

# Guardians of the River

## Flotilla 014-25-06 South Windsor, CT

Special Edition

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### Getting to know our Flotilla Commander

Welcome to a special edition of Guardians of the River. This edition highlights our Flotilla Commander, Wayne Mulligan. Flotilla 06 fellow member and co-editor Scott Organeck coordinated the interview.

**What brought you to the Auxiliary?** After moving to North Carolina, I was visiting a small marina on my street and the owner had papers spread out all over his bar. I asked him what he was doing and he said that he was the Commander of the local Auxiliary Flotilla and that his IS officer, who handled all this paperwork, died the week before and it was all left to him to sort out. I offered to help in any way I could, even though I was not a member. Well, all that changed rapidly and suddenly that paper work was my job!!

**What are your hopes for our flotilla?** There are so many ways that we can assist the gold side in addition to the RBS activities in our mission. If we could attract younger members with the desire to make a difference in advancing boating safety, whether through being a vessel examiner, a program visitor, servicing outlets with boating safety materials or helping to teach boating safety courses. Helping out with needs at the Academy or the museum are other ways we can be of service. Of course, operations is another important aspect for those who are interested.

**Where are you from?** I was born in Hartford and raised in Windsor. I lived there until I retired and moved to North Carolina in 2008.

**Do you have or had a boat?** I do not currently have a boat. While in NC, I had a 25 foot Grady White that I used as a facility. When we moved back up north, I sold it.

**What is your history with boating?** In my younger days, I had a 16 foot runabout which was kept on Holland Lake in Holland Mass. and used primarily for pulling water-skiers. Prior to moving to NC, I acquired a 23 foot Carver and took it down to the house in NC. After having it drown in the floods from Hurricane Irene in 2011, I acquired the Grady.

**Tell us an interesting thing about yourself?** I don't know if there is anything interesting, but my past includes some interesting things. I was chair of the CT Emergency Alert System (EAS) committee, appointed to a national FCC committee on EAS matters. During my time on that committee, the FCC created the EAS code for the Amber Alert. I was chair of the CT State Emergency Communication Committee, wrote the CT Amber Plan at the direction of Governor Rowland and was invited to the White House by President George Bush for the signing of the Amber bill. Got a tour by Ari Fleisher, met the president and also met John Walsh and Elizabeth Smart and her parents.

I was on the Governor's Task Force for drug use prevention, appointed by then, Chief States Attorney, Jack Bailey, spent time on the CT Traumatic Brain Injury Association board, Chair of Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS), the radio reading service for the blind and visually impaired.

I was elected to the Windsor Town Council for three terms until my retirement in 2008. While all that volunteer work was very satisfying, I did need to work and that career in broadcasting began in 1963 at WPOP, then to WDRC in 1964 and WTIC in 1966 where I spent a couple of years engineering for Bob Steele. That time also included engineering for the UCONN football and basketball broadcasts with George Ehrlich and Floyd Richards for a couple of years.

In 1972, I returned to WDRC until I retired as VP and GM. During those years, I would oversee the operations of our stations in Syracuse, NY and Portland, ME in addition to my duties in CT. Also, during the early '90s, two other guys and myself built an FM station for a company in St. Maarten.

**Are you a sports fan?** Yes, Red Sox, Bruins, NY Giants, Celtics. Yardgoats and others

Thank you Wayne for taking the time to let our flotilla members know a little about you. We hope to continue this special edition to introduce our flotilla leadership to our members.

V/R-The Editors of Guardians of the River

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