



FLOTILLA HISTORY

THE HISTORY DIVISION OF **PUBLIC AFFAIRS** DIRECTORATE

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

History of Flotilla 06 South Windsor, CT

A visual history of year 2014

FC: Tony Camilleri

VFC: Gary Magoon

2014 began with Tony Camilleri as our Flotilla Commander and Bob Carlson as our Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC). Gary Magoon took over as VFC in March. For details, see Division organization chart and leadership team on the next page.

Please note: Most of the highlights noted below are included with a write up and photos within this report.

Highlights:

January

- Boat Show-Hartford Convention Center

February

- Hunting and Fishing Show-Hartford Convention Center

March

- Petzold's Open House
- Boating Safety Class at Goodwin College

May

- Academy Commencement Week
- VE Days at Between the Bridges and Boats Inc.
- Memorial Day Parade-Middletown, CT
- COW at Station New London

June

- World Ocean's Day

- Auxiliary 75 Years of Service
- Yale-Harvard Regatta

July

- Sailfest New London
- VE Day Riverfront Hartford

September

- Stand Down, Rocky Hill VA Hospital

October

- Alumni Week at the Academy
- 50th Medallion Ceremony

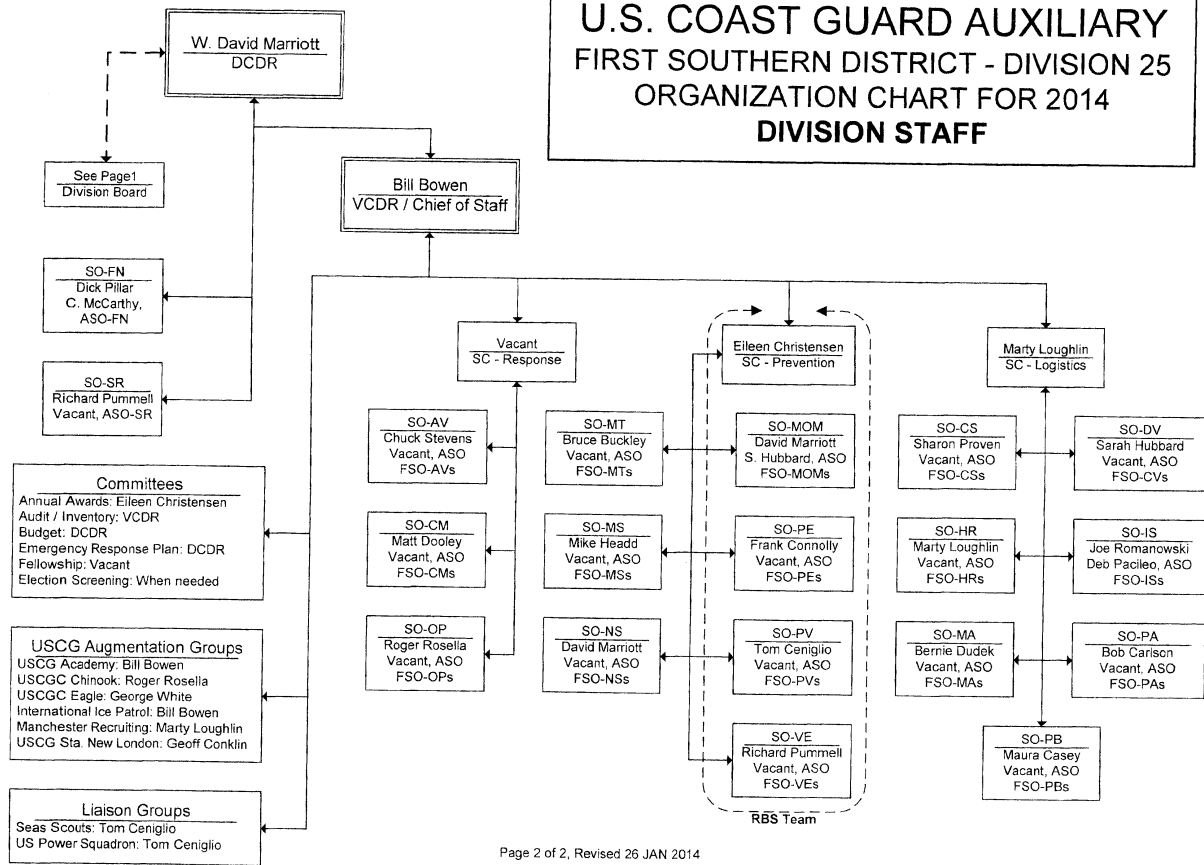
November

- Veteran's Day Parade, Hartford, CT

**Special -The U. S. Coast Guard at Normandy-
by Scott T. Price**



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FIRST SOUTHERN DISTRICT - DIVISION 25 ORGANIZATION CHART FOR 2014 DIVISION STAFF



US Coast Guard Auxiliary All Elected and Appointed Officers Division 25 - 2014

| OFFICE | | DIVISION 25 | FLOTILLA 02 | FLOTILLA 03 | FLOTILLA 04 | FLOTILLA 05 | FLOTILLA 06 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Commander | DCDR/FC | David Marriott | Bill Hancock | Bruce Buckley | Alex Porven | Lisa Lawler | Tony Camilleri |
| Vice Commander | VCDR/VFC | Bill Bowen | Bart Gaugh | Peter Beardsley | Sarah Hubbard | Deb Pacileo | Gary Magoon |
| Immediate Past Commander | IPDCDR /PFC | Dave Tyler | Geoff Conklin | Duncan Gifford | Sharon Porven | Mary Jo Cruickshank | Bob Carlson |
| Finance | FN | Dick Pillar | Sirgen Orzech | Duncan Gifford | Bernie Dudek | Charles McCarthy | Stan Barnes |
| Secretary / Records | SR | Richard Pummell | Jeff Stone | Marsha Zimmerman | David Obedzinski | Daniel Vakili | Phillip Correia |

| Section Chief Prevention | | Eileen Christensen | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|--|-----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Maritime Observation Missions | MOM | David Marriott | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant |
| Member Training | MT | Bruce Buckley | Joe Laudano | Bruce Buckley | David Thiede | Alyson Dougherty | Eileen Christensen |
| Marine Safety and Environmental Protection | MS | Mike Headd | Bart Gaugh | Vacant | Sarah Hubbard | Vacant | Kris Carlson |
| Public Education | PE | Frank Connolly | Geoff Conklin | Peter Beardsley | Frank Connolly | Lisa Lawler | David Marriott |
| Navigation Systems | NS | David Marriott | Stephen Bradley | Patrick Norton | Sharon Porven | Vacant | David Marriott |
| Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program | PV | Tom Ceniglio | Melissa Spencer | Bruce Buckley | David Obedzinski | Vacant | Bob Carlson |
| Vessel Examination | VE | Richard Pummell | Melissa Spencer | Troy Clark | Carl Swenson | Mary Jo Cruickshank | Tom Carlson |

| Section Chief Response | | Vacant | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Communications | CM | Matt Dooley | Roger Rosella | Jack VanVerdeghem | Richard Pianka | Vacant | Gary Magoon |
| Aviation | AV | Chuck Stevens | N/A | Chuck Stevens | Dave Tyler | N/A | N/A |
| Operations | OP | Roger Rosella | Roger Rosella | Stephen Messelt | Dale Rival | Tom Savoy | Eileen Christensen |

| Section Chief Logistics | | Marty Loughlin | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|--|----|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Communications Services | CS | Sharon Porven | Scott Stanton | Christopher Bowen | Sean Fleming | Deb Pacileo | Tony Camilleri |
| Diversity | DV | Sarah Hubbard | Karen Bradley | Vacant | Sarah Hubbard | Vacant | Matt Reynolds |
| Human Resources | HR | Marty Loughlin | Bill Hancock | William Bowen | Sharon Porven | Tim Frick | Stan Barnes |
| Information and Communication Services | IS | Joe Romanowski | Joe Romanowski | Tod Schaefer | Sharon Porven | Joe Romanowski | Eileen Christensen |
| Materials | MA | Bernie Dudek | Sirge Orzech | William Bowen | Bernie Dudek | Lisa Lawler | Vacant |
| Marketing and Public Affairs | PA | Bob Carlson | Joe Laudano | Vacant | David Obedzinski | Maura Casey | Bob Carlson |
| Publications | PB | Maura Casey | Joe Laudano | Peter Beardsley | Mike Saxton | Vacant | Vacant |



Hartford Boat Show-January 6, 2014



Below. Mike Headd (L) 25-04 and Richard Pummell 25-06 stand watch at the Coast Guard booth at the 2014 Hunting and Fishing show Hartford, CT.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at the CMTA Hartford Boat Show

HARTFORD, Connecticut –January 6, 2014 – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in attendance at the 45th Annual **CMTA Hartford Boat Show**, which runs Thursday, January 23-Sunday, January 26 at the Connecticut Convention Center. Members of the Auxiliary will be on duty in the lobby of the main entrance to meet the public to discuss boating safety, educational programs, vessel exams and the benefits of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

This year the Auxiliary will continue to offer About Boating Safely (ABS) classes at Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT and USCG Academy in New London, CT. The beginner boating class can be used to get a safe Boating Certificate, which anyone 16 or older must obtain to legally operate any size boat with a motor in Connecticut waters. Visit the booth for more information and to get an enrollment packet.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is celebrating its 75th year as the civilian, uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. The Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the US Coast Guard Reserves and re-designated the Auxiliary in 1941. The 30,000 volunteer members (men and women) donate millions of hours in support of Coast Guard missions, such as Search & Rescue, Public Education, Marine Environmental Protection and Maritime Domain Awareness.

For additional information or information on joining the Auxiliary visit the Auxiliary website at: <http://join.cgaux.org>.



Hartford Hunting and Fishing Show-February 14-16, 2014



Kristina Carlson, Flotilla 25-6, South Windsor, Connecticut, keeps an eye on Remie, her eight year old Sheltie and mascot of 25-06. Remie enjoyed some special attention while on duty wearing his life jacket at the 2014 Hunting and Fishing Show at the Hartford Convention Center on Sunday, February 16. Maria Ceniglio (left) and Joseph Aleksey (right) were at the show with their dad, Thomas Ceniglio, Flotilla 25-05, Essex, Connecticut. Thomas and other members of First District Southern Region, Division 25 were on duty at the show to meet and greet attendees and promote boating safety and the importance of always wearing a life jacket.



Auxiliarist Gary Magoon, 24-06 greets attendees at the Coast Guard Auxiliary booth at the 2024 Hunting and Fishing Show.



Petzold's Annual Open House-March 22-23, 2014



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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Attendance at Petzold's Annual Open House

PORTLAND, Connecticut –March 5, 2014 – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be in attendance at the 2014 Petzold's Annual Open House and Boat Show March 22 and 23, 2014.

The Annual Boat Show runs Saturday, March 22 from 9-4 through Sunday March 23 from 10-4 at Petzold's Marine Center, 37 Indian Hill Ave. Portland Connecticut. Members of the Auxiliary will be on duty to meet the public to discuss boating safety, educational programs, vessel exams and the benefits of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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On Saturday May 17, 2014 Get a Free Checkup from the Deck up

(and below deck as well)

May 17th thru May 23th, 2014 is National Safe Boating Week. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers boaters free vessel safety checks each year. Safety checks are designed to ensure your boat is in compliance with local, state and federal laws. Upon successfully passing the safety check, a decal for that year is placed on your boat.



Vessel safety checks will be held on Saturday, May 17th, 2014 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at this marina. Sign up now or the day of the exam.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants all boaters to have a safe and enjoyable boating season. For more information visit the USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check website at: <http://cgaux.org/vsc/>.



***Even experienced boaters need a vessel safety check!
15 minutes could save your life and the life of your family.
Remember Boat Smart, Boat Safely.***

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly.

Commencement Week May 2014

Individual Academic and Military Awards Ceremony, Leamy Hall Auditorium

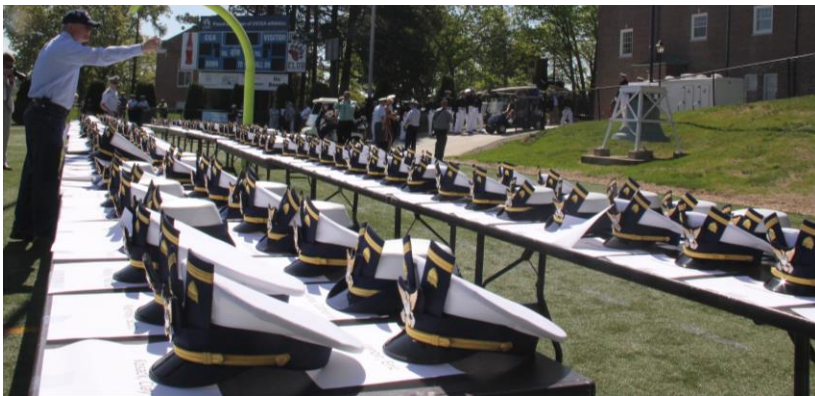
Prior to commencement day, several organizations (including the auxiliary) present graduating cadets with recognition in various areas of excellence.



The Auxiliary was once again in attendance at the 2014 United States Coast Guard Academy commencement. Several members were assisting in public affairs, security, traffic control and visitor transportation.

Notable speakers addressed the graduating cadets including: Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, Commandant of the Coast Guard, Adm. Robert J. Papp, Jr., Superintendent of the United States Coast Guard Academy, Vice Admiral Sandra L. Stosz and Distinguished Graduate Stephanie J. Jocis.

These commencement ceremonies are significant milestones for the cadets, marking the completion of their rigorous training and the beginning of their service in the Coast Guard.





Memorial Day Parade-Middletown Connecticut



2024 Memorial Day parade down main street Middletown CT.
Kris Carlson (front right) and her sheltie Remie and Bob Carlson (photographer) only members from 06.



Several Courses Offered in 2014

ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- **Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.
- **Boating Law** – Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.
- **Boat Safety Equipment** – Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment.
- **Safe Boating** – Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe Personal Water Craft (PWC) handling; general water safety.
- **Navigation** – The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."
- **Boating Problems** – Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers: emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.
- **Trailer, Storing and Protecting Your Boat** – Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing, backing a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage, theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.
- **Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating** – Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

A series of 8 hour, one day classes (from 8 am to 5 pm) will be provided at:

- Goodwin College, Rm. 311, Main Building, 1 Riverside Dr., East Hartford, CT on 3 Saturdays: March 22, April 26 and May 17th, 2014
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT on 3 Saturdays: March 15, April 12, and May 17th, 2014.

Classes run from 8 am to 5 pm, About Boating Safely books will be provided to each student. Please bring a lunch, pencil and pen. Upon successful completion of the class the student will receive a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Certificate of Completion.

The cost for the class is; \$75.00 for individuals, \$65.00 for each additional family member taking the class at the same time and \$45.00 for students and faculty of either Goodwin College or the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (must have student ID to show the class instructor).

Pre-registration is required – see attached.

Instructions for entrance to U.S. Coast Guard Academy

U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Yeaton Hall Rm. 129 31 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT 06320

When entering the Academy grounds, show your picture ID at the Main Gate. In return, you will receive a parking pass for the Boating Class. Take second left onto Campbell Drive; Yeaton Hall is the first building on right.

Special Academy Traffic Regulations

- The speed limit is 15 mph and is strictly enforced.
- Speed bumps and radar are used to enforce the speed limit.

- All vehicles must yield to pedestrians and marching sections.
- Most parking spaces are reserved. Park in open spaces or visitor parking.

Take a Boating Safety Course from the Experts: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Two locations to choose, all classes are taught by certified USCG Auxiliary instructors.

Goodwin College, Main Campus, Room 311,
Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT.
March 22, 2014
April 26, 2014
May 17, 2014

U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Yeaton Hall, Room 129,
New London, CT
March 15, 2014
April 12, 2014
May 17, 2014
At the front gate, give the guard your name and reason for visit.

The cost is **\$75.00** per student and **\$65.00** each or additional family members and **\$45.00** for Goodwin Students and Faculty (fee includes all required material).

Pre-register by completing the form below for each student. Make checks made out to USCG Auxiliary Division 25

Mail USCG Auxiliary ABS Registration to Dick Pillar, 26 Riverside Court, Southington, CT 06489-1777

For additional information please call: 860-537-5222 or email auxboatingsafety@yahoo.com

Cut and return with payment ↘

Fill out below for each student

Your Name (as you want on your Auxiliary Certificate*)

Your Address: Street

City

State

Birth Month

Zip

Birth Year

CT Conservation Number**

East Hartford New London
Class date Class location (check one)

Payment

\$75.00 (first student)

\$65.00 (each additional family member)

Total enclosed: _____

\$45.00 (Goodwin College Student or Faculty)

Total enclosed: _____

E-mail (to receive your class confirmation)

Phone

Cut and return with payment ↘

*The USCG Auxiliary will issue a Certification of Completion to each person who successfully completes the class. This Auxiliary Certificate can be used to obtain your State of Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate; there is presently a \$50.00 state charge to obtain this state certificate. The State requires the student complete a 10 hour class and pass the test(s) with a minimum grade of 80%.

** New boating certifications rules require all students to registered on the DEEP website and obtain a Connecticut Conservation Identification Number (ID) **prior** to taking your Boating Course. **Go to the [Online Sportsman Licensing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2686&q=384530&depNav_GID=1620) system and complete the registration process. Follow the instructions for "New Customers."**

For additional information regarding applying for Safe Boating Certificates (SBC), Got to:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2686&q=384530&depNav_GID=1620

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Goodwin College and the Coast Guard Auxiliary team up to offer
“How to Read a Nautical Chart”.**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has teamed up with the folks at Goodwin College to offer the “How to Read a Nautical Chart” course. This exciting 3 -4 hour course will provide the student with the knowledge to interpret a nautical chart’s contents to navigate safely to their destination and return to port. Text and training chart included.

Recommended for all boaters, this course will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014. 9:00 a.m. –at the Goodwin College, Main Campus, (Community Room, 1 st floor) 1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut.

This course is taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Tuition is \$40.00. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please call the instructor, David Marriott, USCG Auxiliary at 860-871-0162.

**How To Read a Nautical
Chart**

Start Date: Sat, 31 May 2014
Hours: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Duration: 3 To 4 Hours
Lessons: 1
Location: Community Room, 1st Floor
Goodwin College
1 Riverside Drive
East Hartford, CT 06118
Contact: David Marriott
wdavidmarriott@gmail.com
(860) 871-0162
Course Cost: \$40
Register By: Thu, 29 May 2014
Comments: Pre-Registration is Required, space is limited

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

One-Day Boating Safety Courses begin in East Hartford and New London

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer classes in *About Boating Safely* at two locations- Goodwin College in East Hartford and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London. Classes at Goodwin College are held on Saturdays- February 22, March 22, April 26, and May 17. Classes at the Coast Guard Academy will also be on Saturdays February 15, March 15, April 12, and May 17.

This 8-hour-long, beginner boating class and test qualifies a participant to obtain a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate, which anyone must obtain to legally operate any size boat with a motor in Connecticut waters.

Classes are taught by qualified Auxiliary members. The one-day classes are held at Goodwin College, Main Building, Room 311, 1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford and at the Coast Guard Academy in Yeaton Hall, Room 129, New London. All classes are from 8 am to 5 pm.

Course textbooks will be provided. Students should bring a lunch, pencil and pen. Those who successfully finish will receive a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Certificate of Completion.

The cost is **\$75** for individuals, **\$65** for each additional family member taking the class at the same time and **\$45** for students and faculty of Goodwin College with identification.

Topics include: Introduction to Boating; Boating Law; Boat Safety Equipment; Safe Boating; Navigation Boating Problems; Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat; navigating rivers and other boating tips.

Pre-registration is required. Please call **860-537-5222** or email: auxboatingsafety@yahoo.com for more information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Saturday July 5, 2014, Get a Free Vessel Safety Check

Hartford – The Coast Guard Auxiliary has partnered with the Riverfront Recapture Rangers to offer boaters free vessel safety checks. Safety checks are designed to ensure your boat is in compliance with local, state and federal laws. If the boat does not pass the exam no citations, fines or penalties are issued. A decal is awarded to display if the vessel passes the examination.

Vessel safety checks generally take about 15 minutes and will be held on Saturday, July 5th, 2014 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm rain or shine at Riverside Park, Hartford, CT. No appointment is necessary.

An example of some of the items checked includes:

- Life Jackets
- Registration and numbering
- Navigation lights
- Ventilation
- Fire extinguishers
- Distress signals (flares, horn, etc.)
- Battery cover and connections

15 minutes could save your life and the life of your family. The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants all boaters to have a safe and enjoyable boating season. For more information visit the USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check website at: <http://cgaux.org/vsc/>.

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Remember Boat Smart, Boat Safely.

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly.



Coast Guard Auxiliary nears 75 years of service to the United States

On June 23, 2014, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate 75 years of service to the United States. The 31,000-member force has been lauded by Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Robert Papp as "the world's premier maritime volunteers." Here is a brief history of the organization.

Prior to 1939, there was no United States Coast Guard Auxiliary — not as we know it today. Instead, unorganized groups of volunteers who owned yachts, pleasure, craft and fishing vessels kept a watchful eye on the coastal and inland waters while they worked or cruised. These groups, mostly men, often looked for ways to assist the Coast Guard.

One thing that plagued these volunteer groups, and the Coast Guard, was that most members had no formal training in boating safety or the rules of the water. Accidents involving vessels, injuries and fatalities were rampant.

Then, in the summer of 1934, a yachtsman by the name of Malcolm S. Boylan and a Coast Guard friend, Lt. F.C. Pollard, began a discussion about ways to reach the boating community.

They drew up a letter outlining how a "reserve" made up of community volunteers could assist the Coast Guard in teaching boating safety and helping keep the waters safe. That letter made it to the desk of Cmdr. Russell Waeshe Sr. in Washington, who thought the idea was brilliant but lacked the clout to push it through. A great idea almost faded into history.

However, in 1936, Cmdr. Waeshe was promoted to rear admiral and appointed Commandant of the Coast Guard. Taking advantage of a number of influential friends, he succeeded in persuading Congress to pass the Coast Guard Reserve Act. This happened on June 23, 1939. Briefly, in order to: "*(a) Promote safety to life at sea and upon the navigable waters, (b) Improve efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts, (c) Promote a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation and navigation of motorboats and yachts, and (d) Facilitate certain operations of the Coast Guard, there is hereby established a United States Coast Guard Reserve...which shall be composed of citizens of the United States and its Territories and possessions...who are owners (sole or in part) of motorboats or yachts....*"

Unlike the Army and Naval Reserves that were made up of trained World War I veterans, the Coast Guard Reserve would be made up of civilian volunteers. They would not wear any uniforms, hold any rank, "*or be vested with or exercise any right, privilege, power, or duty vested in or imposed upon the personnel of the Coast Guard.*" Rather, they were invited to place their private vessels at the disposal of the Coast Guard and assist with parades, and regattas with the understanding that, when their vessels were used, someone from the Coast Guard would take over as coxswain until the exercise was complete. This newly formed organization was not to be funded by the United States government; however, fuel was provided during use of personal vessels. Many were skeptical as to how effective these "reservists" would be but, with war looming on the horizon, that would soon change.

On February 19, 1941, Congress restructured the Coast Guard Reserve into the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Still basically called the Reserve, it was broken into two categories. The *active reserve*, made up of members who had to undergo stringent physical fitness demands, were paid and often sent anywhere the Commandant deemed their presence was needed. The *temporary reserve* remained community volunteers between the ages of 17-64, had no physical requirement, stayed within their communities, and did not receive any payment. Most of the new auxiliary members were recruited for the *temporary reserve*.

By the summer of 1941, area Coast Guard commanders had many Auxiliary vessels at their disposal for coastal patrols. With the coastal waters in need of protection and half the Coast Guard vessels out to sea, Auxiliary vessels made good patrol crafts. As a defense in case of enemy attack, the Coast Guard provided the Auxiliary with Lewis machine guns, Thompson sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols.

In 1942, several German U-boats were sighted off the East Coast and Auxiliary and reservists sailed into action. Soon the entire eastern seaboard was dotted with private yachts and power boats of auxiliary and reserve members. Each vessel's registration numbers began with "CGR." With machine guns visible on the bow and stern, they became known as the "Putt-Putt Navy," "Splinter Fleet" and "Corsair Fleet." Although commanded by reservists or Coast Guardsmen, reservists often manned their guns. Although the Auxiliary did not sink any U-boats, they did help to keep shipping lanes free and the United States' coast safe.

Other Auxiliarists patrolled the shores on horseback, others on bikes, walking or in cars. Others sat upon hills overlooking the water, for anything out of place. They observed the oceans, lakes, rivers, bridges and railway lines — any place a saboteur could cause a problem.

During World War II, the Auxiliary began wearing uniforms and developed a working relationship with the active duty Coast Guard. Today, no matter what the Auxiliary is involved in, they are a part of Team Coast Guard. Auxiliarists reach out to their communities and support the men and women who serve in the Coast Guard. They try to make a difference.

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**Adm. Russell R. Waesche Sr.,
Commandant of the Coast Guard from
1936-1945, was instrumental in
establishing the Coast Guard Reserve.
Coast Guard photo.**



**A Coast Guard petty officer and
Auxiliarist board a pleasure boat in New
York Harbor in 1942. Auxiliary photo.**



Sailfest 2014

Sailfest is Southeastern Connecticut's premier summertime event attracting over 300,000 people over the three-day festival. Complete with a major fireworks display, amusement rides, free entertainment, Tall Ship, and over 200 vendors lining the downtown streets. Sailfest produces multiple stages of free entertainment with musical genres ranging in Rock, Celtic, Hip Hop, and Blues. Kids enjoy free shows at the City Pier stage. Sailfest also showcases the 4th largest fireworks display in the Northeast, sponsored by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. Sailfest 2014 will be held from July 11-13.

