



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

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February 2012

Flotilla Commander's Report

Thanks to all who attended the Change of Watch! We had a fabulous time feasting on Italian food. We also enjoyed an amazing cake, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and delicious cookies provided by Brent and Gianna (his girlfriend). Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Bradley Hinken, our Operations Training Officer (OTO), spoke about the importance of increasing Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Missions by 15% next year. RBS includes vessel safety checks, public education, and boat patrols; thus our goals are in alignment with what the Coast Guard needs from the Auxiliary. Division Commander Amy Seeley stressed the same RBS goals. The Division will look to our flotilla to lead the way, particularly with vessel safety checks.

We are pleased to welcome our newest members Bob Masters and Francisco Rojas!

At our January meeting we set the following goals for 2012:

- 1) Every active member do at least one 7029 this year
- 2) Do 2 VE blitzes at Belmont Harbor
- 3) Qualify 3 Watchstanders
- 4) Have 11 qualified Vessel Examiners
- 5) Do 500 Vessel Exams
- 6) Do Member Training at 11 Meetings
- 7) Host a Marlinspike Open House

As you each make your own goals for this year, determine how you will support the flotilla in achieving its goals and how the flotilla can support you in achieving your goals. Let's work together to make 2012 a great year for all of us!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting.

Shelley Markle
Flotilla Commander

Member Anniversaries (February)

Shelley Markle, 2009, Gary Markle, 2009, Brent Barker, 2009, Cynthia Brown, 2010, Judy Jenkins, 2010, Michael Parages, 2011

Profiled Member: Michael Parages



Having joined the USCG Auxiliary in 2011, Michael is making valuable contributions. In addition to passing his Vessel Examiner exam, he serves as a Flotilla Staff Officer in two areas: Computer Services & Communications.

Michael is a native Chicagoan, a decorated Chicago Police Officer and a father of 3. Michael, thank you for your service!

Coast Guard Quote

"In the U.S. Coast Guard: there are no spectators. There is a hero around every corner. Safety and Protection are the watch words." Quote courtesy of Character in Action, The U.S. Coast Guard on Leadership, by Donald T. Phillips with Admiral James M. Loy, USCG (Ret.)

Flotilla 39-10 Change-of-Watch

Feature Article by Brent Barker



Chicago, IL Feb. 4, 2012 (Auxiliarist CL Barnes & Chief Warrant Officer Bradley Hinken - in front of CL's recruiting display for the USCG Academy.) Photo courtesy, Gary Markle, USCG Auxiliary.

On Saturday, February 4, flotilla members and family members gathered for our annual Change-of-Watch banquet at Monastero's Ristorante. The combined elements of warm hospitality, music, and delicious Italian food soon took effect as flotilla members savored an evening of USCG Auxiliary fellowship and celebrated our Change-of-Watch.

As outgoing Flotilla Commander Michael O'Malley shared the podium with incoming Flotilla Commander Shelley Markle, attendees experienced one of our most important traditions – the passing of the office of leadership from one commander to the next. It was a poignant reminder of the value that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary places on leadership and the responsibilities we share as members of Team Coast Guard.

Special guests included CWO Bradley Hinken, our U.S.C.G. OTO (Operational Training Officer), Amy Seeley, Division Commander for Division 39, and Bob Allen, Vice-Commander for Division 39. As each of them addressed our group, they reminded us of this year's goals and our sworn duties as



Photo courtesy of Gary Markle members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. CWO Hinken and Division Commander Seeley presided over the official swearing-in of this year's flotilla staff officers.

Writers Wanted

Aspiring writers and photographers are invited to publish their works. Your contributions could make a difference for your shipmates. If you would like to contribute an article or photo, please contact FSO-PB Brent Barker at brentbarkerchicago@yahoo.com



News & Events Calendar

Feb 5, 12, & 19: ABS Course CPD 18 th District Station 1160 N. Larrabee St., Chicago	May 19: Station Wilmette Open House
Feb 25: Chicago Maritime Festival, Chicago History Museum	May 19-25: National Safe Boating Week
Feb 25: Vessel Examiner Training, 1400 E. 98 th St	May 15-22: G8 Summit & NATO Summit
Mar 3: Program Visitor Training, 1400 E. 98 th St	June 2: VE Blitz, Belmont Harbor
Mar 17: OPS Workshop for Station Wilmette at 4709 Golf Rd, Skokie 0900-1200 (w/1 HR TCT to follow)	June 16: VE Blitz, Belmont Harbor

February 2012 Member Training Issue

Training Reminder: Member Training Resources

Although the Auxiliary offers regularly-scheduled training classes, these form only a part of the courses available to you. Did you know that you can take courses and exams through the Coast Guard Learning Portal, the Coast Guard Institute, FEMA and others? **To learn more, log on...**

USCG Aux. National training sites:

www.cgaux.org/training

<http://pdept.cgaux.org/learningPortal.htm>.

Division 39 training information,

www.cgaux9wr.com/members/mt/member_training_classes.htm

Hours Reporting:

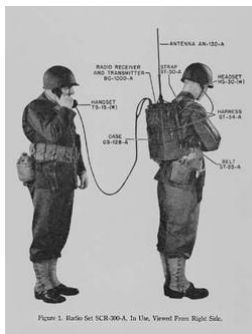
Remember: Your efforts to record and submit your hours play an important role in the Coast Guard's efforts to secure federal funding. It also helps ensure that you receive proper recognition for your hard work. For more information and assistance, please contact the FSO-IS at gary@markle.com.

For personal assistance, please contact the FSO-MT at brentbarkerchicago@yahoo.com.

Coast Guard Trivia Bowl

1. Name the founding father of the U.S. Coast Guard.
2. Name the organizations that were incorporated into the U.S. Coast Guard.
3. When was our service named the U.S. Coast Guard?

Did you know...?



Our phonetic alphabet is not the first one to be used by the U.S. military. We used several different systems before adopting the current phonetic alphabet (used by our military and NATO forces) in 1957.

Our current phonetic alphabet has several benefits: Its standardized pronunciation is easier to understand in a noisy environment. For example, radio or telephone operators are less

likely to confuse the sound of C with that of a G, T, B, E, D, or Z. This saves valuable time in emergency situations. It also helps us to perform our jobs more effectively.

Training Preview: Communications

The February 9 training session will focus on 4 elements of communications: the phonetic alphabet & pronunciation of numerals; the use of pro words and phrases; speaking & message standards; and a brief introduction to the Watchstander Program.



The following information is merely an introduction for those who are interested in developing their skills for the Watchstander & Boat Crew programs, etc. (Source: USCG AUX-COMM Manual, COMDTPUB P16794.32B.) For more details, please consult the AUX-COMM manual.

The Phonetic Alphabet:

ALPHA	NOVEMBER
BRAVO	OSCAR
CHARLIE	PAPA
DELTA	QUEBEC
ECHO	ROME
FOXTROT	SIERRA
GOLF	TANGO
HOTEL	UNIFORM
INDIA	VICTOR
JULIET	WHISKEY
KILO	X-RAY
LIMA	YANKEE
MIKE	ZULU

Suggestion: Cut out this card and carry it with you. Regular practice will help you develop a high level of proficiency. A tip: Try spelling out signs phonetically during your daily commute.

Pronouncing Numerals:

To avoid confusion, numerals are pronounced as follows:

0 = Zero 1 = Wun 2 = Too 3 = Thuh-ree
 4 = Fo-wer 5 = Fi-iv 6 = Six 7 = Seven
 8 = Ate 9 = Niner

Additional Tips:

The numeral zero must be pronounced "zero," never as the letter O. **Decimal points** are pronounced, "day-see-mal."

Numbers are pronounced using individual digits.

A Few Important Pro Words & Phrases:

Over: Transmission over. (Reply expected.)

Out: End of transmission. (No reply required.)

Roger: I have received your last transmission satisfactorily.

Wilco: I have received & understand your message, and I will comply.

That is correct: Correct

Wrong: Wrong

Mayday: A distress signal – followed by a distress message.

Pan Pan: An urgency signal – followed by a safety message.

Security: A safety signal – followed by a message re: the safety of navigation or a meteorological warning.

A Few Important Speaking & Message Standards:

Do listen before transmitting. **Don't** interrupt. **Do** use only authorized pro words. **Don't** transmit hoax distress signals. **Do** speak clearly, slowly, & distinctly at a copying speed. **Don't** slur words, use slang or profanity. **Do** keep the microphone 2 inches from your lips and speak in a moderately strong voice. **Don't** violate radio silence. **Do** consider taking the AUX-COMM course!