

# Pamlico Watch

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**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
*America's Volunteer Lifesavers* <sup>em</sup>



**From the Helm—Ken Barefoot, FC**

Greetings,

I am happy to send you our first issue of “The Pamlico Watch” in almost two years. I hope we can continue the tradition and use this tool to inform our members and show the community and the CoLM what an amazing group of Auxiliarists we have here in Washington! Thank you to Mark Pond for taking on this project, and please help us with contributions from your specific areas.

That being said - before I decided to tackle this responsibility, I was not sure I was up to the standards set by the Commanders that preceded me. Let me take this opportunity to say what an honor it is to have been selected for the role as Commander of this phenomenal group of people. I hope to live up to the standards set by our former great leaders - such as Andy Anderson, Dale Benson, Tom Marchicello, Tony LoPinto, and David Silberstein. These men have inspired and challenged me to work hard and step out of my comfort zone to be the best I can be.

My goals for the Flotilla are simple, I want us to live up to the four cornerstones and purpose of the Auxiliary:

### The Four Cornerstones of the Auxiliary

• <b>Member Services</b>	• <b>Recreational Boating Safety</b>
• <b>Operations and Marine Safety</b>	• <b>Fellowship</b>

### Web Site

[Flotilla 054-20-06](#)



**03 February**  
**Flotilla Meeting 1900**

**03 March**  
**Flotilla Meeting 1900**

**07 April**  
**Flotilla Meeting 1900**

### Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome Visitors
- FC/VFC/IPFC Announcements
- MT section
- FSO Addenda & questions
- Old Business
- New Business
- Member Comments
- Adjourn



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The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote safety and to effect search and rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts through safe boating classes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.</li> </ul>

We are an important part of Team Coast Guard, and we can be an effective force multiplier of an overextended agency. It is important to be visible to the public and to our active-duty brothers and sisters. We are in the planning stages of preparing for an active season, so I hope everyone is ready to get busy.

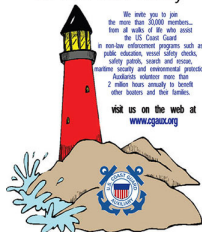
# SEMPER PARATUS

## January Flotilla 20-06 Meeting

- Dale Benson was awarded the Tony Weichel award for his efforts with Vessel Examinations.
- Members of the Flotilla were invited to a meet and greet at Station Hobucken on 12 February, more details below.

## Recruitment

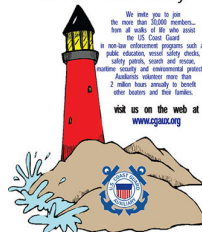
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Let's make 2025 a record-setting one for new members. Bring a friend to a meeting – discuss the Auxiliary with neighbors – get the word out that we exist, do very useful services, and enjoy ourselves in the process. One excellent way to get our message out is to address local service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Elks, Ruritan, VFW, etc.). Our PE classes and PA events are other great sources of new members.

## Report Your Hours

It is essential for the good of the Auxiliary, and for the good of the USCG as well, for all members to report their hours and missions. Only half of our members file their 7029s regularly. Aside from the flotilla records and the addition to the USCG budget that those hours represent, the mileage is usually deductible on income tax. Please file your 7029s regularly—everyone benefits.

## Greenville Boat Show

The Greenville Boat Show and Sale will be held 7-9 February at the Greenville Convention Center. This will be a great opportunity to reach out to the boating public. We are looking for members to take a turn at manning the Auxiliary booth. We are also expecting participation from the staff of Station Hobucken. Please set aside some time to help out and also check out what's new in boating!

**Friday:10AM-6PM**

**Saturday:9AM-7PM**

**Sunday:10AM-5PM**

# 2024 Flotilla Change of Watch



Photo by Mark Pond

**Ken Barefoot FC-Elect presenting Jerry Leatherwood with the Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year Award  
*Bravo Zulu, Jerry!***



Photo by Mark Pond

**Ken accepting the Helm from Dale Benson FC  
*Dale, thank you for all your hard work!***



## *Greetings!*

*The members of Coast Guard Station would like to invite the members of the Washington Auxiliary Flotilla to join us for a meet and greet at Station Hobucken. Please join us for some coffee and donuts, meet the crew and tour the station! We also have some fantastic Culinary Specialists that prepare some amazing meals, so if anyone is interested in staying for lunch, we will just need them to RSVP by 10 February (I'll send out the menu the week before). If you plan to stay for lunch, we just ask that you bring cash (meals are \$5.80 per person). The address, date and time are listed below. We hope to see you there!*

*DATE/TIME: 12 February, 0900-1130 (Lunch is served at 1130 if you wish to stay)*

*LOCATION: USCG STA Hobucken  
196 HWY 33-W  
Hobucken, NC 28537*

*Point of Contact: BMI Alta Jones  
Phone: (252) 745-3131  
Email: [alta.k.jones@uscg.mil](mailto:alta.k.jones@uscg.mil)*

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

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## February Flotilla Monthly Meeting

**02 February - Flotilla Monthly Meeting - 7 p.m. in person at the IBX Stem Center, 201 Airport Rd., Washington, NC or online. Come join us and learn more about joining the civilian, all-volunteer, uniformed branch of the Coast Guard.. Simply go to [About Flotilla](#) for our contact information then call or email us to begin your new adventure today!**

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## Greenville Boat Show

**7-9 February, The Greenville Boat Show and Sale  
For more information, click on the link below.**

**[Greenville Boat Show](#)**

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## Division Leadership Meeting

**Saturday, 08 February 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Garber Global Methodist Church, 4201 Country Club Rd, New Bern, NC 28562, USA**

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## Station Hobucken Meet and Greet

**12 February The leadership of US Coast Guard Station Hobucken have invited the members of Flotilla 20-06 to a meet and greet. Please make every effort to attend and show the crew that we will continue to support them! More details to come.**

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## Valentines Day

**14 February**

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## Presidents Day

**17 February**

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## March Flotilla Monthly Meeting

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## Surface OPS Workshop

**Surface Operations Workshop. This workshop is required for all boat crew coxswains, boat crew members, personal watercraft operators, paddle craft operators, associated Qualification Examiners (QE), and those currently training for any of these competencies, including members in Required Yearly Not Met (REYR) status who intend to regain their certification.**

**Andy Anderson plans to facilitate this workshop in conjunction with the 03 March meeting. Details to come.**

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**Division Training Day  
Division 054-20 Training Day  
Saturday, 08 March 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**[Garber Global Methodist Church, 4201 Country Club Rd, New Bern, NC 28562, USA](#)**

**All members of Division 054-20 are invited to participate and learn. Both Start and Finish times may change.**

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins 09 March  
Spring Forward!**

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**St. Patrick's Day 17 March**

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