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COVER PICTURE

During the station Wilmette Open House, word came down of a sailboat with a nonfunctioning auxiliary engine, unable to return to harbor due to calm conditions. Coxswain Tim Darrey took 251090 boat, with Adam Klein and Bob Reczek as crew, and made a Good Samaritan assist. Photo by Bob.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 June & 4 Aug: CG AIRFAC Picnics.

Coast Guard AIRFAC hangar, Waukegan Airport, 1100–1400. Joint event with the Navy League. Bring a dish to share. \$10.00 at the door. Contact Barry Jacobson for more information and to RSVP. The picnic closest to the CG Anniversary includes steak on the menu.

21 July: Race to Mackinaw. The major sailing event of the summer. 300+ boats race to Mackinaw Island. Usually, one of the cutters comes down to support the race start and hold public tours. Facilities assist in the race beginning.

SAFE BOATING WEEK

Safe Boating Week activities were extensive. Flotilla 39-02 received proclamations from Des Plaines, Rosemont, Prospect Heights, Mt. Prospect, and Arlington Heights. Members Bob Reczek and Chas. Hague were present at the Station Wilmette Open House, while Tim and Bridget Darrey operated Coastie. Meanwhile, Ginny Haase and Barry Jacobson did PA at the Des Plaines Spring Festival. We held Public Affairs events at the Des Plaines and Mt. Prospect Libraries during the week,



and a wreath was placed at the Des Plaines Memorial day observance.

The Des Plaines River Canoe Marathon was canceled due to high water on the river, and PA events planned for Cabela's and Bass Pro did not take place.

BLESSING THE FLEET

Jay Katzman

On May 18, the Blessing of the Fleet was held on the south side of Navy Pier. The ceremony took place on the steps by the base of the Ferris wheel. The M/V *Cap Streeter* was the vessel used for the dropping of the wreath into the water and pass in review platform for receiving the blessing.

Interesting note: not one of our Auxiliary boats from any of our four divisions in this area was present at this event.

HONOR FLIGHTS

Jay Katzman

A reminder about the Honor Flights from Midway Airport, 5700 S. Cicero Ave. Flights are scheduled to arrive at 2000 hrs., but are often delayed. Plan on

arriving by 1900 hrs. Uniform of the Day is: Service Dress Blues with Combination Cover.

Scheduled dates:

July 11

August 6

September 11

LIGHTHOUSE HELP



Do you enjoy discussing history, meeting people, and climbing stairs? The lighthouse at Gross Point, just a mile south of station Wilmette on the north side of Evanston, conducts tours on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For many years, Auxiliarists have assisted with these tours, but the numbers have fallen as of late. Also, not as many Northwestern University work-study student volunteers have been available.

If you would like to volunteer at the Light or know someone else who might be interested (volunteers do not have to be Auxiliarists), contact Don Terras at 847-921-3987 or djterras@att.net.

THE FABULOUS FOURTH, &c

Another upcoming event is the 4th of July. Flotilla units will be participating in parades in Des Plaines and Glenview for certain, and possibly other towns as well. This is a great way to raise the profile of the Auxiliary.

Another event is the National Night Out Against Crime, held in most communities on 7 August. The Auxiliary has participated in the Maine Township and Des Plaines events for several years. Check with your local community to learn about locations and times.

And speaking of the Mac race:

Are You Prepared? An analysis of the causes of withdrawal for monohull competitors in the 109th Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac

By Matt Gallagher, Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac Committee

The 109th Mac saw a large number of boats retire early. About 1/3 of the fleet did not complete the race; it's been many years since the fleet has had so many retirements. The fleet faced both heavy seas and storms in the early part of the race, followed by little wind in the latter half.

From the incident reports:

- Equipment damage or failure – 47 boats
- Seasickness or injury – 36 boats
- Flooding – 1 boat
- Man overboard – 1 boat
- Ran out of time or desire to compete – 13 boats

Over 48%—nearly half—of the reports involved damage to equipment on the boat (47 boats). By far the leading type of damage was to sails (15 boats), which is not surprising given the storms faced by much of the fleet.

The next leading cause was seasickness, hypothermia, or injury to a crew member (36 yachts). In addition to a small number of traumatic injuries common on sailboats (bumps and bruises), a large number of yachts reported seasickness to multiple crew members as being the cause of retirement.

A significant number of competitors—12%—retired from the race essentially because they ran out of time or had other commitments. The light air faced by much of the fleet in the last third of the race was no doubt frustrating to many competitors who had been banged around earlier in the race. Finally, one boat, a J/111, was off of Manitowoc, WI, when a crew member discovered flooding.

Unable to determine the source of the water, they chose to retire.

The last incident, again affecting a single boat, was a crew overboard (COB). In this case, the navigator went overboard with his PFD only partially attached. It took over an hour for the boat to turn around, find and retrieve the COB. The COB was suffering from mild hypothermia but was otherwise OK.

*Matt Gallagher is a member of the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac Committee. **This article has been considerably edited for space. Auxiliarists are urged to read the whole piece, located on the Race to Mackinaw webpage.***

HERE THERE BE DRAGONS!



Ron Dziagwa got involved with the Greater Chicago Dragon Boat Club on the South Branch. Here is a paddler's eye view of a dragon boat going down (up?) the channel. (How do you paddle and use a camera at the same time?)

Sea Fever by David Watt

I knew some terms, the merest germs
Of illness called 'Sea Fever':
Tack starboard, port, keep mainsail taut,
Steer boat by tiller lever!

One Saturday, beside the bay,
A salesman slick and sweet
Cast practiced spiel of salty zeal
And confidence complete.

He said "This boat will stay afloat
When sea winds blow a gale,
And in the main, she won't complain,
No matter how you sail.

"Commanding crew of one or two,
Proud Captain you will be,
With Captain's hat, windblown cravat;
A dashing sight to see!

"In years ahead, when home in bed,
You'll treasure purchase bold;
A bargain bought, Life's high-tides caught!
May I mark the boat as SOLD?"

I met defeat, not through deceit,
But pitch good as it gets;
The pull of sea to large degree,
A wish for no regrets.

About to gloat, with sailing boat,
A bill of sale to show it;
There came a thought of some import –
I had no means to tow it!

---David Watt is an Australian who enjoys writing poetry in traditional form, usually with a humorous twist.

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"My fighter squadron was a great fraternity, but in some ways the test pilot community was better because of its diversity. There were civilians, people from different countries, different cultures, ethnicities, sexual orientations, genders and backgrounds. I was surprised to find that diverse teams were stronger teams, each person bringing his or her own strengths and perspectives to our shared mission."

Scott Kelly, Navy aviator and astronaut,
"Endurance"

Be An Archer*

*Auxiliarists with Recently Contributed Hours Entered on Record. These are members who show at least 25 hours a year, versus those who do not participate.

CHANGES TO AUXILIARY CORE TRAINING POLICIES

25 June, an E-mail came down the Chain listing out changes to the Core Training (formerly Mandated Training) policy. Here is a summary by your Editor:

SUBJ: AUXILIARY CORE TRAINING (AUXCT) POLICY CHANGES

The Coast Guard is required to ensure that its Auxiliarists are appropriately trained, tested, and found competent before they can be assigned to duty. Over the past few years, the Coast Guard has required Auxiliarists to complete a battery of specified training courses to impart a minimum baseline of organizational familiarity in support of this requirement. This has been comparable to the placement of similar requirements on all other Coast Guard active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel.

The Coast Guard recently completed several changes to its inventory of core training courses for its workforce. Specifically:

- a. The Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide in the Coast Guard has been combined with the Sexual Assault Prevention/Response course into the new Workforce Resilience Training course (502379)

NOTE: Auxiliarists who have yet to complete AUXCT because they had not completed the Sexual Assault Prevention / Response course must now complete the new Workforce Resilience Training course. This holds true even if they already completed the Preventing Suicide course because the new version now contains material from the old Sexual Assault Prevention / Response course

- b. Influenza Training has been deleted

As a result of these changes, AUXCT is now comprised of the following repeatable and one-time courses:

- a. **Repeatable Courses:** To be successfully completed by the end of the first full year of enrollment and then once every **five years** thereafter:

- (1) Workforce Resilience Training (502379)*
- (2) Security Fundamentals (810030)
- (3) Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information (810015)
- (4) Sexual Harassment Prevention (810000)
- (5) Civil Rights Awareness (502319)

- b. **One-time Courses:** To be successfully completed **only once** (new enrollees must complete them by the end of the first full year of enrollment):

- (6) Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts (502306).
 - (7) Intro to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 (IS-100.b).
 - (8) Intro to National Incident Management System (IS-700.a).
- And the recently added:
- (9) Basic Qualification Course II (BQ II) This AUXCT requirement only applies to Auxiliarists enrolled as of February 1, 2018.

This is the Editor again. It appears that if you have already taken the courses that are being deleted, this information will still be retained in AUXDATA. If you have not completed a course that is being dropped, there are other courses where that information is included.

The above is just a summary. Auxiliarists are urged to go back to the original E-mail if they have any questions.

