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The Division continues to look forward to many events in May. May starts the summer boating season, the regattas, the classes, the VSCs, the Public affairs events, and many, many other activities.

During these and all the other activities, we must remember to keep safety in the forefront. Safety not only is crucial in keeping all of the Auxiliary members free from injury, mistakes, or mishaps, but keeps our minds and actions focused on the mission.

It also puts our very best foot forward to the boating public. The public sees our efforts and professionalism, from wearing the PFD to dressing as a professional, as the pinnacle of the safety pyramid.

We represent the Coast Guard in many aspects, but the safety area is the most observable. So please, take a moment to adhere to all of the tenants of a true safety professional, and represent the Coast Guard proudly and professionally.

Ron Price

Division Commander



As much as last year was a year of meaningful "firsts" for me in my short Auxiliary career, this year already promises to be an even better year of "firsts." In January I got to swear in Edith Brown and Steve Gershman as the new elected-leaders of Flotilla 23-07, and I had the very great honor of swearing in Phil Wentz as the FSO-OP. For those of you who don't know, Phil will be completing his 41st year as a member of the Auxiliary in April of this year – so he was taking the FSO oath of office for around his 40th time, and I got to be the one to administer it to him. I am grateful both to Phil for his many years of outstanding service, and to Chris Jensen and Edith Brown for having me at their Change of Watch.

In addition to the above, in January I was appointed to the position of ADSO-PA for Sector Baltimore. I see this as a natural progression in developing my administrative abilities within the Auxiliary, and I am very grateful to those in the "public affairs chain of leadership" who have guided me and prepared me for this challenge. However, I only accepted the position with the understanding that discharging the responsibility of the office not interfere with my jobs as VCDR and SO-PA for Division 23.

Lastly, with respect to how I plan to carry out my duties as VCDR – the job really comes down to two things: to serve you to the best of my ability as his "chief of staff"; and helping all of you to do your jobs to the best of your abilities. *Each and every position is important and contributes to the success of our Flotillas, our Division, and the Auxiliary.* And crucial to successfully performing our respective duties is the flow of information both up and down the leadership chain. Elected and appointed officers must share information with one another and with the broader membership, so please reach out to your counterparts every month so that we can all benefit from a good understanding of what is going on. And, as always, if there is anything you need from me that will assist you to successfully perform your job, all you need to do is let me know and I will do my best to help.

In closing, I would like to remind all members that you should be submitting articles and photos to SO -PB Connie Cosgrove. We have a very active Division, but if nothing is shared - nothing is known. Also, you don't have to be a public affairs officer or a publications officer to share noteworthy happenings with your fellow members - you just need to sit down and make the time to put words to paper (or bang it out on your computer and email it to Connie)."

John Leben

VCDR

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2015 Board & Staff

IPDCDR: Dan McConnell

DCDR: Ron Price

VCDR: John Leben

23-1 - Annapolis

Wendy Norwitz, Flotilla Commander

Christian Converse, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-2 - Solomons

Gary Smith, Flotilla Commander

Lawrence Butt, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-3 - West Annapolis

Dale Helms, Flotilla Commander

Brian Teague, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-4 - South River

Lauri Lingqvist, Flotilla Commander

Michael Whitman, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-6 - Drum Point

Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander

Pete Schaecher, Vice Flotilla Commander

23-7 - Herring Bay

Edith Brown, Flotilla Commander

Steven Gershman, Vice Flotilla Commander

Division Staff

SO-CM -	John Cosgrove
SO-CS -	Wendy Norwitz
SO-DV (Diversity) -	Margaret Butler
SO-FN -	Robin Ouellette
SO-HR -	Dave Keyser
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SO-MA -	Theresa Gray
SO-MS -	Ronald Price
SO-MT -	Ray Feller
SO-NS -	Robert Glenn Wright
SO-OP -	Phil Wentz
SO-PA -	John Leben
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SO-VE -	Dale Cranford

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Articles and pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please email to:
cjcosgrove@earthlink.net



Ron Price and Wendy Norwitz staff a booth for NOAA in Ocean City

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Awards

The following awards have been earned since the last edition of the Chatter



Boat Crew

Anthony Wisniewski, 23-1

Certificate of Merit

Charlie Eames, 23-1

George Fox Award (special award given by 23-1 at their Change of Watch) - Jim Welday

Carl Tross Award (special award given by 23-1 at their Change of Watch) - Debbie Cranford

Capstan Award (special award given by 23-1 at their Change of Watch - Christian Converse, Ed Martin, Walt Discenza, Len Klaver, RJ Welday, Adam Yearwood, Jim Farrell and Muriel Garman



Membership Award

5 Years- Irene Klaver, Ron Price, Wendy Norwitz

30 years- Don Haskin



200+ Operational Support

Len Klaver & W. Norwitz



60+ Operations-

Christian Converse, Ed Martin, Ron Price, Kathy Sullivan, RJ Welday



Sustained Service Award

Ron Price, 23-1, 7,500 hours (10th award)

Ray Walsh, 23-7, 2250 hours, (3rd award)

AUX-12 Completion

Paul Feinberg, 23-4

Fingerprint Technician

Deborah Cranford, 23-1



Instructor

Robert Wright, 23-3

PA Specialist I

Anthony Wisniewski

3 VERY Important numbers

The Chief Director of the Auxiliary requests that we all enter these 3 very important phone numbers into our cell phones. If you see something, say something!

Let's get these contact numbers in our phone and be ready to report...

America's Waterway Watch: To report suspicious activity, call 877-24WATCH <http://americaswaterwaywatch.uscg.mil/>

The National Response Center Hotline: To report an oil spill, chemical release, or maritime security incident, call 800-424-8802

The Coast Guard's Counterintelligence Service: To report threats, call 202-615-3327

And let's each do our part to make a concerted effort to get these 3 very important phone numbers out to the public as well.

I very much appreciate your attention and commitment to this.

Rob

Robert A. Sersen, Jr.

District Commodore



New Members

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

Gerry Young, 23-1 transfer from D5NR

Bradford and Patricia Napoli, transfer from 24-8

Adam Yearwood, 23-1

John and Cheryl Medlin, 23-7

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Flotilla 23-6 names Auxiliarist of the Year

James T. Jefferson was selected as our Auxiliarist of the Year for 2014. He joined the Auxiliary and the flotilla in 2012, jumping into Auxiliary duties with diligence and zeal. He immediately sought out training opportunities and applied himself to crew qualification, with certification achieved in his first year. Six months later, he completed training and certification as Vessel Examiner. Additionally he's cheerfully and enthusiastically volunteered for and participated in various and numerous missions of recreational boating safety and public affair. He's achieved 600 volunteer hours, almost 200 of which were operations afloat in 22 patrols on a variety of Auxiliary facilities.

A Coast Guard veteran, Mr. Jefferson continues his service in the Auxiliary by contributing significantly to our boating-safety mission. He's a shipmate we can count on. We appreciate his service, which deserves to be recognized and should be emulated.

Ray Feller

Immediate Past Flotilla Commander
23-6



Pictured from left to right are Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander, Eleanor Keyser, James Jefferson and Ray Feller, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander. Photo by Bill Smith

James R. McGrath named 23-2 Auxiliarist of the Year

Rear Admiral W. D. Lee, speaking about the principle of Servant Leadership, stated that "... leadership begets readiness. Readiness saves lives." Auxiliarist Jim McGrath constantly kept this statement in mind while serving as the Operations Staff Officer for Flotilla 23-2 during 2014. Auxiliarist McGrath organized an extremely successful Readiness for Operations event at the beginning of the boating season. This event required logistics arrangements for the mooring of boats from two flotillas, the scheduling of Qualification Examiners to ride on these operational facilities, the arrangements for the participation of active duty personnel from CG Station St. Inigoes, the scheduling of Team Coordination Training, coordinated on-the-water training and the noon meal for all participants. This eminently successful event drew praise from both Auxiliary and Active Duty participants and ensured that our facilities and crews were prepared for the operational season.

During the operational season Auxiliarist McGrath juggled patrol schedules as facilities suffered mechanical casualties and struggled with coxswain and crew availabilities. His attention to detail ensured that virtually all scheduled patrol requirements were met. He responded admirably to short-turnaround requests for regatta patrols and joint Coast Guard-Navy exercises, ensuring that Flotilla 23-2 met all the requirements placed upon them.

Auxiliarist McGrath constantly strived to be humble in speech while excelling in action. He serves as an example for all Flotilla members to emulate and reflects the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Auxiliarist McGrath is, therefore, selected as Flotilla 23-2's Auxiliarist of the Year for 2014.

Eileen Gray
FSO-PB 23-2

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Flotilla 23-04 Holds Change of Watch

On 21 December, Flotilla 23-04 held its annual Change of Watch event at the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis for the third year in a row. Outgoing FC John Leben, served as “Master of Ceremonies” for the event. The guest speakers were Division 23 DCDR Ron Price and DCAPT-BA Warren Hall. The Keynote Speaker was Lt. Michael McGrail, USCG, Enforcement Division – Sector Baltimore.



DCDR Ron Price swore in Lauri Lindqvist as the FC for 2015, and Michael Whitman was sworn in as the VFC.

DCDR Ron Price (left-foreground) swears in Lauri Lindqvist (right-background) as FC, and Michael Whitman (right-foreground) as VFC. Also picture – John Leben, IPFC and VCDR (left-background). Photo by AUX Bruce Petro, 21 DEC 2014.

The following members were appointed as FSOs:

FSO-CM: Jim Regensburg
FSO-CS: Lauri Lindqvist
FSO-DV: Ordice Gallups
FSO-FN: Weems Duvall, Jr.
FSO-HR: Ordice Gallups (effective 1 Feb – John Leben held)
FSO-IS: Michael Whitman
FSO-MA: John Leben
FSO-MS: Ordice Gallups
FSO-MT: Bruce Petro
FSO-OP: Michael Whitman
FSO-PA: Paul Feinberg (effective 1 Feb – John Leben held)
FSO-SR: Joseph Levesque

The following members received special recognition during the event:

Outstanding Service to the Flotilla – Joseph Levesque

Outstanding Service to the USCG/USCGAUX – Ordice Gallups

Outstanding Service to the Public – Nelson Lowes
AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR – JOSEPH LEVESQUE

John Leben
IPFC 23-4

Cover Photos

Top Left— Paul Deafenbaugh and the Coast Guard Cutters

Top Right— Left to right -Phil Wentz, SO-OP and Ron Price, DCDR presented operational awards at COW

Middle Left— Jim Welday, Master of Ceremonies for COW

Middle Right— John Cosgrove staff safety booth during VSC Days at Herrington Harbor. Pictured with him are Nicolle and Rosella.

Bottom Left: IPFC/VCDR John Leben and FC Lauri Lindqvist, present the Flotilla “Auxiliarist of the Year” award to Joseph Levesque. Also depicted – DCAPT-BA Warren Hall (lower-right corner). Photo by: Bruce Petro, 21 DEC 2014.

Bottom Right: County Commissioners Proclaim NSBW. Pictured l - r: Commissioner Slaughenhaupt, Mark Campbell, Steve Weems, Connie Cosgrove, Commissioner Pat Nutter, Harry Scott, Commissioner Steve Weems, Bill Smith, Commissioner Tom Hejl, and Ray Feller.



Bill Smith, FSO-MT, 23-6 scheduled the community sign board to advertise the Flotilla boating class in April. Pictured are Lindsey and Spencer Larson, two of the graduates.

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Vehicle Decal Program Termination - 006/15

The Coast Guard terminated the personal vehicle decal program in September 2014. If not already removed, all Coast Guard-issued vehicle decals, including those issued to Auxiliarists as described in section 5.O.3. of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)), must be removed from personal vehicles and destroyed immediately.

As a reminder, proper identification including a valid Coast Guard, Auxiliary, DHS, and DOD issued identification card, or State driver's license is needed to be granted access to Coast Guard and DOD facilities. Additionally, vehicles are required to be registered, inspected, and insured in accordance with State and local laws in order to be operated on such facilities.

This change will be included in the next revision of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.

Editor's Note: The above was received in an email from the Chief Director's List Server.

Operational Facility (OPFAC) Inspection Processing and Status Reporting Revision 2 (Reissued 27 Mar 05)

References:

- a. Fifth District SR (D5SR) Auxiliary Policy Manual
- b. D5SR OPFAC data base

Ref a. 7.B.5 Vessel Inspection Procedure

Supplement: The OPFAC Owner or VE shall forward the completed form ANSC 7003, ANSC 7008 (PWCs) or PC "Offer for Use" to the FSO-OP via e-mail for review of completeness and accuracy. The FSO-OP will then forward the "Offer" to their SO/OP. If in the opinion of the FSO-OP or SO-OP, there is reason not to concur, either may

attach a note to the "Offer" indicating non-concurrence and reason(s) why and return the "Offer" to the sender.

The "Offer" and attachment (if any) shall if possible be scanned and e-mailed to the SO-OP. If the VE or owner cannot scan the form, it can be mailed to the FSO-OP for scanning as a .pdf file.

If a new decal is needed the e-mail should contain a request for one.

If the form is complete and correct the FSO-OP will then forward the completed form to the SO-OP for review and processing who will then forward it to Ricky Dunnington (ASC@flotilla51.net) or at DIRAUX (Richard.D.Dunnington@uscg.mil). An e-mail with attached pdf form sent to the (ASC@flotilla51.net) address will greatly accelerate the approval process since he checks it daily. The other e-mail address is checked only the two days a week he is in DIRAUX. USPS submissions may take several weeks, while using his direct e-mail, it may be approved and entered in AUXDATA as early as the same day as submitted.

DIRAUX will return the approved "Offer" forms to the SO-OP who in turn will forward copies to the FSO-OP and owner for record, and to carry aboard the OPFAC.

Ref b. D5SR OPFAC Database

If the OPFAC photo has not been entered in the D5SR OPFAC Data Base, or a picture is not included with the "Offer" it will not be forwarded to DIRAUX until such time is corrected, and it may be returned to the sender.

Updated by Phil Wentz, ADSO-SB

By Direction

OPR: DSO-OP 05SR

James A. Ball

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County Commissioners proclaim National Safe Boating Week (NSBW)

On 5 May, Flotilla 23-6 received a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners proclaiming 17-23 May as NSBW.

Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander addressed the commissioners saying "The Drum Point Flotilla is dedicated to promoting safe boating through safe boating classes, vessel safety checks, public affairs, and operational missions. He thanked the members of the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard for what they do to make boating safer.

Commissioner Slaughenhaupt read the proclamation which highlighted an average of 700 people die each year in boating related accidents in the US. The vast majority of accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors. A significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn a life jacket. Modern life jackets are more comfortable, attractive, and wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

The Commissioners further "proclaimed that all who use our County waterways and our National waterways are urged to acquire the knowledge and skills essential to their own safety and the safety of others and to apply these skills carefully. Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear It"

On behalf of the Flotilla, Bill Smith presented each commissioner a bag containing a whistle, a Flotilla pencil, and safe boating literature. The flotilla also gave bags to the commissioner's staff.

Members who received the proclamation were: Mark Campbell, Flotilla Commander, Ray Feller, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander; Bill Smith, Flotilla Member Training Officer, Harry Scott, Flotilla Human Resource Officer, and Connie Cosgrove, Flotilla Staff Officer Public Affairs .

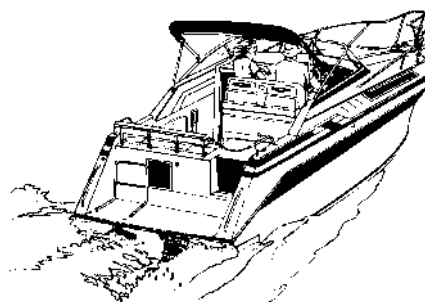
Connie Cosgrove

FSO-PA

OPFAC awards for 2014

On 10 January at the annual Change of Watch, Phil Wentz, SO-OP and Ron Price, DCDR presented the bronze and silver OPFAC awards. To receive a bronze award a facility had to be on patrol between 24 and 64 hours. The silver award was

given to facilities which completed over 64 hours of patrol.



Recipients of the bronze award were:

Refuge, 34465, James McGrath, 23-2, 27.2 hours
26413, Brian Teauge, 23-3, 27.9 hours
Fish Hook, 23754, James McGrath, 23-2, 35.3 hours
PC-004, Ron Price, 23-1, 35.6 hours
PC-002, Wendy Norwitz, 23-1, 35.6 hours
Seascape, 32664, Dave Keyser, 23-6, 37.7 hours
Gesture, 32462, Ed Martin, 23-1, 41.6 hours
J Hawk, 11767, Ron Price, 23-1, 42.5 hours
Voyager, 35243, Joe Jenkins, 23-2, 42.5 hours
Hawk 1, PWC, 10386, Ron Price, 23-1, 47.8 hours
Salty Dog, PWC, 11359, Ron Price, 23-1, 48.9 hours
Carma, 26362, Art Murry, 23-1, 49.5 hours
Defiant, 18070, Don Haskin, 23-6, 53 hours
Robin Marie, 25852, Phil Wentz, 23-7, 56.1 hours

Recipients of the silver award were:

Tinker Toy, 34402, Walt Discenza, 23-1, 69.5 hours
Hawk II, PWC 11500, Ron Price, 23-1, 86.3 hours
Splash, 29965, Gary Smith, 23-2, 86.6 hours
Paladin, 24215, Don Parker, 23- , 91.6 hours
Liz Reece, 25331, Ray Feller, 23-6, 120.2 hours
Sun Room, 25454, Jim Farrell, 23-1, 120.6 hours
Family Time, 23569, John Fewer, 23-3, 133.9 hours
Delta 4, 19672, Jim Welday, 23-1, 255.4 hours
Free Spirit, 25532, Ron Price, 23-1, 298.5 hours

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Chief Director Final Action on National Board Recommendations

1. At the 2015 Auxiliary National Training Meeting (NTRAIN) in St. Louis, MO in January, the following recommendations were placed before the National Board for vote. They are summarized with the Chief Director's final determinations below:

A. Recommendation: That the National dues for membership be raised by an amount of one dollar per month for each member of the Auxiliary effective in the 2016 dues cycle. In the 10 years since the last such increase, resource challenges have progressively continued. This dues increase is warranted to sustain the Auxiliary's ability to adequately address its managerial responsibilities, maintain marginal capacity to respond to unforeseeable surge scenarios, and develop member training that will meet Auxiliary needs well into the 21st century. Submitted by DNACO-MS.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective as indicated.

B. Recommendation: That the Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, be amended to specify under what conditions boat shoes are authorized to be worn with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU). Section H.4.e on page 10-79 (AUX MAN) states in part that boat shoes of either dark blue or brown color are authorized for wear by Auxiliarists as an option to 8-10 inch black safety boots while wearing the ODU. Wearing of boat shoes with non-slip soles is a safety consideration on fiberglass hulled vessels underway or dock side. Boat shoe soles are non-marring and these shoes have no cause on an OPFAC to contain steel inserts for toe protection nor to have oil resistant soles. It is suggested that personal safety during operational evolutions is the main rationale behind the spirit and intent of this authorization. However, many Auxiliarists demonstrate no hesitation in wearing boat shoes of various shades of the blue and brown spectrum in public settings where that sort of appearance looks unprofessional and does not match the standards of our active duty

counterparts. This section of the chapter on uniforms should specify that wearing of boat shoes is to be limited to operational activities where personal safety is a concern and that boat shoes are specifically prohibited for wear in public settings, including Auxiliary unit meetings. During all non-operational activities, the 8-10 inch safety boot is the prescribed foot wear while the member is wearing the ODU.

The recommendation was amended to read as follows: That the Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, sub-divisions H.3.e. and H.4.e. be amended to provide authorization for the wear of boat shoes only when conducting vessel safety checks, when underway on an Auxiliary operational facility, when commuting to or from a point of Auxiliary patrol or safety check activity, or when specifically authorized by a Coast Guard order issuing authority. Submitted by DNACO-MS.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective immediately. The Coast Guard's pride and professionalism are conveyed first and foremost by sharp uniform appearance. The Auxiliary is applauded for its enduring concern for this tenet and for taking action like this.

C. Recommendation: That the Auxiliary Manual, Section 8.C.1.b.(2) be amended to allow AUXOP Leadership Training credit for the Coast Guard Leadership and Management (CGLAMS) Course. When the current AUXOP requirements were developed, CGLAMS was excluded. In fact, the AUXLAMS course closely parallels and was directly adapted from the CGLAMS course by converting the context of role-play scenarios from CG unit settings to flotilla settings, and eliminating the section on enlisted performance ratings. Both courses are considered of equal value for Auxiliarist.

The AUXLAMS course, now taught in split (A & B) format, is in high demand, and there are not enough courses to satisfy the students who want it. Some have traveled long distances, at their own expense, to attend.

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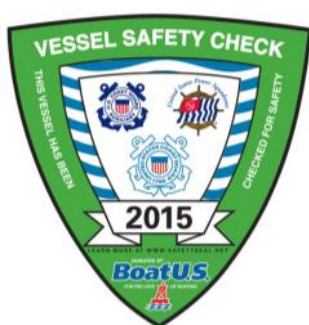
Recommendation—continued from page 9

The Coast Guard has been reserving three seats in each CGLAMS class for Auxiliarists, but they have gone unfilled because there is no AUXOP credit. Approval of this recommendation would end an unnecessary and wasteful practice. Submitted by DVC-TL.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective immediately. Leadership training provided in CGLAMS is excellent, but as noted above it is nonetheless delivered in a much more active duty than Auxiliary context. Approval is therefore not a precedent under which other courses may become alternatives for AUXOP program, Auxiliary C-school, Auxiliary Specialty Course, or other Auxiliary training program credit. Appropriate changes to AUXDATA will have to be made.

Editor's Note: The above information was received in an email from the Chief Director's List Server on 10 Feb 2015



VSC Weekend at Herrington Harbor

Willie Witters, FSO-VE, 23-6 was contacted by Tom Costello, Fleet Captain of Herrington Bay Yacht Club to once again perform VSC at

Herrington Harbor North and South this year. Two separate weekends were scheduled in May and June.

The first event was held on 2 and 3 May. Four vessel examiners completed 67 safety checks during the two day period. Examiners were Willie Witters, Bill Smith, John Cosgrove from 23-6 and Chris Jensen from 23-7.

Connie Cosgrove
FSO-PA 23-6

23-6 holds safety booths

Bill Smith, FSO-MT is a strong supporter of recreational boater knowledge. To kick off the 2015 season, Bill contacted the manager at the Wal-Mart in Prince Frederick & Dunkirk and arranged to have a safety booth outside their stores.

The safety booth in Prince Frederick was set-up for 17 April. About 100 people stop by the booth. Even though it was a windy day on 24 April in Dunkirk 50 people stopped by the booth. Boating Class information was passed out and several signed up for a Vessel Safety Check.

Members who participated were Bill Smith, Bill Noyes, and Ray Feller from 23-6 and Theresa Gray from 23-2.

Connie Cosgrove
FSO-PA



Pictured above at Wal-Mart in Prince Frederick from left to right: Theresa Gray, Bill Noyes, Ray Feller. Front row: Ms. Candice Powell and daughter. Photo by Bill Smith



Pictured left to right: Bill Noyes and Bill Smith at Wal-Mart in Dunkirk

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Thoughts and Tips on Completing AOM Properly

Submitted by: COMO Gary Taylor

Meals: Subsistence (meals) must now be checked manually for each member who was furnished and consumed one or more meals while underway. Meal periods are currently defined as:

0400-0800, Breakfast;
1000-1400, Lunch;
1600-2000, Dinner; and
2200-2359, Midnight Rations.

Are you really entitled to claim a meal just because the underway time touches the shoulder of one or more meal periods? There should be underway time on both sides of any claimed meals or at least substantial time underway prior to or after the meal, before claiming the meal.

While it is possible to claim breakfast if you get underway at 0800, was that meal actually prior to getting underway at a restaurant or even at home? Same for a patrol ending at 1600, was the meal consumed during the patrol or afterwards? How about a patrol starting at 0800 and ending at 1000, is claiming any meal appropriate?

For members doing radio guard or watch standing from their home based fixed land station, is it appropriate to claim meals while in the confines of your home? The whole subsistence issue is being reviewed by both FINCEN and the CG. There may be other changes coming in the future.

Other Expenses such as water, drinks, snacks and food: While the CG will pay for ice on patrols, water, drinks, snacks and food are reimbursed by the subsistence allowance, thus are not otherwise allowable expenses and should not be entered in the "Other" block. OIAs have been instructed to watch for these charges and reject the orders so the charges can be removed by the owner or operator.

Trailing on Non-Patrol Days:

If you trailer to or from a patrol area but do not

get underway the same day due to long travel distances or bad weather, you must submit a separate patrol order for each day you trailer only. Until AOM is re-programmed to allow for mileage reimbursement when trailering only, you need to show a minimum underway time on those orders. The approved workaround at this time is to show 1 to 6 minutes underway on those days when you trailer only.

Remember, trailering time counts toward your fatigue time. Do not try to circumvent the fatigue time standards by submitting orders for trailering only days and then trailering on the same day(s) as you patrol. This would be considered falsifying government records.

Multiple Patrol Days: If you are going on patrol for several consecutive days, you must have separate orders for each patrol day. Do not try to put multiple days on one patrol order.

Offer for Use Status: If your offer for use is about to expire, you must get the facility inspected and submitted to your DIRAUX office in a timely manner. Expiration date notices are generated and sent by AUXDATA to the owner(s) and FC at least 30 days in advance of the one year expiration date. There is also a 45 day grace period after the expiration date before the facility is automatically placed in inactive status by AUXDATA.

If you patrol before that expiration date and then do not submit the orders until after the offer of use expires, AOM will not allow the orders to be processed, as the facility is no longer an approved facility.

You will have to get the Offer for Use in to your DIRAUX for approval before the orders can be submitted.

If you have orders which were approved prior to the expiration date and then patrol after that date without a new offer for use on file, your orders are no longer approved for the patrol because the facility is no longer approved for use.

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Conducting a patrol in an unapproved (expired) facility is a serious violation of policy, and exposes the member to liability, should there be a mishap. You will have to resolve this issue with your OIA and DIRAUX.

Facilities which have been placed in “Inactive Status” by AUXDATA will no longer show up in the facility drop-down list until the facility is placed back in active status

Members in REYR: Once an operator is placed in REYR or Admin Hold status, they will no longer be able to get orders as operator on the facility or be part of the minimum qualified crew until the REYR or Admin Hold is removed. The same is true for crew members. The subject above about “Offer for Use Status” also holds true for members who are not currently qualified.

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What’s changed in AOM?

Submitted by: COMO Gary Taylor

There have been several updates released in AOM in the past several months of which you may not know.

Here is a recap of those changes which you may encounter:

Meals: Meals are no longer automatically checked by AOM. If a meal is supplied and consumed during a patrol, the coxswain or owner needs to check the boxes manually under the appropriate meals. AOM will activate the boxes available to be checked based on the patrol underway start and end times.

Passwords: All passwords now expire every 90 days. You will be notified when logging in that your

password will expire in XX days and allow you to change it. You must follow the password criteria when creating your new password.

When asked for your last password, this is the password you used to log onto AOM. If you allow your password to expire, forget your password, or do not log into AOM for 45 days, you will have to request a temporary password at the “New Account or Forgotten Password” link on the AOM landing page.

When you first log in with the temporary password, you will be prompted to change your password. AOM will ask for your last password which will be the temporary password you just logged in with.

If you do not log into AOM for 365 days, your account will be deactivated.

Facility Owners:

To accommodate multiple ownership of a facility, you now have to select an owner from the drop down list for that facility. There is no default owner listed.

Order Completion:

Completed orders must now have the operator signature to submit.

Reimburse Block: Reimburse default is now “Select from list” instead of “Owner”.

Receipt Deletion Confirmation: Added a “Confirming Receipts to be Deleted” message to avoid accidental deletion.

The complete list of all AOM revisions can be found on the AOM landing page at the “Release Notes” tab on the tool bar. If you have problems or questions about AOM, please submit a help-desk ticket from within AOM. Local district help desks will probably not be able to help you

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Results of Coast Guard Uniform Board #46 - Impact on Auxiliary Uniform Policies -024/14

1. ALCGPSC 171/14 is an All-Coast Guard Personnel Service Center message that was recently released to summarize and announce the results of Coast Guard Uniform Board #46. The message can be viewed at the following web site: www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcgpssc.asp.

2. Though targeting active duty and reserve personnel, most of the message's sections are also applicable with respect to Auxiliary uniform policies. The following notes explain how the sections in the message are applicable to Auxiliary uniform policies:

1.A. Wear Foul Weather Parka (FWP) II with Service Dress Blue Uniform: The FWP II (with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue (TB), Winter Dress Blue (WDB), and Service Dress Blue (SDB). The trench coat remains an optional item that may be worn with the SDB and other uniforms. However, the FWP II provides superior weather protection.

1.B. Wear Garrison Cap with Service Dress Blue Uniform: Applicable as written except Auxiliary unit commanders may prescribe when the combination cap is required for Auxiliary functions (e.g., for a Change of Watch ceremony).

1.C. Expand Wear of Optional Unit Ball Cap: Applicable as written for Auxiliaries who are authorized by a CG unit to wear its ball cap.

1.D. Food Service Uniform: Applicable as written.

1.E. Sunglasses: Applicable as written.

1.F. Wrist Watches: Applicable as written.

1.G. Tie Tacks: Auxiliaries may wear the replicas of other U.S. military service miniature officer, senior enlisted, junior enlisted or other associated service insignia that they have earned. Replicas of other U.S. military school insignia or elements thereof are authorized (e.g., U.S. Naval Academy). Auxiliaries may only wear replicas of insignia that they have earned while in that U.S. military service. Other tie tack specifications apply.

1.H. Female Handbags: Applicable as written.

1.I. Female Hosiery Requirements: Applicable as written.

1.J. Wear of Small Unadorned Scrunchies: Applicable as written.

1.K. Female Shirt Seabag Options: Not applicable as Auxiliaries do not have seabag requirements. Female Auxiliaries remain authorized to wear either male or female uniform shirts that provide the best fit.

1.L. Aiguilletes: Not applicable as only Auxiliary District Chiefs of Staff, and aides to the National Commodore and District Commodores, are authorized to wear an aiguillette.

1.M. Prior Service Insignia: Not applicable as Auxiliaries are already authorized to wear specified prior U.S. military service insignia that they have earned.

3. Applicable adjustments will be incorporated in the next change to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series).

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CG to release boating safety app

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The Coast Guard is scheduled to release its first boating safety App Saturday as the kickoff to this year's National Safe Boating Week.

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The Boating Safety Mobile app was not designed to replace a boater's marine VHF radio, which the Coast Guard strongly recommends. The app is primarily designed to provide additional boating safety resources for mobile device users.

The app will be available on the Apple and Google Play online stores.

Features of the app include: state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on the water.

The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

The app is self-contained, so personal information is stored on the phone and is not sent to the Coast Guard unless the user chooses to send it. The Coast Guard does not track a user's location, and the app does not track a user's location unless the app is being used.

The app was developed over a two-year period with BastayaPR, a non-profit organization in Puerto Rico.

National Safe Boating Week, which takes place May 16 - 22, is an annual event that encourages all boaters to practice safe boating. For more information on National Safe Boating Week as well as general boating safety information, please visit <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> and <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org>.

For more information on the app, please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/mobile> or contact Lt. Anastacia Visneski at (202) 372-4648.