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National Safe Boating Week (May 20-27, 2023) is quickly approaching. **“Are you Ready”?** Being Semper Paratus, charges us to **“Be Always Ready”**. We are in the second quarter and excitement is escalating as marinas, yacht club and other maritime organizations anticipate a robust

season of on the water activities. Requests for vessel safety check days, In-person Maryland boating safety classes are on the rise and we must be ready, relevant and responsive.

On March 11, 2023, Division 23 hosted & facilitated its' very first Maryland Boating Safety Course at a local marine in Deale, Maryland. Over 32 participants attended and passed the examination successfully. This jointly held event



was supported by Dorothy Neiman, 23-03 Flotilla Commander, Jim Farrell, Leonard Butler, Doug Casler, Brian Teague, Paul Deafenbaugh and myself. Chief Colin Philips from Coast Guard Station Annapolis also supported the event in educating the participants and answering question about boating safety. PA3 Kimberly Reaves from Sector Maryland took photos and posted an article on the U.S. Coast Guard Mid-Atlantic Facebook page.



Division 23 also facilitated a Maryland boating safety course at the Annapolis Yacht Club in the new sailing

center on March 18th. Over 26 participants attended “the boating safety class and successfully passed the examination. This jointly held event was supported by Paul Manicone, Dorothy Neiman, Doug Casler, Mark Bertacchi, Frank Voltaggio and myself.

Division 23 and Sector Maryland National Capitol Region (SM-NCR) hosted a virtual Auxiliary Core Training (AUX-CT) Workshop & 2023 boat crew pre-requisite training on March 17-19, 2023. The weekend featured opportunities to take the new operations workshop (which is mandatory for all boat crew), Risk Management/Team Coordination Training (RM/TCT) and AUX-CT courses. The weekend was a great success. It was instrumental in contributing to the Division’s 95% compliance with mandatory training and has readied nearly all our new incoming boat crew candidates and annual boat crew recertification for the 2023 boating season before the second quarter. This compliance enables us to be ready, relevant and responsive in the coming boating season. **Bravo Zulu!**

The 2023 new boat crew in-person program led by Jim Farrell, SO-OP: Dave Sire, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, 23-01; Adam Yearwood and a host of other qualified instructors is underway with twenty-three boat crew candidates. The sessions include a morning and afternoon session held at Station Annapolis weekly. The candidates are basically qualified, equipped with their AUX-CT, RM/TCT and the mandatory operation’s workshop

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I am currently seeking a volunteer to take the position of Division Staff Officer for Public Affairs and Member Training. If you are interest in either of these positions please contact me. The Auxiliary Sea Scout position is also open

Margaret Butler
Division Commander



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Articles and pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please email to the editor: Connie Cosgrove at cjcosgrove@earthlink.net

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ahead of the on-the-water mentor check-off & qualification examiner check rides this summer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:

I highly encourage every Division 23, Flotilla to get out and participate in the upcoming events such as Blue Angels, Bay Swim, Fleet Week as well as the Annapolis Boat shows in our local Central Chesapeake.

Blue Angels USNA- May 24, 2023 (Air Show)

Blue Angels USNA- May 26, 2023 (Navy Academy Fly over)

The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim – June 11, 2023

USS Carl Levin (DDG-120) Commissioning – June 19 -24, 2023

Baltimore Fleet Week- Sunday, September 10-12, 2023

The Annapolis boat shows are great platforms for recruitment, networking with other SM-NCR flotillas and getting boating safety literature to the general public. Al Stringer, the Auxiliary liaison is looking for volunteers. Every year, Annapolis City Dock (affectionately dubbed “Ego Alley”) is transformed into a boater’s paradise when the United States Powerboat Show and United States Sailboat Show, head into town. Division 23 supported last year’s event that exposed us to thousands of boaters and enthusiasts that descend on Annapolis to see the latest and greatest boat models, maritime tech, and boating products.

Plans are underway for us to actively participate the upcoming FY23 boat shows as follows:

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show, Annapolis (City Dock), April 28-30, 2023

United States Power Boat Show, Annapolis (City Dock), October 5-8, 2023

United States Sailboat Show, Annapolis (City Dock), October 12-16, 2023

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has a strong brand, and we must re-introduce ourselves in a way that is both meaningful, impactful and relevant to the need of the Maryland boating communities we serve after a hiatus of three years. As we enter

into the second quarter, we will focus on deploying innovative recruiting practices and develop individually tailored, on-demand, and modernized learning. In the first quarter, I visited all the Flotillas and shared our 2023 Strategic Plan with our Auxiliary membership division-wide.

I’d like to publicly recognize each of you for your support, vision, and extraordinary leadership that you demonstrate to our shipmates every day. Despite these unprecedented times of recovering effects of the COVID pandemic your leadership has made us more productive and more resilient. As a division we will continue to build on this foundation into FY23. It truly inspires me every day. I can’t thank you enough for your dedication, professionalism, and service to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. I am committed to working tirelessly alongside you and on your behalf to advance our service for recreational boating communities to promote boating safety in Central Chesapeake.



New Members

Since the last issue of the Chatter the following members have joined us. Please make them feel welcome and give them any assistance you can.

23-01

Richard Prien, James Barnes, Evan Piling. James Booker, and Joseph Meiklejohn

23-2

Ronnie Currie and Robert Banks

23-6

John “Mac” Farrell and Vallory Walters

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Member's Corner

My husband, Brian, and I absolutely love being out on the water. We began boating on the Three Rivers in Pittsburgh, PA, for two years, before making our way down to

Stafford, VA. We were out exploring the Potomac every weekend, taking trips up to Washington, D.C., down to Coles Point, VA, and everywhere in between. We'd journey out to the Chesapeake Bay every year for our "boat vacation," over the Fourth of July, stopping in at some amazing locations.

Often times at our marina, we'd see what we thought were members of the Coast Guard. We came to learn they were members of an organization we'd never heard of, the Coast Guard Auxiliary. After spending some time with the members, learning what the Auxiliary did, both my husband and I decided to join.

I joined the Auxiliary because I could give back to something that I truly loved, recreational boating. As a newer member of 054-25-11, I had completed all my core training and began looking at ways I could be of service. As an Instructor for the American Red Cross, I saw a need for our Boat Crew members to be fully trained and qualified in First Aid, CPR and use of an AED (since we had one on our facility). I obtained my first qualification, Instructor, and offered regular trainings.

I spent three years in Stafford, VA, and with Flotilla 054-25-11. During that time, I served in multiple elected and appointed positions, including FSO-HR, FSO-DV, VFC and FC. Additionally, I became very involved in the Sea Scouts as our Flotilla launched the second Auxiliary Sponsored Sea Scout Ship, Ship 2511, as part of the partnership with the Boy Scouts of America.

I fell in love with the Chesapeake and all its quaint little towns on our trips out to the Bay, and in 2020 Brian and I moved to Rose Haven, MD. We discovered a Flotilla in our back yard, Herring Bay, 054-23-07, and both transferred.

I felt that I lost a year of Auxiliary service, maybe two, due to COVID, but am excited that we're open again and able to work with the boating community. During that time, I obtained my Master 50 Ton license, Inland and next year I hope to enroll in the boat crew program.

As the new FC of Flotilla 23-07 I'm hoping to help grow our membership and the services we provide to the thousands of boaters in our back yard!

RBS & Fellowship at Herrington Harbour South

We wanted to extend an invitation to all Auxiliarists to join us for our RBS & Fellowship event at Herrington Harbour South on Saturday, May 20th. We've been working with the marina on promoting the event, so we're hopeful for a large turnout of recreational boaters. We'll setup a public affairs booth for distribution of materials, recruitment, and vessel safety check coordination. Additionally, we have the outdoor event pavilion reserved for a Suddenly in Command course, so we planned a Fellowship BBQ afterwards.

Please see the link below for more information about the event, including how you can RSVP if you can join us. Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone outside of the Division as well, as all are invited.

<https://flotilla2307.com/fellowship-event>

Gina Shrift

Flotilla Commander, 23-07



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Awards

The following members have received awards since the last issue of the Chatter.

Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance while serving as the Chief Data Scientist for the CGAUX Maryland Income Tax Subtraction Modification Point System Reporting Program.

Joe Espino, 23-3

Letters of Recognition for outstanding cooperation and assistance in furthering the purpose and principles of the USCGA as Program Visitor – they also received certificates

Wendy Norwitz 23-01

Ronald Price 23-01

William Smith 23-06

Thomas Hardisty 23-06

Certificate of Appreciation as Flotilla Commander

India Ochs 23-03

David Sire 23-01

Certificate of Achievement

Ray Feller for completion of Leadership Competency Level One and Two

Facility Operations Decals

The decals are issued to facilities based on the hours on patrol. Silver awards performed more than 65 hours on patrol and bronze decals more than 30 hours.

Silver decal

James Farrell, Jim Welday, Darian Pringle and Michael Makatche 23-01

John Fewer, 23-3

Bronze Decal

Marie Squillace 23-01

Auxiliary Annual Service Performance award for completion of over 60 VSC in 2022

Tom Hardisty and Bill Smith, 23-6

Membership Service Award

25 Years

Ginger Sauer

Doug Casler receives award

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to the:

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IMAGERY ANALYSIS SUPPORT TEAM

For service set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally meritorious service from December 2021 to November 2022, while supporting the Maritime Search and Rescue Initiative for the Office of the Secretary of Defense’s Chief Digital Artificial Intelligence Office. Coast Guard Auxiliarists volunteered 11,520 hours serving as Maritime Imagery Analysts; performing detailed, frame-by-frame analyses of full-motion video data collected from Coast Guard fixed-wing aircraft sorties using the electro-optical and short-wave infrared sensors of the Minotaur Mission Management System. Imagery analysts were drawn from all Auxiliary Regions and participated in several training sessions; starting with a 16-hour initial introduction to data labeling techniques, instrumental for developing training data for machine learning. During this period, Auxiliarists filled 30 analyst positions often working more than 10 hours per week, increasing the labeling capacity of the computer vision data pipeline. The Auxiliary team analyzed over 15,000 clips of full-motion video and performed over 7,500 individual annotations of maritime objects. Additionally, these Auxiliarists produced several hundred gigabytes of training data which was critical in the development of computer vision maritime detection algorithms, which greatly improves existing Coast Guard aircraft sensors. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Analysts Support Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.”

For the Commandant,

P. W. Gautier

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Deputy Commandant for Operations

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Picture left to right are: LCDR Ryan Ball, Commanding Officer of USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard, presenter of "Page 7" award, ISCM Blaine Piersol, Master Chief of USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard, - LCDR Cory Hoffman, Officer-In-Charge of USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard 2015-2017, presenter of USCG CHG Insignia, - Paul Deafenbaugh, Jean Deafenbaugh, RN, BSN, Wife of Award recipient, LT Tyler Pfenninger, Executive Officer of USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard, CW03 Michael Pollard, Executive Officer, USCGC James Rankin (WLM-555) and LT Courtney Bailey, Commanding Officer, USCGC James Rankin (WLM-555).

Paul Deafenbaugh recognized for Honor Guard service

Paul Deafenbaugh was honored on 22 March for his 18 years of service with Ceremonial Honor Guard aboard USCGC James Rankin. Paul has

played taps at many funeral services and other services at Arlington National Cemetery. The Administrative Remarks read:

"06 March 2023: Congratulations! You are hereby authorized to wear the permanent Honor Guard insignia in accordance with the Ceremonial Honor Guard Standard Operating Procedures and the Uniform Regulations. The Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty, Pride, Poise, and Perfection you have displayed signified that you are ready to present a positive image of our service to any audience, at any time. Being an Honor Guardsman is a privilege, and as such, you are charged with continuing to exemplify these core values. I am

confident that you will proudly carry on the tradition of the United States Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard. Bravo Zulu on this accomplishment." Signed by Lieutenant Commander R.W. Ball, Commanding Officer, Ceremonial Honor Guard.

John Fewer was among those in attendance on James Rankin for this honor. John Fewer said, "I was proud to be on board the James Rankin today to participate in the Executive Officer of the Arlington National Cemetery Ceremonial Honor Guard recognizing you for the 18 years of dedicated service on the Honor Guard. We are all very proud of how you represent the USCG Auxiliary."

Connie Cosgrove
SO-PB

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Diversity and inclusion are far more than Ethnicity & Gender

Since joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2010, I've served in many capacities to support, promote and highlight diversity both in my flotilla and now as Division Commander. I've written dozens of news and magazine articles and stories on the topic of Diversity. It comes down to that "Diversity and inclusion is far more than Ethnicity & Gender". It doesn't mean that Ethnicity and Gender are not important, in fact it can be a highly probable indicator that barriers or obstacles to inclusion are less likely in those areas. Diversity, Inclusion & Equity creates a climate where new ideas and innovation can grow organically. Differing or opposing points of view can generally bring people to consensus and can lead to well thought out solutions to complex issues for the Auxiliary and in our society as a whole. Ten years ago, diversity efforts were short-sighted and might have consisted of just analyzing our demographics and then making a short-term effort to attract more diverse candidates to balance the mix. And likewise, "Inclusion," back then, might have been a practice of giving those with lower representation the chance to participate, as long as they downplayed their differences to align with the norm. But these concepts failed because they still didn't address the issue of barriers to inclusion that had begun to develop within.

For us to excel as a volunteer organization, diversity and inclusion goes beyond gender, race, age or even skill level - also called inherent diversity. The unique collection of traits within everyone is called acquired diversity, while the effective blending of differences to work well together as a team is called cognitive diversity. The NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity Excellence application is due June 30, 2023, and this is a great opportunity to examine whether your flotilla 's climate is truly inclusive. This year consider working with your FSO-DV to look at your activities, flotilla meeting structures and RBS initiatives to better align your diversity outlook

and expand in different arenas. If your unit is small consider collaborating with a neighboring unit by consolidating resources in a effort to expand your reach into communities that are under-represented in your flotilla's Area of Responsibility.

The key to our success must begin by building a competitive volunteer workforce, not only to attract diverse Auxiliary members for a bigger flotilla but to cultivate a highly collaborative workspace where everyone, regardless of gender, race, age or length of service, are invited to participate. When our members know their ideas and perspectives are valued, they are more likely to be engaged, contribute more, stay longer and attract others to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Margaret Butler
DCDR 23

PROMULGATION OF THE AUXILIARY FLOTILLA PROCEDURES GUIDE

1. This ALAUX announces the promulgation of the Auxiliary Flotilla Procedures Guide (FPG). This guide cancels the Auxiliary Flotilla Procedures Manual, COMDTINST M16791.5 (series).
2. The FPG provides guidelines, procedures, and advice for Auxiliary flotillas to organize, conduct business, and carry out authorized Auxiliary activities and programs. It reflects many Auxiliary flotilla policy and program changes including those affecting elected and appointed offices, membership status, and program management like that needed for the Auxiliary-Sea Scout Youth Development (AUXSCOUT) program. It also contains extensive leadership insight regarding mentoring, coaching, and individual development.
3. The FPG is posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary section of the Auxiliary national website: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP&category=guides-and-handbooks>.

Editor's Note: The above was received email through from the Chief Director's list server and is contained in ALAUX 013/23

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Auxiliarist support Coast Guard Incident Command Center

Auxiliarist from Sector Maryland National Capital Region (SM-NCR) were on hand to support the Coast Guard Incident Command Center (ICP) at the President's State of the Union message on 7 February at Coast Guard Station Washington.

Five Auxiliarist from Division 23 and Division 25 were assigned to check in/check out duties from 1100 - 0200. The check in/out desk was responsible for assuring all personnel, including Coast Guard, Police, and Customs Border Patrol, were accounted for as per the Incident Command System that both the active duty and Auxiliarist train and qualify to participate in.

Coast Guard teams from Sector San Francisco, Sector New Orleans, Sector New York supplemented SM-NCR boat crews and local law enforcement agencies enabling a more than 30 boat coverage of the waterways around the Capitol area.



Auxiliarist John Fewer - 23-03, Roy Culley, 23-03, Bill Smith, 23-06 were responsible for the day shift while Auxiliarist Robert Harlan, 25-07 and John Milkiewicz -

25-08 assured that all personnel were accounted for after the State of the Union address was over and the teams were released.

CDR Jim Bendle, SM-NCR joined Auxiliarist Culley, Fewer, and Smith for a daytime picture.

John Fewer

Auxiliary Sector Coordinator

Expansion of Coast Guard Exchange Privileges for Auxiliarists

At the meeting of the Auxiliary National Board as part of the 2023 Auxiliary National Training Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, Captain Jeffrey Eldridge, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Community Services Command, announced a major expansion of Coast Guard exchange privileges for Auxiliarists.

Effective immediately, Auxiliarists of appropriate age are authorized to purchase alcohol and tobacco products from Coast Guard exchanges. Section 6.A.1.d. of the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction M16790.1G) is amended to read, "Coast Guard exchanges for the purchase of goods and services." This will be included in the next change to the Auxiliary Manual.

Editor's note: The above was received email and is contained in ALAUX 014/23



Robert Fehn, 23-2
Crosses the Bar

Robert John Fehn Sr. crossed the bar suddenly on January 12th, 2023 in Texas. He is survived by his spouse, Betsey who also served in Flotilla 23-02.

Bob joined the Auxiliary on 11 June 2007. He became a communications specialist and served as the Flotilla Communication Service officer from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2014. Bob had 6,465 hours of service to the Auxiliary.

He was an entrepreneur, HAM radio operator, woodworker, modeler, and radio-control airplane enthusiast. His diverse careers included being a Radio Technician, EMT/Firefighter for the City of Wildwood Fire Dept., Merchant Marine Master, Boat Captain, Computer Network Designer, CEO &

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Chief Engineer of Jersey Cape Information Systems, President & Chief Engineer of ProNet-USA, Weekend Coordinator for the Calvert Marine Museum and the Director of Information Technology at St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission.

Bob volunteered for many organizations including the Cape May County Rescue Squad, Ocean City Rescue Squad, Holly Beach Fire Dept., the Technical Advisory Committee for Cape May County Vo-Tech, and Chairman of the Board of Directors & EVO Driver at Calvert Advanced Life Support. He was also a member of AOPA, IEEE, USCG AUX, and Drum Point Club.

Fair winds and following seas.

Connie Cosgrove

SO-PB

Jeffrey Conopask Crosses the Bar

Jeffrey Conopask crossed the bar on February 15, 2023, after a brief illness.

Mr. Conopask joined the Auxiliary in June 1981 and served for 41 years. As a member of the Northern Chesapeake, Upper Chesapeake, and Central Chesapeake Divisions, Jeff served as a Vice Flotilla Commander and as Flotilla Commander. He held Flotilla Staff offices FSO-FN, FSO-HR, FSO-NS, FSO-PV and was a Division Staff Officer for Navigation Systems. Additionally, he served as a coxswain, mentor, aids verifier, and Instructor.

Jeff received many individual awards and team awards including the Coast Guard Unit Commendation, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Department of Homeland Security Outstanding Unit Award.

He was an active Member over his 41 years and participated in a broad range of Auxiliary activities.

Margaret Butler

DCDR

Sandra Walker Crosses the Bar

Auxiliarist Sandra Kay Walker (Borgwardt) of Annapolis, Maryland crossed the on Saturday, February 18th. She loved traveling, being outdoors, especially boating, and spending time with her family and friends. Sandi led a very active life having competed in Tough Mudder competition as well as local triathlons and 10K races.

Sandi, as she was affectionately called, was an active Member of Flotilla 23-01, of Annapolis, becoming certified as Boat Crew last spring. She was a Vessel Examiner and was appointed as the Division 23 Staff Officer for Diversity in January 2023. Her Coast Guard Auxiliary awards include Auxiliary Sustained Service Award, DHS Outstanding Unit Award, the CG Unit Commendation Award and the CG Meritorious Team Commendation Award.

She is survived by her husband Derek, who is a professional sailor and boat captain. Together they enjoyed sailing on Lake Winnebago with the Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club, for which Sandi served on the Board of Directors.

Margaret Butler

DCDR

Eleanor Anne Louis Keyser Crosses the Bar

Eleanor was born on November 9, 1938. She crossed the bar early morning on February 26, 2023. She is survived by her husband David Richard Keyser.

Eleanor was just shy of 25 years' service in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She joined Flotilla 23-06 (then 15-06) on May 26, 1998. Affectionately known as Ellie, she was boat crew qualified and was also a program visitor. She also actively supported the Public Affairs mission. Ellie accumulated 9,044 hours of service to the Auxiliary.

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During her time in the Auxiliary, she was presented with the Department of Homeland Security Outstanding Unit Award, five Coast Guard Unit Commendation awards, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Transportation 9-11 ribbon.

Margaret Butler, Division Commander spoke at Ellie's service on behalf of the Auxiliary. She presented Dave with a proclamation for Ellie's 25 years of distinctive service.

Connie Cosgrove

FC 23-6

PROMULGATION OF THE AUXILIARY CLAIMS PROCESS GUIDE

- A. Encl. (1) to MLCLANTINST 5890.3A
- B. Auxiliary Claims Process Guide
- C. Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3E

1. This ALAUX announces the cancellation of reference (A), and the promulgation of reference (B).

2. The following change is made to Chapter 2, paragraph D.2.b. of reference (C):

a. The Auxiliarist should notify their own insurance company of the incident. The Auxiliarist may or may not be required to file a claim with their own insurance company, but this process helps protect the Auxiliarist in case the Coast Guard, after any required investigation, denies the claim. If an insurance payment is made and a damage claim has been paid, the insurance payment must be remitted to the Coast Guard. Detailed guidance for damage claims is found in the Auxiliary Claims Process Guide.

3. This change will be reflected in the next revision to reference (C).

4. No paper distribution will be made of reference (B). This Process Guide is available on

SharePoint at: (For USCG systems, copy and paste the following URL to browser) <https://uscg.sharepoint-mil.us/:f:/r/sites/cg-bsx/cgbsx1/Shared%20Documents/BSX-1%20Directives?csf=1&web=1&e=uhFy82> and the internet: Auxiliary Claims Process Guide.

5. Questions should be directed to the appropriate Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).

Editor's Note – the above was received email as ALAUX 012/23

District 5 Southern Region (D5SR) held its 2023 Winter D-Train In Person

On Thursday, February 16 thru Sunday February 19, the D5SR held its 2023 Winter D-Train in Glen Allen, Virginia. The weekend featured many training opportunities such as C-Schools for AMLOC, AUXSC&E Specialty courses, AUX-LAMS B-C as well as Introduction to AUXAIR, risk management/team coordination training, emergency response and marine safety. D-Train kicked off with sector round tables along with a board meeting & staff meeting. Ms. Joanne Revis & YN2 Jovanni Kyle presented two training workshops on best practices in completing the Auxiliary membership application on-boarding process and the E2 Solutions Travel online procedures. Since this was the first full in-person D-Train since February 2020, the entire vibe of the conference was brimming with great excitement and tons of fellowship throughout the D-Train festivities.



Our very own John Fewer, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator. Sector Maryland National Capitol Region, led the round tables and discussion within our Sector with highlights of upcoming changes as well as updates that impact our area of responsibility.

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All the events were chock full of important information. The highlight of D-Train for me was the banquet where we were honored with remarks from RDML Shannon Gilreath and CMDR John Block followed by inspirational messages from both Commodore John Krogmann and James Thomas, Chief of Staff. RDML Gilreath emphasized a renewed interest of Coast Guard Auxiliary partnering with the USCG to include more collaboration at every level including monthly meetings, operations, recreational boating safety activities such as vessel safety checks, public education and member training. The Auxiliary was highly heralded with great accolades as a critical force multiple for the Coast Guard throughout the weekend in so many ways from surface, operations and air. RDML Gilreath touched on Admiral Fagan's vision for a strong emphasis and focus on building a well-trained workforce to meet the needs of our Maritime mission.

Margaret Butler

Division Commander



L-R: Captain Carl Sink, Mate: Program, Dr. Howard Kea, Ship Committee, Tanya Morris, Sea Scout Past Commander, Mate: Administration, Henry Hayes, Immediate Past Division Commander, Division 24

Sea Scout Ship 1959 Open House

On April 1, 2023, Sea Scout Ship 1959 held its first Open House in Annapolis, Maryland since the COVID-19 pandemic. Margaret Butler, Division Commander, attended the open house in Eastport's Back Creek and enjoyed tours of the

Seafarers Yacht Club, which is one of the oldest historically African American Yacht Clubs in the country and serves as the Chartered Organization for Ship 1959. The open house was an opportunity for local youth and parents to be introduced to the Ship's Leadership and its many Maritime Community Partnerships within their area of responsibility. The open house afforded many participants an opportunity to learn more about marine safety, sailing & navigation, galley skills, fellowship and most of all fun. During the event itself, we were treated to an overview of the program. Attendees stopped by the various activity stations that included navigation, knots and lines. While promoting a love of the sea both as a lifelong career, the sea scouts enjoy participation in both long/short cruises, sailing competitions, travel opportunities, regattas and racing.

The Sea Scouts is the Coast Guard Auxiliary official youth program and is a co-ed scouting program for boy and girls aged 13-21. It was adopted by Boy Scouts of American (BSA) in 1912 with the purpose of fostering seamanship, citizenship, leadership, personal fitness and community service. Adults facilitate youth leadership. Sea Scout Ship 1959 is led by Skipper Dr. Derrick Cogburn and supported by two Mates (s) Program and Administration as well as a Ship Committee and Advisory Board. They hold a special recognition as the National 2021 Flagship. Although the Ship is primarily supported by CGAUX Flotilla 24-09, Bowie-Davidsonville, Division 23, Central Chesapeake has enjoyed many partnering opportunities with the Sea Scouts on many of our sponsored activities such as our recent Change of Watch and CG Station Annapolis Open House last fall.

The elements of maritime seamanship make the Sea Scouts unique. They use a variety of different types of boats, from outboard motor boats to large sailing yachts and provides for a natural progression for a career in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Margaret Butler

Division Commander

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Division 23

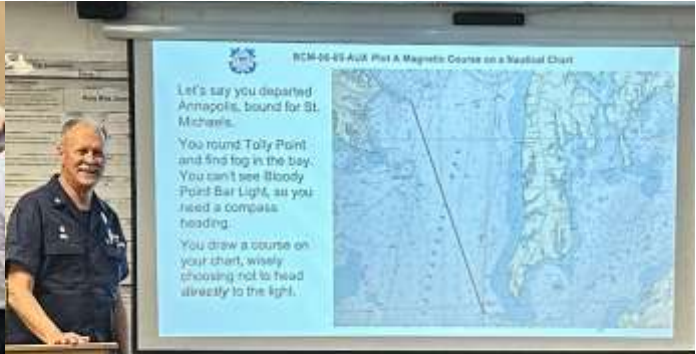
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CAPT David O'Connell, Sector Maryland and Margaret Butler, Division Commander



Dave Sire, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, 23-1 instructor



Chief Colin Philips, Coast Guard Station Annapolis talks to students in safe boating class and stress the importance of being vigilant on the water. He also answered the students questions.



Margaret Butler, Division Commander, Ellie Keyser's service



On the right is Dorothy Neiman, FC 23-3 at the Annapolis Yacht Club. Above is Margaret Butler, Division Commander with Sea Scout Esther Bell at the Sea Scout Open House.

