 1000

3 June–1000

5 August–Picnic–1100–Fort's

7 October–1000

2 December–1000

All meetings will be held at the River Bend Town Hall, in the Town Council Chambers beginning at 1000, with the exception of the August meeting/picnic. [Submitted by Wayne G. Mulligan, DCDR]

A Note to All Flotillas

20-20 Vision is dedicated to recording the history of Division 20. Please submit articles and pictures of your events, missions, awards, classes, fellowship, etc. so that your part in the division's activities will be recorded. Even if you do not currently have a newsletter or a web site, having a member record your activities is an important part of our mission. Photographs and videos can do much to ensure that the efforts of your members are noted and respected. How will anyone know what your flotilla has accomplished if no one records the activities? Members with cameras are the first step to preserving your activities in support of the US Coast Guard. Such images are also strong tools for recruitment.

Flotilla 20-04's School Water n' Kids Safety Classes



St. Paul School on 28 April



Calvary Baptist School on 24 May

20-04 had a very busy and productive month of May. One of the major highlights included members Pagano, Genovese and Bendicksen presenting several more School Water n' Kids Safety Classes, Presentations this spring reached approximately 400 students. [Submitted by Dave Fort; photos by TJ Bendicksen]

Lessons Learned—Always Follow the Rules

As we all know (or should know), all members going on patrol or working on docks and vessels must wear their PFDs. The purpose of this rule was clearly illustrated at the end of the Bath fireworks patrol. A member stepped onto the dark finger pier, then took one more step—directly into the open adjacent slip. The station-issued PFD performed correctly and the member was unharmed, floating face-up in the slip. Unfortunately, an I-Phone and a camera were less waterproof than the member and are no longer operational. Had the PFDs been stored aboard (and therefore removed before leaving the facility), the outcome might have been much worse. VEs and crewmembers must be mindful that accidents happen, and often to those not prepared for them. The safety of all boaters (Auxiliarists included) is the main purpose of all our RBS efforts, and our first step is to be certain to follow the rules meant to keep us safe. [Submitted by Don Lindberg]

*** Attention All New VEs ***

The USCGAUX National site and Safety Seal.net lists Vessel Examiners by ZIP Code so boat owners can request a VSC. To add your contact information to the site, go to <http://www.safetyseal.net/GetVSC/EnterNewExaminer.asp> and enter your information at the bottom of the page. Boat owners in your area can go to the site, find examiners in their area, and contact them via email. If the majority of our VEs are listed here, we may increase our number of VSCs for the year.

Help Wanted

[Branch Chief, Electronic Communications \(BC-BRI\)](#) The National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach ("B") Directorate seeks a qualified chief of the Electronic Communications Branch. Incumbent is webmaster for B-Directorate. Reports to DVC-BR.

[Branch Assistant, Paddlecraft Safety Ashore \(BA-BPA\)](#) The National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach ("B") Directorate seeks a qualified branch assistant, Paddlecraft Safety Ashore. Reports to BC-BPA.

[Branch Chief, Paddlecraft Safety Underway \(BC-BPU\)](#) The National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach ("B") Directorate seeks a qualified branch chief, Paddlecraft Safety Underway. Reports to DVC-BP.

[Directorate of Vessel Examination and Partner Visitation, Branch Chief- Special Outreach Programs/East \(BC-VSE\)](#) The National Vessel Examination and Program Visitor Directorate has an immediate opening for a motivated individual to serve in the new position of Branch Chief-Special Outreach Programs/East of the Special Projects Division.

FEMA Records

Occasionally, we have someone who has taken the required FEMA ICS courses, but doesn't have any certificate to support that claim. According to the FEMA Independent Study website, "if you have an inquiry regarding the FEMA Independent Study Program, NIMS or other Emergency Management Institute (EMI) related requests such as: requests for certificates, transcripts, online test scores/results, please contact the FEMA Independent Study program office at [301-447-1200](tel:301-447-1200) or email independent.study@fema.dhs.gov for further assistance. Please do not contact the FEMA SID help desk as they are unable to provide assistance with these requests". [Submitted by Wayne Mulligan]



Flotillas 20-04 and 20-03 Combined Crew Training



1. Tom Wiggins, Penny Larson and Wayne Mulligan on 25500 and Fil Pagano on 201204 during debrief.
2. Penny Larson on Oriental facility 25500 during towing evolution with New Bern 201204. [Submitted by Wayne Mulligan; photos by TJ Bendicksen]

Division Anniversaries 2017—June

None.

Division Elections

Division elections will be held at the October meeting. Letters of intent need to be received by the August meeting. Both the DCDR and VCDR positions need candidates. Please poll your flotillas and remind members that we need people to step up and take elected offices.

Recruitment



Let's make 2017 a record-setting year for new members. Bring a friend to a meeting—discuss the Auxiliary with neighbors—get the word out that we exist, do very useful services, and enjoy ourselves in the process. One excellent way to get our message out is to address local service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Elks, Ruritan, VFW, etc.). Our PE classes and PA events are other great sources of new members.

Report Your Hours

It is essential for the good of the Auxiliary and for the good of the USCG as well, for all members to report their hours and missions. Only half of our members file their 7029s regularly. Aside from the flotilla records and the addition to the USCG budget that those hours represent, the mileage as recorded in the Annual Member Letter is usually deductible on income tax. Please file your 7029s regularly—everyone benefits.

