



# *The Gazetteer*

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## *Mandatory Training*

Shipmates, remember that there is mandatory training required of all Auxiliarists, whether you're new to the organization or have been around for a while! There are some courses that you need to take just once, and others that you need to renew every few years – don't fall behind, make sure you're up-to-date on all mandated Coast Guard Auxiliary training! The courses are available at this website:

<https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>

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## *Winter Message from Vice Division Commander, Elect*

**“Leadership is a choice, not a position.”**

*- Dr. Stephen Covey*



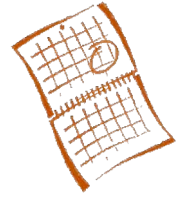
To hold an elected position in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is an honor and a privilege. You are elected by your peers for your guidance, character and expertise in matters of the Auxiliary. I believe that, as the Division Vice Commander for Division 5 SR, I will bring a leadership and management style that will empower the members division wide and serve as a model for other Divisions in Sector Hampton Roads and the 5<sup>th</sup> SR District. As Flotilla Commander for Flotilla 53, I used an off hands leadership model which allowed for members to implement their own programs and activities in the Auxiliary, while still following the Chain of Leadership and Communication. Though I did not attend every function, booth, class or patrol, this leadership style enabled the Flotilla to be one of the most active and visible Flotillas in the Division. My vision for the Division is to work with the Division Commander, DirAux, the Flotilla Commanders, and members to develop a team where the public doesn't see an individual Flotilla, but members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our Division Bridge will be staffed my members of every Flotilla, not just 2 or 3 Flotillas. Using a combination of leadership, empowerment, teamwork and promoting all aspects and pillars of the Auxiliary, we can truly become greater than the sum of our parts. I invite all members and officers to contact me to discuss their goals, objectives, and as a confidential ear to vent to. It will be an honor to serve as your Division Vice Commander.

## *Division Leadership*

The following individuals are your elected and appointed officers for 2014. They will be changing in 2015, so if you need to contact someone before Change of Watch, do it now!

Division Commander:	Michelle Thornton
Vice Division Commander:	Alfred Coke
Navigation Services:	Stanley Miley
Communications:	William Photinos, III
Communication Services:	Rawl Gelinas
Diversity:	Vacant
Finance:	Colleen O'Neil
Human Resources:	Michelle Thornton
Information Systems:	George Langdon
Materials:	Alfred Coke
Maritime Safety:	Richard Mayes, Sr.
Member Training:	Russell Brawsell, II
Operations:	Richard Dunnington
Public Affairs:	Francis Hilliker
Publications:	Garrett Hendrickson
Program Visitor:	Peter Faleski
Secretary:	Troy Tripamer
Vessel Examinations:	Michael Hanson

If you need to contact a division officer, please route your request through the appropriate chain of leadership!



## *On the Horizon*

**December 2 – 5:**

At the Norfolk Federal Building, Search Coordination and Execution course will be taught. It's a four-day basic SAR course, running each day from 0800-1600. Contact Paul Harmon at [peh4golf@gmail.com](mailto:peh4golf@gmail.com) if you're interested.

**December 8:**

Flotilla 57 will be hosting their Holiday Party at Captain George's seafood restaurant in Virginia Beach.

**December 13:**

Smithfield Christmas Parade

**December 31:**

PPE Inventory due to SO-OP

**Flotilla 53 Boating Safety Class:**

Join Flotilla 53 from 0800 – 1700 at the Towne Bank Conference Room in Chesapeake for their boating safety class on the fourth Saturday of each month. Cost is \$35.00. Register by contacting Colleen O'Neil at 757-482-1931 or Ed Cart at 757-482-2942.

**Division Meetings:**

The second Tuesday of each month at 1900 in the Wheelhouse Facility on USCG Base Portsmouth.

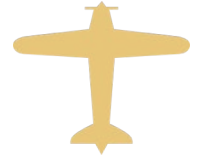
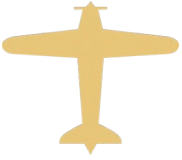


## *Nautical News*

### **Life Jacket Labels Go Away: Introduction of New Designs**

**(Article Provided by BoatUS)**

In a move that's expected to benefit recreational boaters, on Oct. 22 the US Coast Guard will drop the current life jacket type code scheme -- Type I, II, III, IV and V -- that has been used for years to label and differentiate the types of life jackets and their specific use. Chris Edmonston, BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety President and Chairman of the National Safe Boating Council, said, "The boating safety community believes this move by the Coast Guard will help lead the way toward more comfortable and innovative life jacket designs, help boaters stay on the right side of the law, lower costs, and save lives.", explains Edmonston, "This is positive news is that we will no longer see a Type I, II, III, IV or V label on a new life jacket label after Oct. 22. This type coding was unique to the United States, tended to confuse boaters, limited choice and increased the cost of life jackets." He says removing the type coding is a first step towards the adoption of new standards that will eventually simplify life jacket requirements for recreational boaters. "This move is expected to lead to the introduction of new life jacket designs, especially those made in other countries as US standards will be more 'harmonized,' initially Canada and eventually the European Union," said Edmonston. "Along with a wider variety, aligning our standards with those to our neighbor to the north and across the Atlantic will help reduce prices as manufacturers won't have to make products unique to the US market." However, Edmonston cautions boaters must still abide by the current standards when using older life jackets marked with the Type I-V labeling, as they will remain legal for use. "We must continue to have a properly fitted life jacket for all aboard, and as always, you'll need to follow the label's instructions regardless of when it was made. Simply put, if you follow the label, you're following the law." A full list of the current life jacket types and descriptions can be found at [BoatUS.org/life-jackets](http://BoatUS.org/life-jackets), and any update on new life jacket types and styles will be posted here when available. In additional effort to help change the mindset of what a life jacket must look like, The BoatUS Foundation, the Personal Floatation Device Manufacturers Association (PFDMA) and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), recently kicked off a "Innovations in Life Jacket Design Competition" to seek out the newest technologies and design ideas. Running through April 15, 2015, the contest seeks entries from groups or individuals, including collegiate design programs, armchair inventors or even boat and fishing clubs. Entries may be as simple as hand-drawn theoretical designs to working prototypes and will be judged based on four criteria: wearability, reliability, cost and innovation.



## *In the Cockpit*

### **Acquisition Update: First Coast Guard C-27J Arrives At Elizabeth City**

From: <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/newsroom/updates/C27J111414.asp> (November 14, 2014)

The first C-27J to complete the Coast Guard's regeneration process arrived at the C-27J Asset Project Office in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Nov. 13, where it will be used to train and qualify Coast Guard aircrew and maintenance personnel, as well as develop flight and maintenance procedures for Coast Guard-specific mission profiles. Ultimately the aircraft will receive the equipment and systems needed to perform the full spectrum of Coast Guard missions.

Regeneration is the complex process that leads to flight clearance of planes being re-activated from long-term preservation. Working at the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group's facility in Tucson, Arizona, where 13 of the 14 C-27Js being transferred to the service are stored, the Coast Guard's regeneration team investigated the aircraft's history, verified the details of its configuration and inventoried the installed components, performed extensive inspections and necessary maintenance actions, and conducted a functional check flight. The plane was then released for transit to the APO.

While CG-2714 underwent regeneration, the APO commanding officer, Capt. Shannon McCullar, sent his executive officer, Cmdr. Peter Beavis, and operations officer, Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Bethea, to Italy for training to be rated as C-27 pilots. The APO also prepared the hangar at the Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City to house and support the aircraft.

A second C-27J should complete regeneration before the end of this year, and two others are expected to finish by mid-2015.





## *Officer Report: Diversity*

*By: Garrett Hendrickson, FSO-DV*

From now on, when we hear the word “diversity” in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, let’s replace it with the words “mission ready.” Because that’s what diversity is about, believe or not. Too many people think of diversity only as a question of race, religion, and gender – and that’s only part of the picture. Yes, it’s true that we need all sorts of people to be a capable, representative organization. But we need to look at diversity as a comprehensive topic. Diversity in age, in ability, in profession, and in goals is just as important as any other aspect of diversity. We need young, enthusiastic members who can make the Auxiliary thrive, but we also need experienced members that can help mentor them. We need Auxiliarists that bring a wide array of skills to the table, but we also need members that are ready to learn new things. We need Auxiliarists whose professions nicely align with our organizational values, beliefs, and mission. We need Auxiliarists who know what they want to achieve, but we also need members who are ready to try new things and help out in new ways. From now on, diversity means mission ready in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. A diverse workforce is one that knows things that you don’t, but also that doesn’t know things that you do. By adding together the knowledge, skills, background, and experiences of everyone in our organization, we can truly become a more capable, mission ready organization.

*🚤 Garrett comes from an active duty Coast Guard family, and he serves as an Auxiliary Aviator.*