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DIVISION COMMANDER

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER

July, 2013

Maryellen Begley

Rudy Lyles

NEW DIVISION LEADERSHIP

At the July regular Division meeting, Maryellen Begley was elected to fill the vacancy for Division Commander. Rudy Lyles was elected to fill the vacancy created for Vice Division Commander. Both ran uncontested.

KUDOS to BOAT CAMP

When the District Commodore recently attended the Change of Command for the District Commander, she shared with the new Admiral her experience at our Boat Camp. As a result, we have been asked to share our "template" for success with the rest of the District.



Crews of BellSAR and NU-SAR break for noon chow.

The planning committee, chaired by John Hopkins, utilized a smorgasbord of skills available: RegistrationRuth Aurigemma, PhotographerRhonda Rush CG FacilitiesFS1 Johnson, FS2 Grey,BM2 Griffith,BM2 Palmer, SN Johnson AUXChefRob Juskiewicz

Fire Extinguishers	. Tom Mullally
Marlinespike	. Rick Tamraz
Underway Drills	. Jim Bell, Rudy Lyles,
	. Mike Scott
Planning	. Maryellen Begley,
-	. Mel Marcus, John Reinert
Jeopardy Game	. Mike Scott, Jim Bell
Overall Coord	. John Hopkins



Tom Mullally supervises training with a carbon dioxide extinguisher while Mel Marcus watches.



Members of Flotilla 3509 try their hand at Marlinespike.

In Alemorium Remembering those who have crossed the bar

Boris Clive Malcolm, Flotilla 3516

BRAVO ZULU

"The Commodore salutes you for a job well done! Your Boat Camp and the template of the materials used were most impressive. The content structure was lauded by the Sector Admiral. Through our Commodore, he has asked for your format to be a best practice, and used as an example for all future boat camps.

"Please forward template, samples etc. through to DCO Van Dinter by reply all in an attachment. Again, Bravo Zulu to Division 35. You truly make every one of us proud."

Sincerely, Roy E. Bonus DCAPT-South

BUD BILLIKEN PARADE

Enoch Clarke-Bey, FC 3516, is coordinating a parade detachment to represent the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Bud Billiken Parade on Saturday, August 10. Contact Enoch for details about Uniform of the Day and schedules.

<u>TOUR</u> GUIDES

CGC ALDER will be returning to support the Chicago to Mackinac Race. Tour



guides have been requested for the following tour times:

July 11	1400-1600 and	1800-2000
July 12	1400-1600 and	1800-2000

The Uniform of the Day will be ODUs with Member Devices. Contact Maryellen Begley, Visiting Ship Liaison (Cell: 1-773-315-8194 or

<u>Mbegley18@aol.com</u>) to volunteer for this duty. Please specify as to which day and shift you will be requesting.

BALMORAL PARK FUNDRAISER

Kathy Chappelle, FC 3501 has suggested a fellowship opportunity that is offered by Balmoral Park Race Track. Each Flotilla will be surveying their members this month to determine how many will be interested.

At the July Division meeting, the board chose the tentative date of Sunday, October 20. The evening would start at 6:00 p.m., with a buffet dinner served from 6:30-9:00 included in the price. The buffet includes salad bar, beef, chicken, fish, pasta bar, vegies, potatoes, and a dessert bar. A cash bar is available for liquor.

Members will be able to enjoy the evening of horse racing from the enclosed seating with the first race at 7:10. One of the races will be dedicated to the Auxiliary, with an opportunity for members to be



photographed with the winning jockey and horse. (Some members may also get the opportunity to ride in the pace car before the race.)

Tickets will be priced no more than \$25 each. This provides a modest income for the division. (Other divisions have split the income with the members' flotillas; that has not been discussed yet for this event.) *Be sure your Flotilla Commander knows if you have interest!*

MANDATED TRAINING

DCDR Begley reminded each flotilla to encourage their members to continue working toward completing the newly mandated member training. Most of this training is available at <u>https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp</u>



The training for Civil Rights Awareness is not yet available or developed. The rest of the mandated training is available on the web site.

SUMMARY OF DIVISION STAFF REPORTS

<u>SO-IS</u>: Audits of flotilla entries are almost completed. Two flotillas remain in process.

<u>SO-PE</u>: A review of PE policies and practices is under way at the National level of the Auxiliary. As a result of this effort, some courses will be modified, others maintained in present form, and still others perhaps discontinued.

A key issue is the instructional duration and content scope of About Boating Safely.

Partnering with other organizations in offering and conducting our courses is being seriously considered. Jim Kearns, 9thWestern SO-PE, has requested comments from his Division SO-PE's by mid-July. While I have my own experience-based opinions, I wouldn't presume to speak authoritatively for Division 35 without getting input from instructors and FSO-PE's in your Flotillas. I am asking all of our FSO-PE's to promote this input.

<u>SO-HR</u>: Division 35 received six referrals from District.

WHITE SOX TAILGATE PARTY



Janice Jones, Flotilla 3516, has again arranged for a tailgating party with the active duty from Calumet Harbor Station prior to the White Sox game at U.S. Cellular Field on Wednesday, September

11 (9/11) against the Detroit Tigers.

Flyers have been distributed to Flotilla Commanders to share with their members. Tickets are available at \$12.00 per person. Parking will cost \$20.00 per car. Contact Janice Jones <janice.j@sbcglobal.net> for tickets or more information.

BOAT CREW TRAINING

Concentrated boat crew training continues on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from Hammond Marina and the Coast Guard Station. Mike Scott, Jim

Bell, Rudy Lyles, and John Hopkins are the coxswains.

Tom Mullally has started to take patrols, but as of the



division meeting, Tom does not yet have a schedule for training patrols beyond 7/6.

Training will be interrupted periodically through the summer as the Coast Guard requests our support for maritime events. The Mackinac Race Start on 7/13 is the first assignment. Patrols for Tall Ships and Match Races will be the first week in August. Chicago Air Show is scheduled for later in the month.

Contact the coxswains above to request space on their training patrols.

STAFF REPORTS (cont.)

<u>SO-NS</u>: Flotillas 3509 and 3512 completed their assigned Private Aid Verifications. Flotilla 3509 completed missing verifications when a flotilla did not fulfill their assignment. Flotilla 3512 performed the verifications on the behalf of Division 37

Message from DIRAUX

Good Day, Commodores!

RDML Midgette released his Commanders Intent yesterday. Please ensure this is disseminated to all subordinate units and all Auxiliarists in your District, and then discussed during meetings so if there is any questions about the content, they are answered sooner rather than later.

Thank you, and have a great day!

V/R, Nathan Podoll, CDR, PE

Director of Auxiliary, 9th Coast Guard District

Boat Responsibly - Wear your lifejacket, designate an operator if you chose to drink (1 drink underway has same effect as 3 ashore), and have a memorable day on the water!



RDML Fred Midgette, Ninth District Commander

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SUBJ: COMMANDERS INTENT

1. Shipmates, I am indeed honored and privileged to take the helm as your new District Commander. It is somewhat of a homecoming for me having previously served on the Great Lakes aboard a WTGB, at a Sector, and as District Chief of Staff. I also welcome MCPO Richard Wiles, our new District Command Master Chief who comes to D9 having just finished a very successful tour aboard MACKINAW. Both of us look forward to humbly serving alongside you over the next few years.

2. My direction to the men and women of the Ninth District is simple and focused on three key areas:

A. Excelling in mission performance. There is no substitute for performance. Fundamentally, the Coast Guard exists for one reason, and that is to serve the public, so all of us need to be really good at what we do. It is our reason for being.

B. Caring for our workforce. The engine that drives mission performance is our exceptional workforce: active, reserve, civilian and auxiliary. Leaders at every level of the organization must lead with moral clarity and steadfast commitment to Coast Guard Core Values. People do not care what you know, until they know that you care, about them personally, their family, their professional development, and their basic needs (housing, medical, pay, safety, etc.)

C. Public outreach to both partners and customers. The Coast Guard is too small to be in all the places we need to be to carry out our missions, but an extensive network of partnerships allows us to leverage our capabilities and extend our capacity. A close link with our customer base keeps us relevant and focused on providing the right services in the right way.

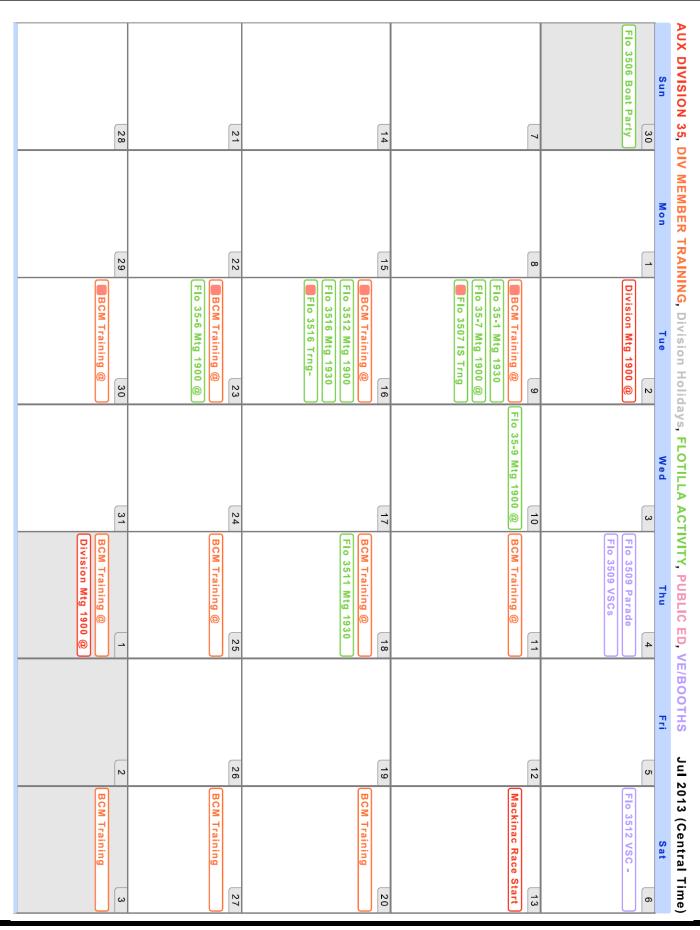
3. I have been duly impressed by what I have observed and learned during the relief week. The Ninth District has earned a wonderful service reputation in all three of these areas and we will continue to build on the momentum of those who served before us.

4. Let me take this opportunity to publicly thank RADM Mike Parks and MCPO Jeff Patton for their exceptional service to the Coast Guard, and to our Nation. As all of us know, they did not do it alone, and so we thank their families as well for the special service and sacrifice that is associated with being a military family. The Parks and Patton families have left an impressive mark on the Ninth District and we wish them all Godspeed as they embark on a new journey.

5. Internet release authorized.

6. RDML Fred Midgette, Ninth District Commander, sends.

Division 35 meets at **1900** on the First Thursday of every month, except December, at USCG Calumet Harbor Station. Use parking across the street from the Station. **Visitors are Welcome!**



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Bud Billiken Para	1	BCM Training @	14	Tall Ships BCM Training @	12	1
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