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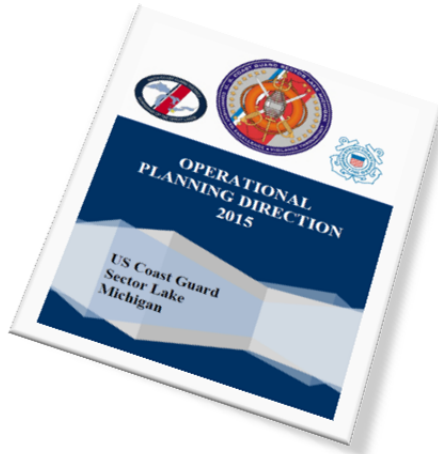
DIVISION COMMANDER
Maryellen Begley

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER
John Hopkins

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Sector Lake Michigan Operational Planning Direction 2015

You should have received an electronic copy of this Operational Planning Direction booklet.



At your February flotilla meeting, your leadership will want to review the programs that the Coast Guard has designated as areas where the Auxiliary can contribute.

Significant Events that will Involve the Auxiliary

- May 16 – 25: National Safe Boating Week
- Aug 13 – 16: Chicago Air and Water Show
- Jan 14 – 18: Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail Show
- Apr 18: Chicago Maritime Festival
- May 23: Chicago Memorial Day Parade
- TBD: Chicago in Water Boat Show
- Jul 12 – 14: Chicago to Mackinac Race

How Do We Contribute?

Public Affairs

Take photos of activity and share them with the Public Affairs staff officers. Set up informational stations to distribute literature and answer questions.

Vessel Examiners

Provide opportunities for Vessel Safety Checks before and during each of the events. Each Vessel Examiner should set a personal goal of at least 25 VSCs for the year.

Instructors

Establish class schedules early enough to distribute and share them. Keep SO-PE informed, so all schedules can be distributed to VEs and public affairs stations.

Operations

Commit to SO-OP for local activities that require vessel support. Offer your availability for significant events in other areas (Milwaukee, Michigan City, Grand Haven) when local obligations have been satisfied.

2015 Division Staff

SO-CS	Alex Dolezal
SO-FN	Ruth Aurigemma
SO-IS	Ruth Aurigemma
SO-MS	David Mosca
SO-OP	James Bell
SO-PE	Philip Aszling
SO-SR	Jeffrey Bailey

SO-DV	Omiela Hsu
SO-HR	Rudy Lyles
SO-MA	David Bickel
SO-MT	James Bell
SO-PA	Elizabeth Hildago
SO-PV	Rhonda Rush
SO-VE	Jennifer Hampton

Occupational Resources

Have your flotilla members let Calumet Harbor know what resources they have to share with the active duty? It's not too late to offer your help to the active duty.

2015 Flotilla Leadership

- Flo 3501 FCKathleen Chappelle
VFC.....James Katula
- Flo 3506 FCPaul Malave
VFC....Vacant
- Flo 3507 FCJeffrey Bailey
VFC....Keith Destree
- Flo 3509 FCJennifer Hampton
VFC....Frank Lizak
- Flo 3511 FCMichael Jacobson
VFC....Michael Jones
- Flo 3512 FCShelley Markle
VFC....Ruth Aurigemma
- Flo 3516 FCJanice Jones
VFC....James Lyles

Thank the Coast Guard for Air Flight

The USPS will honor Coast Guard Aviation with a new stamp this spring. In the first article below from the Coast Guard Historian, the Life Saving Service (predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard) is recognized for their contributions to the Wright Brothers powered flight.



http://www.uscg.mil/history/articles/indispensable_men.asp

<http://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-aviation-born-at-kitty-hawk-with-the-wright-brothers/2014/12/17/>

If you had a revolutionary idea today, where could you go for similar support???

Member Training

Saturday morning training continues for Navigation Operational Specialty until March 7.

Boat Crew classes continue Saturday afternoons through March 7.

District Training Workshop is scheduled for March 13-15 in Lisle, IL. Details will be forthcoming.

Workshop dates have been scheduled:

- Mar 1 Auxiliary Procedures Course (see Rhonda Rush for details) – continues Mar 8
- Mar 21 Vessel Examiner Workshop
- Mar 28 4-Hour TCT (required for new crew, Aid Verifiers, and Watchstanders)
- Apr 4 Operations Workshop (at Station Calumet Harbor)
- Apr 11 Information Systems Workshop
- Apr 11 Instructor Qualification Workshop
- Apr 18 Instructor Qualification presentations
- Jun 13 Boat Camp

DVDs Available from SO-MT 35

Michael Scott is in the process of copying VHS tapes onto DVDs that Art Remus, Past Commodore had in his files when he died. Some of the programs might be of interest for flotilla training. Do you remember the Hypothermia presentation the Coast Guard Auxiliary presented in 1977? Do you remember how the Auxiliary introduced the Boat Crew Qualification program in 1990? Did you see the Vessel Examiner video distributed by National in 1990?

National distributed Public Safety Announcements following NACON '98. Did you use them? Have you seen “This is the Coast Guard Auxiliary” (narrated by Walter Conkrite) or “Team Coast Guard” distributed by National?

There are also commercially produced programs from the History Channel. Then, for enjoyment you might want to see Andy Griffith join the Coast Guard in the movie “Onionhead” or watch “The Sea Devils” to see a breeches buoy used to rescue a shipwrecked crew.

Your FSO-MT can request loans of these DVDs.

Color Guard is looking for New Members

In response to the growing number of requests for Color Guard representation, especially at parades and funerals, Division 35 is working to develop a skilled cadre of members who are willing to fill this mission.



9WR Color Guard in 1993 at a District Conference

Tom Mullally will be coordinating the training and organization of the Color Guard for Division 35. If you are willing to invest in a dress uniform, and you look sharp in a uniform, and you are willing to participate with regular practices to be ready to represent the Coast Guard and Auxiliary, contact Tom at (C) (708) 476-0601.

Their next practice will be Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 1430 at 855 E. 120th Street, Chicago, IL. (This facility is a small garage with space for marching practice and a washroom available.)

A National article <http://live.cgaux.org/?p=3584> recently highlighted the work required to make a successful color guard. When it is done well, a good Color Guard instills pride in country and organization!

Division Commander's Award 2015
Jim Bell, SO-OP

“Standing before us today is a giant of a man. Jim Bell is a man of integrity and Professionalism. Jim Bell has made Division 35 a powerhouse in the district.



(cont.) He has revitalized the crew and coxswain programs and taken them to best practice standards. He has touched just about everyone in this room today through his generosity of knowledge of time, and his spirit. He has made the Division 35 crew programs the envy of Lake Michigan. It is with great pride that I award to Jim Bell the Division Commander Award for 2014. Bravo Zulu.”

Division Vice Commander's Award 2015
David Bickel, SO-MA

David Bickel received the VCDR Award in recognition of his service supplying the Division.

Thank you to COW committee et al.

Ruth Aurigemma, chair, and David Mosca for putting on this wonderful event. Ed Boyle for his graciousness along with the Elks of Whiting IN.



Thank you. The Awards committee headed up by Jim Bell for doing such a great job with the certificates. To the division staff and elected leadership for their continuous support. Thank you for stepping up to the responsibilities of office.

For all the active duty members, who took time out of their day, dressed up and look so wonderful to join us for our celebration thank you.



And especially to the spouses, wives, husbands, children and significant others who allow us to take time away from you so that we may do the mission we love. Thank you. Good night.

Maryellen Begley, DCDR 35

DCDR 35 presents an Award for Lifetime Excellence to Michael Scott.



Division 35 Activity Awards Recognition for 2014

**Vessel Safety Checks –
Paddle Craft**

Flotilla 3512.....	267
Individual:	
Nevin Hofing.....	267

Vessel Safety Checks

Flotilla 3509.....	162
Flotilla 3512.....	114
Flotilla 3501.....	71

Individuals:

Bedwell, Ronald.....	44
Mosca, David.....	43
Huske, Leonard.....	30

Member Training Hours

Flotilla 3512.....	80.5
Flotilla 3507.....	64.2
Flotilla 3509.....	35.5

Individual:

Scott, Michael.....	54
Mullally, Thomas.....	51.5
Bell, James.....	25

Individuals (Aide)

Bell, James.....	34.5
Marcus, Melvyn.....	8
Begley, Maryellen.....	8

Marine Safety Hours

Flotilla 3512.....	26.2
Flotilla 3509.....	18.7

Individuals:

Bell, James.....	18.8
Scott, Michael.....	10.8
Tamraz, Richard.....	9.4



**CG Operational Support
Hours**

Flotilla 3512.....	1218.5
Flotilla 3507.....	188.4
Flotilla 3509.....	41

Individuals:

Begley, Maryellen.....	1209.5
Ross, Harry.....	171.4
Hopkins, John.....	41

Marine Dealer Visits

Flotilla 3509.....	244
Flotilla 3501.....	15
Flotilla 3511.....	13

Individuals:

Bell, James.....	119
Hopkins, John.....	30
Chappelle, Kathleen.....	15
Gonzalez, Angel.....	15
Gonzalez, Sylvia.....	15
Mosca, David.....	15

Public Education

Flotilla 3501.....	39.3
Flotilla 3511.....	22.5
Flotilla 3512.....	15.3

Individuals (Lead):

Jacobson, Michael.....	20
Chappelle, Richard.....	12.5
Chappelle, Kathleen.....	9

Individuals (Aide):

Huske, Leonard.....	19
Chappelle, Kathleen.....	18.3
Chappelle, Richard.....	14.8



Marine Patrols

Flotilla 3509.....	480.9
Flotilla 3512.....	323.3
Flotilla 3507.....	42.6

**Individuals (Coxswain
Underway)**

Bell, James.....	392.4
Scott, Michel.....	281.4
Lyles, Rudolph.....	279.8

Individuals (Crew)

Lyles, Rudolph.....	238.2
Begley, Maryellen.....	215.9
Hampton, Jennifer.....	157
Aurigemina, Ruth.....	105.1
Tamraz, Richard.....	90.1

Public Affairs Hours

Flotilla 3509.....	199.5
Flotilla 3516.....	123
Flotilla 3512.....	104.9

Individual Hours

Mosca, David.....	65.5
Bickel, David.....	54.5
Spoehr, Herbert.....	51



Banquet Remarks from DCDR

Albert Pines, an American author and soldier said:

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

As I look around this room today what I see is impact and respect. I, as Division Commander, am beaming with pride. We have with us a considerable gold side contingent. We in Div 35 have had that impact on Station Calumet Harbor. We have heard their call and have risen to their challenges. Through our actions we have been able to provide consistency and professionalism, which they have come to rely on. We work together as a team. A team that has provided the station with watchstanders, stand by SAR crews, and Food Service Specialists. We are also a team that provides the boating public with success on the water thru various Auxiliary educational opportunities.



We gather here today to rejoice and reflect upon our year 2014. As I had the privilege to speak to you all last year, the impact you have on the boating public is tangible. We rejoice with Flotilla 01. Earlier last year, this flotilla taught an ABS course. A couple (husband and wife) took their course. This couple went boating the very next day, a boating emergency happened near them. They used their newly acquired skills. They evaluated the situation, recognized that this was indeed an emergency and took appropriate actions. Tossing a heaving line, retrieving a person in the water, providing first aid to a hypothermic man and his life. Everyone, including Admiral Midget at the spring conference, has relayed this story. Now that is impact. Division 35 impact. It is wonderful to hear these stories, most of us never will. The majority of us will never be sure what the difference is that we are making, but be assured, we are making a difference. Our impact remains the same. We in the Coast Guard Auxiliary have a significant presence on the boating public safety. Through our education courses, our interactions at boat shows, program visitors, vessel safety checks, parades and just how we wear the uniform. WE ARE a presence.

Operations is usually the only avenue where the rubber meets the road. We look directly into the eyes of a distressed boater, use our training and get the job done. Although operation has a overtly direct impact, it is just the tip of the iceberg of what the Coast Guard Auxiliary brings to the table. This is why we celebrate ourselves. This year Division 35 was responsible for the following:

Public Affairs events held in our area, we in Div 35 where responsible for 469 hours of public affairs service.

Our vessel examiners were welcomed aboard 724 vessels with a pass rate of 85%.

Our Program Visitors participated in 299 Marine Dealers events thru the course of the year.

Our instructors offered 50 session of public education completing over 100 hours of training.

We have 7 surface facilities: 18 crew members and 12 coxswains, which provided support through out the boating season. Our 83 missions resulted in a presence on the water of 501 hours of support and visibility.

All and all our Division was responsible for 11, 869 total hours of support to the United States Coast Guard and boating public last year. And this is why I am SO proud to stand with you today.

On a Personal note:

Oct 26th was not a good day. The Chicago Bears lost to the New England Patriots 51-23; it was not a good day for Green Bay Packers who lost to New Orleans Saints 44-23; or for my beloved Philadelphia Eagles who lost to Arizona 20-24. It also, as most of you know, started out as a terrible day for me and my family as I suffered a stroke that morning. As you can see, through medical miracles I am here today. I would like to take this moment to thank each and everyone of you for your kind words of encouragement during this difficult time. You have touched my heart in a way that words cannot convey. I am loved and I thank you for that.

