



THE INTERCOM

Commander David Allen Visits Division Seven

Photos and Story By Dorothy Joan Riley, SO-PB

The Division meeting on August 25th at Flotilla 75 in Ruskin was not routine by any standards. The guests of distinction included the Director of the Auxiliary Seventh District, Commander David Allen, and Assistant Director and Operations Training Officer, CW02 Steven Hanson.

In his address at the Division meeting, Commander Allen thanked all of the members of the Auxiliary, especially the members of Division Seven for their commitment and dedication to the missions of the Coast Guard. He noted that our Division is progressive and sets a standard for others to follow. One example of this is the software being developed by our Division to track annual Currency Maintenance. Other examples include Joe Lori's efforts to train and qualify members in operating personal watercraft (PWC). Joe Lori is a Past Division Captain and a member of Flotilla 75.

He also applauded the Division's Public Affairs programs. Kay Lori, SO-PA, and Flotilla Commander 07-05, has invested countless hours in scheduling and planning events supporting the USCG and the Auxiliary, including news briefs and Public Service announcements promoting boating safety which were televised throughout our area, and the Blessing of the Fleet, another opportunity to draw positive attention to the USCG and the Auxiliary. He also mentioned what a distinction it was for our Division for Dottie Riley, SO-PB to be selected as a member to the Coast Guard Fine Art Program, a Coast Guard Public Affairs program.

Commander Allen invited all members to attend the Fall Conference. He encouraged all members to wear their uniform with pride, to wear it correctly, and to use all available tools, such as the on-line ribbon checker to ensure correctness. CW02 Steven Hanson echoed the sentiments expressed by the Commander.

Commander Allen presented several of the awards for members to their Flotilla Commanders. Division Seven was proud to have him as our guest, and many thanks to Flotilla 75 for the extra effort they put in to making this a great occasion!



Commander David Allen, Director of Auxiliary Seventh District addresses the members at the Division meeting hosted by Flotilla 07-05 in Ruskin. CW02 Steve Hanson is seated beside the Commander.



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Right: Terry Modica, SO-CS, Division Seven, demonstrates the Beta version of the software that is being developed for Division Seven to track Currency Maintenance to Commander Allen, and members Jerry Rout, FSO-MT 74, and Marvin Bayless, FSO-OP 72.

Division Elected Officers

Unit	Position	Name
Div 7	DCP	Conrad Palermo
Div 7	VCP	Peter Lore
Div 7	IPDCP	Richard Erett
FL-72	FC	Glen T. Dobos
	VFC	Robert L. Helmling
FL-73	FC	Robert J. Wild
	VFC	Larry Gellinger
FL-74	FC	Lawrence A. Neu
	VFC	Ronald G. Matz
FL-75	FC	Catherine M. Lori
	VFC	Patrick D. Costello
FL-78	FC	Robert Schuler
	VFC	Edgar O'Krent
FL-79	FC	Betty Hagan
	VFC	Kevin Williams
FL-7-16	FC	Kevin Yeaton
	VFC	Donald E. Rimel

*Division Staff Officers*

Position	Name
SO-AN	Lawrence A. Neu
SO-CM	Terence E. Affeld
SO-CS	Susan J. Fearnley
SO-FN	Wally Lowry
SO-IS	Alma Parrish
SO-MA	Louis Miosi
SO-MS	John Michael Shea
SO-MT	Leonard J. Dolney
SO-OP	Clifford J. Martin
SO-PA	Catherine M. Lori
SO-PB	Dorothy J. Riley
SO-PE	Peter P. Lore
SO-PS	Julie Benedict-Dolney
SO-SR	Patricia Erett
SO-VE	Joseph Gonzalez
CH-FEL	Linda Barnard
ASO-CS	Terry Modica
ASO-IS	Joseph Parrish
ASO-OP	Robert Stribling
ASO-PA	Ronald Matz

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 megapixels or better. Do not compress 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 shot the image.

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.

Dottie Riley, Editor



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Words from the Helm....

Division Captain, Conrad Palermo

My sympathy goes out to all who were not able to go to our Division Picnic on Saturday, September 22nd. Unfortunately, you missed out on a great day. Weather was very nice- clouds kept the temperature down- and it didn't start raining until it was time to leave. Pete Lore did a bang up job with the food. He was able to get 1/2lbs steak burgers from Beef O' Brady's, along with hot dogs and other foods. Lou Miosi was able to get Air Station Clearwater to lend us a large gas grill, and took care of all the cooking. We had over 25 prizes to give out and had a great time. Attendance was great too. Thanks to all that helped and came to our Division Picnic. I am sure you will here more details about this in the newsletter.

On another note, elections are right around the corner. We need good men and women to step up at the Flotilla level and the Division level to help and guide the general membership. We are still working towards our strategic imperatives of strengthening our Flotillas and building a great support team at Division level. This takes time and effort, but it is well worth while. The outcome will inevitably be successful and rewarding for years to come.



"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."

Vincent T. Lombardi

Division Vice-Captain, Peter Lore



Our last Division meeting was held on August 25th at Flotilla 75. Those attending met our new Director, Commander David Allen. CDR David Allen and CW02 Steve Hanson, the Assistant Director and the District's Operations Training Officer, drove up from Miami to meet with us. They congratulated us for all the work we do here in Sector St. Pete and offered their continued support for Division Seven. During breaks and after the meeting, CDR Allen and CW02 Hanson met personally with our members and listened to what we had to say, one-on-one.

The meeting was very productive from a staff point of view. Staff Officers delivered reports that were concise, yet thorough. We learned that new members in AP Status can now be sworn in and allowed to purchase uniforms and to participate in most training. We approved the implementation of a data base to keep track of Currency Maintenance. Two new members, Ted Cohen from FL 75, and Raul Velasquez from FL 74 attended the meeting and were sworn in by Conrad. It was good to see new members taking an active roll in Division affairs.

Flotilla News...

Flotilla 72



Glenn Dobos, FC 72

Vice Commander:
Robert Helmling

Glenn Dobos accepts a member award from CDR David Allen at the Division Meeting on August 25th hosted by FL 75 in Ruskin.

Many members return to their Flotilla's up north, so the summer months tend to be less active in this Flotilla. Members who reside in the area year-round participate in all or most of the scheduled Division events, including the recent crew training, and safety patrols.

The AUX-OP Patrol training program started Wednesday, October 3rd, and is scheduled to run each consecutive Wednesday at 1930 hours throughout October, with the course test to be given on October 31st.





Flotilla News...

Flotilla 73

The Flotilla's new members are getting involved. Judy Delerba has taken on the duties of Fellowship coordinator, and Frank Lafferty has passed the instructor exam. Northern members are returning to the St. Petersburg area, as evidenced by attendance at September meeting.

The Flotilla is active at every level, and in every program. Eleven members attended the Harbor Patrol training and Operations workshop on September 15th at FL 79. Several members of the Flotilla also attended the CPR course offered by Florida Fish and Wildlife at FL 79.

Peter Lore, the Flotilla's Public Affairs officer, has been busy with a number of PA events including the Blessing of the Fleet on September 8th, the Boat Show on that same weekend, and in the works now, is Auxiliary participation in the Coast Guard Open House at Station St. Petersburg on October 20th.

The America's Boating Course (ABC) offered by the Public Education program is strong, and if enough persons express interest, the Flotilla plans to conduct a program in Coastal Charting and Navigation.

If you have not already done so, go to the Division web site and read the Flotilla's newsletter, the *Water Wise*. Bob Wild publishes this newsletter monthly, and the *Water Wise* has the distinction of being the only flotilla newsletter within our Division that publishes each and every month. Reading the newsletter will offer a glimpse into how active is this Flotilla, and into how dedicated its members are. Besides program related information, Larry Gellinger, the Flotilla's Vice Commander, publishes a monthly column entitled "Larry's Corner". This column is full of one-liners, some simple truths and common sense, and others, downright hilarious! Looking through last month's selections, we pick this one to appear here as a sample of Larry's offerings:

"For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program."



Robert Wild, FC 73

**Vice Commander:
Larry Gellinger**



Division Staff Officers pose with CDR David Allen (rear Right) and CW02 Steven Hanson, barely visible behind and to the left of Conrad Palermo. To the right of Conrad is Peter Lore from FL 73, and the Division's Vice Captain.

Flotilla News...

Flotilla 74



Larry Neu, FC 74

Ronald G. Matz, VFC 74

Boating season is in full swing and more national interest is placed on boating safety. Our Flotilla has been very active in conducting boating safety training, and in doing our part to make the waters safer. We are able to do this because of the dedication and professionalism of our members, who believe in the Auxiliary and its mission.

Our numbers have grown, and we have acquired many more members that really want to be active, and make ours a great Flotilla. For all of the combined efforts put into this growth, I am very grateful. All of our current members extend a very personal "Welcome" to all of our new members! You are all in a great Flotilla that is getting even greater. We have reached a new milestone in our Flotilla history. We made great progress getting moved into our new home. It is truly a great feeling. My personal thanks to everyone who has, and continues to be active in getting us settled in. There is more to be done, and I know we will continue to make progress.

I am very proud to be your Flotilla Commander, and look forward to the continued progress we are making.

Until next time!

SEMPER PARATUS

Larry Neu, FC-74

Taken from the Flotilla Commander's message as published in the flotilla's newsletter, "Flot-Lines" and edited for use here.

While the Flotilla started meeting at their new location at 3006 S. Kings Highway in Brandon on the property of J. C. Hanley Park in July, the Grand Opening scheduled for early October has been delayed while some of the administrative kinks are worked out. This is a "sneak" preview of their new location, which we are told, is still undergoing improvements. Photo courtesy Ron Matz, VCP 74.





Flotilla News...

Flotilla 75



Members of Flotilla 75 listen attentively at the Harbor Patrol Training and Operations workshop on September 15th at Flotilla 07-09. Shown here are Joe Gonzalez, Fred Kramer, Bill Paes, and Debbie and Roy Minnick. Seated behind them are Ray Stewart, Pat Costello and Alma Parrish.



Kay Lori, FC 75

Flotilla 75 has been quite involved in Division events and trainings as well as their own initiatives. A dozen members participated in the Safety at Sea Expo at the Tampa Sailing Squadron, where they had Public Affairs, Public Education and Vessel Examination exhibits, as well as one Auxiliary facility on display. The Flotilla can boast four new crew members and one new instructor to add to their roster.

The Division events in which Flotilla members participated include, but are not limited to the Harbor Patrol and Operations workshop on September 15th, the SAR training on August 2nd, the CPR training on August 18th, and the Blessing of the Fleet on September 8th.

Bravo Zulu to those who demonstrate their commitment through their involvement in these and other events.

Below: Member Ted Cohen is sworn in my Conrad Palermo, DCP at the Division meeting on August 25 hosted by Flotilla 07-05 in Ruskin. Also being sworn in is member Raul Velasquez from Flotilla 07-04.



Vice Commander:
Pat Costello



Flotilla News...

Flotilla 78



Robert Schuler, FC 78

Vice Commander:
Edgar O'Krent

The Flotilla maintains an active role in both local and Division events. Despite the heat, members contribute safety and security patrols, and on September 8th, the same day as the Blessing of the Fleet, members not aboard the *All Ok II* for that event, manned a Boating Safety Booth at St. Pete Beach.

Below is pictured the *All Ok II* approaching the reviewing stand at St. Pete Pier on September 8th. The facility is owned by Edgar O'Krent, VFC, FL 78, who served as crew. Edwin Eggert, FSO-OP FL 07-16 acted as coxswain, while Warren Pfirman, FSO-MA/PE from Flotilla 78 assisted as crew.





Flotilla 79

The Flotilla is one of the most active, in part because it is centrally located within the Division and hosts many of the Division events, but also because of the level of participation and commitment of its members.

The Flotilla was well represented at each of the Division events over the past several months. In addition to the Division events cited in other parts of this publication, the Flotilla offered the Basic and Advanced Coastal Navigation program in August. Amos and Theresa "Bunny" Johnson, and Frank Ansel, FSO-FN instructed the program on Tuesday nights in August, while the America's Boating Course was presented on Wednesday nights at the Flotilla, lead by Steve Plass, FSO-PE.



Betty Hagan, FC 79

Member Training has not slowed either. Members of the Flotilla attended the Harbor Patrol and Operations workshop on September 15th held at the Flotilla, and the annual Team Co-ordination Training (TCT) conducted after the Flotilla meeting on September 17th.



Bunny Johnson provided this photograph of Amos Johnson reviewing the charts while Frank Ansel provided instruction to participants of the Basic and Advanced Coastal Navigation program offered in August.



Vice Commander:
Kevin Williams

Right: Betty Hagan FC, accepts the Auxiliary Membership Service Award for Flotilla member Harold W. Uterhardt from CDR David Allen at the Division Meeting on August 25th.



Flotilla News...

Flotilla 07-16



Kevin Yeaton, FC 07-16

According to the most recent information available, as of the end of August, the Flotilla racked up a total of 318 VSC with four months left to go in the calendar year. This is the third consecutive year that the Flotilla has led the Division in the number of Vessel Safety Checks.

On the same topic, two members received the Auxiliary VE-RBSPV (Vessel Examination- Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor) Award for outstanding volunteer contributions in 2006. This was a second award for Don Rimel, and the first award to Kevin Yeaton.

The Flotilla is active in all operations, and safety and security patrols. Besides taking out their own vessels on safety and security patrols, members are only too happy to provide crew for other flotilla facilities when help is needed. With the gains in membership, the Flotilla is growing steadily, yet their present level of activity is a testament to, *"Size isn't everything, and quality members beat a quantity of members any day!"*



Below: Kevin Yeaton stows the crew's gear as vessel and crew prepare to head out on the SAR Training exercise conducted Saturday, August 4th at Flotilla 79. Other members of the crew included Kathi Kruczek, FSO-CS FL 79 as coxswain, Mike Cabrera, FL 79, and Linda Barnard, FL 72, aboard the *Water Won II* as crew. The training included practice in long, short and side-by-side tows, man overboard drills, and charting and executing SAR search patterns.



Vice Commander:
Donald E. Rimel





Staff Reports and News...

Communications, *Terence Affeld, SO-CM*



This is the time of the year for all radio facility owners to double check their facility to make sure it is in proper working order and ready for an emergency. This includes backup power.

All Radio Watchstanders should have already completed ICS-100. This would also be a good time to review this course. You never know when this information will be needed. Hopefully, you have a printed course to study. If not, download from the FEMA site and print a copy to keep with you when you are on radio watch.

To all Coxswains & Boat Crew;

November is Watchstander Appreciation Month, a special time to show some appreciation for that voice at the other end of your microphone who is probably sitting alone in a cramped little room (and *doesn't* get reimbursed for his/her meal.) Let them know you appreciate their efforts!

Member Training, *Leonard Dolney, SO-MT*

Member training is an on-going effort. In addition to the AUXOP Patrol class scheduled every Wednesday night at 1930 at Flotilla 72, other member training already on our calendar in the coming weeks include the Team Coordination Training (TCT) on Saturday, November 10th at 0900 at Flotilla 79, and the TCT Refresher Seminar at 1930 at Flotilla 73.



Division members who attended the SAR Training exercise on August 4th will remember "Oscar", who was used during the man over-board portions of the training.

Below: The HARPAT and OPS workshop on September 15th at Flotilla 79 was well attended by members of this Division, as well as visiting members from our neighboring Divisions. Shown here in the fore and mid grounds are Peter Lore, VCP, Betty Hagan, FC 79, Joe Hagan (just behind Pete), and Frank Ansel, FSO-FN, FL 79.



Staff Reports and News...

Public Affairs, *Kay Lori SO-PA*



Kay Lori, FSO-PA

September was an active month for the Public Affairs program with the Blessing of the Fleet at The Pier in St. Petersburg on September 8th, and the Tampa Boat Show from September 7 through the 9th at the Tampa Convention Center. Many thanks to everyone who participated and made these events such a great success.

Veteran's Day, November 11, gives us another opportunity to participate in community affairs, and to showcase our worth to the communities in which we live. The PA Team will be requested to contact their Chambers of Commerce request permission to participate in planned Holiday parades. There are events at Senior or retirement communities and memorial parks that we should be using to our advantage to promote the Auxiliary, and for possible membership.

Christmas may seem far away, but it is time to think what we can do for others. The PA team will be challenged to find an organization we can help, such as "Toys for Tots". As children, many of us were happy to find gifts under the tree Christmas morning. It remains the same for children today, especially those in unfortunate circumstances. The Auxiliary responds to SARs on a daily basis. Let's make this one SAR, (SANTA'S AUXILIARY RELIEF) we all are happy to perform.

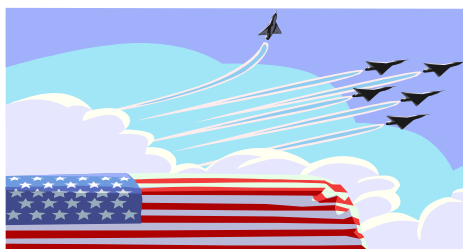
Publications, *Dottie Riley, SO-PB*



Dottie Riley, SO-PB

Division Seven has a great publications team. The program's veterans, like Bob Wild and Don Rimel are models for the rest of us. By publishing monthly and bi-monthly respectively, they show us that there is always something of interest to publish to both entertain and educate our members. Not surprising, the publications officers who publish most frequently are also most active in operations, training, and boating safety programs. Surely there is a message here?

While acknowledging the members of our Division's publications team, we are saddened to report the loss Arthur Yokell, FSO-PB, Flotilla 75 in Ruskin. Art and his wife, Barbara, joined the Auxiliary in July, 2005. He was a Qualified Aid Verifier, passed the RBS Visitor Qualification Course in 2006, and the Communications Course just this year. Despite health related problems, Art took on the often daunting position of FSO-PB and produced several newsletters before his health gave out. He passed away on September 10th at the age of 74. He was a veteran of the United States Navy who loved boating, fishing and hockey, and was dedicated to the Auxiliary and its mission to support the United States Coast Guard, and its boating safety initiatives. Art was an inspiration to others, was well liked, and will definitely be missed by all.





News and Articles by Members...

Blessing of the Fleet: Success Story



The event was first scheduled to take place in May, but several unforeseen misfortunes prevented the ceremony from taking place. The contrasts between the two attempts to complete this Public Affairs mission are several. While the weather in May presented choppy seas with up to three-

On September 8th, a Blessing of the Fleet ceremony was held at The Pier in St. Petersburg. The event was organized by Kay Lori, SO-PA, in conjunction with Cliff Martin, SO-OP, and coordinated with Senior Chief Daniel Harris, CG Station St. Petersburg, Sector St. Petersburg. The public affairs event included vessels from Divisions Seven and Eight, U.S. Coast Guard vessels, and Law Enforcement from Pinellas County, Florida.

The official party included Captain Joseph Servidio, Commander, CG Sector St. Petersburg, Senior Chief Daniel Harris, Officer in Charge, CG Station St. Petersburg, and Conrad Palermo, Division Captain. Ensign Derek Wilson, Auxiliary Liaison (AUXLO) escorted the priests, with Father Cletus Watson, who offered the Invocation and the blessing along with a visiting Seminarian.



Photo of Auxiliary vessels approaching the reviewing stand by
Jim Fogle, FSO-PA, FL 72.

foot swells, in September, the wind and water cooperated fully. In May, engine problems kept one vessel from leaving the docks. Not so this time around. The most distinctive difference of all: in May, the priest who was to perform the blessing did not arrive and was lost in St. Petersburg traffic. This time, vessels passing the reviewing stands were doubly blessed as not just one, but two priests conferred the blessing simultaneously! Additionally, this time around one of the local news channels televised portions of the event, which of course, made this a resounding success. Kay Lori is to be commended for her determination, and many thanks to all of the members of Division Seven who participated.

News and Articles by Members...

Division Picnic: There is Nothing Quite Like Fellowship!

The Division Fellowship Picnic on September 22nd at Simmons Park in Ruskin was a fun-filled opportunity to get to know the members from other Flotillas without uniforms or offices to color perceptions. The event was organized by Peter Lore, VCP, with help from members of 75, who secured the space in the park without the usual fees for use. Many members contributed time and energy to make this fellowship a success, and we are grateful to all of them for their efforts. Over twenty five prizes were given out, both through raffle tickets to raise funds to help off-set the costs of the event, and for the best dessert submitted. If you were not there, this photo journal should give you a glimpse of what you missed.



Wally Lowry's (FL 74) job is never done. Except to stop to eat, she worked right through the picnic



Boy, was I in trouble! I called Bob Stribling's head gear a cowboy hat! Bob (FL 79) walked away with several of the major prizes in the raffle.

Below: One of the many mangroves and shorelines to explore.



Chief cook and grill cleaner, Lou Miosi, FL 73.





Simmons Park. Is this place beautiful, or what?

Right: Betty Hagan's (FL 79) entry in the dessert category: a spice cake loaded with her own secret ingredients.



Pre-selecting their prizes did not help these ladies a bit! From left to right: Fern Lore, Concetta Palermo, and Carmen.



Below Left: I caught Jerry Routt, FL 74 in the midst of eating. Don't you hate photographers like that?

Below Right: Kevin Yeaton (FL 07-16) must have had a great time. He and wife, Karen, smiled all day.

More picnic photos on next page.



More Picnic Photos...





Page 16, upper left: Our tearless leader, Conrad Palermo, cutting onions.

Upper right: Kay Lori, FC, FL 75 clears plates while Joe Lori finishes his meal.

Lower page: Don Rimel, VFC, and Ed Eggert from FL 07-16

Page 17, Above: The judges for the dessert competition had the toughest job of all!

Right: Joe Lori and Dottie Engel from FL 75.

Below: Several families brought their children



News and Articles by Members...

Auxiliarist Trains Coast Guard Crew to Operate Fork Lifts.

Submitted by Lou Miosi

Lou Miosi, a member of Flotilla 73 in Madeira Beach, completed a tour of duty from August 12th through August 17 at the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia . The Yorktown training center course was called Health And Safety Fork Lift and Handling. His objective was to become an approved instructor as a Fork Lift and Crane Operator. Presently, Lou volunteers three days per week at the Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater, Florida, in the Supply and Morale Departments where he works under Coast Guard orders. The Air Station has six fork lifts and two cranes. Lou has a license to operate a forklift, but no crane experience. Upon completing the five day course and passing the federal exam, Lou Miosi became an OSHA Certified Instructors in forklift, with crane instructor yet to come.

In mid August, twelve Coast Guard Line Crew members of C130 were trained on base to operate a fork lift by Lou. One crewmember, Scott Wilburn, showed leadership and ability to teach by helping others. To bring Scott on board as an assistant instructor, Scott was enrolled in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he will become Instructor qualified. This has Coast Guard approval.

It is a Federal regulation that all fork lift operators must have a license to operate a fork lift and crane. All Coast Guard Departments need to have trained and licensed operators.

The Auxiliary is there to help!

Operations Personnel Training Records

Submitted by Terry Modica, FSO-IS

The Division is developing software to track Operational data, including currency maintenance. To see the prototype of the Operations Personnel Training Records interface for this database, go to: <http://www.weboniks.com/sandbox/cgauxdiv7-7/>.

When a flotilla is selected, the auxiliarist drop-down menu will show the coxswains and crew of that flotilla, then the record of any auxiliarists can be brought up onto the screen. The records will have a red box to flag a warning when a training is not yet up-to-date. The database will reside on Division Seven's server.

The Division is hiring a database professional to create this program so that it is customized for our exact purposes. We are probably the first division in the country to develop our own online Operations record-keeping system. When the developer finishes the database, it will look different than the prototype presently seen on line. Terry will work on it to give it the look and feel of the rest of Division Seven's site.

Once complete, Alma Parrish, FSO-IS, will input every crew-trained Auxiliarist's records into the database through this interface. After the initial data input, it will be the responsibility of each flotilla's Member Training Officer, or Operations Officer if the FSO-MT MT is unavailable, to keep the database current.

Whenever a crew member is assigned to a patrol, Cliff can look up that member's records to make sure they are fully qualified for that mission. Additionally, members will have access to their individual records to review their qualification status.

Only FSO-MTs and FSO-OPs will have access to everyone's records in their flotilla, as well as permission to input data. The SO-OP will be able to view the records of everyone in the division.





Vessel Safety Check: Motivational Contest

While this is not 'news', it is worth bringing to the attention of our members.

You could be aboard the USCGC Eagle during the 2008 cruising season!

How?

For every twenty vessel safety checks you complete and record in AUXDATA by December 31, 2007, you receive one chance to win a berth aboard the USCGC Eagle.



Contest Rules

- 1.) Eligible participants : All USCG Auxiliary members currently certified as vessel examiners.
- 2.) Contest Qualifications: For every twenty (20) VSC checks performed and recorded in AUXDATA by 31 December 2007, the eligible vessel examiner will receive one chance to win a berth on the USCGC Eagle sometime during its 2008 cruising season. The winner will also receive up to a \$500 stipend to cover travel, food, and up to one night's lodging.
- 3.) The winner will be randomly selected at a drawing to be held at N-Train 2008.

Remember; for every 20 VSC recorded, you get another chance to win!

For more information, go to <http://safetyseal.net/newsletters/ve-mdv/fss07-02.pdf>

While you are at it, visit the Safety Seal home page. Our own Channel Ten news team, *Morning Around the Bay*, has a boating safety news clip about how to obtain a VCS, and how to navigate the page. Yes, our PA local team is hard at work for you!



The USCGC Eagle is a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail. It is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services. It was commissioned in 1936 by the German Navy. As a prize of WWII, it was re-commissioned on 15 May 1946 by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Length: 295 feet

Beam: 39' 1"

Draft: 17' 6" full load

Displacement: 1,784 tons full load

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Flotilla 74 Holiday Party in Planning Stages

Submitted by Ron Matz, VFC FL 74

Flotilla 74 will hold its annual Holiday Party on December 15th at the Brandon Elks Lodge located at 800 Centennial Lodge Drive in Brandon, Florida. All Auxiliarists are invited. This will be a fun-filled event.

In previous years, the Flotilla combined the Holiday Party with the December meeting and the Change of Watch. This year, the meeting and Change of Watch will be held separately. This means all members attending the Holiday Party will not be required to wear uniforms, and the evening will truly be a fellowship event. More information, including the time, will be announced at the Division meeting.

USCG Open House Scheduled in October.

Sector St. Petersburg has planned an Open House on October 20th. This Public Affairs event will permit the public to see how the Men and women of the Coast Guard live and work, and allow them to tour the grounds and vessels. Sector has requested the assistance of the Auxiliary to serve as guides, and to assist the general public. Both Flotillas 72 and 73 are attempting to provide as much assistance as possible. Members wishing to assist Sector St. Petersburg and represent the Auxiliary should contact Jim Fogle, FSO-PA, FL 73.