

The Cape Ann Quarterly

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Flotilla 46 – Cape Ann eNewsletter. The main goal of this publication is to enhance communications between elected and appointed flotilla staff and the general membership. Every three months we highlight the accomplishments of the previous quarter and broadcast flotilla-related events for the upcoming quarter. Members unable to regularly attend flotilla meetings can find some of the important, interesting and exciting goings-on here. In addition, annual member training requirements and flotilla member-submitted articles are included in these pages. So, welcome to *The Cape Ann Quarterly* – your eNewsletter.

Mandated Member Training (AUXMT)

With just 35% of the division completing Mandated Member Training (AUXMT) to date, the courses remain a serious readiness issue. All courses must be completed in order to retain your operational currency, obtain a new identification card, or hold an elected/appointed office. Check your AUXMT official training record via the District 1NR Member Information page, found at: <http://a013.uscgaux.info/members.htm>. Mandated Member Training courses include:

Course Code	Course Number	Course Name	Frequency
SP	502379	Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide	every 5 years
SETA	810030	Security Fundamentals	every 5 years
PAWAR	810015	Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information	every 5 years
POSH	810000	Sexual Harrassment Prevention	every 5 years
SAP	810045	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	every 5 years
CRA	502319	Civil Rights Awareness	every 5 years
ET	502306	Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts	1 time only
INF	502290	Influenza Training	1 time only

**Note that IS 100.b and IS 700.a are also AUXMT taken 1 time only on the FEMA website here: <http://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- Jul 29th- Aug 1st, USCGC Eagle Visit, Salem, MA
- Jul 31st-Aug 1st, Hospital Point Lighthouse Tours, Beverly, MA
- Aug 7th, Yankee Homecoming, Newburyport, MA
- Aug 21st-28th, NACON, Phoenix, AZ
- Aug 20th-21st, Salem Antique & Classic Boat Festival, Salem, MA

Commander's Corner



Boating season is finally here!

With the return of consistently warm weather, sunny skies and calm seas comes the return of the recreational vessels that regularly fill our local moorings, marinas and harbors. Hundreds of vessels have arrived, trailered in and unwrapped, craned into the water from yacht yards and storage facilities all over Cape Ann. With the return of the fair weather and the fleet of recreational boating vessels comes opportunity.

The new summer brings with it the opportunity to reach out once again to vessel operators, to marina managers, to marine shop owners with our Safe Boating Message. Now is the time to don our uniforms and greet the public as they prepare for the boating season. Now is the time to take advantage of this window of opportunity and inform and educate the boating public; to perform vessel safety checks, to attend public affairs events, and to complete safety patrols.

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But with these opportunities come challenges. As we all know, there are usually more missions than there are members to perform them. Each of these missions seemingly as important as the next; it is surprisingly easy to find yourself over-committed. Each of us has tasks we enjoy doing for the Auxiliary. Then there are those we do because they need to get done. And finally, there are those tasks we take on because another member has asked for assistance.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

•Materials

- Uniforms
- Ordering
- Unit Inventory

•Secretary

- Letter writing
- Note Taking
- Public Speaking

•Public Affairs

- Speaker's Bureau
- Written Articles
- Public Appearances
- Media Contacts
- Photo and Video

•Finance

- Budget
- Bookkeeping

•Publications

- Unit newsletter
- Writing
- Creativity

•Information Systems

- Record Keeping
- Computer Work

•Communications

- Webmaster
- E-mail
- Human Resources
- Recruiting
- Mentor Program
- Uniform Procurement
- Involvement Activities

•Photo Corps

- Photography for books, newsletters

•Operations

- Crew—on-water patrols
- Coxswain—in charge of on-water patrols

•Fellowship

- Sunshine Club
- Official Greeter
- Dinners/Activities

•Marine Environmental Protection

- Public Outreach & Sea Partners
- Harbor Pollution Patrols
- Spill Reconnaissance
- Licensing Administration

•Navigation Systems

- Federal and Private Aids
- Bridge Inspections

•Auxiliary Aviation

- Flight Standards/Training
- Facilities Liaison
- Flight Safety
- Air Patrols
- Air Transport

•Coast Guard Support

- Communications Watch
- Administrative Support
- Crew on CG vessels
- Joint Public Appearance with CG
- Officer of the Day Duties
- Teaching/Mentoring
- Worklife Personnel Support
- Team Coordination Training

•Advanced Training

- AUXOP courses
- National Schools
- Coast Guard Institute courses

•Instructor

- Teach Public Education courses
- Teach member classes

•Program Visitor

- Visit marinas & marine dealers
- Distribute boating safety materials

can lead to burn-out. This, in turn, negatively impacts our membership and our effectiveness. Fight the effects of burn-out by working as a team whenever possible, and know your personal limitations.

Keep in mind that two people teaming together can do the work of three individuals. It's always more fun and productive to share the load. If you're setting up for a task, or have some time to help out, let us know. You can always send an email or make a phone call to your Auxiliary brothers and sisters. And newer members, looking to see where you can help, you can't go wrong learning the ropes from an "Old Salt"!

Don't become a victim of volunteer burn-out. Keep doing those missions you enjoy doing. Continue to complete those tasks (mostly administrative) that keep the Auxiliary wheels turning. And each time someone else asks you if you can do more, give yourself some time to consider whether or not your schedule can support another mission before answering. Remember to practice a little "resource management" when scheduling your Auxiliary responsibilities this summer, and take on those tasks you can complete while remaining a happy, healthy and productive member of the flotilla.

Semper Paratus!

Gardner H. Winchester II, Flotilla Commander

Operation Dry Water Meets St. Peter's Fiesta

While Operation Dry Water (ODW) is officially a year-round boating under the influence (BUI) awareness and enforcement campaign, the weekend prior to the Independence Day Holiday Weekend marks the program's high-point. The July fourth weekend is historically a time when BUI boating accidents rise dramatically. In its seventh year, ODW leverages its heightened education and enforcement components to deter boaters from boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Since the launch of ODW, the number of boating fatalities with alcohol named

The New Member Involvement Plan: The key is balancing all of these opportunities with competing obligations in your personal and professional life. (Screen capture by J.W. Keyes)

As the weather gets warmer, our calendars get fuller. Without realizing it, these commitments begin to compete with each other and with our day-to-day commitments. Eventually the stress of living up to all of these obligations

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as a contributing factor has decreased from 19 percent to 16 percent in the United States. However, alcohol use continues to be the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating deaths in the United States.

Once again this year, ODW occurred during one of the biggest events on the Massachusetts's North Shore: St. Peter's Fiesta. The Fiesta is a five day festival honoring the patron saint of the fisherman, St. Peter. For more than 90 years, the community of Gloucester has observed the "blessing of the fleet" during the last weekend in June. Today, thousands of people converge on the small community to take part in the Catholic Mass, to observe the Seine Boat Races, and to cheer on "Greasy Pole" walkers. The harbor fills with pleasure craft; many lashed together to form a floating party.



Thousands of people converge on the harbor, from both land and sea, to cheer on their favorite Greasy Pole "walkers." (J. W. Keyes)

Resources from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, active and reserve members of USCG Station Gloucester, Gloucester Harbormaster, Gloucester Police Department, and the Massachusetts Environmental Police deploy to manage the mayhem and to participate in ODW. During the day these resources are organized to manage traffic and ensure the safety of the dozens of participants and hundreds of visitors on the water. Crowd control, safety escorts, and event security are the main goals during the daytime festivities. Once the sun goes down, the focus shifts to BUI enforcement.



An Auxiliary Boat Crew ties up at USCG Station Gloucester for an Operations Brief prior to the day's events getting underway. (J.W. Keyes)

Two Auxiliary Operational Facilities (OPFACS) and a dozen Auxiliarists from Sector Boston pitched in during the Seine Boat races and the Greasy Pole competition; providing extra resources necessary to effectively contain the 300+ recreational boating vessels in Gloucester Harbor. Although Auxiliary members may not engage in direct Law Enforcement missions, they provided that extra level of security needed to maintain a safe event perimeter and to assist vessels transiting the race course area.



As the sun begins to set over Gloucester Harbor, the 52-foot MEP vessel *Thomas Paine* and a USCG 47-foot Motor Life Boat prepare for the evening's ODW mission. (J.W. Keyes)

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A Unique Perspective on Diversity Management in Support of USCG Missions

By Tom Bamford, BC-DAD

One of the questions on the D7 monthly Diversity Management report asks, “Describe how your Division/Flotilla has demonstrated Diversity Management that has supported USCG Missions.” There are two Auxiliary members within Division 9 who are trained USCG Ombudsman for USCG Station Ft. Myers Beach. They are Theresa Sweeney, FC 94 Franklin Locks and myself. Terry is a retired BM2 and had been stationed at Ft. Myers Beach.

Terry understood the value of the Ombudsman based on her own CG experiences, and me, from my military family experiences which help to support our family. When Terry and I were asked to become Ombudsman for the station, we both readily accepted the offer since we knew full well the value of such a support system between the command and the station’s personnel. This has become a most fulfilling opportunity for both of us, as we are able to provide enhanced resources via the Coast Guard Health, Safety and Work-life (HSWL) programs.

The Coast Guard Ombudsman Program is a command program intended to improve communication between the command and the Coast Guard family members. Coast Guard ombudsmen are communication links, provide information and referral resources and act as advocates for family members.

The Coast Guard Ombudsman Program celebrated its 30th Anniversary on 26 March 2016. Throughout the years, Ombudsmen have played a crucial role in supporting the morale, health, and well-being of our Coast Guard families and improving their overall quality of life. On this historic occasion, we take time to honor their selfless service.



Coast Guard Ombudsman Appreciation Day – March 26th, 2016

In 1986, Admiral Gracey established the Ombudsman Program, envisioning a program where Coast Guard spouses serve as the liaison between the command and its families. The Ombudsman Program has exceeded this goal during 30 years of unwavering commitment.

Today's Coast Guard Ombudsman is a trained professional who excels as a communicator, information and referral resource, and quality of life advocate.

When our families respond to the challenges of the military lifestyle, our Ombudsmen are there to provide them with guidance and support. Ombudsmen help families find the answers to life challenges, building resiliency and self-reliance. Ombudsmen serve Coast Guard families with a genuine desire to help, and they continue to represent the very best of the program's tremendous 30-year legacy.

In recognition of the vital role our Ombudsmen play in the support of Coast Guard's missions, per reference (A), March 26th is designated Ombudsman Appreciation Day. Commands are strongly encouraged to honor and publicly recognize the many contributions of their Ombudsmen, not only on this day, but throughout the year.

Visit www.uscg.mil/ombudsman to learn more about the USCG Ombudsman Program and how you can support your Ombudsman please.

An Ombudsman Pearl of Wisdom provided by Chris Degraw, Ombudsman Program Manager. Chris sends out daily “pearls,” and here are a couple of the gems:

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“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” ~ Voltaire (French Philosopher)

“Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit. They've known the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.”

One more...

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.”

(The preceding article was previously published in *Partners in Auxiliary Diversity*, the Diversity Directorate's bulletin, Spring Edition 2016.)

Safe Boating Day 2016, In Pictures

They say, “One picture is worth a thousand words.” With that in mind, here are six pictures taken at this year's Safe Boating Day Open House aboard USCG Station Gloucester on May 14th. The event brought more than 600 visitors to the station, including Gloucester Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, and State Senator Bruce Tarr.



Above: Auxiliarist Brenda Martinson, SO-VE for Division 4 D1NR, answers Vessel Safety Check questions during the Safe Boating Day Open House aboard Coast Guard Station Gloucester. (J.W. Keyes)

Below: Auxiliarist Edwin Manzano, FSO-PE for Flotilla 43, D1NR, demonstrates the tying of a bowline knot during the Safe Boating Day Open House. (J.W. Keyes)



Left: Coast Guard Reservist MK2 Christopher Curran of Wakefield and Gloucester middle school student Isabelle Mandello volunteer to assist Auxiliarist Ralph Milroy with a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Demonstration during the Station Gloucester Safe Boating Day Open House. (J.W. Keyes)



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Right: Auxiliary Safe Boating Mascot “Coastie” made an appearance at the Safe Boating Day Open House, much to the delight of the younger visitors. (J.W. Keyes)



Above: Petty Officer Third Class Zach Thomas of Richmond, Virginia demonstrates the proper use of a handheld signal flare during the Safe Boating Day Open House. (J.W. Keyes)

Below: Division 4 Vice Commander Robert Amiro (left) and USCG Station Gloucester Operations Chief BM1 Devan Smith with Massachusetts State Senator Bruce Tarr during the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation reading aboard Station Gloucester. (J.W. Keyes)



Flotilla 46 Accomplishments To-Date, CY2016

- 580 hours recorded in AUXDATA
- 4 Shore-side ATON Missions completed
- 10.5 hours standing NET Control Radio Watch
- 24 hours of Operations Training completed
- 4 ABS Public Education Courses completed
- 2 Suddenly-In-Command P.E. Courses completed
- 67 RBS Partner Visits completed
- 2 Public Affairs Events supported
- 2 Member Training Events completed
- 10 Vessel Safety Checks completed
- 4 AUXAIR MDA/MOM Mission Flights completed
- 2 Marine Mammal Observation Missions completed

Awards & Recognition, 2nd Quarter 2016

- Gerard Wadman – New Member Applicant
- Flotilla 46 – 1st Place Flotilla Newsletter, 2015
- John Keyes – MDV/VSC Annual Service Award

Newsletter Submissions

Do you have an interesting story to tell? Submit it to the flotilla commander for review and inclusion in *The Cape Ann*

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Quarterly newsletter today. Mission successes, Auxiliary history, membership interest stories, and photographs are all welcome. Your story should be told.

Lifesaving Trivia

This Quarter's Question: When conducting a Vessel Exam, what constitutes a VSC as "High Focus" on the ANSC-7038 Form?

Last Quarter's Question: On which Auxiliary uniform are Civil Air Patrol ribbons authorized for wear?

Answer: This was a trick question we hope you didn't fall for. According to AUXMAN Chapter 10, Section F.9.m, "CAP/AFA ribbons are not authorized for wear on the Auxiliary uniform."



The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Silver Medal of Valor. (Screen capture by J.W. Keyes)

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Parting Shot



A mature humpback whale "chin breaches" more than half her body length (about 25 feet) out of the water near Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Sights like this are one of the perks of supporting the Auxiliary's Marine Mammal Observation Program. (J.W. Keyes)

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