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John Hopkins

January, 2014

Report from the Division Commander

A 9WR District Board meeting in Lisle occurred Saturday 04 Jan 14. As our DCO Van Dinter prepares for N-Train, input was needed on important issues to our District. Many topics were discussed and will be brought out in more detail, but I wanted to give you a taste of some of the items discussed.

The ongoing theme of the day was that we must stay on course and complete our mission without as much Coast Guard financial support. As we all know, due to the government shutdown, the new 2-year budget, and the cuts to the Coast Guard budget, we need to get creative in how we move forward. The mission has not changed; the way we go about it will. C-schools will no longer be offered, so we need to have more flexibility on where and how we train our membership. We need to maintain the high level of proficiency without draining our coffers.

Many productive ideas were discussed and will be brought to N-train. Others items discussed by Diraux CDR Nathan Podoll were positive command climates, value membership and overall respect to each other. CDR Podoll stressed that we make personal goals for ourselves moving forward, and he emphasized achievement of those goals.

We also discussed "changing the culture." Sexual assault and sexual harassment are up all over the military. Remember, we are dealing with 18-25 year old active duty Coasties who could use our guidance. We need to have conversations in order to assist the Coast Guard in this delicate matter. If you see or hear something inappropriate, don't hesitate to remind them that it is inappropriate; this also applies to the Auxiliary membership.

The last item discussed was social media. Our DCOS Staggs will be attending a conference soon to get the *ins and outs* of regulations concerning social media. The Auxiliary will be embracing Facebook, Twitter etc....

moving forward. That is where the world is going and we intend to be right there with them. I will get DOCS Staggs' report, and our Division will move forward on this once we are advised of the regulations.

Submitted by Maryellen Begley, DCDR 35

Calling Instructors for Support

John Hopkins is progressing in his campaign to recruit instructors from other flotillas for 35-09's large-scale conduct of Boating Skills & Seamanship for the Steelworkers of Northwest Indiana, an eight-week course to begin 30 January 2014, and a great opportunity for Flotillas to earn PE teaching hours and revenue. We are in search of experienced instructors for this 8 week Program, with a strong potential for continuing this cooperative teaching program throughout the Year with multiple sessions.

FC's and FSOs-PE: We encourage you strongly to contact your certified instructors. If they can make it and want to participate, they will need to contact John Hopkins. If you have instructor-candidates in training, please let them know that they may have come along for a Aid to Instructors PE opportunities. (We cannot guarantee that there will be opportunities for student teaching to satisfy the requirements for IT).

Submitted by John Hopkins, VCDR

RSVP for the Chili Cook-Off

The Coast Guard Station's Chili Cook- Off has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 2 beginning at 1230 CST *for our benefit.*

FS1 Kevin Johnson has asked everybody who plans to attend to contact him **now**, whether they are bringing chili or just coming to eat. He is preparing side dishes and needs a head-count.

Please e-mail FS1 at Kevin.J.Johnson@uscg.mil if you are planning to come, and include the number of guests you are bringing (if any). **THANK YOU!**



Coast Guard Works over the Holiday

About 1130 Christmas morning, the duty crew at Calumet Harbor responded to an “uncorrelated MAYDAY” call. Radio direction finders indicated the source of the call was near the CalSag Channel. A trailered RB-S was hitched up and towed to the launch rampWorth. Searches were conducted as far as open water permitted with negative results.



After several hours, active search was suspended pending further developments and the crew was able to return to a delayed holiday dinner.

On New Year’s Day, Sector Lake Michigan was making a broadcast for a person in the water off Navy Pier. Calumet Harbor Station did not have to respond.

On January 2, the station responded to 72nd Street for a person out on the ice. Upon their arrival, they found a man stuck out on the ice. Coast Guard personnel and Chicago Fire Department successfully rescued the subject. News coverage links are below. (Some reporters did not even realize Coast Guard personnel were performing the rescue on the ice.)



<http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/24351998/coast-guard-crews-train-for-dangerous-cold-weather-ice-rescues>

http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local/chicago_news&id=9379653

<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/01/02/firefighters-rescue-person-on-the-ice-along-lakefront/>

<http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Fire-Crews-Rescue-Man-from-Lake-Michigan-238517741.html>

Check your Year-End Member Summary

Each member should receive a copy of the **Annual Member Summary & Status Report** from their flotilla now that 2013 is complete. This summary provides the member with a wealth of information:

- The member’s personal information (address, telephone, e-mail, status) for confirmation
- Qualifications
- Awards received
- ICS / IS Courses completed
- End of Year Cumulative Activity Summary, including total Auxiliary hours, mileage, and costs (as reported on ANSC 7029 reports through the year)

Seventy-eight (78 or 43%) of our members show **NO** activity hours; another thirty-three (33 or 18%) members show less than 20 hours in the whole year.

This raises a major question for our leadership – are these statistics accurate? In fact, many – if not most – of the 61% showing less than 20 hours activity have been seen to be active. They attend meetings; they read Auxiliary e-mails & newsletters; they discuss the Auxiliary on the telephone; they support Auxiliary programs in many ways.

Why don’t their statistics in AUXDATA reflect their activity?

- Do they know how to complete the 7029 and 7030 reports?
- Do they know where to send these reports?
- Are they encouraged to complete the paperwork?
- Is the Information System Staff processing the reports they receive?

Each Flotilla Commander has been encouraged to contact their members to be sure they receive the correct recognition for their contributions. If you believe you performed more service than your record reflects, work with your flotilla staff to figure out how to correct any problems for 2014.

Public Education:
Convert Auxiliary Course Completion
Cards to State Certifications

As our 2014 public-education season approaches, it’s a good time to revisit the conditions under which we issue our wallet-sized red, white, and blue certificate-of-course-completion cards to students. The key thing to remember is: these cards *do not authorize* students to operate boats, and we need to make sure they know that.



Authorization, says IPDCDR Tom Mullaly, “is legally up to the owner of the vessel and state law.” If a law-enforcement officer accepts our card (and most do), it is actually a *courtesy*. Conversely, as DCO Maureen Van Dinter puts it, “we have no legal liability for anyone of any age who takes the course [and then encounters The Law], except to make sure we are teaching it correctly [including state laws, and “authorization” as described above].”

To make sure everyone avoids misunderstandings arising from the complex relationship between our training and state regulations, we can help students convert our cards to state-issued boater-education certificates. There are two ways to do this:

- (1) We complete the conversion for the students, or
- (2) we tell the students how to do it on their own.

Division 35 policy favors the *first* alternative because, realistically, most students probably won’t get around to it. The FSO-PE or lead instructor copies the Auxiliary completion cards (preferably in color) and submits each card copy on a page with the mailing address and DOB (date of birth) of the student to the Boater Education office of the DNR of the student’s home state. The second alternative involves telling the students (or giving them written instructions) how to do this, giving them addresses, phone numbers, and



contact names. The first alternative can be logistically challenging--for example, when you are conducting a one-day course and don’t have a printer/copier at the teaching site. Walk-in students also complicate the process.

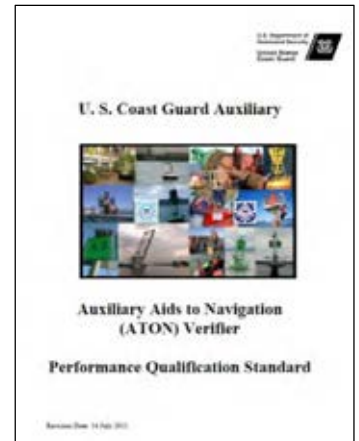
DNR officials in Illinois and Indiana (our AOR) assure Division 35 that when they receive the documentation described above, they will turn it around readily and send state boater-education certificates to our students. For DNR addresses and contact names, e-mail SO-PE Phil Aszling at paszling@aol.com, or call 773-545-0497.

Submitted by Phil Aszling

Navigational Systems
New Materials Available

Members who desire to participate in the Navigation Systems programs this year should complete the Aid Verifier PQS which is available on line:

http://pdept.cgaux.org/Documents/Active/NS/MasterNS%20Aid_Verifier_PQS14JULY2011.pdf



National has completed a revised USCGAUX National ATON Training Guide and posted it on the National web site. Also posted is the revised form for Chart Updating NOAA Form 77-5a.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=P-DEPT&category=ns-forms-and-manuals>



Submitted by Michael Scott

Public Affairs Opportunities

Ruth Aurigemma, SO-PA 35 has passed on information from Michael Hudec, DSO-PA . Bob Allen will be Point of Contact (POC) for the Chicago Boat Show and Strictly Sail. Sign-ups will be taken on the 9WR web site.

<http://www.cgau9wr.com/events/index.php>

District is also looking for a candidate for ADSO-Boat Shows, as well as candidates for other facets of Public Affairs. Interested members are encouraged to send an e-mail directly to Michael Hudec.

Chicago Boat and RV Show at McCormick Place-North Building

Set up Wednesday, JAN 15
 Show watches Thursday-Monday, JAN 16-20
 Pack up Monday, JAN 20 (3pm)

Strictly Sail at Navy Pier Festival Hall A & B
 Show watches Thursday-Sunday, JAN23-26
 Set-up and Pack up to be determined

Show Name	Date(s)	Place
Hammond Outdoors Show	January 11-12, 2014	Jean Shepherd Community Ctr, Hammon, IN
Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show	January 16-20, 2014	McCormick Place, Chicago
Chicago Outdoor Sports Show	January 22-26, 2014	Rosemont Convention Center
Strictly Sail	January 23-26, 2014	Navy Pier, Chicago
Tinley Park Fishing Show	February 8-9, 2014	6111 175th Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477
Our World Underwater	February 14-16, 2014	Donald E Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont

Show information provided by Ruth Aurigemma, SO-PA 35

Holiday Greetings

Members should have received copies of the holiday greetings from the Commandant, the District Commander, and our Director of Auxiliary. (The card from the District Commander is printed across →)

Member Training

Weekly training at Mead is concentrating on Boat Crew and Coxswain training for the month of January.

Remember to RSVP to SO-MT 35 by Thursday before any session you plan to attend, so that materials and food will be available.

01/04	Crew: Crew Duties Coxn: SAR (after lunch)	Mead Mead
01/11	Crew: Nav1 Coxn: Nav1 (after lunch)	Mead Mead
01/18	Crew: Nav2 Coxn: Nav2 (after lunch)	Mead Mead
01/25	Crew: Marlinespike Coxn: Casualties (after lunch)	Mead Mead
02/01	Crew: Life Support Coxn: Boat Handling (after lunch)	Mead Mead

Note: Watch for a change in the announced February schedule.

Below is an excerpt from an e-mail that was distributed to All Auxiliaries, for your review:

To: ALAUX
 From: CHDIRAUX
 Subj: CHANGE TO AUXOP ELECTIVE COURSES - xx3/13

1. Effective January 1, 2014, all National Incident Management System (NIMS)-compliant Incident Command System (ICS)-300 and ICS-400 courses will be acceptable for credit toward earning the Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) device. NIMS compliance is established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). NIMS-compliant ICS courses may only be taught by instructors, Coast Guard or other agency, that are certified to teach them.

This changes the previously-announced policy that required ICS-300 and ICS-400 courses to be taught by Coast Guard instructors if the courses were to be counted toward AUXOP requirements.



The men and women of the 9th Coast Guard District join me in wishing you a joyous holiday and a successful 2014!
 Fred Midgett
 Vice Commodore, USCG

Vessel Examiners: Workshops Scheduled

February 22 the VE Staff will offer a Workshop for New Vessel Examiners. Members desiring to initially qualify for this program should begin by contacting their Flotilla staff officer to register for this workshop. Study materials are available from the National web site at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=become-a-ve>

It will be valuable for trainees to read the available material prior to attending this workshop.

March 29 is the VE Workshop for all Vessel Examiners. Program elements will be reviewed and questions from 2013 will be addressed. Part of this workshop will be a District-presented training focusing on VSCs for **boats on trailers**.

Decals: VSC decals were distributed to FCs in December for 2014. These decals should be passed to the FSO-VE for 2014 to distribute to the flotilla examiners.



More decals will be sent to flotillas *automatically* when the flotilla has recorded half as many passing VSCs in AUXDATA as they performed in 2013. This makes it important for Vessel Examiners to complete their ANSC 7038 (Activity Reports Vessel Examinations) and submit them to their Flotilla Information Systems Staff Officer (FSO-IS) for prompt processing. Otherwise, there may be a delay replenishing decals.

Information Packets: Jennifer Hampton, SO-VE 35 has proposed building handout packets *en masse* for Vessel Examiners to utilize. We have space to assemble and store packets at Mead Training Room. If you would like to participate in this project, have your Flotilla Vessel Examiner Staff Officer (FSO-VE) forward your name to SO-VE 35.

More Packets: SO-VE 35 also displayed a separate packet at the January Division meeting that she carries for children on boats receiving VSCs. She will order materials and share them if VEs are interested. Again, discuss your interest with your FSO-VE.

Bogus Mayday Is No Joke

An Ohio light aircraft pilot's wallet is nearly a half-million dollars lighter after U.S. Coast Guard investigators linked him to a false mayday report over Lake Erie last March. After takeoff from an airport near Cleveland, Danik Shiv Kumar, 21, radioed that he'd seen a "fishing boat" in distress shooting off flares and counted four people aboard. That set off both U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard vessels and aircraft rescue operations that found nothing. After admitting to the false report, a judge fined Kumar \$489,007 for search costs and sentenced him to three years of supervised release plus 250 hours of community service.



R.L.

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Kudos for Christmas Tree Ship Support

The following members of Division 35 were recognized for their support to CGC Mackinaw:

Maryellen Begley	Ruth Aurigemma
David Bickel	Tom Mullally
Sharon Higginson (FS)	Rob Juskiewicz (FS)
Frank Lizak (FS)	

Additional members of Division 35 remained available if the need had developed.

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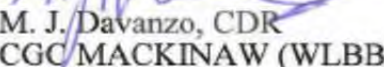


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09 Dec 2013

MEMORANDUM

From:  M. J. Davanzo, CDR
CGC MACKINAW (WLBB-30)

Reply to
Attn of:

To: M. C. Van Dinter, Commodore
U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. I want to extend my sincerest appreciation for the assistance provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary during this year's Christmas Tree Ship event. This worthy humanitarian effort allowed CGC MACKINAW to deliver more than 1,200 Christmas trees to deserving families from the Chicago area. This operation made a tremendous impact in many lives, and accomplishing this would not have been possible without the support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

2. While in Chicago, we had the pleasure of hosting six different Auxiliary members as part of the AUXCHEF program. These members brought valuable assistance to our galley in support of meal flexibility, preparation, and cleanliness. The Food Services Officer onboard complimented their can-do attitude and work ethic throughout their support of this operation. They truly were a pleasure to have onboard for added support in the galley.

3. CGC MACKINAW also received the support of nearly 20 Coast Guard Auxiliary members who assisted with providing nearly 500 ship tours to school children and the general public. Demonstrating their strong sense of teamwork, these members arrived with a willingness to work where needed and were greatly appreciated. These tours helped to increase Coast Guard recruiting efforts in an ethnically diverse area and portrayed the Coast Guard in a positive light to many others in the Great Lakes region.

4. The Coast Guard Auxiliary's enthusiasm, professionalism, and work ethic are indicative of their commitment to this operation and the Coast Guard. Their assistance and dedication to this highly visible event was exceptional. My crew and I greatly appreciate their assistance and continued support of Coast Guard missions. We look forward to working with Coast Guard





Photos provided by Brian Hinton, (3725)



News from Flotilla 3509

Prior to Thanksgiving break, Flotilla 3509 presented a program on hypothermia and winter water safety to Myer School in Portage, IN. Jennifer Hampton coordinated the event with Jeff King, Principal.



As an introduction, twelve students were selected by the school to “volunteer” to experience the effects when a hand was submerged in ice water. The expected reactions were displayed.



The importance of always having a “buddy” was stressed. When an old man (Mike Scott) “fell” through the ice, his friend (Kelly Flores) demonstrated calling for help and then using various methods to safely rescue him.



Presenters (left to right): Mike Scott, Jen Hampton, Kelly Flores, Frank Lizak, Jim Bell, John Hopkins

FC John Hopkins warmed up the crowd following the hypothermia demonstration.

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2 Division Mtg 1900 @	3	4 Coxn: SAR @ Mead Crew: Crew Duties @
5	6	7	8 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	9	10	11 Coxn: Nav1 @ Mead Crew: Nav1 @ Mead Hammond Outdoor
12 Hammond Outdoor Div 35 Change of	13	14 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	15	16 Chicago Boat Show @ McCormick Place, Chicago Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	17	18 Coxn: Nav2 @ Mead Crew: Nav2 @ Mead
19 Chicago Boat Show @ McCormick Place,	20 Martin Luther King,	21 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	22 Chgo Outdoor Sports Show @ Rosemont Convention Center	23 Strictly Sail Show @ Navy Pier, Chicago	24	25 Coxn: Casualties @ Crew: Marlinespike
26 Chgo Outdoor Strictly Sail Show	27	28 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	29	30	31	1 Coxn: Boat Handling Crew: Life Support

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Chgo Outdoor Strictly Sail Show	27	28 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	29	30	31	1 Coxn: Boat Handling Crew: Life Support
2 CalHbr Chili Cook- Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 First Aid @ USCG Tinley Park Fishing
9 Tinley Park Fishing	10	11 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Our World Underwater @ Donald E Valentine's Day	15 Coxn: Com & Admin Crew: Comms @
16 Our World	17 Washington's	18 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	19	20 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	21	22 VEs for Beginners @
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 CPR @ Mead