



## A Message from our Commander

History Flotilla 1-5 (Part 1):  
"The early years, >  
>The genesis of Flotilla 1-5  
was in 1986. At that time  
the Coast Guard and  
Auxiliary reported to the  
Department of  
Transportation. Flotilla 1-5  
was chartered as a unit of  
Division 114-01 on March

26, 1986. The interests of  
the members then were  
primarily oriented towards  
air operations since many of  
the members were also  
private pilots. After taking  
Air Operations Coast Guard  
training, these members  
were qualified as Coast  
Guard Auxiliary pilots and or  
observers/air crew. Air  
operations in those days  
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## JUST Wear It - Bill Beacom

Hey, most of you nautical folks  
love to go out on the water, and  
have fun. You jump in the boat  
and head out to sea (or lake  
,etc). Now are you in an  
environment that your body  
was made for? No! Man was  
not made to live in the water.  
Therefore you must do  
everything you can to protect  
yourself in this environment.  
Doing something as simple as  
wearing a life jacket can save  
your life!

Accidents do happen ---  
thousands of them every year.  
And I'm sure no one goes out in  
a boat, saying, "I'm going to  
have an accident today." Did  
you know that 85% of people  
that drown were not wearing  
Life Jackets\_\_\_ 85%! Think of  
a Life Jacket as a new boating

outfit. Today's Life Jackets  
come in many different styles  
and shapes.

In the US Coast Guard,  
nobody goes on a boat without  
a Life Jacket.

If an accident happens, this  
Life Jacket will help keep you  
afloat. In most cases it will  
keep your head above the  
water even if unconscious. If  
the boat is sinking, or on fire,  
you can jump in the water, and  
your Life Jacket will keep you  
afloat. It will keep you from  
getting exhausted .....(page 4)

## Our New Members.

Two of our new members are : CAMERON FAGEOL & TREVOR GARDNOR. Both Trevor and Cameron are seniors at the Granite Hills High School, planning to graduate this June. 2012. Both are interested in the work of our flotilla so that they may gain experience in the Coast Guard, and decide whether the Coast Guard is the appropriate career choice.

Trevor was working at his Boy Scout Camp at the Youth Aquatic center when our flotilla came to do VE's on all of their vessels. Trevor had always aspired to join the Active Duty Coast Guard after graduation and thought that joining our flotilla would give them valuable experience when they became Active Duty Members.

Cameron runs track at school and aspires to be a rescue swimmer in the Coast Guard..... (page 3)

## Dates to Remember

### VESSEL EXAMS

May 5<sup>th</sup> ---Hyatt Regency Marina

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Kona Kai Marina

May 19<sup>th</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup> is Safe Boating Week.

**Commander's Message (cont):** evolved into flying patrols for "Coast Guard Activities San Diego" (which in 2005 became part of Coast Guard Sector San Diego). Members used their own private aircraft which had to be certified as operational facilities by the Coast Guard. The patrols consisted mainly of flying reconnaissance missions over the Colorado River.

## Paperbag Library - K. Slayton

Upon joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I expressed a desire to start a Lending Library for the various Coast Guard Cutters.

This is a great opportunity to clean house and rid yourself of good books you enjoyed reading that you think members who are deployed might want to read. Paperback books are preferred as they are easier to store.

Please choose paperback books, that are clean and with their covers intact. Adventure books, History, mystery and suspense titles are popular. No books that are torn or lack covers.

Just put them in a paper bag, and I'll distribute them to the two cutters we have home-ported in San Diego.

## Our Flag by Robert Johnson

Facts about the Flag that we all serve under: Per the United States Flag Code, there are certain days (and times) when the American Flag should be displayed, just 14 days of the year.

There is no enforcement commission, it is supposed to be honored and respected.

Jan 1 - New Year's Day  
Jan - 3rd Monday - Martin Luther King Jr birthday  
Jan 20 - Inauguration Day \* (once every 4 yrs)

Feb 12 - Lincoln's birthday  
Feb - 3rd Monday - Presidents' Day  
May - 3rd Sat - Armed Forces Day  
May Last Monday - Memorial Day (half-

mast until noon)  
Jun 14 - Flag Day  
Jul 4 - Independence Day  
Sept - 1st Monday - Labor Day  
Sept 17 - Constitution Day  
Oct - 2nd Monday - Columbus Day  
Oct 17 - Navy Day

Nov 11 - Veterans Day  
Nov - 4th Thursday - Thanksgiving

Source: US Flag Code

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## New Flotilla Members

Cameron is our Renaissance Man, who has a multitude of interests. In addition to AP Government/Politics class, he enjoys Sociology, participates in a Chamber Choral Choir Class and attends an International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge Class.

Our flotilla warmly welcomes Trevor and Cameron wishing them well in achieving their career aspirations.

## Continued: JUST WEAR IT ! by Bill Beacom

from getting exhausted from splashing around trying to stay afloat. It is usually a bright color that helps others to find you.

Many Life Jackets have whistles attached. The whistle will help others find you, particularly at night.

Let's see now --- a Life Jacket keeps me afloat, it keeps me upright, it keeps me from getting exhausted, it keeps me warm, and assists others in finding me ... sounds like a pretty good deal to me!

JUST WEAR IT!

## About Our Organization...

Our Mission Bay Flotilla meets the first Monday evening at 1936 Quivira Way, at the Marina Village Convention Center, 7:00 PM.

*Yes, we're on the web.*

Our website: <http://a1140105.wow.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 1-5 ICS Drill at Strategic Operations, San Diego, CA



Presentation of Appreciation Award to Rags Laragione of Maritime Institute

