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Flotilla Staff Officer Report

JANUARY 2016

P – Prevention Section

FSO-NS (Navigation Services): Domenic Ciolino

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Half way through the winter folks!

FSO-MS (Marine Safety): Wolf Dehne

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: (#missions / #members format):

- 70M(S)=Shore Obs Mission > Zones #1 thru #4: (6/4)
- o 70T= Mobil Facility Inspection Atlantic Fuels (1/1)
- o 70U(H)=Aux-WM Home review work: (6/1)
- 91G= Uninspected Towing Vessel under construction Training (1/1)
- Total CG Direct Augmentation [70M, 70T, 91G]: 8 missions w/ 4 members
- Total MS/MEP Training + Qualifications [70U]: 6 missions w/ 1 member
- Total FI-28 Missions: 14, Total Members: 4

PROGRAMS OF NOTE:

- Data Source (7030s+7038s) as filed with FSO-IS. 7029 form w/ code 99C not counted.
- CG Direct Augmentation missions in "bold" letters

FSO-PE (Public Education): Eugene Grossi

PROGRAMS OF NOTE:

- Boating Skills and Seamanship will be presented through Kittery Adult Education beginning March 1.
- How to Read a Nautical Chart will be presented through Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education on April 3 and 10.

CONCERNS: There is a need to reinvigorate course publicity to promote course registration.

FSO-PV (Program Visitor): Mark W. Ladrie

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Went to Boston for D-training classes. Took the instructor course and PV Boot Camp. Helped with Boat Crew Shore Side Training at Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor.

FSO-VE (Vessel Examination): Harold Jamieson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: 1. Attended the Hunting and Fishing Expo in Salem, NH on 9 & 10 JAN; (Attendance at show was about 15,000) 2. We also did a booth display at Cinamagic in Portsmouth at the opening of the "THE FINEST HOURS" on 29 & 30 JAN.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: The reception we got at the Cinamagic was very good from the public. More so after they had seen the movie. A lot of people stated that they had no idea how intense the Coast Guard could be and thanked us for what we do.

R - Response Section:

LO-Air (Liaison Officer- AuxAir): Marshall Hewitt

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Flew two missions: One Boston Ice Patrol and one NH-ME Ice Patrol to document and photo ice conditions in key target areas identified by Sectors Boston and Northern New England. Total 5.6 hours flight time, plus preflight prep and post mission documentation. Boston patrol also included practice SAR patterns.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: An all-day aviation training workshop was attended by pilots and aircrew at the January 9 D-Train meeting. Morning activities before the conference included annual swim and life raft quals. AuxAir has entered "Phase III" of its resumption plan ending a temporary stand down following recent safety related incidents. All Aux pilots and FAA certified aircrew are approved for duty under a two-pilot rule requiring a current FAA certified pilot to fly alongside the Aircraft Commander.

FSO-CM (Communications): Thomas McTaggart

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Total watch standing hours since last report ((20).

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Continued our role standing watch during the new Gold Side schedule.

CONCERNS: Need to recruit interested Auxiliarist for Watch Standing.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Trying to increase watch standing hours.

FSO-OP (Operations): William Armstrong

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L - Logistics Section:

FSO-CS (Communications Services): Christopher McAndrew

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Started troubleshooting web server and identifying issues — working with Mike C. to address. Inadvertent email test to all members (unaware at the time that was our mailing list) provided great feedback and will assist moving forward.

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PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Simplification of mailing lists and the way information is distributed. Ensuring intended recipients are receiving them.

PROBLEMS: Resolving domain ownership/verification and making progress. Members who use mailing lists do not know who is on the list. Needs updating in general.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: It was great to spend time with those who attended the movie event. Harold did a super job with the setup and represented the Auxiliary and Coast Guard in a professional manner.

FSO-MT (Member Training): Stephen Heath

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Shore Side Training is ongoing. First Aid CPR AED Training is ongoing for next month

PROBLEMS: E-mail list is still having problems. FSO-IS (Information Systems): Anne Manning

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Entering data for flotilla shipmates.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Assisted District staff (as ADSO-IS) with 2015 Awards reporting.

From DSO-IS regarding submission of time, summarized:

- Large number of hours submitted late, more with MT, CGOPS, PA. For CGOPS, late time submission
 creates problems for people who plan and look at measures. New D1NR COMO is interested in
 metrics, achievements as compared to goals and timeliness of reporting.
- DSO-IS will pull names of shipmates who submit/report time late and will give these names to D1NR COMO and DIRAUX.
- Reminder: Mission participation/time is to be reported as soon as the mission is complete or within 30 days after the month in which the activity occurred.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: I extend to our recently retired shipmates – my greatest thanks for your military service to the United States of America and for your service to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Together Mr. Ken Cookson, Mr. Bob Theve, and Mr. Lee White gave almost 8600 hours of service to the Auxiliary. They participated in the surface operations program as coxswain (Mr. Cookson) and boat crew (Mr. Theve); all were Instructors and Vessel Examiners. All achieved Operational Auxiliarist, AX, the highest member status for the Auxiliary.

Mr. Cookson served as an elected officer, as Flotilla Commander, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, and Vice Flotilla Commander, and served many times in appointments as Flotilla Staff Officer Information Services and Flotilla Staff Officer Publications. Mr. Theve served many times in appointments as Flotilla Staff Officer Navigation Systems and as Flotilla Staff Officer Vessel Examinations.

All served 15 years in the Auxiliary.

FSO-MA (Materials): Walter Hanson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Supplies came in and were distributed.

FSO-PA (Public Affairs): Seth Spiller

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: FL 28 members and active duty members of USCG Station Portsmouth Harbor completed "The Finest Hours" movie event held at a local theater.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: VFC GROSSI has requested a goal from each FSO for 2016 at a staff officer meeting prior to the next Flotilla meeting. For PA, there are several, 1) add regular PA needs to the FL 28 monthly calendar based on other FSO input and documented events from the past year's FSO reports; 2) create a PA template archive starting with press releases generated by past FSO-PA WELSH. This archive will provide the foundation for regular monthly PA activity (booth and PE class press releases, radio spots, etc.) that FL 28 FSO's can leverage to publicize their areas of responsibility. 3) Provide information to all members of the national requirements as it relates to USCG Auxiliary public affairs expectations. We are the face of the USCG to the public in many situations.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: The Finest Hour movie characterized the Semper Paratus nature of the Coast Guard and its core mission to save lives. What an honor it is to wear the same uniform as these selfless shipmates.

FSO-PB (Publications Staff Officer): (NA)

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FSO-PS (Human Resources): Henry Marchi

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Continue to reach out to new member requests, three people in process.

PROBLEMS: Need to update new member forms (working).

GOOD OF AUXILIARY: Inviting potential members to February meeting.

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FSO-FN (Finance): Matthew Wirth

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Report submitted directly.

FSO-DV (Diversity): Paul Gaudet

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Continued work on 2016 flotilla level diversity training.

FSO-SR (Secretary of Records): Gladys Benshimol

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Recorded and catalogued records for 2015 year. Much gratitude goes to

Flotilla Officers and Shipmates who helped me accomplish this objective.

LO-CU (Liaison Officer - USCGC TAHOMA USCGC CAMPBELL): Seth Spiller

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Connected with new CGC TAHOMA XO and discussed enhancing the 2016 FL 28 Cutter plan into a formal document that can be distributed to members and possibly outside to other Flotillas if this is required to get adequate interest.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: FL 28 CGC program will take the next step in 2016 so members understand the two "tracks" available: crew and educator. The crew track requires members meet the physical requirements of CGC crew and start with the Basic Damage Control PQS. The educator track is for members that have knowledge and skills in an area of interest to the crew. We have done a weather class thus far, but classes on finances, web design and others are of interest.

CONCERNS: Getting enough members interested to fill a two-day two shift weekly schedule switching between CGC TAHOMA and CGC CAMPBELL, which typically alternate in port times. Possibly there will be an opportunity to open up to DIV 2 or DIV 3 flotillas and expand inter-flotilla cooperation; More to discuss with leadership in this regard.

LO-LR (Liaison Officer - Lakes Region): David Joyce

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LO-NH (State Liaison Officer- NH): Richard Many

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