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## *Season Greetings*



On November 17, 2018, we held our annual Change of Watch at the Citrus Hills Country Club, and there wasn't an empty seat in the room. Commander Walsh, Deputy Commander Sector St. Petersburg, LTJG Riley, AUXLO, Sector St. Petersburg, Chief Bozeman and BM-1 Waters from Station Yankeetown were there along with a large number of our members. Tom Bamford, Auxiliary District Captain - West (e) also drove up from St. Petersburg to be a part of our Change of Watch.

Following a delicious buffet lunch, we recognized a large number of our members for their accomplishments over the last two years. If we tried to name everyone recognized, we might accidentally leave someone off the list, and I would rather not make that mistake. It's sufficient to say that we presented well over twenty awards to our members. What a great job you, as a team, have been doing! For a small division, you make a big impression.

After the awards portion of the meeting Ray O'Connell was sworn in as Division Captain and John Caddigan as Vice Commander. These are two excellent leaders and will continue to help our division move forward. Ray and John gave short acceptance speeches, followed by Tom Bamford, Chief Bozeman, and Commander Walsh.

Of course, none of this could have happened if it were not for our Special Events Coordinator, Linda Jones.

All of this is just another example of what we can accomplish when we put our minds to it.

BZ on a very successful 2018

**Andy Render, Commander, Division 15**

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**COXSWAIN WORKSHOP** A special THANKS to Chief Bozemen and BM-1 Waters for conducting a workshop discussing GAR 2.0 and the Station Yankeetown Navigation Standards. We will be reviewing the Navigation Standards every 6 months to ensure we remain current and to review any new updates to the plan. This session parallels the workshop required by all boatcrew members at Station Yankeetown. It's important for us to remember that while on patrol, we are seen by the boating public, the same as our counterparts on the gold side. Our standards must be at that same high level of proficiency.

It was obvious we all learned a lot during the workshop and I'm sure some of us will be making slight changes in our patrol procedures. It's important that we include GAR 2.0 and the station's Navigation Standards as we train our new crew members.

## Big Change December 14th

We are making a change to our practice of hosting a Holiday Luncheon at Station Yankeetown. This year we have changed our plans and have a HOLIDAY BREAKFAST and Cookies for Coasties. This will enable the off-duty section to leave earlier to be home with their families.



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