



USCG Auxiliary, Division 7, District 7
Tampa Bay - St. Petersburg, Florida



Mentoring and Role-Modeling: Message of the Day at Division 7 Change of Watch. *By Dottie Riley*

An appeal for more voluntary hours from the Auxiliary, a call to role model and mentor both new members of the Auxiliary and younger Guardsmen and women assigned to Coast Guard cutters and stations within District 7; these were the messages delivered by the main speakers at the Change of Watch Ceremony on December 3, 2011 in Tampa.

The ceremony transferred leadership of Division 7 to the newly elected officers. Distinguished guests included CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, USCG, Commander, Sector St. Petersburg, CDR José A. Quinones, USCG, Director of Auxiliary District 7, Lt. Gino Sciortino, USCG, Auxiliary Coordinator (AUXLO), Sector St. Petersburg, BMCS Sean Benton, USCG, Officer in Charge, Station St. Petersburg, and Mel Manning, District Captain-West D7 Coast Guard Auxiliary. Vickie Aponte, member of Flotilla 6-11 Miami Beach, and Heleyde Aponte's mother, Olga Pagan, member of Flotilla 1-10 in Puerto Rico, also attended to support Heleyde Aponte as she was sworn in as Flotilla Command-



CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, USCG, Commander, Sector St. Petersburg delivers the oath of office to J. Michael Shea, Division Commander (e) and Larry Neu, Division Vice Commander (e) at the Division 7 Change of Watch Ceremony on December 3 at Lander's Steak House in Tampa. Photo by Vickie Aponte

er(e) Flotilla 79.

CAPT Dickinson administered the oath of office to J. Michael Shea, Division Commander(e) and Larry Neu, Division Vice Commander(e) after which CDR Quinones administered the oath to the newly elected Flotilla Commanders and Vice Flotilla Commanders. Melvin Manning followed by swearing in the 2012 appointed officers.

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Division Elected Officers

Div 7	Division Commander	DCDR	Amos Johnson
Div 7	Division Vice Commander	VCDR	J. Michael Shea
Div 7	Immediate Past Division Commander	IPDCD	Peter Lore
FL-72	Flotilla Commander	FC	Richard L. Short
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Gene Keller
FL-74	Flotilla Commander	FC	Gilbert Thomas
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Ken Morningstar
FL-75	Flotilla Commander	FC	Guy Mandigo
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Oscar Kramer
FL-78	Flotilla Commander	FC	Brad Marchant
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Jim Armstrong
FL-79	Flotilla Commander	FC	Tim Teahan
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Theresa (Bunny) Johnson
FL-7-16	Flotilla Commander	FC	James Newman
	Flotilla Vice Commander	VFC	Linda Harwitt



We're on the web!

http://

www.uscgaux.info/?

You can contact any of our officers through the Division website.

Division Staff Officers

Communications	SO-CM	Terence E. Affeld
Communication Systems	SO-CS	Robin Conn
Finance	SO-FN	Oscar Kramer
Information Systems	SO-IS	Theresa Johnson
Materials	SO-MA	Ronald G. Matz
Marine Safety	SO-MS	Robert Starns
Member Training	SO-MT	Clifford J. Martin
Navigation Systems	SO-NS	Marvin Bayles
Operations	SO-OP	Clifford J. Martin
Public Affairs	SO-PA	Timothy Teahan
Publications	SO-PB	Dorothy J. Riley
Public Education	SO-PE	Steven B. Plass
Personnel Services	SO-PS	Heleyde Aponte
Program Visitor	SO-PV	Cinda Hitchcock
Secretary	SO-SR	Richard 'Tim' Manning
Vessel Examinations	SO-VE	Zachary Lessin

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Words from the Helm....

J. Michael Shea, Division Vice Commander and Division Commander (elect)

It is with great deal of humility that I step in to the Commander's job of Division 7, District 7. I am very proud of the record that our Division accomplished over the last two years. Amos Johnson is a great leader who took our units in a direction that enabled us to earn the Commodore's Cup Award for the best Division in the District. That was only possible with a great deal of help from our flotillas. My vision is to keep that momentum going and with that in mind, Larry Neu and I have made very few changes in the division staff. You have also chosen some great leaders at flotilla level. I am sure they will provide outstanding leadership for your units.

We are now in the process of planning the year 2012 including each staff officer's area. There will be training and we will add a few more areas than just the usual crew and coxswain training. We will have programs in the Trident and Auxiliary Operations specialties and will provide some courses for members not as interested in the on the water programs; courses in radio watch standing and aids to navigation verification and others. In short, we will train, train and train, but in more of the Coast Guard service areas in addition to the traditional ones.

As more of our members are trained in these different areas, we will move to more stand-up duty on a regular basis. Our services are needed on some of the busiest recreational boating weekends. I hope that we will be able to put more people on the water during those weekends. This means we need also to beef up our shore support

— radio watch standing, etc. Our goal is to have one of our radio stations on the air to handle operational communications during the busiest boating weekends.



Mike Shea, VCDR and DCDR (e)

A number of our members have expressed an interest in serving at the Prevention Office on Davis Islands. This can be a very rewarding experience. Members wishing to serve must be able to set aside a block of time that they can dedicate to one of the specialty areas at Prevention. These positions require a considerable amount of training and it is usually necessary for the member to take a course or two at one of the Coast Guard "C" Schools. Over the next few months, the Sector Command and our command will be evaluating and choosing jobs where they can use our assistance. If there is a job at Prevention, (the Trident Program is a part of this training) and you have an interest, please let your Marine Safety Officer know.

Last but most important, we will continue our efforts in the Recreational Boating Education area. We will be looking at our Public Education programs and seeing were they can be improved as well as looking at some new ways of getting

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In the News

Change of Watch

A bittersweet moment was the retirement of Terrence Affeld, a twenty-two-year member of the Auxiliary, who was acknowledged for his countless hours of volunteer service. For several years, Affeld served as the Division 7 Staff Officer-Communications. Affeld deftly organized the division's communications and annual net drills. Amos Johnson presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Amos Johnson, Division Commander received an Auxiliary Achievement

Medal for his outstanding leadership of Division 7 2010-2011. Mel Manning read the award and CAPT Dickinson pinned the miniature ribbon to his pocket. Under his leadership, Division 7 earned First Place in the District 7 Commodore's Cup Award presented at the 2011 District Conference to the division achieving the highest levels of activity.

CDR José Quinones, USCG, Director of Auxiliary District 7 praised the efforts of Division 7 members and thanked them for their service. CDR Quinones appealed for more volunteer hours in the coming year. With the threat of military spending cuts, the Auxiliary can assist the Coast Guard in operational planning, early engagement, and assistance at maritime events. He



Amos Johnson, Division 7 Commander is presented the Auxiliary Achievement Medal by Melvin Manning, District Captain-West and CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, United States Coast Guard, Commander Sector St. Petersburg at the Change of Watch on Dec. 3, in Tampa. Photo by Vickie Aponte

also spoke of utilizing more Auxiliary assets and resources in response to requests by the Department of Defense, SOUTHCOM and various law enforcement agencies. Very importantly, CDR Quinones expressed the need for a strong mentoring program within the Auxiliary to reduce the increasing number of disenrollments by relatively new members. Mentoring helps newer members find their niche within the Auxiliary and should reduce the loss of members significantly. "Above all," CDR Quinones finished, "enjoy the job you do."

The mentoring message was echoed by CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, USCG, Commander, Sector St. Petersburg within a slightly different context.

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In the News

Change of Watch

CAPT Dickinson urged the members to mentor the younger Guardsmen at stations and cutters who can benefit from our years of experience. "They often come from a different world," she said. CAPT Dickinson commented on the words within the Auxiliary oath of office that reference both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard and remarked that, "We are all Coast Guard, all one team." CAPT Dickinson concluded by thanking the members of the Auxiliary with a special expression of appreciation to the spouses of our members who support us through our many hours of service. 🚤

From the Helm

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boating safety education across to the public. Your Public Education Officers will be putting together some new courses as they come down from the National Staff. In conjunction with the recreational boating mission of the Auxiliary, we are looking for members who are interested in helping in the Vessel Instruction Program and our Marine Dealer Visitation Program.

Please remember, my door (email address: mike@JMichaelShea.com) is always open and I am interested in your thoughts, so send me any ideas you may have on the improvement of our division. Any problems you may have- please send those to Larry Neu, our Division Vice Commander! (Of course that is just poking some fun.)

J. Michael Shea Division 7 Commander (e) District 7 – The District's Best Division! 🚤

2012 Elected Officers

Flotilla 72

Richard Short, Flotilla Commander
Eugene Keller, VFC

Flotilla 74

Ken Morningstar, Flotilla Commander
Jeffrey Gines, Flotilla Vice Commander

Flotilla 75

Oscar Kramer, Flotilla Commander
Ray Stewart, Flotilla Vice Commander

Flotilla 78

James Armstrong, Flotilla Commander
Karen Cohen, Flotilla Vice Commander

Flotilla 79

Heleyde Aponte, Flotilla Commander
Cinda Hitchcock, Flotilla Vice Commander

Flotilla 7-16

Leonard Dolney, Flotilla Commander
Donald Hershman, Flotilla Vice Commander

2012 Staff Officers Division 7

Gene Keller, Communications
Marla Short, Human Resources
Marvin Bayles, Navigation Systems
Cinda Hitchcock, Program Visitor
Theresa Johnson, Information Services
Oscar Kramer, Finance
Glenn Dobos, Vessel Examination
Clifford Martin, Member Training/Operations
Ronald Matz, Materials
Robin Conn, Communication Services
Steven Plass, Public Education
Dorothy Riley, Publications
Craig Starns, Marine Safety
Timothy Teahan, Public Affairs
Tim Manning, Secretary of Records.

Staff Reports and Program Updates...

Response

Operations: Cliff Martin, SO-OP

Upcoming dates to remember: the Gasparilla Boat Parade is on January 28. All Available Auxiliary facilities, qualified crew and coxswains are encouraged to assist in this, the largest annual event in Division 7. The briefing for all participating coxswains is scheduled on Thursday, Jan 26 at Flotilla 79.

Member Training: Cliff Martin, SO-MT

Reminder: Upcoming training dates

Division 7 Staff Officer introduction training-Jan. 7, 2012 at Flotilla 79. All Response officers (Communications, Operations, Member Training) should bring their computers to learn how to access training records and POMS.

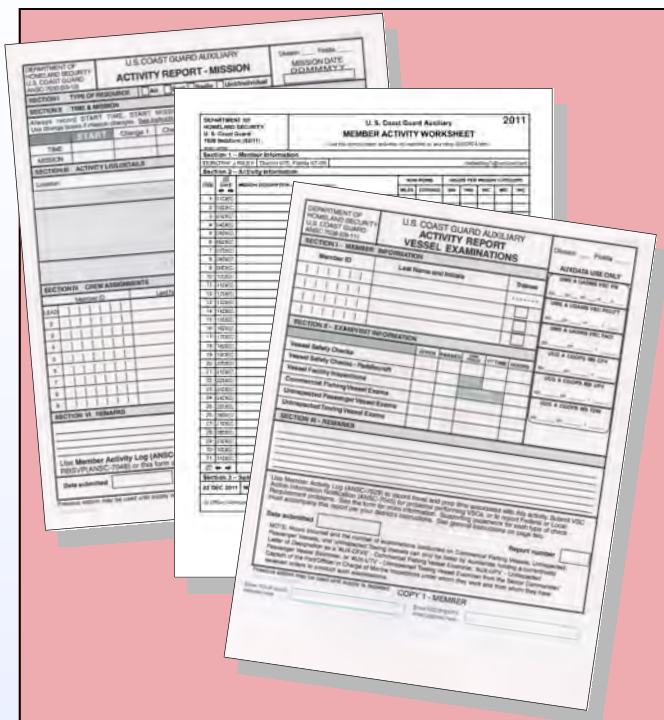
The next crew training cycle will begin February 10 and will be limited. (The docks can only accommodate six vessels.) All members wishing to qualify may participate in the table-top training. Crew candidates may then complete the on-the-water training through mentors within their flotillas.

Emergency Disaster Contingency Plan training is scheduled for February 11. More info TBA.

The eight-hour Team Coordination Training is scheduled for February 25 at Flotilla 79 and will be facilitated by Amos Johnson. 🚤



Logistics



Information Services: Bunny Johnson, SO-IS

Turn in your volunteer hours before year's end!

In between holiday parties, Christmas shopping and visiting with family and friends...

We need every member to take a moment to turn in their volunteer hours for all activities undertaken this year including but not limited to patrols, Public Affairs activities, Recreational Boating Safety activities, Public Education classes, Vessel Safety Checks, administration; in short, everything you do. Be sure to list unreimbursed expenses such as tolls, uniforms, etc.

The Coast Guard uses these figures to calculate our contributions and to help determine their annual budget. With government spending cuts looming across the board, do your part— turn in those hours! 🚤





News and Articles by Members...

Flotilla 72 Co-Sponsor of Flare it Up– and Put it Out.



Flotilla 72 already has a great Public Affairs/ Public Education event scheduled for February 2012. The event, called *Flare it up- and Put it out (Before it happens!)* is scheduled to take place Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Tampa Bay Watch, 3000 Pinellas Bayway S., St Petersburg Fla., from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Flare it Up is sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 while *Put it Out* is sponsored by the Tierra Verde Fire District and Lealman Emergency Response Team. Now, that is a great example of interagency collaboration!

Plans are for participants to:

- Receive instructions on deploying a marine flare
- Have the opportunity to deploy a marine flare
- Receive instructions on creating a fire-safe

environment

- Practice extinguishing a fire with a fire extinguisher
- Tour a fire engine
- Save a life by learning CPR!

Following the *Flare it Up & Put it Out Event*, the Tierra Verde Fire District will offer the CPR for Community and Workplace Course. The CPR Course is scheduled from 1-5 P.M. pm at Tampa Bay Watch.

In addition to sponsoring the *Flare it Up* portion of the program, Flotilla 72 members will offer Vessel Safety Checks. 🚤



U.S.C.G. Auxiliary photo by Dick Carl, FL 98

News and Articles by Members...

From a Robotics Competitions to the Coast Guard Academy? *It Can Happen!*

Photos and article by D. Riley



Robert Gibson (left), member of Flotilla 74 Tampa speaks to a group of students about the Coast Guard Academy on Dec. 3 at Middleton High School in Tampa. Gilbert Thomas, Flotilla Commander Flotilla 74 Brandon talks to another student at right.

Where does one find eligible and gifted young men and women who may be interested in attending the United States Coast Guard Academy? A magnet school in science, engineering, technology, and math is a good place to start.

Bob Gibson, member of Flotilla 74 and a member of the Coast Guard Academy Admissions Partnership Program recognized this and set up an information booth at Middleton High School in Tampa on Dec. 3, 2011.

Middleton is a magnet school within the Hillsborough County School District designated a "STEM" school, an acronym for science, engineering, technology, and math. But on a Saturday? What would draw even the most serious students to school on a weekend? On this Saturday it was a robotics competition; robots designed and built by the students using real-world math and science concepts, computer programming, prob-

lem solving, and team-building skills.

The robotics competition, sponsored by FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is designed for those who want to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams of up to 10 students are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Like in a sports competition, the bleachers were filled with students, volunteers, and parents cheering on their favorite teams. The music filling the auditorium lent to the excitement, which was exhilarating and infectious.

While the competition raged inside, Gibson set up his table next to the concession stand. This insured lots of foot traffic, which kept him busy throughout the day. After the Division 7 Change of Watch Ceremony, also in Tampa, Gilbert Thomas, Flotilla Commander Flotilla 74 joined

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Teams of up to 10 students are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams.

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him for an hour and he stayed busy as well talking to students about the Coast Guard Academy eligibility requirements and advantages for attending.

The Coast Guard Academy is selective. Each year, approximately 3,000 students apply, but only 300 are selected to attend. Most cadets ranked in the top 25% of their high school class and earned high scores on the SAT and ACT exams. Unlike other military service schools, every major academic field is open to women. Cadets attend the Academy tuition-free, receive a stipend while in school, and are guaranteed a profession in the Coast Guard after graduation.

Bob Gibson found his niche in the Auxiliary recruiting for the Academy. He speaks openly and easily to young people and takes an interest in their ideas accomplishments. He

proudly introduces them to the Coast Guard Academy and its advantages for developing future successful leaders. Gibson is equally proud of the Auxiliary and quick to introduce fellow Auxiliary members to Kim D. Moore, the Assistant Principal at Middleton High School and to Michael Coleman, Florida's FTC Affiliate Partner.

One must wonder how many of the young people that stopped by his table and left their names will be Guardsmen and women that we will meet at Coast Guard cutters, stations and sectors in the near future. 🚢

Bob Gibson joins Kim Moore, Assistant Principle of Middleton High School in the cart used to travel all over the sizable campus on North 22nd Street in Tampa.

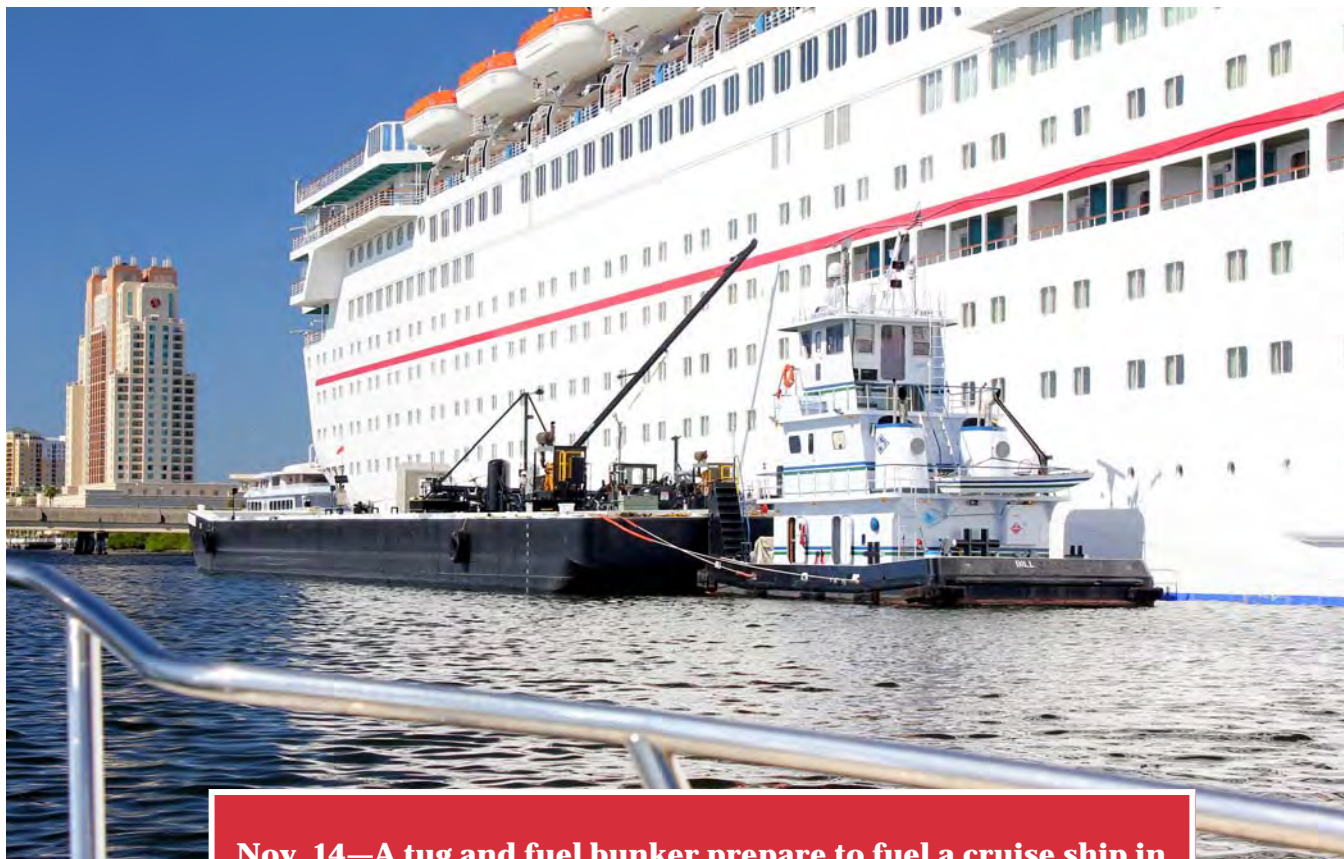


News and Articles by Members...

The Port of Tampa

Photojournal by George Papabeis, Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Affairs 74

Text by Dottie Riley



Nov. 14—A tug and fuel bunker prepare to fuel a cruise ship in the Port of Tampa.

The Port of Tampa is Florida's largest cargo tonnage port and feeds a huge local market. Eight million people live within 100 miles of the port. It is the largest port (in area) in Florida and one of the nation's largest with a total area of 5,000 acres. It is also one of the nation's most diversified ports with an expanding container gateway, a major cruise homeport, a gateway for petroleum and energy for west/central Florida, and one of the world's premier fertilizer ports. Additionally, the port is one of the top shipbuilding and repair centers in the southeast. The economic impact on Tampa and the surrounding area is vast—eight billion dollars annually and 100,000 jobs!

The Port of Tampa will only get bigger in the coming years. Tampa Port Authority collaborates with private

and government entities to ensure the port's growth. These efforts include but are not limited to:

- A Memorandum of Understanding with the Panama Canal Authority to bolster trade along the all-water route from Asia to the U.S. Gulf ports.
- \$3.5 million in recent renovations to the Cruise Terminals. The improvements, completed in time for the fall and winter season, now offers a homeport for Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Star*. Carnival Cruise Lines already homeports two vessels year-round at Cruise Terminal 2.
- An innovative, public-private-partnership project

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between Tampa Port Authority, and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners L.P. and CSX Corp to create the nation's first ethanol-unit-train-to-pipeline distribution system.

While Tampa Port Authority maintains its own security, the Coast Guard plays a crucial role in maintaining port security. The Coast Guard patrols the ports and the Coast Guard Auxiliary assists in this effort by providing security and harbor patrols. Division 7 crew and coxswains participated in the recent Harbor Patrol training (HARPAT) which included a tour of the Port of Tampa.

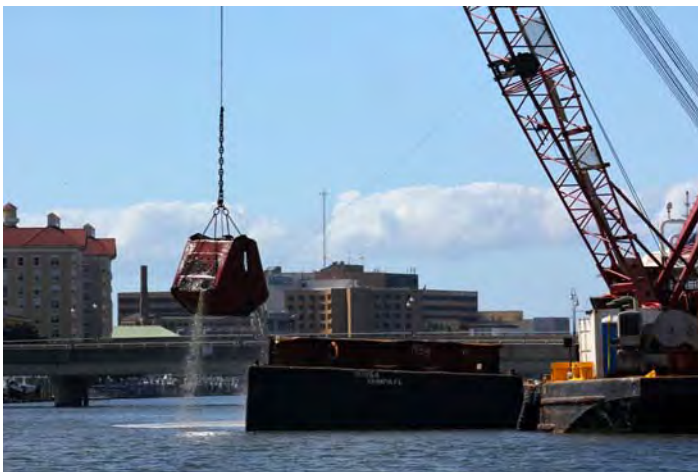
The diversity offered by the port makes for interesting sights and intriguing photographs. The colors and shapes are like nothing else. While the port can never be described as 'scenic', it is still visually fascinating.

Our members have produced some incredible photographs of vessels and port activities. These pages offer

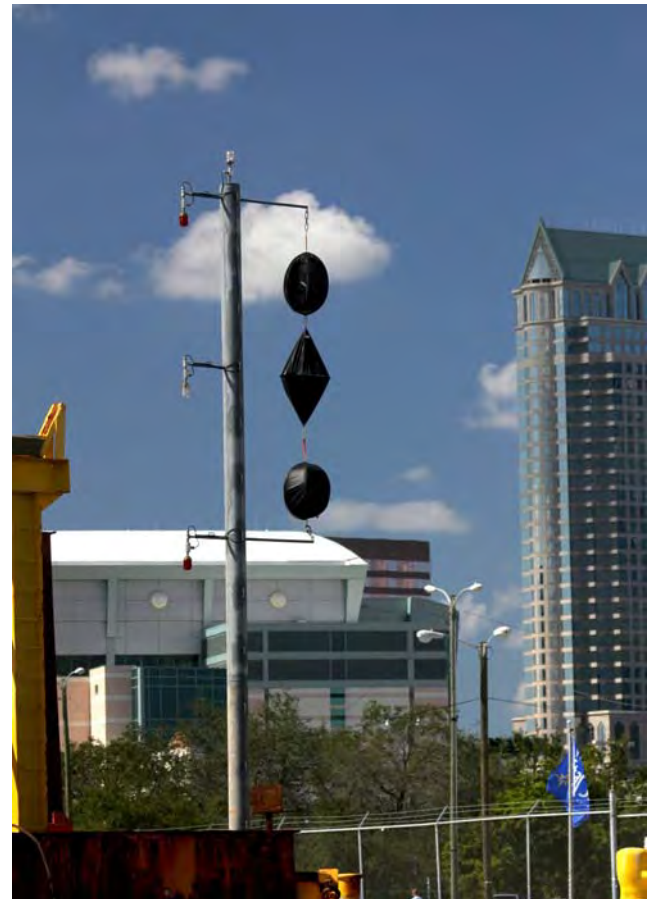
recent photographs by George Papabeis, Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Affairs Flotilla 74. ☼



Nov. 9- The propeller of the tanker "Don Felix I" is exposed in dry dock in the Port of Tampa. To the left is the rudder which has been removed and temporarily tack welded in place.



Nov. 9— A dredging operation in the Port of Tampa. Vessels are "Restricted in Ability to Maneuver". The day shapes at right are a warning of the dredging operation for all vessel traffic in the port. The corresponding night lights are to their left.



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The Port of Tampa

Photos by George Papabeis
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Nov. 9—The propeller of the *SS American Victory* at dock in the Port of Tampa.



Nov. 16—The old Tampa Electric (TECO) plant is being dismantled in the port of Tampa.

More photos on next page

Nov. 16— V.I.P. The *Ocean* docked in the Port of Tampa. This is the expedition vessel for the TV show "Sharkmen" that airs on the National Geographic channel.





News and Articles by Members...

The Art of Photojournalism

Photojournalism is a form of journalism that uses images to tell a story. The term encompasses the entire process from taking photographs to collecting, editing, and presenting news material for publication or broadcast. The word usually refers only to still images, but in some cases, may also include video used in broadcast journalism.

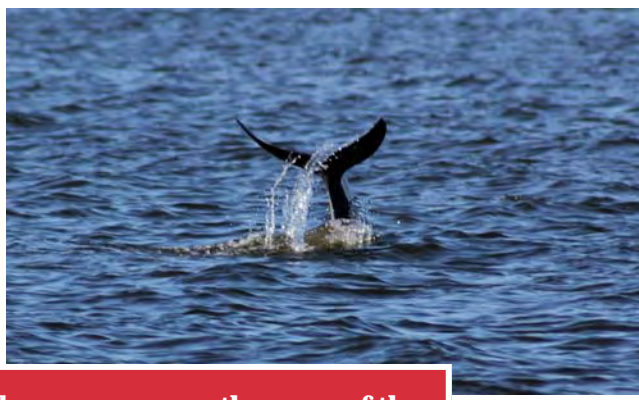
Photojournalism is distinguished from other close branches of photography (i.e., documentary photography, street photography, or celebrity photography) by complying with rigid ethical standards which demand that the work is both honest and impartial while telling the story in strictly journalistic terms. Photojournalists create pictures that contribute to the news media and must comply with the standards set forth by the Associated Press. These guidelines prohibit editing photo-

graphs except for edits that can be made in a dark-room such as lighting and crop. The use of photo editing software to create artistic effects like those often used by photographic artists is also not permitted.

Photojournalists must comply with other ethical guidelines in addition to restrictions on photo editing. These include *Timeliness* (the images must have meaning in the context of a recently published record of events), *Objectivity* (the images must be a fair and accurate representation of the events they depict in both content and tone, and *Narrative* (the images combine with other elements to make facts relatable to the viewer or reader on a cultural level. ☼



Left: Nov. 9—An Ultra Light seaplane flies over the US Coast Guard Auxiliary facility *Catalina* owned by Joe Lamb. Seaplanes are required to "give-way" to all other types of vessels when operating on the water. Photo by George Papabeis




Nov. 13, — A bottlenose dolphin keeps an eye on the crew of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary facility *Endurance* owned by Joe Lamb, Flotilla 79. Photos by George Papabeis


Public Education: Christmas List for Boaters

The U.S. Coast Guard presents


A BOATER'S CHRISTMAS LIST




Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
There are a ton of types out there! Even small PFDs that fit around the waist! Talk to an expert to pick out the perfect PFD.



Signaling Devices
Help responders locate you quickly. Flares and other devices can make a huge difference, especially at night.



Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
Send an emergency signal with your position to the Coast Guard when you need help.




Sound Devices
For standard navigation or emergency use, these tools are as old as sailing itself. There's a reason they've stood the test of time.



Fire Extinguishers
Recommended for safety and required by law, so make sure your extinguishers are the right type and up-to-date.



Throwable Flotation Device
Quick thinking and a thrown flotation device resulted in a Coast Guard helicopter rescue off Massachusetts this summer. Go get one!



GPS and VHF Radio
The Coast Guard monitors VHF Channel 16 every second of the day. Reach us when you need us. And know where you are.

courtesy of First Coast Guard District public affairs, 617-223-8515
art by Molly Halligan, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

"We want folks to enjoy their holidays for years to come," said Lt. Joe Klinker, 1st Coast Guard District public affairs officer. "While the list is a fun way to encourage boating safety, we really do hope these items make it into a few stockings."


Coast Guard units throughout the nation are carrying the same message. Crews in South Portland, Maine, hung a light-laden banner encouraging life-jacket awareness. And in Boston, Recreational Boating Specialist Walt Taylor drives the point home.

"The winter months are a great time to prepare," said Taylor. "Take a boating education course, ensure you have all the required safety equipment to have a safe and fun boating season next year."

BOSTON — With the upcoming holiday season, the Coast Guard announces a printer-ready Christmas wish list for boaters.

Some of the items can be found at a local dollar store, and others will be available at outdoor and marine supply shops. But all of the tools could serve as priceless lifesavers during emergencies.

Adapted from: <https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/778/1245907/>

(You will also find the poster at this web address in PDF format.) 





!! Mustang Inflatable Life Jacket Recall!!

MUSTANG SURVIVAL ISSUES VOLUNTARY RECALL NOTICE ON MD2010 & MD2012 model 22LB Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices

In keeping with Mustang Survival's commitment to the highest levels of product quality and safety, we are voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) sold in the United States during 2011. To determine if you are impacted by this recall please reference the images below:

Image 1) Any inflatable product with multiple white sewn on safety labels on the back is OK and is not affected by this recall.

Image 2) If your inflatable does not have white sewn on safety labels, please check for model number MD2010 or MD2012 on the back of the PFD then refer to Image 3.

Image 3) MD2010/MD2012 models with an "MIT" (Membrane Inflatable Technology) stamp (in black or color) above the CO2 cylinder is OK.

Any MD2010/MD2012 missing the "MIT" stamp should be returned to Mustang

This recall is being issued for the inspection and repair of an inflator installation inconsistency that may prevent some units from fully inflating. Mustang Survival has developed a solution that corrects any affected product and prevents re-occurrence of this issue. The inspection and repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory.

This recall notification is for only the MD2010 and MD2012 22LB buoyancy inflatable PFDs. No other Mustang Survival products are affected as they utilize different inflator mechanisms.

All MD2010 and MD2012 PFD's without the stamped MIT logo as shown in Image 3 (below) should be returned to Mustang Survival for inspection. All other Mustang PFD's are okay for use. ⚓

Image 1

Product with white labels are not part of this recall



Image 2

Check for the model number on the back of the PFD above the UL log



Image 3

Any MD2010 or MD2012 with an "MIT" stamp is OK to use and does not need to be returned



!! Mustang Survival Voluntary Recall Notice !!

Celebrate the Season of Lights

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season no matter which holiday you celebrate!



Happy Holidays!

Happy Yuletide!

Noel!

Happy Holidays!

Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa!





New Coast Guard Ethos



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ETHOS

I AM A COAST GUARDSMAN.

I SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I WILL PROTECT THEM.

I WILL DEFEND THEM.

I WILL SAVE THEM.

I AM THEIR SHIELD.

FOR THEM I AM SEMPER PARATUS.

I LIVE THE COAST GUARD CORE VALUES.

I AM PROUD TO BE A COAST GUARDSMAN.

WE ARE THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

The Coast Guard Ethos will replace the Guardian Ethos effective December 1, 2011, at Training Center Cape May, USCGA and OCS. Coast Guard Recruiting Command will transition from existing materials as they are expended to the new Coast Guard Ethos. All Coast Guard units and offices shall discontinue use of displays and materials featuring the Guardian Ethos by July 1, 2012.



Homeland
Security

A digital version of a Coast Guard Ethos poster for local printing is available at <http://www.uscg.mil/top/about>



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Submission Guidelines:

The Intercom is always looking for articles about Auxiliarists, stories of interest, and photographs. Your articles need not be long; just make sure you include all of the basics: **Who** are you writing about? **What** is the topic or event? **Where** does the story take place (location)? **When** did, or **when will** this event take place, and finally, **Why** is this of interest, or **How** was this accomplished? Provide as much information as possible, and always include your email address or phone number. When typing, please **do not** use all caps.

Photographs should always be high resolution images. Use a digital camera that shoots images at 3 mega-pixels or better. Do not reduce the image or crop the photo unless you are an experienced user of one of the high-end photo-editing programs, i.e., *Photoshop CS®*. The final print resolution should be 300 dpi. If this sounds confusing, just send the image straight from your camera and add a description that includes who and what is depicted in the photograph, and the name of the person who took the photograph.

Take a camera with you everywhere! Vessel examinations, member training, patrols, Public Education programs and fellowship events are all great photo opportunities. Be proud of everything that you do, and brag a little bit about each other! It is a wonderful way to express appreciation for a member's efforts.