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All Hands,

, we are excited about kicking off a number of training programs. Some of the training is at the district level, while other workshops will be done here in the division.

Shortly, you will be hearing from Ray O'Connell about increasing our staff of Station Radio Watchstanders. Becoming a Station Yankeetown radio Watchstander is the next step after you have qualified as an [Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator \(TCO\)](#). While the Watchstanders main function is to coordinate all station radio traffic, they perform a number of other important functions. Our goal is to increase our Auxiliary presence to the point where we are able to man the communications room each morning. That's a pretty ambitious goal, but I think it is something we can accomplish. You will be hearing more about how to qualify shortly.

Operational Excellence is a program for boat crews who are interested in achieving a step above their regular boat crew training. Those earning the Operational Excellence Award receive an [individual ribbon](#) and their operational facility may display the "E" for excellence alongside their OPFAC shield. The qualification consists of successfully completing five separate areas:

- Simulated SAR mission planning
- Simulated SAR mission execution
- Dewatering pump drill
- Communications
- Complete currency maintenance tasks

We will be meeting with our coxswains shortly to review the program and to help develop training sessions for those interested in qualifying as an [Operational Excellent boat crew](#).

You recently received an email about the [Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner training](#) we are offering here in central Florida. If you have an interest, please be sure to take advantage of this workshop. This is the first district wide CFVE workshop we've attempted. During [DTRAIN](#) in Orlando, we are offering two different one- day workshops, Telecommunications Operator and Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. Don't miss the opportunity to take one of these workshops!

As you can see Division 15 is really stepping up our training to support the boating public and Station Yankeetown. No matter where your Auxiliary interests lie, there is a training program designed to help you reach your goal.

Andy Render, Commander, Division 15

Happy 228th Birthday Coast Guard

"August 4 is celebrated as Coast Guard Day to honor the establishment on that day in 1790 of the Revenue Cutter Service, forebear of today's Coast Guard, by the Treasury Department. On that date, Congress, guided by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; the 1790 Tariff Act President George Washington signed into law, authorized the building of a fleet of ten cutters, whose responsibility would be enforcement of the first tariff laws enacted by Congress under the Constitution.

The Coast Guard has been continuously at sea since its inception, although the name Coast Guard didn't come about until 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service was merged with the Lifesaving Service. The Lighthouse Service joined the Coast Guard in 1939, followed in 1946 by the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection. Then in 1967, after 177 years in the Treasury Department, the Coast Guard was transferred to a newly formed Department of Transportation. Finally, on March 1, 2003, the Coast Guard was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security.

Coast Guard Day is primarily an internal activity for active duty Coast Guard personnel, civilian members, reservists, retirees, auxiliaries, and dependents, but it does have a significant share of interest outside the Service. Grand Haven, Michigan, also known as Coast Guard City, USA, annually sponsors the Coast Guard Festival around August 4. Typically it is the largest community celebration of a branch of the Armed Forces in the nation.

In addition to celebrating their own day every year, Coast Guard members also participate as equal partners in Armed Forces Day activities."



Join the fun and fellowship Friday August 3, 2018 at Station Yankeetown 10:00



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Welcome Chief Boatswain's Mate Allen M. Bozeman,
Officer in Charge, Station Yankeetown

Station Yankeetown held a change of command on Friday, July 13, 2018. The crew was sad to say goodbye to our Officer in Charge since October of 2016, Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Eric Tookey. The crew has appreciated his leadership and guidance, and we wish him fair winds and following seas. Thank you Senior Chief Tookey.

With the change of command comes our welcoming Chief Boatswain's Mate Allen Bozeman as the new Officer in Charge at Station Yankeetown. We are excited to have him, and look forward to serving under his command.



Finally, thank you to all who came to the ceremony despite the rain. We are beyond grateful for

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