



20-20 Vision

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From the Helm



Glenn Baxter, DCDR

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, are healthy and doing well. Looking forward to the year ahead. The Division 20 Change of Watch took place at The Flame in New Bern on 6 January 2023. Unfortunately, some members who were to be recognized were unable to attend due to illness or other obligations. Eric Reese "Piped the Crowd" to their seats with his bagpipes and the ceremony began. David Fort did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies. Ben Reed was recognized as Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 20; Andy Anderson received the Bobby Swindell Award; and a special award went to the leaders of Flotilla 20-06, David Silberstein and Dale Benson, for their outstanding support of Diversity. The USCG was represented by CAPT Matthew Baer, Sector North Carolina; CDR J. David Block, Director, D5SR; BMCS Jason Gazzillo; Station Hobuken; BMCS Todd Ghormley, Station Fort Macon; BM1 Joseph Toth and BM2 Jason Williams, Station Emerald Isle.

My comments for the year: "It is my honor, and privilege to have you all here this evening. I'd like to thank David Fort for MC duties along with all of the "Behind the scenes heavy lifting" in order to make this event such a success. Also, would like to thank Ben Reed for collecting the money and getting the food order in. Fil Pagano, thank you for your mentorship this past year. And Eric Reese, thanks for piping in the crowd. We all know that the flotilla is the backbone of the Auxiliary, where the rubber meets the road. The division should enable them, be their advocate, stay out of their way, let them do their jobs and see their results. I want to take a moment to cover the many great achievements and personal accomplishments of Division 20 last year:

- 310 Coxswain and 378 Crewmember hours
- 166 Culinary support hours
- Over 500 Public Visits
- Over 700 Vessel Exams
- Over 230 Instructor Hours
- Over 90 Aids to Navigation verified

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 2022

DCDR	Glenn Baxter
VCDR	William Gerdson
IPDCDR	Fil Pagano
SO-AS	Pat Curley
SO-CA	Ken Barefoot
SO-CM	William Neilson
SO-CS	Melissa McLauren
SO-DV	Alvin Powell
SO-FN	Benjamin Reed
SO-HR	Thomas LaBuda
SO-IS	Karl Mielenhausen
SO-MA	David Fort
SO-MS	Daniel Boyette
SO-MT	Wayne Mulligan
SO-NS	Glenn Baxter
SO-OP	Bruce Clarkson
SO-PA	Charles Peterson
SO-PB	Donald Lindberg
SO-PE	William Gerdson
SO-PV	Helen Andrews
SO-SR	Eric Reese
SO-VE	Jeff Michael

FCs for 2023

20-01	Jim Abbott
20-02	Sue Hamann
20-04	Lavick Williams
20-06	Dale Benson
20-10	Pam Carriker

Recruited 19 new members to offset the 22 losses

Also we grew a new Coxswain, Boat crew Member, Qualification Examiner, Paddle craft Operator, Aids to Navigation Verifier, TCT Trainer/Facilitator, several new instructors, PVs and VEs. All of the flotillas conducted dozens of Public Affairs events throughout the AOR, plus all coxswains and boat crew successfully completed their check rides recertifying for another three years. Also, two flotillas received the Three Star NACO Award for Diversity as did Division 20.

Overall, it was a highly successful year after almost two years of emerging from the grips of COVID 19, curtailing our ability to help the boating public. You all hit the bricks running. Well done everyone! You have much to be proud of. I would be remiss if I didn't point out and thank the spouses and significant others for supporting their Auxiliarist's participation.

Finally, Thank You Division 20, for putting up with me and ALL the emails this past year. And, your confidence in reelecting Bill Gerdsen and myself. We look forward to serving with you in the coming year.

Respectfully, Glenn

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Division 20 Calendar of Events 2023:

January -

06 - Division CoW "The Flame"
21 - FC/SO Reports due to DCDR, VCDR, SO-SR
28 - Division Board Meeting 0945 - 1100
31 - 7025 Forms Due to DCDR from ALL Flotilla's
Flotilla and Division Goals Due

February -

15 - Annual Staff Planning Meeting (Via Zoom) cover Division Training Day events
16-19 D5SR D-Train Glen Allen, VA
Review Standing Rules w/ membership & FWD to ADSO-LP
DCDR to FWD all 7025's to DSO-FN NLT the 24th

March -

01 - Proctor and Boat Crew Mentor nominations due to DCDR from FC's
03-05 - District V-Train
15 - Proctor and Boat Crew Mentor nominations due to DCAPT form DCDR
18 - FC/SO Reports Due to DCDR, VCDR, SO-SR
18 - **Division Spring Workshops Garber**
31 - Flotilla's submit copy of their Approved Budget to DCDR
DCDR to District Report Due

April -

01 - Division 20 Board Meeting - 0945-1100

May -

20-27 - National Boating Safety Week

June-

01 - Hurricane Season Begins
23 - U S C G Auxiliary Birthday
DCDR to District Report Due

July -

01 - Division Board Meeting 0945-1100
DCDR Appoint Election Screening Committee
04 - Independence Day

August-

04 - U S C G Birthday
05 – Division Social
30 - Letters of Intent for DCDR / VCDR Due
FCs Appoint Election Screening Committee

September-

01 – Lifetime Achievement Awards Due to DCDR from FC's
16 - FC/SO Reports Due to DCDR, VCDR, SO-SR
D5SR D-Train
DCDR to District Report Due
Flotilla Letters of Intent due to Screening Committee

October-

07 - Division 20 Meeting 0945-1100 (Election DCDR & VCDR)
15 - Disenrollment forms (7035) due to DIRAUX to ensure members are removed
FCs send date of their flotilla election to DCDR & VCDR

November -

15 – Auxiliarist of the Year due to DCDR from FC's
25 - Auxiliarist of the Year due to DCAPT from DCDR
30 - Hurricane Season Ends
Flotilla Elections
Budget/Audit Committee's Appointed
Change of Watch dates from Flotilla's

December-

20 - Annual 7007 Forms Due per D5S Routing Guide and to SO IT
DCDR to District Report Due

SCHEDULE FOR 2023 Quarterly FC and SO REPORTS

Submit by Friday 13 JAN	Meeting Saturday – 28Jan
Submit by Friday 24 March	Meeting Saturday – 01 April
Submit by Friday 23 May	Meeting Saturday – 01 July
Submit by Friday 22 September	Meeting Saturday – 07 October

Division 20 Change of Watch



Glenn Baxter (DCDR) and piper Eric Reese ready to welcome guests
Dave Fort and Bearparatus lead in singing *Semper Paratus*
Dave Fort makes an excellent MC



CAPT Matthew Baer and CDR J. David Block swear in Glenn Baxter
Wayne Earley (IPDCAPT) and Joe Nemeth (DCAPT) swear in 2023 Staff Officers



CAPT Matthew Baer addresses attendees
Dignitaries on parade



Crossing the Bar



Glenn Baxter and Fil Pagano honor members who have crossed the bar in 2022

Walter Siller, Jr.—20-06, Thomas Wright—20-04, Richard Fontaine—20-04, Anthony Weichel—20-06, James Mauk—20-10, Ron Johnson—20-10

Awards



Dale Benson and David Silberstein accept the Bobby Swindell Award for John (Andy) Anderson
Dale Benson and David Silberstein accept Ben Reed's Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal
Not pictured—Ben Reed receives the Division 20 Auxiliariest of the Year Award

Note: Something new for Division 20 this year which I hope will become a regular award. As you know, the Bobby Swindell Award recognizes a member for superior merit. Now Division 20 will have the opportunity to select a Flotilla Commander and/or Vice-Flotilla Commander who have supported a particular Auxiliary program over and above the normal expectations as recommended by a Staff Officer. This support must have resulted in a new protocol being established and/or favorable publicity for both the flotilla and the division. The objective of this new awards program is to recognize outstanding flotilla leadership in support of these programs and improve morale.

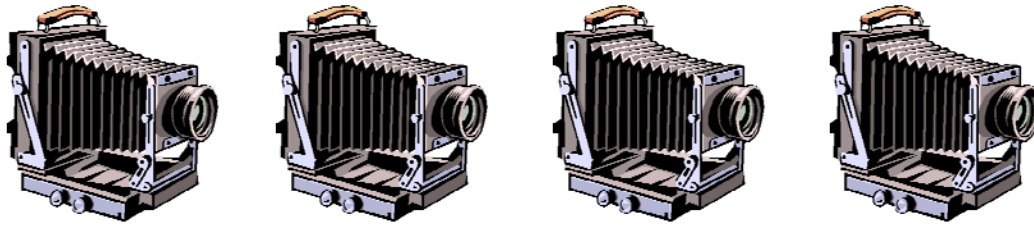
For 2022, nominated by Alvin Powell, SO-Diversity, are David Silberstein, FC, and Dale Benson, VFC, both from 20-06. They have distinguished themselves through their efforts supporting the first-time-ever Goodwill Music Concert that recognized diversity, attracted over 4,000 people, and created a positive community environment. This event involved members from several different flotillas within the division. In addition, the flotilla staff taught four courses at the IBX STEM Boating Camp. Congratulations!

Recognition for Ben Reed (SO-FN, FSO-FN, FSO-IS)



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.



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@gmail.com.

Recruitment



Now is the time to make 2023 a record-setting one 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.

Help Wanted

BRANCH ASSISTANT – WEB COMPLIANCE (BA-UCW)

The User Support and Services (U) Department is seeking two additional members to serve as Branch Assistants in the Web Compliance Branch of the Communications Services Support Division. We are totally committed to providing outstanding and positive customer service assistance to the CS and bridge officers with whom we interact. Under the general direction and supervision of the Branch Chief, Web Compliance, these officers shall have the following responsibilities:

- Web Site Compliance Review – Responsible for managing the periodical reviews of previously approved unit web sites for continued compliance with national requirements.
- Follow Up on Web Site Issues – Flags issues on those sites that don't meet the national standards and coordinates with the BC-UCW to help the CS officer correct the issues to maintain their site's national approval.
- Reporting - Advise the BC-UCW on web compliance issues.
- Report to the BC-UCW on a monthly basis.

Skills and Qualifications Required:

- Must have a thorough working knowledge of Auxiliary Web standards.
- Operational experience with the WOW application is definitely a plus.
- Knowledge of HTML and general Web page processing is desirable.
- Firsthand knowledge of website security is helpful.
- Programming proficiency is not required.

Of equal importance to the technical skills is the ability to work one-on-one with other staff members and the WOW user community. Having a can do approach along with excellent verbal and written skills are essential since contact is made both via telephone and email to the user community.

Those interested and qualified should prepare their application package containing National Staff Application form 7062, professional resume, Auxiliary resume, and two originals of Copyright Release form 7063 signed by a Coast Guard Officer or Notary Public. Send your completed package to John Bigrow at rowbig@optonline.net

INSTRUCTOR-AUXILIARY FLOTILLA LEADERSHIP COURSE (TLF)

Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course On Ground Instructors work independently in their home Divisions / Districts with minimal direction and supervision from the Branch Assistant, Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course, Instructors shall have the following responsibilities:

- Instruct and support the Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course (AFLC) on ground.
- Attend scheduled Branch meetings as requested.

Skills and Qualifications Required:

- Must have a current IT designation as an Auxiliary Instructor.
- Must have held an Elected or Appointed Leadership Position at least at the Flotilla level.
- Must have completed the online AFLC since 2019.
- Must hold a Leadership Competency Certification Level 1. Leadership Competency Certificated Level 2 is preferred
- MOODLE, WOW, and remote conferencing platforms (i.e., ZOOM, Go To Meeting, MS Teams, etc.) skills preferred but not required.
- Auxiliary, Military, Corporate, or Academic experience teaching Leadership or Management Courses highly desired.
- Teaching online or in a virtual environment preferred but not required.
- AUXOP preferred but not required.

This is a real working position. If interested in this position, please email a resume covering the scope of the requirements, and a statement as to why you are interested in the position to COMO JOHN TYSON, BA-TLF at tyson0906@aol.com

INSTRUCTOR-AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT SCHOOL (TLA)

- Auxiliary Leadership & Management School (TLA) Instructors work under the general direction and supervision of the Branch Chief, Auxiliary Leadership & Management School, Instructors shall have the following responsibilities:
- Instruct as lead or support for Branch courses online and on ground.
- Willingness to attend Coast Guard Instructor Professional Development Courses.
- Attend scheduled Branch meetings as requested.
- **Skills and Qualifications Required:**
- Must have a current IT designation as an Auxiliary Instructor.
- Must have held an Elected or Appointed Leadership Position at least at the Flotilla level.
- Must hold a Leadership Competency Certification Level 2.
- Completion of the online facilitator training conducted by the Flotilla Leadership Branch.
- MOODLE, WOW, and remote conferencing platforms (i.e., ZOOM, Go To Meeting, MS Teams, etc.) skills.
- Auxiliary, Military, Corporate, or Academic experience teaching Leadership or Management Courses highly desired.
- Teaching online or in a virtual environment highly desired.
- AUXOP preferred but not required.
- This is a real working position.
- If interested in this position, please email a resume covering the scope of the requirements, and a statement as to why you are interested in the position to JULIE CAREY, BC-TLA at: jcarey02@hotmail.com

