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Maryellen Begley

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER

Rudy Lyles

September, 2013

From the Division Commander:

As Commander of Division 35, I could not be prouder. It has been an incredible season. Every aspect of the Auxiliary membership stepped up making the Chicagoland waterways safer. I have been told that we are completely out of VSC decals and so is ANSC. Bravo Zulu to the VE teams from all our flotillas. Your camaraderie, working together for the cause, was tremendous. The PE program got the ball rolling in the winter, which flowed to the VE program as the boats went in the water. Member training works all year, qualifying new VE's, boat crew, coxswains, instructors, etc.

We had a great year of PA events starting with the boat shows in January right up to the USCGC Alder visiting Navy Pier in July. We continued to get the message out about boating safety and the Auxiliary. Operations had, as always, a busy year. Safety zones for air shows, Tall Ships, Match races, and various events on the water. When Station Calumet Harbor asked for help, we responded in force.

Many, many thanks for a safe and successful season. I hope to see you all at the conference in Lisle in Oct.

Maryellen Begley, DCDR

Division Vice Commander:

Congratulations to Rudy Lyles, our Division Vice Commander, for accepting the responsibility of District Human Resources Staff Officer.

Prepare for Fall Elections

Are you considering running for an elected office this winter? Do you have a friend you would like to encourage to run for Flotilla Commander or Vice Commander? Now is the time to check for the Qualifications for your desired office. Specifics are found in the Auxiliary Manual (Appendix C). Your Information Services (IS) officer can run a list from AUXDATA that shows all members who currently are qualified to run for office.

In addition, it would be wise to consider signing up for the Flotilla Commander School at the Fall Training Conference or completing the Flotilla Leadership Course available on the Auxiliary Online Classroom.

News from Station Calumet Harbor

Station Calumet Harbor will be demonstrating their capabilities 23-25 SEP when the National Standardization Team visits.

Welcome to FS2 Melissa Wetenkamp, who arrives from the CGC Mackinaw and Sector Milwaukee (where she worked TAD at Calumet Harbor).

Congratulations to the following members who recently advanced in rank: BM1 Joseph Bienek, BM2 Ryan Carrig, BM2 Kellen Zanandrie, and BM2 Brad Houston.

In Memoriam

Remembering those who have crossed the bar

Gerhardt Schultz, Flotilla 3501, AUXOP
Auxiliary Member since February, 1990
Past Rear Commodore

Public Education News

Division 35 could be leading the way to a new dimension in Auxiliary boating-safety education.

Recently, Flotilla 35-09 conducted *Boating Skills & Seamanship* for steelworkers in Northwest Indiana, in collaboration with the area's union locals. The school graduated a large number of students and provided 35-09 with "generous" course fees, according to 35-09 FC John Hopkins.. (The union has an education fund to support this kind of training.) Flotilla 3509 and the union have scheduled a repeat of the school, to begin Thursday 30OCT and run on successive Thursdays into December. Up to 50 students are anticipated, in two course sessions each day, because steelworkers work different shifts. Our "Indiana" Flotilla has recruited eight instructors from other Div. 35 Flotillas to help present this course – with fees to be split proportionately among the participating Flotillas.

FC Hoppy Hopkins says that the participation of other Flotillas' instructors is a great opportunity for Flotillas to increase their PE hours and their bank accounts without incurring more work than lesson prep and travel to nearby Indiana.

The steelworkers' union, a national organization, is considering offering Auxiliary boating-safety courses to its members nationwide. They look to Division 095-35 to assist them in recruiting local Flotillas to conduct the courses.

Attention PE instructors: Going forward, when you teach *Boating Skills & Seamanship*, do *not* use the Thirteenth Edition student workbook to do your lesson prep. The **Fourteenth Edition** has been out for several months, and that edition is what the students will get when you order coursepacks for them from ANSC. You can get your own copy of the Fourteenth from Amazon for \$18.60.

Submitted by Phil Aszling SO-PE

Dangers of Stray Electrical Current in Fresh Water

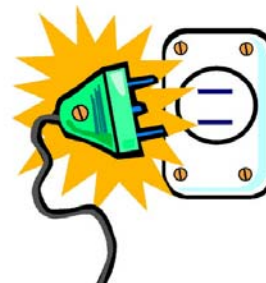
BoatUS Foundation has run a second series of safety articles alerting boaters to the dangers of stray AC electrical current in fresh waters.



We can't imagine anybody being foolish enough to go swimming in the vicinity of the Asian Carp Barrier on the river system, but boaters take a similar chance each time they go swimming in fresh water harbors. We know that stray electrical current can incapacitate even strong swimmers by "short-circuiting" the nerves controlling muscles – yet we regularly see care-free boaters (including children) swimming in marinas, where similar electrical currents can easily find their way into the water. Most marinas are posted for "No Swimming", but too frequently the harbor staff does not enforce this regulation. The hazard of transiting vessels may be minimal, but are they conscious of the danger of electrocution?

When a problem is recognized, efforts to rescue a struggling swimmer may result in the rescuer also losing muscle control in the water. If the swimmer is not wearing a PFD that keeps their head out of the water, it may not be possible to rescue them when the current takes control of their muscles.

We can't do much to educate people already in the water – because they will deny the problem until they experience the effects – but we can share the danger with boaters when we encounter them in boating classes, Vessel Safety Checks, and casual conversations.



Dates for your Calendar

11 SEP	White Sox Tailgate Party
03 OCT	Division Meeting
11-13 OCT	District Training Conference, Lisle IL
20 OCT	USCG Chili Cook-Off
20 OCT	Following the Chili Cook-Off, Fun Night at Balmoral Race Track (check with your FC for more details)
07NOV	Division Meeting
12 JAN	Division Change of Watch

Training offered at District 9WR Fall 2013 Training Conference

NOTE: SO-IS highly recommends that those members already IS qualified take the IS Proper Entry class (as continuing education) and anyone interested in becoming an inputter take both the IS Basic Inputter and the IS Proper Entry classes.

IS Proper Entry - Data Entry students will learn what is and what is NOT acceptable for hours (based on actual examples)

IS Basic Inputter - How to become an inputter without having to take the IS-10 course.

Submitted by Ruth Aurigemma, SO-IS 35

Operational Excellence 2013

A new option for the established award was introduced in 2013. The opportunity to perform navigation utilizing an Electronic Chartplotter in place of paper charts brought the exercise into the 21st Century.



The crew of Michael Scott, Gary Markle, and John Reinert has successfully completed the challenge for 2013.

All operational members are encouraged to accept the challenge and try for the qualification.

Coastie Training at Lisle Training meeting

"Saving Lives Through Education"

We have the opportunity to recertify and train with Coastie at the Ninth Western District Training on October 12 in Lisle IL. We will be having a Webinar to do a forum and oral questioning before the hands on training in Lisle. **If you have not updated your training in the last 10 months and wish to continue in the Coastie Program please sign up for the training in Lisle.** Certification will be issued by DIRAUX to all of the Coastie Operators who have fulfilled their retraining or training needs after the training session in Lisle. You must pre-register for the training (USCG AUX 9th Western website) and participate in the Webinar(s) to get certification through DIRAUX. These will be the operator/directors who will be authorized for Coastie use. If you have questions or cannot make the Lisle training and wish to continue in the program, please notify "Team Coastie". Please invite others who are interested in becoming qualified operators to sign up and join.

Submitted by Ruth Aurigemma, SO-PA 35

Congratulations:

To Tom Mullally for completing his qualification as Coxswain.

To Jennifer Hampton for completing her qualifications as Crew.

To Kathy Chappelle and John Hopkins for completing 100 PVs and/or VSCs in 2012.

To Richard Chappelle and Melvyn Marcus for receiving recognition for their 25 Years of Auxiliary Service.

To Jim Bell for completing his qualification as Qualification Examiner (QE).

Flotilla Training Topics for September

Flotilla	Meeting Date	Training Topic Scheduled
3501	9/10	TBA
3506	9/24	TBA
3507	9/10	TBA
3509	9/04	TBA
3511	9/19	TBA
3512	9/17	TBA
3516	9/17	TBA

Coast Guard Chili Cook-Off

The third annual Chili Cook-Off at Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor has been announced for Sunday, October 20th (kickoff at 1200, judging at 1400). Six categories will be judged for awards:

1. “OG” (Most creative)
2. “True to your Roots” (Most classical)
3. “The Heat” (Spiciest)
4. “That s#!t is Legit” (Best overall flavor)
5. “Six Pack” (Most health conscious)
6. “Damn That’s a Lot of Meat” (Obvious)



Unique prizes and a medal for each category winner will be presented (judged by popular vote). There are RULES for contestants – contact FS1 Kevin Johnson (kevin.j.johnson@uscg.mil) for complete rules. (Most of these relate to necessary sanitation requirements, so be sure to check them out early!)

Attendance is open to “all active duty, reserves, Auxiliary, friends, family, parole officers, and doppelgangers”. 50/50 raffle will be held, with proceeds going to the unit MWR (morale) fund. Beverages, side dishes, and condiments (including baked potato, hot dogs, tortilla chips, shredded cheese, sour cream, crackers, chopped onion) will be provided.

For those only coming for the fellowship and food, donations to the MWR fund are always welcomed but not necessary.

“Kilroy was here” for the Tall Ships

Preparing for the Tall Ships marathon safety zone, John Reinert (Flotilla 3906) adjusts a lighted NO WAKE sign with his best imitation of “Kilroy” of World War II fame.



Mike Scott and Jim Bell teamed together to provide control signs for the facilities that supported the Safety Zone at the end of Navy Pier. Three of the signs had LED warning lights to attract the attention of transiting vessels.

Facilities from Flotillas 3509, 3511, and 3512 supported Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor for the marathon safety zone for the five-day evolution. One facility and one PWC from Division 39 also assisted.

USCGC Biscayne Bay was in Chicago for the Tall Ships visit. Can you tell what activity they were performing in the photo below? (*See answer at the end of page 7.*)



Chicago Air Show

In addition to the facilities supporting the Coast Guard with Tall Ships patrols, facilities from Flotilla 3507 and Divisions 37 and 41 assisted with the Chicago Air Show.

How Bad Commercial GEOINT Sank the USS Guardian

By Bob Brewin
August 5, 2013

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency misplaced a reef in the Philippine Islands by eight miles on its digital nautical charts, which caused the USS Guardian to run aground Jan. 17, destroying the ship.

NGA director Letitia Long told Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert that the digital nautical chart display of the Tubbataha Reef in the Sulu Sea was wrong due to erroneous commercial satellite imagery. Long made the assertion in letters <http://www.governmentattic.org/8docs/NGAbauticalChtsReview_2013.pdf> obtained by the watchdog website Government Attic.

That error was compounded by "exclusive reliance" of the USS Guardian crew on GPS as a "single source of navigation." The crew did not pay heed to lighthouses on the reef, according to a 160-page post-wreck investigation report <<http://www.cpf.navy.mil/foia/reading-room/>> by Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

As the ship neared the reef, personnel on the bridge reported flashes from a lighthouse, but those were ignored as the crew continued to rely on the electronic charts and GPS.

The investigation blamed the grounding primarily on the crew's failure to reconcile the differences between digital nautical charts of the area and more refined coastal charts. The crew also failed to verify the position of the reef using a list of lighthouses.

See the complete article with photos located on the Internet at

<http://www.defenseone.com/technology/2013/08/how-misplaced-reef-digital-chart-destroyed-navy-minesweeper/68129/>

BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATIONS

Over Fourth of July, one of our Regatta Patrols prevented six boaters from running into the Calumet Harbor Breakwater following the Chicago fireworks. It is a great feeling to be able to quantify the success of our efforts. Unfortunately, this is often difficult in most of our greatest contributions!

- How many boaters learned how to read charts from a Public Education class, so they could avoid the breakwater on their own?
- How many boaters learned skills from a Vessel Examiner who took the time to share personal knowledge with a boater, so they knew how to read their GPS and avoided danger?

Remember reading the Policy Statement when we received the latest edition of the Auxiliary Manual? (See the copy following this article.) The Commandant emphasizes that the primary mission for the Coast Guard Auxiliary is "**Promoting and Improving Recreational Boating Safety**". We certainly contribute to many other Coast Guard missions, but this mission belongs to the Auxiliary.

How do we accomplish this?

- Vessel Safety Checks are probably the most effective and important! We reach boaters on their boat, where we can personalize the lesson and answer their specific questions.
- Public Education Courses – provided we don't *shortchange* the students by teaching to the test. It is more important to share the principles behind safe boating, to help our students recognize dangers and avoid them.
- Program Visits (formerly Marine Dealer Visits, now encouraged for any location that may reach potential boaters). When we leave literature, we also leave a way for the public to contact us for additional information. The increased exchange of information brings us closer to our goals.
- Public Affairs may alert also people to dangers they never considered.

Congratulations to ALL our members who contributed in all the valuable programs to a safe and rewarding Independence Day holiday in the Chicagoland waters!



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Washington, DC 20593

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is our steadfast volunteer corps. Our Auxiliary Shipmates assist the Coast Guard with performing our many challenging maritime missions, with boating safety remaining as their core function. Proudly serving alongside our total workforce, Auxiliarists make it possible to more ably accomplish our missions – they are a true force multiplier.

Originally formed as the Coast Guard volunteer Reserve on June 23, 1939, the volunteer Reserve was renamed the Auxiliary two years later. The Auxiliary rapidly expanded as the United States entered WWII, and Auxiliarists assisted in many of the Coast Guard's domestic missions, freeing up active duty Coast Guardsmen for wartime operations.

Today's Auxiliary is defined by this same spirit of patriotism and volunteerism. Auxiliarists continue to lend their unique talents to assist with performing a broad range of Coast Guard missions. Their mission support efforts expand the reach and impact of Coast Guard operations, particularly boating safety initiatives.

The Auxiliary Service priorities include:

- **Promoting and Improving Recreational Boating Safety;**
- Providing trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions;
- Supporting Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements.

We must always remember that it is through public spirit, patriotism and an uncommon sense of civic duty that the members of the Auxiliary give their time, facilities and services – they receive no compensation. Commanders, Commanding Officers, Officers-in-Charge and program managers shall continually strive to enhance *Silver and Gold* partnerships to further the work of the Coast Guard.

I am personally committed to ensuring we maintain an Auxiliary that is robust, well-trained, and always ready.

R. J. PAPP, JR
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Concealed Carry Laws and the Auxiliary

Recent incidents have indicated that it is important we review with our members the Auxiliary regulations concerning carrying weapons as Auxiliarists.



Quoted from the Auxiliary Manual:

Weapons, except those worn by certified law enforcement officers in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and required by their agency policy, may not be worn, carried, or held by any Auxiliarist or guest of the

Auxiliary while attending an approved Auxiliary function or participating in an authorized Auxiliary activity, including regularly scheduled detachment, flotilla, or division meetings. This prohibition extends to those who have concealed weapons permits and those who may otherwise be authorized, but not required to wear weapons when not performing law enforcement duties (i.e., off-duty law enforcement officers). This prohibition also extends to periods immediately preceding and following Auxiliary functions (e.g., during fellowship periods).

Weapons are excluded at all times from Government facilities, buildings, property, and military installations. This means certified law enforcement officers who are required by their agency policy to carry a weapon(s) shall be subject to the policy of the facility they are entering and may be required to check the weapon(s) or be denied entry.



Weapons, except those worn by certified law enforcement officers in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations and required by their agency policy, may not be worn, carried, or held by any Auxiliarist or guest of the Auxiliary while aboard any Auxiliary surface, air, or mobile radio facility while under orders. This includes the exclusion of weapons even though they may be able to be locked up or secured on the facility. If a surface facility is an Auxiliarist's primary residence upon which a personal weapon(s) is normally secured and stored, then a request for waiver of this exclusion may be submitted to the Director.

Further, the following is quoted from the Auxiliary Operations Manual:

Auxiliarists are **prohibited** from conducting the following activities:

- Actual boarding of a boat for law enforcement purposes other than for language interpretation.
- The carrying of firearms (by hand or holster) or any related law enforcement equipment (e.g., handcuffs, pepper spray, etc.) on their person.
- Investigating complaints of negligent operations or serving of subpoenas.
- Covert operations.



This means that members who are required by their agencies to carry weapons will only be permitted on patrols as Law Enforcement officers, not as Auxiliarists (including crew or coxswain).

(Answer to CGC Biscayne Bay question: The black ball in the rigging indicates she is anchored.)



Whiting Pierogi Fest



Two watchstanders go in search of lunch at Pierogi Fest



A member of Division 41 explains the benefits of Auxiliary membership to a passing citizen.



Auxiliary Public Affairs Station at Whiting, IN

VSCs in Jackson Park Harbor

With members of Flotillas 3501, 3511, and 3516



Photos from the Lakes of the Four Seasons Independence Day Parade



SEPTEMBER, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 BCM Training @	4 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	5 BCM Training @ Division Mtg 1900 @	6	7 BCM Training
8	9	10 BCM Training @ Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	11 Div 35 Sox Game @ Patriot Day	12 BCM Training @	13	14 BCM Training
15	16	17 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930 Flo 3516 Trng=TBA	18	19 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	20	21
22	23	24 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4	5

OCTOBER, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4	5
6	7	8 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	9 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	10	11 9WR Training @ Lisle, IL	12
13 9WR Training @	14 Columbus Day	15 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	16	17 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	18	19
20 Chili Cook-Off @	21	22	23	24	25	26 Instructor
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2 Instructor