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Happening Now in Division 23

A new presentation about the Public Affairs mission, entitled "PA is Everyone's Job", is available on-line and has recently been forwarded to Flotilla Commanders. The presentation emphasizes how important it is for everyone to tell the Auxiliary's story every time we are carrying out various missions, such as public education, vessel exams, patrols, and manning booths at marine events.

Time is fast-approaching to submit dues for 2018. It is important that everyone respond promptly to flotillas' requests for dues. We have to pay district for every member on the books, even those who are slow to get their checks in. This can have a serious effect on flotilla finances.

Elections are coming up soon. The Division election is to be held at the October Division meeting. Please consider stepping up and putting your hat into the ring for consideration as a Division staff officer or as Commander or Vice Commander. We would very much like to see representatives from every region of the Division. You may also want to consider taking a flotilla staff or elected position as a step toward future Division level positions. Guidelines for Division level positions were recently circulated to flotilla commanders. Interested parties should contact Ray Feller for further information on Division level jobs.

Dale Helms
Division Commander

Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year for 2016

The following members received the honor of being named Auxiliarist of the Year for 2016:

Adam Yearwood, 23-1; Robin Ouellette, 23-2; Lynn Disque, 23-3; Ordice Gallops, 23-4; Connie Cosgrove, 23-6; Phil Wentz and Jose' Peña De La Guardia, 23-7

Congratulations to all

Awards

Awards received since the last Chatter are:

Membership Service Awards

5 years

Bryan Teague and Ed Ward, 23-1

15 years

Robert Smith, 23-4

Jack Smith, 23-6

20 years

George Mikulski

Certificate of Appreciation

John Cosgrove, 23-6 for furthering the purposes of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as SO-CM. John held the SO-CM position from 1980 until July 2017.

Do you have database skills?

Do you have experience with Microsoft SQL, a relational database management system?

Are you technically sophisticated and also able to explain the technical info to non-techies?

Please consider becoming an integral part of the USCG International Port Security Program.

Your database building skills are needed to create the database that will catalogue 40,000+ electronic files (letters, reports, presentations, e-mails) for the International Port Security Assessments Branch. This IPS office is located at CG Headquarters in Washington DC. Telework would be the majority of the time spent on the project with an initial TAD meeting in DC with the project manager.

If you are interested in this position please send, no later than August 30th 2017, your resume with MS SQL qualifications and experience to:
Michelle Thornton - D5S Chief of Staff (DCOS)
Michelle.Thornton@cgauxnet.us
305-360-5087

Thank you for your consideration!
Michelle Thornton

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23-7 - Herring Bay

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SO-PB - Connie Cosgrove

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SO-PV - Christopher Jensen

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SO-VE - Kirby Garland

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Cover Photos

Top: Blue Angels perform during Fleet Week.

Bottom: John Troffo – Coxswain –of *Century* – with crew: John Buck, Raymond Francis during the Blue Angels Event.

Photographer was Tim Strissel.

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Articles and pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please email to:
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Maintaining the Guard on the Potomac River Colonial Beach to Smith Point, VA



Members of two Divisions in the Middle and Lower Potomac River maintained guard over the “Cross Country Swimmer” as he made his way from the Pentagon to Norfolk. It was planned to take 15 days to swim the 220 mile course from the Pentagon to Norfolk. This swim was “in-training” for a planned swim from Denver to New Orleans in 2018 to raise more awareness of suicide and prevention issues for active duty and veterans .

In the Middle and Lower portions of the Potomac, Bobby “Boog” Powell, a retired Navy Rescue Swimmer, plied his way from Colonial Beach, VA across the Potomac River to Colton Point, MD, then down the Potomac to Piney Point, on to Point Lookout and then back across the mouth of the Potomac to Smith Point, VA on the edge of the Chesapeake Bay. Flotilla 33 from Kilmarnock, VA took the hand-off from Flotilla 3-10 at Smith Point.



The 52 mile swim in the Middle and Lower Potomac took 4 days -- June 9th through June 12th -- and involved

four separate Auxiliary Facilities from Flotillas 23-02 and 3-10 taking turns on each of the four legs of the journey. James Moore’s “Corvina” of Flotilla

23-02 and Gary Palsgrove’s “C-Song”, Charlie Thomas’s “Syzygy”, and Julian Everly’s “Tee-Time” of Flotilla 3-10 comprised the “swim flotilla”.



Each day Powell and a kayak supporter went in the water between 0730 and 0800 and ended at the day’s scheduled destination 7-9 hours later. Two Auxiliary boats were required in turn for the longer legs due to having to use some of their own their own “fatigue policy” hours getting to the swimmer’s launch site across the Potomac and back to their home ports in either Maryland or Virginia. In total, the Auxiliary devoted twelve members on four boats over four days for a total of 131 hours, not to mention the many hours of planning and coordinating through emails, phone calls, and marine radios to assure the integrity and continuity of the guard.

Photos were taken by Gary Palsgrove, Ed Gray and Joe Riley.

Editor’s Note: This article appeared in Flotilla 3-10 newsletter whose editor is Erik Amato. Erik gave permission to run in the Chatter.

D-Train Scheduled

D-Train is scheduled for 15-17 September in Williamsburg VA.

Friday includes an hour session on Etiquette and Protocol. There will proctored exams on Friday afternoon from 1400-1700. There will be a Friday night fellowship event with music and photo booth provided by Colonial DJs Howie and Karen.

Saturday will be a full day of training with an awards banquet in the evening. For a full schedule of training please see page 9.

The board meeting will be held on Sunday from 0900—1200. There will also be Proctored exams that morning.

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Leadership Improvement Programs C-Schools Locally Sponsored!

The Sector is sponsoring two more C-School sessions this year. AUXLAMs (Leadership and Management School, AUX- 02), Part B (Part A was completed in May) and AMLOC (Mid-Level Officers Course, AUX-05A). The former is primarily intended for current and future FCs and VFCs, and the latter for current and future DCDRs and VCDRs. However, members are welcome to attend as seats are available, so no matter your position, if you want to improve your leadership and your people skills, please apply! To complete the AUXLAMs training, the student must complete both parts A and B, but they can be taken in either order.

AUXLAMs Part B at Curtis Bay Yard
Friday Evening, 27 October, Saturday, 28 October,
and Sunday, 29 October

To register, send an email to John Sill, ADSO-MT at johnesill@verizon.net with your name, flotilla, member number, and cell phone number. More information about this training is available online at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=aux02>

AMLOC at Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard
Friday Evening, 27 October, Saturday, 28 October
and Sunday, 29 October

To register, send a Short Term Training Request (STTR, ANSC Form 7059) to Sandy DeLaughter, sandy.amloc@gmail.com with a cc to John Sill at johnesill@verizon.net.

More information about this training is available online at:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=aux05>

If you need assistance with registration, send an email or call John at 301-980-8352.

Editor's Note – The above was received email through the chain of communication

AUXINFO Upgrade To COGNOS Version 10

An upgrade of the COGNOS software that supports AUXINFO occurred on June 21, 2017. This schedule had been set based on contractual obligations at the Coast Guard Operations Systems Center (OSC) to complete specific work items previously funded and scheduled.

This upgrade is not arbitrary but mandatory. Security vulnerability issues and mandates, coupled with the fact that older software versions are no longer supported, make the upgrade necessary. AUXINFO's server operating system, its COGNOS software, and the portal interface software will all be upgraded. From a user's perspective, there will be changes in the appearance of the user's interface, however no cube or reporting structures themselves will change. Again, AUXINFO's cubes, both new and legacy, will not change, nor will the National Reports.

While AUXINFO's look and feel will change, there is another key concern for users. The upgrade is to COGNOS' server software (which is four generations old), and it will erase the current cube shortcut structures. Existing AUXINFO bookmarks/shortcuts will not be transferred. Additionally, it will not be possible to run the current and upgraded systems in parallel, so once the upgrade is complete there will be no way to study old bookmarks/shortcuts.

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... TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BOATING PUBLIC

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Blue Angel Support

Auxiliary facilities from Sector Maryland-NCR Divisions supported maintaining a safety zone for the US Navy's Blue Angels' traditional air show over the Severn River in May 2017. The



Auxiliary' Operational Facilities were augmented by participating facilities from Maryland Natural Resources and Transportation Department police, Anne Arundel County Fire, Annapolis Harbormaster, led by US Coast Guard Patrol Commander – OIC, Station Annapolis. Jim Farrell, Auxiliary Unit Coordinator – Station Annapolis, worked with BM1 Jim Abels, Station Operations PO, to organize Auxiliary participation. Farrell was also the on-scene AUX Control – supervising deployment of Auxiliary assets.

The regulated area was established on 23 May, practice day, and 24 May, air-show day. Eleven Auxiliary boats, crewed by 40 members, turned out – most for both days. Auxiliarists contributed 68 crew-days (estimated at 544 person-hours) on scene. Significant additional hours were devoted to planning and preparation.

Like the Blue Angels' flight demonstration, the mission went off flawlessly.

Following members of Sector Maryland-NCR Divisions participated in AUX Facilities on 23 May, 24 May, or both:

Jim Farrell, Coxswain – *Sunroom* – Crew: Mike Adams, Kathleen Sullivan, Nicholas Pfeiffer, Christian Converse

Steve Klein, Coxswain - *Klein Aboard* – Crew: Barbara Allen, Sheryl Meyer, Michael Burke, Susan Davies, Chris Jensen, Alice Kottmyer (trainee)

John Sill – Coxswain – *Osprey* – Crew: Henry Hays, Jerry Golabowski, Michael Stryker, Raymond Blowitski, Christie Holland, Ray Feller

John Fewer – Coxswain - *Family Time* – Crew: Paul Deafenbaugh, Dale Helms, Tim Clarke

Douglas Everstine – Coxswain - *Bay-Piper* – Crew: Nancy Gardner, David Reilly, James Sams

Dorothy Neiman/Don Parker – Coxswains (on 23 May and 24 May, respectively) – *Chessie* – Crew: Michael Schless, Tim Clarke, Tim Strissel, Juan Aguilar

Art Murray/Vern Schottroff - Coxswains (on 23 May and 24 May, respectively) – *Carma* – Crew: Jeffrey Conopask, Juan Aguilar

David Silberstein – Coxswain - *Joy Ride* - Crew: Ed Martin, Douglas Roberts

Jeff Schneider – Coxswain - *Pop N Shash* – Crew: Ralph Cady, Nancy Gardner, LeRoy Culley

John Troffo – Coxswain - *Century* – Crew: John Buck, Raymond Francis

Susanne Smith – Coxswain – *Mistress* – Crew: Richard Demmers

Ray Feller

SO-MT

Tim Strissel

Photos



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Change in Coast Guard directives web site and interim availability of alternate Auxiliary access site –

The Coast Guard is changing how it projects its online presence to the public. Changes in its public information management system are expected to continue through September 2017. This will result in more consistent style and improved ability to share web content with other military services, as well as provide a more stable internet platform for public user interaction. The Coast Guard Office of Public Affairs (CG-0922) is overseeing this transition and new site management.

A result of this transition is that changes are being made to the web locations of public-facing Coast Guard resources like manuals, instructions, and forms. Until recently, such resources were available through the www.uscg.mil/directives web site. That site has been changed to the web site of the Coast Guard Directives and Publications Division (CG-612): <http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-C4IT-CG-6-/The-Office-of-Information-Management-CG-61/aboutCGDS/>

This transition will make for a more dynamic Coast Guard public-facing online environment. Therefore, links to the old Coast Guard directives site should be replaced with links to the new CG-612 site, and semi-annual checks of links to Coast Guard sites should be performed.

If you go to www.uscg.mil/directives, you will instead be taken to the new CG-612 web site. This site is still being filled with public-facing Coast Guard manuals, instructions, and forms, and should be fully loaded by the end of June 2017. Until then, you may find that some Coast Guard publications that are often used by the Auxiliary are missing.

In the interim, the Assistant National Commodore - FORCECOM (ANACO-FC, Commodore Bob Holm) and Deputy ANACO-FC (Pete Jensen) have created a temporary and easy-to-use repository for

Auxiliary and often-used Coast Guard manuals and instructions. These manuals and instructions are now easily accessed and can be found at: <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-manuals>

Editor's Note: The above was received email through the list server

Flotilla 054-23-01 Sponsors Knot Tying Event Kicking off National Boating Safety week in Annapolis, MD



On Sunday, 21 MAY 2017, Flotilla 23-01's Flotilla Commander, Christian Converse, sponsored an event at the Fleet Reserve Club (Upper Deck).

The idea was to teach young (and older) boaters how to tie 3 basic knots (Square Knot, Clove Hitch and

Bowline).

Many volunteers joined in the action. There were Boy Scouts, DNR, regular Coast Guard from Oxford and Annapolis Stations, and local Flotillas 23-01 and 23-04, (FC Paul Feinberg). JAWS Marine in Curtis Bay, MD donated 125 strands of 3 foot line that were used in the event.

Even though it was a grey day and cloudy, we were able to hand out over 30 knot tying proficiency certificates!

This turned out to be a great way to kick off National Boating Safety week in Annapolis. Flotilla 23-01 plans on having the event again next year!

Christian Converse
Flotilla Commander, 23-1

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Hurricane Preparedness Review

This message appeared in Flotilla 3-10's newsletter. I was given permission to use it for our membership. It is intended for all members even though it primarily focuses on Operations. June 1 marked the beginning of Hurricane Season and a 6-month period of heightened awareness of storm warnings, preparedness, and post-storm operational policies. Officially the season ends November 30th.

Preliminary forecasts call for an expected 11 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher) during this Atlantic hurricane season. Of those, researchers expect four to become hurricanes and two to reach major hurricane strength.

These preliminary forecasts mean that 2017 hurricane activity may be about 85 percent of the average season, but it takes only one to wreak havoc and destroy lives.

Any storm, no matter the category, can be devastating –remember Ernesto in our immediate area!!

“Hurricane conditions” define the time before hurricane force winds are expected in a particular area.

These are set by the Coast Guard (probably at the Sector level) and might be announced throughout the Auxiliary via the AIM system (via email, telephone, and/or text messages) depending on your recorded preference. Follow-up via the AIM system is even more likely in order to account for members and families. This is mandated by the Coast Guard.

Hurricane conditions established and set by the Coast Guard are:

Hurricane Condition 5 - A seasonal condition automatically set for all Auxiliary Units between June 1-November 30.

Hurricane Condition 4 - The alert condition when hurricane winds are likely to reach landfall within 72 hours.

Hurricane Condition 3 - The readiness condition when hurricane winds are likely within 48 hours.

Hurricane Condition 2 - The warning condition when hurricane winds are likely within 24 hours.

Hurricane Condition 1 - The danger condition when hurricane winds are likely within 12 hours.

Post Hurricane Recovery - The storm is no longer a threat to the area; however, major damage has occurred and recovery operations are required.

Preparedness measures prescribed for Auxiliary Facilities track to the above conditions as follows (also recommended for members' boats):

Hurricane Condition 5- Surface facility owners fill and maintain fuel tanks to at least 90% of capacity. Fill water tanks to 100%.

Hurricane Condition 4- Check previously determined method of protecting their facilities from possible storm damage (consider trailering the boat out of storm area; storing the boat on land or mooring in a hurricane hole; remaining in her slip with additional lines; etc.)

Hurricane Condition 3- Members who are trailering boats out of the storm area, storing it on land, or mooring it in a hurricane hole should commence necessary action.

Hurricane Condition 2- Members should complete their method of protecting facilities from possible storm damage.

Hurricane Condition 1- Maintain safe conditions for family; keep a weather watch; prepare to assess damage/injury; prepare necessary supplies to include food water, fuel for vehicle, identification as an Auxiliarist, chain saw with oil and fuel to provide assistance to others.

Post Storm Recovery -Ensure the safety of family and property. Maintain readiness at least at Condition 2 until advised to revert to an operational status. For example, at the request of the Coast Guard, verify Aids to Navigation but only if safe. Be especially attentive to weather and sea conditions, including floating debris.

As each Hurricane Condition is set by CG authority, absent an AIM alert, the Flotilla Commander advises the membership and similarly advises the Division that the condition has been set in the Flotilla. The Administrative calling Tree may be used to alert and account for members pre- and post-storm.

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D5SR 2017 D-TRAIN Schedule - Training September 15-17, 2017

EXCOM & Conference Staff Arrive													
WEDNESDAY													
THURSDAY	Room 4	Room 15										Room 18	Room G
0900-1700	EXCOM w/ CDR May	AV-PQS										D5S Store - setup	Conference Committee
FRIDAY	Room 15	Amphitheatre	Room 13	Room H	Room 11	Room 12	Room J	Room 18					
0800-1200	PRECON meeting with Hotel Staff							D5S Store Audit & Inventory					
1300-1400		AV-PQS											
14-15-1700			DCCO chat Board										
1400-1700													
			Proctorated Exams										
1800-2200	Friday Fellowship Event - WELCOME ABOARD THE FABULOUS 5TH Adams Ballroom musical entertainment & photo booth provided by Colonel DJ's "Howie & Karen"												
2200-2330	Post Decision Commanders party												
SATURDAY	Amphitheatre	Room 15	Room 8	Room 17	Room 16	Room 11	Room 12	Room J	Room F	Auditorium			
0800-0900	Envisioning D5S in 2017 & beyond								VA Defense Force Brief	ASCS AUCS AUIOS			
0915-1045	Recruiting & Retention	Coffee & Carnitas	AUX Air Observer Prep	AUX COMM	AUX WEA	AUX MSAM- PQS	4 HOUR TCT	9-11 attack on the Pentagon & use of ICS	AUX FS Sanitation WS #1	Robotics & costume certification			
1100-1155								Member Training Compendium	AUX FS Sanitation WS #2				
1300-1330	PJDCA Lunch & Meeting												
1345-1515		Coffee & Carnitas	AUX Air Observer Prep	AUX COMM	AUX WEA	DCAPT-HR	DCAPT-MD	DCAPT-NC	AUXPAD				
1530-1645									MyCGAUX	DSO Round Robin			
1730-1830	No host cocktails on the Promenade												
1830-2200	Saturday Awards Banquet - Adams Ballroom												
2200-2330	DCAPT Party												
SUNDAY	Amphitheatre	Room 13	Room 17	Room 16									
0900-1200	DSS Board Meeting	Proctorated Exams	AUX COMM	AUX WEA									
-1400													
1230-1400	Conference Committee Lunch & Meeting												

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