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From the Helm



Wayne Mulligan, DCDR

As we begin the second half of 2017, let's look back at how we have performed so far. While we won't look at actual numbers because of reporting delays, suffice it to say that in the area of public affairs, we are doing very well, likewise in public education. In the area of vessel safety checks, we have already surpassed our 2016 numbers with several months of prime time remaining. Several flotillas have also done an admirable job in the realm of recruiting new members. Where we have not done such a good job is in the area of succession of elected officers, particularly at the division level. I am surprised and dismayed that no one has shown the desire to offer their talents to bring the division to the next level by stepping up to volunteer and run for either division elected office. Certainly it comes as no surprise to anyone that I cannot continue as DCDR and because of the lack of members volunteering to fill appointed staff offices, VCDR David Fort has offered to take on additional responsibilities. For him to continue on in his current office or to run for DCDR would require him to spend an inordinate amount of time on behalf of the Auxiliary. We have both expressed that we would like to have one or more candidate(s) who could work with us for the remainder of this year to be able to hit the ground with momentum going into next year. For the flotillas of Division 20 to remain viable and allow us to continue to serve the needs of the boating public and the USCG, we need to have more members step up to fill, not only elected offices, but also staff officer positions. Let's try to get more members involved between now and the end of the year so we can go into 2018 at full speed.

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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 |

Chief Grande Retires



Chief's Awards



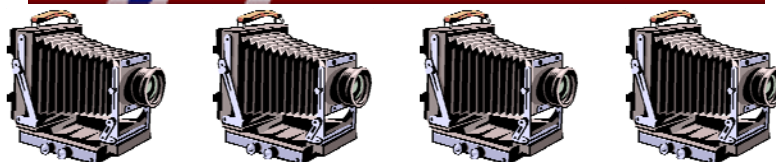
Where to start the cut?



AUXFS

On Thursday, 29 June 2017, Chief Grande retired from the United States Coast Guard so he may spend more time working at a new pay rate as an Auxiliarist with Swansboro Flotilla 20-10. Station Hobucken hosted a Change of Command ceremony where Chief Grande was relieved of his duties by incoming Chief Jones, followed by Chief Grande's retirement ceremony. Chief Grande was presented with a beautiful oak ship's wheel, containing the US flag, challenge coins from his various commands, and his awards. The luncheon following the ceremony was catered by Coast Guard Auxiliary FS personnel, using the galley at Station Hobucken. Executive chef (and newest member of New Bern Flotilla 20-04) Chris Maravelas worked his magic on the grill, cooking barbequed chicken to perfection. Also on the serving line were hotdogs for the kids (and kids at heart), baked beans, pasta salads, coleslaw, watermelon, and iced tea. Assisting Chris in the galley were George Maravelas and Steve Mathusek.

[Submitted and photos by Steve Mathusek]



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 dlindberg1@embarqmail.com.

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]

*** 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.



USCGC *Elm* Change of Command



LCDR Nolan and CDR Gomez



CS/FS crew, Vince Starace, John Starace, two of the *Elm* CS crew

The Change of Command on the USCGC *Elm*, stationed out of Fort Macon, took place on Friday, 30 June 2017. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Kellee M. Nolan relieved Cmdr. Robert H. Gomez as commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter *Elm* during a ceremony in Atlantic Beach. Gomez was promoted to commander during the change-of-command ceremony. He will report to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he will work in human resources.

The CS crew of the *Elm* was bolstered by Auxiliary FS members John Starace, Vince Starace, and Steve Mathusek from Swansboro Flotilla 20-10. The luncheon following the ceremony was substantial and diverse. The various offerings consisted of bacon-wrapped scallops, bacon-wrapped bleu cheese stuffed dates, pulled pork, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, mac and cheese, baked beans, veggie burgers, and various condiments and embellishments. The CS crew did a fantastic job planning and preparing the food, and the Auxiliarist FS supplied the extra hands needed for preparation and serving. It was a great Team Blue endeavor. [Submitted by Steve Mathusek]

PA Booth with Vidant Health Care



How long does it last?



Here comes help

On 17 Jun 2017, Flotilla 20-06 teamed with Vidant Health Care to hold a health awareness event. Our decomposition board attracted children and parents. They had to match up the item with the number of years it would take for it to decompose. Those who got half of them correct received a gift. We had a constant line for this test of knowledge. Vidant sponsored a Dunk Tank and a Tug of war. A surf simulation pool showed how waves change the coastline. Finally, Vidant flew in one of their medical helicopters for everyone to see. The event wrapped up about 30 minutes early due to an on-coming thunderstorm. [Submitted by Don Lindberg; photos by Tom Marchisello]

Community Cooperation—Get Everyone Involved
USCG Auxiliary—US Coast Guard—Sail and Power Squadron—Police Activities League



Alvin presents plaque to Chief Grande



Watch that drone



Survival suit drill



Instructors at work

Each summer the Beaufort County Police Activities League (BCPAL) conducts a four-week aviation, boating, and marine ecology camp. From June 12 until July 7 2017, students learned about flight aerodynamics; desktop flight training device and a real airplane; swimming; scuba diving; sailing, building a hot-air balloon and a hydro-electric powerplant, boat buoyancy projects, marine ecology, and visiting military bases including a field trip to USCG Station Hobucken.

During the trip to USCG Station Hobucken, BCPAL President Al Powell presented both the Station and the retiring Station Commander with a Certificate of Appreciation for the years of support Station Hobucken has given BCPAL. BCPAL President Alvin Powell is also the FSO-DV and SO-DV reflecting the spirit of collaboration between the two organizations.

The summer camp also featured a novel four-hour "Youth Orientation Boating Course" taught by several members of the Washington Flotilla. This instruction exposed the students to powerboat and sailboat components, propulsion systems, personal watercraft, and classroom projects regarding buoyancy, navigation, and marine charts. Ray Midgett from Flotilla 20-06 also demonstrated drones and explained the aerodynamics and controls of this new technology.

The Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron also participated in the summer camp this year for the first time as part of the collaboration between BCPAL, the USCG, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Sail and Power Squadron. The Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron presentation exposed the students to boating and navigation with their unique "virtual" desk-top boating simulator which was a hit with the students.. [Submitted by Don Lindberg]

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]**

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.

Division Anniversaries 2017—July

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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



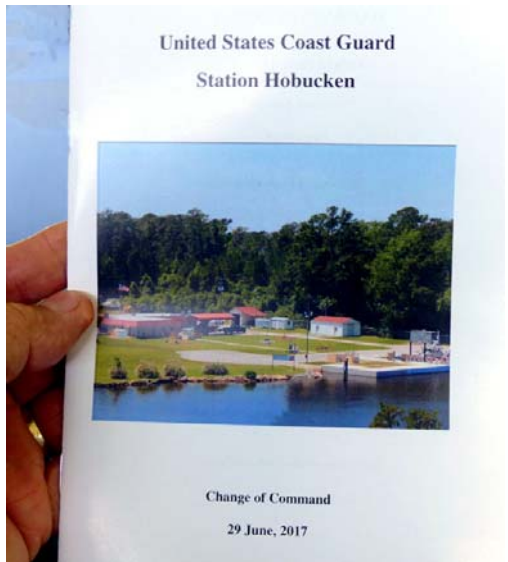
Let's make 2017 a record-setting year for new members. Bring a friend to a meeting—discuss the Auxiliary with neighbors—get the word out that we exist, do very useful services, and enjoy ourselves in the process. One excellent way to get our message out is to address local service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Elks, Ruritans, 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.



Station Hobucken Change of Watch and Chief Grande Retirement



On 29 Jun 2017, Station Hobucken held a Change of Command Ceremony followed by a retirement ceremony for Chief Grande. Several flotillas attended the event to greet Chief Grande's replacement and wish Ken Grande a happy retirement and new career in the USCG Auxiliary. [Submitted by Don Lindberg; photos by Andy Anderson]

