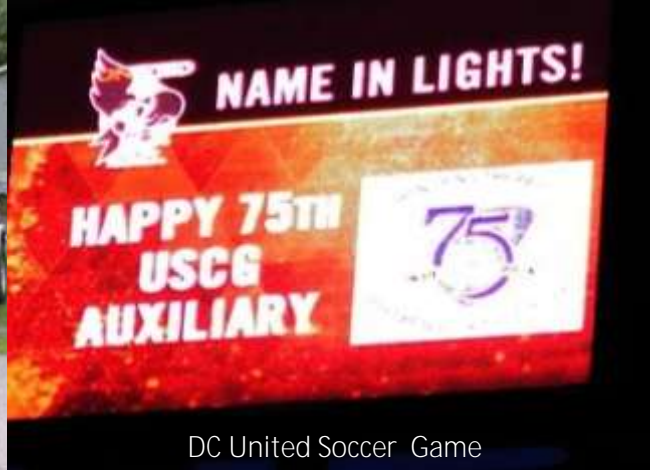


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National Night Out



DC United Soccer Game



AUXFAC "Family Time" next to Francis Scott Key Buoy



Offshore Powerboat Association
Grand Prix in Solomons



Sheriff's Open House



Star Spangled Banner 200th anniversary

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Leadership: Cheerleader and Fireman

Leadership of the Auxiliary is mostly cheerleading. As volunteers, no member of the Auxiliary is commanded to do any task. So to accomplish the missions of support to the Coast Guard and service to the recreational boating community, leaders must motivate members by masterfully encouraging them to complete tasks following all the prescribed policies and procedures. The very best way to get this done is by being the best cheerleader of the group. Positive attitudes, integrity, professionalism are all attributes of a good leader.

But volunteers give their time freely, and they do that best when leaders are encouraging, positive, give proper recognition, and guide them gently and firmly. And like a cheerleader, stands before the members and demonstrates enthusiasm, encouragement, motivation, and a huge desire to follow all of the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and missions that the Auxiliary is given.

But there are times when leaders must be firemen. All members know of instances when policies and/or procedures are not followed; and when that occurs, leaders must act as firemen and **put out the fire**. This doesn't mean the leader must be heavy handed, but rather, be compassionate, kind, and firm when dealing with a problem. A good leader knows the rules, and takes the proper action to change behaviors so that all members have the knowledge and ability to act accordingly.

Ron Price
Division Commander



Election Season

This past September, the 5th District, Southern Region held elections for District office at the annual fall DTRAIN in Richmond, VA. The Election of District Commodore, District Chief of Staff, and

District Captains for each of the three sectors in D5SR mark the start of an important season for the administration of every Auxiliary unit: Election season.

With the summer operational season winding down, fall is the time to begin to look at the leadership for your flotilla and our Division for the coming year. Every Auxiliary unit operates on the time provided by each and every one of its' volunteer members. However there are those who volunteer to run for elected positions or offer their services for an appointed office that provide the momentum to sustain successful programs year after year.

While the development of Auxiliary leaders should be a multi-year affair, it is never too soon for an interested individual to set their sights on higher office. Many times elections in the Auxiliary are seen more like a pre-ordained succession of leadership, where a Vice might become Commander after 2 years, or a Flotilla Staff Officer my look to become the corresponding Staff Officer for the Division. Competitive elections, however, with multiple qualified, engaged, and interested candidates can signal a level of health and vitality in an organization.

All members, if they have an interest, should be encouraged to seek out the office that best suits their abilities and the time they are willing to dedicate to the organization. Leaders at all levels should be looking to identify these members, and provide them the opportunity to develop their skills within the organization. It is only by training our successive leaders that we as the District, the Division, and the Flotilla can ensure that we have strong momentum to continue on our successful programs.

I would highly encourage every one of you to consider an elected or appointed office going into 2015. It is leadership like this that keeps Division 23 one of the best Auxiliary programs on the East Coast.

Michael Raymond
Vice Division Commander

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23-1 - Annapolis
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Christian Converse, Vice Flotilla Commander
23-2 - Solomons
Alberto de Capitani, Flotilla Commander
Lawrence Butt, Vice Flotilla Commander
23-3 – West Annapolis
John Fewer, Flotilla Commander
Brian Teague, Vice Flotilla Commander
23-4 – Silver Spring
John Leben, Flotilla Commander
Milla Lindqvist, Vice Flotilla Commander
23-6 – Drum Point
Ray Feller, Flotilla Commander
Mark Campbell, Vice Flotilla Commander
23-7 – Herring Bay
Christopher Jense, Flotilla Commander
Ray Walsh, Vice Flotilla Commander

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SO-MT - Ray Feller
SO-NS - Robert Glenn Wright
SO-OP - Phil Wentz
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Upcoming

19 Oct	Cold Weather Training 1100—1400 at Station Annapolis
25-26 Oct	Specialty Course Weekend, CG Yard Curtis Bay
1-2 Nov	Specialty Course Weekend, CG Yard Curtis Bay
10 Jan	Change of Watch, Renditions Country Club, Upper Marlboro

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The following awards have been earned since the last edition of the Chatter. Congratulations to all!



Boat Crew
Juan Aguilar, Adam Yearwood,
Irving McConnell and Anthony Wisniewski – 23-1

Sustained Service Award

Ed Martin, 10th award, 7500 hours; Ron Price, 9th award, 6750 hours and Helen Yurevitch, 1st award, 750 hours – 23-1



Membership Awards

20 years

Ron and Joye Hillard, 23-2

10 years

Jon and Tracey Stivers, 23-6

5 years

Coral Hoffman, 23-6



AUXCHEF Training

Deb Cranford, 23-1

Auxiliary Performance Award in
Public Education

Ed Martin, 30 hours



Auxiliary Performance Award in
Operational Support – 200 hours

Wendy Norwitz and Len Klaver, 23-1
Ray Feller, 23-6



Auxiliary Performance Award in
Operations – 60 Hours

Ron Price, Mike Vandeven, Jim
Welday and Kathleen Sullivan – 23-1



Auxiliary Performance Award in

VSC/Program Visits

Bill Smith – 23-2



Letter of Appreciation from St. Inigoes

Ron Hillard for his help as AUX FS during the
Change of Command

Marine Specialist Training Ribbon

Robin Ouellette – 23-2

Vessel Examiner

Arthur Murray Jr. – 23-1



Crossing the Bar

Deborah Kimball, 23-7
crossed the bar on 30
July 2014. Deborah had
been a member of the Auxiliary since 1992. She
passed away at home after a long illness.
Christopher Jensen,
Flotilla Commander, 23-7



New Members

The following
members have joined Division 23 since the last
edition of the Chatter. Please make them
welcome and offer them any assistance you can
give.

Anthony Wisniewski, 23-1

Cover Photos

Top Left—Batman and General George S. Patton Jr. (the third) at National Night Out at Calvert/Long Beach. Photo by Connie Cosgrove.

Middle Left—John Fewer, FC, Coxswain, and Paul Deafenbaugh, Crew, Flotilla 054-23-03, on board **AUXFAC "Family Time"**, closing out **"SSS-2014"** next to Francis Scott Key Buoy on Patapsco River north of Key Bridge, Baltimore.

Photo by Dorothy Neiman, also 054-23-03.

Bottom Left— Brody, Kaitlyn and Mom (Barbara) Palude poses with Batman and Spiderman at the **Calvert County Sheriff's Open House**. Photo by Connie Cosgrove

Top Right—**Soccer team "DC United"** helped celebrate the 75th-anniversary of the Auxiliary by displaying **"Happy Birthday USCGAUX"**. Photo by John Leben—Story on page 5

Middle Right— At the Gate—middle of race. Photo by Phil Wentz

Bottom Right—Blue Angels—air show during the Star Spangled Banner 200th Anniversary celebration. Photo by Wendy Norwitz

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District Elections Held

The election for District Office was held at DTrain on 27 September. Individuals elected were:

District Commodore (DCO) - Rob Sersen
District Chief of Staff (DCOS) - Dave Adams
District Captain (DCAPT) Sector Baltimore - Warren Hall
DCAPT Sector Hampton Roads - Michelle Thornton
DCAPT Sector North Carolina - Barbara Puhlman

The Past Division Commanders Association also had their election on Saturday. Elected to office were:

President - Steve McElroy
Secretary/Treasurer- Tom Shepherd
Vice President Sector Baltimore - Bill Ormsby
Vice President Sector Hampton Roads - Joseph Safranek
Vice President Sector North Carolina - Danny Collins

Information provided by John Leben and Theresa Gray

"75 And Going Strong"

Any "75-year anniversary" is an amazing thing. It's a testimonial to devotion – to perseverance – to commitment, and it is also a cause for celebration. In June of this year, the Auxiliary marked its 75th-anniversary - and members of Division 23, of Sector Baltimore, and of the Auxiliary nationwide certainly did their part to help celebrate this milestone.

While celebrations both large and small were held nationwide during the month of June, on 28 June, the local Major League Soccer team "DC United" helped celebrate the 75th-anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary by displaying a "Happy Birthday USCGAUX" message before a home crowd of over 16,500 fans at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in the District of Columbia during a match against the visiting Seattle Sounders.

John Leben
SO-PA and FC 23-04



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Maryland License Plates

To obtain Auxiliary license plates in Maryland for your automobile, MultiPurpose Vehicle, or truck (up to one ton), please fill out the form (found on page 16), sign where it says "Owner's Signature" and "Co-Owner's Signature" and also "Signature of Owner" and "Signature of Co-Owner" if applicable, and return it to me along with a check made out to MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION.

There is a one-time fee of \$25 for each set of tags. Please DO NOT sign where it says "Signature of Authorized Representative". Trailers are not eligible for Organizational tags. After checking your membership status, I will sign as "Authorized Representative" and forward the application to Maryland MVA. Your vehicle must be currently registered in Maryland to obtain these tags. Once processed, MVA will send you your new tags with the same expiration date as your current tags and then you will have to return the old tags to MVA. All this usually takes about two weeks.

Be sure to get a receipt for the returned tags and save it. . There are no cost savings to wait until your present tags are about to expire; it could actually delay the process. If you have a request for a specific tag number, let me know now, along with second and third choices. Tag numbers available as of 20 Aug 2014 are 0428, 0429, 0431 through 0439, 0442, 0443, and 0445 through 0449.

Also, please let me know when you receive your tags.

Thank you
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23-6 participates in Sheriff's Open House

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office held an open house on 13 Sep. The weather was sunny in the beginning but by noon the predicted showers started to move in. There breaks in the rain that allowed demonstration times to be changed so they were all completed by the time the heavy rain moved in.

Flotilla Drum Point (23-6) was among the agencies who participated in this year's open house. Also participating were the MD Hunter Education, the Sheriff's Office Explorers who had a dunkin booth, Calvert Against Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Calvert County Control Center, the Health Department, Prince Frederick Fire and Rescue, Tri-County Animal Shelter, the Calvert SWAT team, Calvert County Animal Control, Calvert search and rescue team, Pet Relief of Calvert County, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E), Hardesty Catering, Dream Weaver catering, face painting and balloon animals for the kids and cotton candy for all ages.

We gave out lots of coloring books, crayons, whistle, oil pads for bilges, and safety literature. We had a request for a vessel safety check and some asked about what we did. We had children's life jackets available for the children to try on and talked to parents about proper fit.



On display were antique police cars including a 1931 Model A owned by Steve Eisenman. I talked with Mr. Eisenman and he told me he had driven the Model A

across country 3 times to participate in events like the open house. All together there were 22 different police cars on display as well as the Calvert County Command Center and SWAT Team vehicle. D.A.R.E. had three girls in costume giving out candy.

There was a police mountain bike demonstration that started at the top of the stairs from the office. Other demonstrations included the police K-9s, and the Search and Rescue Dog demonstrations.

The Southern Maryland Super Heroes were also present. Heroes present were Batman, Spider Man, Incredible Hulk, Sisters Elsa and Anna from Frozen. Children shook hands with their heros and had their pictures taken with them. Hulk announced that they had received a challenge from a little girl named Carly who is battling cancer. The challenge was for them to put on "tutus" and dance for her.

Connie Cosgrove
FSO-PA 23-6 photographer



Mattie, Evelyn and Jonah with James Jefferson and John Cosgrove



Pictured is Connor Durgin and Deputy First Class Andy Clas.

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OPA Grand PRIX comes to Solomons

The 5th annual Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) Grand PRIX races were held in Solomons from 2-5 October. **This year's event included both the National and World OPA championship races.** In the prior 4 years only the National race was held in Solomons.

Racers began arriving on Thursday with a 'meet and greet' for the public on Friday evening. There were 10 classes represented in the race with six Maryland teams. The national championship races were held on Saturday with a boat parade Saturday evening followed by an awards ceremony. The world championship races were held on Sunday. Each day there were three races.

During the two-day event five Auxiliary facilities were kept busy securing the exclusion zone for the races. There were four facilities each day and they were given an assigned position along the exclusion zone to keep spectator boats out of the race course.

Auxiliary facilities Robin Marie, Splash and Liz Reece participated on both Saturday and Sunday. Facility Seascape was the fourth boat on Saturday and Defiant on Sunday. Auxiliaryists participating were:

Kathleen Sullivan – 23-1
Gary Smith, Shawn Moore, John Johnson. Larry Butts and Dakota Price as trainees – 23-2

Ray Feller, William Smith, Jacques Smith, Donald Haskin, James Jefferson, and Dave Keyser – 23-6
Phil Wentz, Jose Pena De Laguardia, Chris Jensen and John Fountain - 23-7
Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB

Photo by Bill Smith



Batman—Photo by Phil Wentz



On the Ball—Turn 3—Phil Wentz

Station St. Inigoes 45713—Photo by Bill Smith



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Baltimore Throws A Great Party! (And the AUX was there to help!)

There are a lot of things that a person can say about the City of Baltimore, Maryland. Some not so good things – some good things, and some great things! But one thing you can say for sure is that when the City of Baltimore decides to throw a party – IT THROWS A PARTY!

During September, Baltimore hosted an amazing, week-long party as the Nation celebrated the 200th-anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner and the role played by Baltimore and Ft. McHenry during the War of 1812. The Star-Spangled Spectacular had concerts, performances by the Blue Angels, Festival villages, more than 35 tall ships and naval vessels from around the world, and, of course, a truly spectacular fireworks display that was televised live nationwide. Overall, the event organizers estimate that over 1 million people from all around the nation and the world visited Baltimore during the Star-Spangled Spectacular event.

But it takes a lot of help to pull off a party the size of the Star-Spangled Spectacular. The Auxiliary was there to help the Coast Guard and a plethora of Federal, State and local agencies work collaboratively with the City of Baltimore to make the event the success that it was. As soon as the calls went out for volunteers to help with the event, Sector Baltimore members stepped-up to volunteer their time and talents. And members from Division 23 made significant contributions to the success of the event.

From planning for the event through its completion, ADSO-OP Phil Wentz (23-07) worked many long hours hand-in-hand with the “gold-side” to ensure that adequate waterside resources were acquired and properly deployed in order to ensure safe waters for participants and the public alike. According to Phil, over the six day period of the event, the Auxiliary ran 64 patrols on 22 operational facilities, manned by 57 Auxiliaries from District 5NR and 5SR. The patrols included an air show and fireworks exclusion zone

operations, transportation of dignitaries and staff, and support for the Blue Angels support staff. Asked for his impression about how the waterside effort went, Phil stated, “I am very proud of the commitment and professionalism displayed by all of the Auxiliaries who manned patrols during this significant and challenging event.” Coxswains from Division 23 were:

23-1: Ron Price, multiple facilities (Free Spirit, J Hawk, Hawk I, Hawk II and Salty Paw) ; Jim Farrell, Sun Room; Jim Welday, Delta 4; Mike Vandeven, PWC; Blair Anessi, PWC operator; J and ulie Anessi, PWC operator.

23-3: John Fewer, Family Time.

23-4: Don Parker, Paladin

23-6: Ray Feller

Crew from Division 23 were:

23-1: Juan Aguilar, Daniel Maurice, Ed Martin, Irving McConnell, Wendy Norwitz, Douglas Robinson, David Silberstein, Carl Smith, and Kathleen Sullivan.

23-3: Mace Coleman, Paul Deafenbaugh, Scott Hamilton, Robert Helms, Dorothy Neiman, and Michael Taylor.

23-6: Mark Campbell, Pete Schaecher and William E. Smith

In addition to the Auxiliaries who worked waterside, many Auxiliaries volunteered to work shore-side at the Incident Command Post at USCG Station Curtis Bay. These Auxiliaries assisted with incident command activities and, among other things, standing radio watches. AUX Ordice Gallups (23-04), stood a watch during the event assisting other Auxiliaries with check-in.

At the Star-Spangled Spectacular “Festival” in the Inner Harbor at the “Family Fun Zone” in Rash Field, 15 Auxiliaries from across Sector Baltimore staffed the Auxiliary exhibit booth. Division 23 SO-PA John Leben worked with Thornell Jones (24-09) and Alfred Stringer (22-05) to coordinate the Auxiliary exhibit. John and his son Brian (23-04) stood multiple watches during the event. “Coastie” put in several appearances thanks to

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Coastie Operator John Leben – and was a huge crowd favorite while cruising around the “Family Fun Zone.”



And “Sammy the Otter” (a/k/a AUX Kiefer Wells, 25-01) also put in an

appearance in support of our efforts to promote recreational boating safety. Over 2,500 adults stopped into the exhibit in the “Family Fun Zone” and were provided with boating safety information by the watchstanders on duty.

All in all, the Auxiliarists who volunteered their time and talents to this event played a significant role in the success of the Star-Spangled Spectacular. Through their contributions, they most capably represented the core values of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary, and significantly furthered our goal of promoting recreational boating safety.

John Leben

SO-PA

Phil Wentz

SO-OP



OPFACS docked for Star Spangled Banner 200th celebration. Photo by Phil Wentz



Coast Guard Cutter Eagle docked in the Inner Harbor. The Eagle was open to the public. Photo by Wendy Norwitz.

Sammy the Otter and Warren Hall, District Captain Sector Baltimore (elect) photo by John Leben

Division election held

On 2 October, Acting District Commodore Bob Brianne oversaw Division 23’s election.

Ron Price was re-elected as Division Commander and John Leben, FC 23-4 was elected Division Vice Commander.

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Certificates of Appreciation presented

Bill Smith, Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training (FSO-MT), 23-6 and program visitor went the extra mile in thanking businesses for their participation in the Recreational Boating Safety Program.



The first presentations were given on 28 August. Recipients of the certificates on that day were: Ms Carmichael and Ms Robinson, Huntingtown Post Office; Calvert

County Sheriff's Office, Calvert County Sheriff's Office - **Special Operation Bureau and the Rivers' Edge Restaurant and Marina.** Captain Richard Thomas, Major David McDowell, LT David Payne and Sheriff Mike Evans accepted the certificates for the Sheriff's Office. Alice Mattingly accepted



the certificate on behalf of the owner George Lopez at Rivers' Edge

Restaurant. Participating were Bill Smith, FSO-MT; Ray Feller, Flotilla Commander (FC); Connie Cosgrove, Division Staff Officer (SO) for Publications; John Cosgrove, SO for Communications; Harry Scott, FSO Human Resources; and Willie Witters, FSO for Program Visits.

The second group of presentations was presented on 4 September to the Dunkirk Post Office, Dunkirk Barber Shop, and Fairview Library. Participating in the presentation were Bill Smith, FSO-MT; Ray Feller, FC; Harry Scott, FSO for Human Resources and Bill Noyes, member of 23-6.

Following patrol on 28 Sep, Bill Smith presented Gary, Chesapeake Beach Marina West and Chesapeake Beach Marina at the Rod N Reel with a certificate of appreciation. Other Auxiliarist present were James Jefferson, Harry Scott and Ray Feller.



On 2 October Bill Smith presented certificates to Matt Pruett, Harbor master (Gas Dock) at Herrington Harbour Marina South and Jim Mulder, Manager (Kayaks & Paddle boards) at Herrington Harbour Beachfront Lodging.

Bill made his last presentation on 6 October at Calvert Pines.

Connie Cosgrove
FSO-PA 23-6



Station St. Inigoes holds Change of Command

On 23 July CWO₂ Philip Robinson turned over the helm of Station St. Inigoes to BMCS Gregory Simcic.

The ceremony began as all Change of Commands (COC) do. BM₁ Bryan Pate, master of ceremonies, made the introduction of guests and Lt Todd Fowler, USCG Chaplain gave the invocation. CWO Robinson and BMCS Simcic inspected the troops.

The guest speaker for the COC was Captain Kevin Kiefer, Commander of Sector Baltimore. Following his remarks Captain Kiefer presented CWO Robinson with the USCG Commendation Medal.

Following his remarks CWO Robinson read his orders and relief of command report. CWO

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Robinson will be reporting for duty to CG Station Calumet Harbor, IL. BMCS Simcic's last duty was on board the CGC Blacktip (Oxnard, CA). After taking the helm of Station St. Inigoes BMCS Simcic gave his remarks.



Following the official part of the ceremony guests were invited to the reception which followed. Ron Hillard,

AUXCHEF 23-2 and Kathleen Sullivan, AUXCHEF 23-1 helped the Station Chef with the meal.



Flotillas 23-2 and 23-6 joined together in getting CWO Robinson a going-away gift. The gift was an

engraved Weems and Plath Compass chart weight, with a compass in a presentation box. The engraving read:

"CWO2 Philip M. Robinson, USCG

In grateful appreciation for outstanding dedicated service while commanding U.S. Coast Guard Station St. Inigoes.

July 2011 to July 2014

Solomons and Drum Point Flotillas, USCG Auxiliary"

Connie Cosgrove

SO-PB

Bill Smith

Photographer

Safety Day at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant



The Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant in Lusby, MD held its annual safety, health, and

wellness fair on 18 September. The fair ran from 1000 to 1400.

Flotillas 23-6 and 23-2 once again participated in the event. John Johnson from 23-2 was on hand with his marlinespike demonstration and kept visitors entertained and challenged with his knot



tying. Ray Feller and Harry Scott of 23-6 staffed a safety booth greeting visitors,

answering questions and passing out literature. Flotilla 23-6 supplied a fire extinguisher to be given as a door prize.

During the day there were demonstrations on Bicycle Safety, a drunk-driving challenge with goggles that gave you the vision of someone impaired, a confined space mock-up, and force demonstrations. There were games such as corn hole and jenga games every half hour. Music was provided by RGB Entertainment and lunch was provided by the plant.

Connie Cosgrove

FSO-PA

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Life Jacket Type Code Labels Go Away Step Toward Eliminating Confusion and Introduction of New Designs

ANNAPOLIS, MD. September 30, 2014 -- In a move **that's expected to benefit recreational boaters**, on Oct. 22 the US Coast Guard will drop the current life jacket type code scheme -- Type I, II, III, IV and V -- that has been used for years to label and differentiate the types of life jackets and their specific use. Chris Edmonston, BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety President and Chairman of the **National Safe Boating Council**, said, **"The boating safety community believes this move by the Coast Guard will help lead the way toward more comfortable and innovative life jacket designs, help boaters stay on the right side of the law, lower costs, and save lives."**

Explains Edmonston, **"This is positive news is that we will no longer see a Type I, II, III, IV or V label on a new life jacket label after Oct. 22. This type coding was unique to the United States, tended to confuse boaters, limited choice and increased the cost of life jackets."** He says removing the type coding is a first step towards the adoption of new standards that will eventually simplify life jacket requirements for recreational boaters.

"This move is expected to lead to the introduction of new life jacket designs, especially those made in other countries as US standards will be more 'harmonized,' initially Canada and eventually the European Union," said Edmonston. **"Along with a wider variety, aligning our standards with those to our neighbor to the north and across the Atlantic will help reduce prices as manufacturers won't have to make products unique to the US market."** However, Edmonston cautions boaters must still abide by the current standards when using older life jackets marked with the Type I-V labeling, as **they will remain legal for use.** **"We must continue to have a properly fitted life jacket for all aboard, and as always, you'll need to follow the label's instructions regardless of when it was made. Simply put, if you follow the label, you're following the law."** A full list of the current life jacket types and descriptions can be found at [jackets, and any update on new life jacket types and styles will be posted here when available.](http://BoatUS.org/life-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

In additional effort to help change the mindset of what a life jacket must look like, The BoatUS Foundation, the Personal Floatation Device Manufacturers Association (PFDMA) and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), recently kicked off a **"Innovations in Life Jacket Design Competition"** to seek out the newest technologies and design ideas. Running through April 15, 2015, the contest seeks entries from groups or individuals, including collegiate design programs, armchair inventors or even boat and fishing clubs. Entries may be as simple as hand-drawn theoretical designs to working prototypes and will be judged based on four criteria: wearability, reliability, cost and innovation. For more, go to BoatUS.org/design.

Editor's Note: The above information was in a press release from BOAT US that was released on the internet. SO-PA John Leben verified okay to release from DSO-PA

Annual Change of Watch Scheduled

The Change of Watch (COW) for 2015 is scheduled for 10 January at the Renditions Country Club in Upper Marlboro. There will a cash bar beginning at 1700 with dinner at 1745. Please see the flyer at the end of this issue for details and making reservations. The deadline for reservations is 28 December.

The uniform of the day for men is:

Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (white shirt, bow tie and miniature medals), formal attire or dark business suit. For women it is: Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (white shirt, bow tie and miniature medals), formal or cocktail dress.

Newly elected and appointed staff officers will take their oath of office. Auxiliariest of the Year recipients for Division and Flotilla will be awarded. So, plan to come out and have a good time.

Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB

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“Is 50 the new 50?”

Life is full of milestones. There's turning 16 and getting that first drivers' license; meeting “the one,” falling in love, getting married and starting a family; and of course that 50th-birthday. All are important milestones in life (especially hitting “the big 5-0!”). On 23 June 2014, a milestone was reached by flotilla 23-4 member Paul Mills, which is extraordinary both due to its rarity and because of what such a commitment symbolizes. On 23 June, as Auxiliarists across the country celebrated the “75th Birthday” Auxiliary, Paul Mills humbly celebrated “50-years” of membership in the Auxiliary.

Unfortunately, it is a rare thing that people are willing to volunteer their time and talents to any cause or organization for more than just a few years. When Paul joined the Auxiliary it had only been in existence for 25-years. He grew with the organization, he saw and participated in its evolution and growth into the world-respected organization that it is today in a way that many of us will probably not. While many of us can boast of being over 50-years old few can boast of so many years of commitment and selfless-service given to the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and the recreational boating community.

On 26 June, members of flotilla 23-4 and I had the distinct honor and privilege of celebrating this milestone with Paul at our monthly meeting.

John Leben

Flotilla Commander, 054-23-4



Foreground - Milla Lindqvist, VFC; Paul Mills, ohn Leben, FC; Ordice Gallups, FSO; Paul Feinberg (member applicant). Background - Joe Levesque,

Flotilla 23-6 Holds Annual Picnic

Twenty-five members and guests of Flotilla 23-6 enjoyed a picture perfect day at their annual picnic on 20 September. The picnic was once again held at the home of Bill and Maxine Noyes.

There was great food, fellowship and a small amount of business conducted. Ray Feller, FC, presented William Smith with his 4th Sustained Service Award for over 3,000 hours. The Coast Guard Unit Commendation ribbon for the 75th anniversary was presented to all in attendance. All current members in the Flotilla earned the award. Our newest member Robert Grace took his oath of office and was welcomed into the Flotilla.

At the August Flotilla meeting in honor of the 75th anniversary, Willie Witters suggested that 75th anniversary coins be purchased and presented to members who have made significant contributions to the Flotilla over the past years. The suggestion was approved by vote in August. Willie Witters and Mark Campbell, Flotilla Vice Commander, compiled a list of members to be awarded. A coin and certificate was presented to Mark Campbell,



Connie and John Cosgrove, Ray Feller, Tom Hardisty, Don and Peggy Haskin, James Jefferson, Dave Keyser,

Dan McConnell, Bill and Maxine Noyes, Pete Schaecher, Harry Scott, Charles Setzfand, Bill Smith, Jack Smith, Reid Sprague, RT West, Walt and Peggy Whilden, and Willie Witters.

Connie Cosgrove

FSO-PA

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Grady-White owners' band together to set new record

George Pacharis of southwest Florida may be retired, but he hasn't retired the organizational



skills developed in his long career and lifelong interest in boating. That's evidenced here by this aerial image of the most beautiful one-anchor raft-up we've ever seen.

As it happened, this masterpiece was created at the recent Grady Fest conducted by the Fish Tale Grady Club in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. It just so happens George also helped organize Grady-White owners' most active private-brand club over nine years ago.

The recent Grady Fest brought in hundreds of Grady-White owners and many prospective owners from around the country. The gorgeous raft-up was created by their 42 boats tied together in one fluid curve.

How did they do it? Like most well-planned endeavors, one step at a time. "I'd scouted the location a month earlier," George said. "The weekend of the event, I dropped an anchor and ball float."

At a group meeting, instruction sheets were handed out and the process was explained so everyone knew their role. When it was time for the raft-up, the crews and George all communicated on the low-watt VHF Channel 17. "We called the 36-footers first and they came to the anchor ball," he continued. "Once they were in place, we called each consecutively smaller boat group at 15-minute intervals."

You might have thought George would have each boat arrive with fenders already in place, but you would be wrong.

"The key was to make sure no fenders were out on the arriving boats as they approached. The target boat had fenders. We had each boat set up with four lines and instructions to align their sterns with the target boat's."

All this and they hired a chopper to shoot the aerial image? Nope.

"We had a small UAV launched to take video with a POV camera and a plane shooting aials."

Editor's Note: The above article and photo was sent to me by Ray Walsh. It originally appeared in the magazine "Boating".

Side Tow Line Requirement

All,

Follow and evaluate all candidates by following what is in Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide Volume II: Coxswain:

Task COX-08-07-AUX

1. Briefed crew and assigned duties. Emphasized the necessity for communications between crew and coxswain.
2. Briefed operator of the towed boat on procedure to be used.
3. Prepared deck for alongside tow.
 - a. Rigged fenders on appropriate side of tow vessel.
 - b. Made alongside lines ready.
4. Slowed speed in increments and shortened tow if needed. Maintained positive control of the tow, kept towline in view and appropriate relative position while shortening tow.
5. Broke down tow bitt (if equipped), hauled slack towline aboard and faked out of the way.
6. Dropped towline of disabled vessel (for free approach), or properly executed a backdown approach.
7. Moved towline to the #1 line position (bowline) or replaced towline with another line.
8. Secured the bowline (#1 line) to forward cleat/bitt.
9. Passed and secured tow strap (#2 line) to disabled boat ensuring the stern of the boat is aft of the towed boat.

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10. Directed crew to pass and establish control of stern line (#4 line).
 11. Directed crew to pass and establish control of backing line (#3 line).
 12. Passed eye of all lines to towed boat and working ends used on the facility.
 13. Tow strap tightened by facility going astern, pulling in slack, and securing the line.
 14. All other lines adjusted by vessel gaining headway, taking up slack, and lines secured.
- NOTE: The stern tow can be shifted

NOTE: The stern tow can be shifted to an alongside tow by walking the towline forward and using it as the #1 line (bow line). Or the towline may be disconnected after slowing the tow, and a free approach to the disabled boat can be made to take the boat alongside.

In the BC Seamanship Manual the evolution described for calm water can work and does as well as does the one for wind, seas and current, in the Boat Manual the method AD folks to certify works and does... But, since there ALWAYS SEEMS to be an issue to constantly verify and validate if someone is right or wrong ALL QE SESSIONS WILL FOLLOW THE Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide Volumes: I, II and III and PCO Guide until replaced.

As far as the BC Seamanship Manual... There is some really good info in there and I hope it helps. If again there is any conflicts with what it states and what is required in any AUX Manual (Aux Man, Aux Ops Policy, ABCTM, Qualification Guides, Etc...) please let me know and follow what is in the AUX Manuals.

Also, regarding heaving lines... D5SR Policy regarding Monkey's Fists will be limited to use as a backup. If used it will not be weighted and will be filled with cloth or leather and only used as a last resort due to safety reasons. I purchase everyone the standard heaving lines so there should be no issue adhering to this policy... Also, please to not misinterpret this as a

required item... There is no requirement or expectation that one be on an any AUX vessel.

Again... The boat hook issue:

BOAT CREW SEAMANSHIP MANUAL

"Always use extreme caution when using a boat hook to maneuver an unconscious or injured PIW alongside for pick up."

"The use of the boat hook must not be ruled out if the PIW is too far away to retrieve by hand. It is better to use a boat hook and recover on the first approach than to back down or run stern to the surf/swell to make another approach. There may only be one chance to make the rescue - it has to be good!"

I hope this info helps,
/r,
BOSN4 G. W. Howerton
5th District, Southern Region
Auxiliary Operations Training Officer



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Application/Certification for Organizational License Plates

Instructions: Please complete the entire application (owner and/or co-owner). Submit appropriate fees with application.

Name of Organization:

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

I certify that the individual below is a bona fide member of the above organization:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Owner's Name, First Middle Last Driver's License Number

Street Address City County State Zip Code

Co-Owner's Name, First Middle Last Driver's License Number

I hereby authorize the representative of my organization to review/release my personal information for official purposes:

Owner's Signature

Co-Owner's Signature

Vehicle Information

Year Make Sticker No. Title No. Tag No.

Vehicle Identification Number

Insurance Co. Policy/Binder No.

Organizational Member: (Check one) Owner Co-Owner

Check Class: Passenger Car Multi-purpose vehicle Truck 1 ton or less Motorcycle

Fees: Non Logo Organizational Tags: \$15.00 Logo: \$25.00

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Owner Date

Signature of Co-Owner Date

MVA Use Only: New Issue Substitute Surviving Spouse S/N

Gratis Paid Approved by: Tag Issued:

You may either mail your application and the appropriate fees to:
Motor Vehicle Administration, Vehicle Registration Organizational Unit; 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21062;
or visit the MVA full Service Office in Glen Burnie and have your plates issued to you.

Original - MVA

Copy - Customer

For more information, please call: 1-800-950-1MVA (1662) (to speak with a customer service representative).
From Out-of-State: 1-301-729-4598, TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-800-492-4575. Visit our website at: www.MVA.Maryland.gov

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CHANGE OF WATCH
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
CENTRAL CHESAPEAKE
DIVISION 23

WHEN: Saturday 10 January 2015, from 1700 to 2100 (5pm to 9pm)

WHERE: Renditions Country Club, 1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035
410-798-9798 or 1-888-451-4144

TIME: Cash Bar at 1700, dinner at 1745.

DINNER MENU ITEMS: With Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Salad and Seasonal Vegetables
Grilled Ribeye With dessert: \$40.00. Without dessert: \$35.00.
Mahi-Mahi With dessert: \$35.00. Without dessert: \$30.00.
Roasted Airline Chicken Breast with Cornbread Stuffing
With dessert: \$35.00. Without dessert: \$30.00.

DINNER MENU ITEM: With Pasta, Salad and Seasonal Vegetables
Eggplant Parmesan With dessert: \$31.50. Without dessert: \$26.50.

DESSERT: Choice of Chocolate Cake or Strawberry Shortcake Layer Cake

All prices include 20% gratuity.

Men's Uniform: Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (white shirt, bow tie and miniature medals), formal attire or dark business suit.

Women's Uniform: Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (white shirt, bow tie and miniature medals), formal or cocktail dress.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 28 December 2014

Checks are to be made payable to: USCGAUX DIV 23

Name: _____ Flotilla _____

Menu Choice: _____ Dessert Choice: _____

Name: _____ Flotilla _____

Menu Choice: _____ Dessert Choice: _____

Mail your reservation to: Robin D. Ouellette, SO-FN
9613 Muirfield Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-5333

Please provide your phone # _____ or e-mail address _____

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