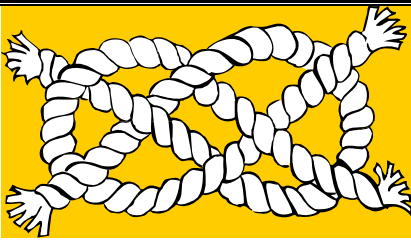


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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 7 5TH NORTHERN DISTRICT, DCDR Joyce McGowan

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DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our newly elected Division Commander Jon Bomengen and Division Vice Commander Ken Kendall. Flotilla 72 has reelected Lee Frost as Flotilla Commander and Steve Hewitt as Vice Flotilla Commander; Flotilla 77 has elected Dain Sutton as Flotilla Commander and Phil Topps as Vice Flotilla Commander. Congratulations to all of you. The remaining flotillas will hold their elections in November.

The following are the numbers 2009 vs 2008:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
VSC	1,385	1,427	+42
EXCELLENT			
MDV	1,418	1,206	-212
(There are 30 MDV's some of you did 10 more I did 6)			
PE	42	37	-5
(I know there are more classes scheduled)			
OP	120	122	+2
VERY GOOD			

LET'S GET YOUR PAPERWORK IN.

The Division meeting is Friday, November 6th and the Winter Dress Uniform is authorized. (This is the long sleeved dark blue CPO shirt with tie, collar devices and ribbons, dress pants). You could also wear your ODU's or the long sleeve light blue shirt with tie and collar devices but NO ribbons, dress pants.

The Coast Guard is sponsoring a Christmas toy drive and I encourage the flotillas to donate toward this drive. Last year, the Director's Office held a Christmas

party and everyone was asked to bring a gift for the toy drive. It was so heartwarming to see that toy collection bin overflowing with gifts. The Coast Guard donated more toys than anyone in the Philadelphia area. Bring unwrapped toys to the Division meetings in November and December and I will see that they get to the Director's office. Gift cards are great too.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. McGowan,*



DIVISION VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the Division for electing me as the Commander for the year 2010. I will try to lead the Division activities in a professional manner as performed by our current Commander, Joyce McGowan. The Roster for the Staff Officers has been finalized for 2010 and I would like to thank all those that have indicated they will continue with their current assignments.

I hope to see everyone at the 5 December Change of Watch at Yesterdays restaurant in Bayville where all the Division and Flotilla Staff Officers will be sworn in. Looking forward to a great upcoming year.

We have been notified that the District is planning to conduct an Eastern Area AOT (Appointed Officers Training), 9 January, 2010 at TRACEN. More information will be distributed at a later date.

*Respectfully Submitted
Jon Bomengen*

DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR HOURS

CALENDAR**NEXT DIVISION MEETING**

When: **Friday, November 6th, 2009**

Where: **Mill Creek Community Center**

Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, 08050

Time: 1930 Hours

**November Member Training: Ken Kendall-
Ideas for Additional USCGAUX PE Course Offerings****DSO-MT: APC - ICS100 - NIMS700**

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Last chance to get eligible for FC or VFC elected office. Flotilla 2-76 will offer all three of these prerequisite courses on Saturday, **7 November 2009**, at Sector Delaware Bay. ICS-100 and NIMS-700 in the morning, starting at 0800. APC (aka AUXAPC) will be in the afternoon at 1230. If you want to take all three, lunch is available at Sector for \$4.25. Contact Clark.Edwards@cgaux276.org to sign up.

Fingerprints and ID photos will be taken in the morning beginning at 0900. So if you need these for your PSI package, stop by. If you need to get a new ID card (yours has expired), photos will be taken, form filled out, and placed in DIRAUX mailbox that day.



November 11th VETERANS DAY

DSO-MT: INITIAL INDOCTRINATION TO MARINE SAFETY

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Division 2 will present **Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS)** on **Saturday, 0800, 14 November 2009**, at Sector Delaware Bay. IIMS is the second of three initial Trident courses offered in the Division 2 Weekend College.

The objective of the IIMS course is to provide the knowledge necessary to achieve competency in Marine Safety and to supply background for advanced MS courses and field work. The information provided here will assist in the preparation for the IIMS exam, however the exam will not be offered online at this time. Currently, it is a proctored exam that must be administered by the Sector, or equivalent. Successful completion of the exam is a requirement for Trident. It is also required for the Marine Safety Training Ribbon

Registration is by email. Please put "IIMS" on the subject line and include the following in the body of the email:

Full name (as shown in AUXDATA), EMPLID #, Flotilla #, Address, Contact Telephone #. Send email to hawsingham@comcast.net

The entire Division 2 Weekend College schedule has been distributed to every Flotilla Commander and Division Commander, or it can be viewed at Flotilla 2-76's website: <http://www.cgaux276.org/main/Lifeline/mt09001.pdf>



November 26th THANKSGIVING

DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH

When: **Saturday, December 5th, 2009**

Where: **Yesterday's Restaurant
938 Route 9 South, Bayville, NJ**

Time: 1800 Hour Cocktails/ 1900 Dinner

DIRAUX Open House

When: **Thursday, December 17th, 2009**

Where: **USCG Sector Delaware Bay**

1 Washington Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Time: 1200 - 1400 Hours



December 25th CHRISTMAS

EASTERN AREA APPOINTED OFFICERS TRAINING

When: **Saturday, January 10th, 2010**

Where: **TRACEN
Cape May**

Time: TBD

Details to follow



PA Corner

Public Affairs Opportunities in the "Off Season"

Now that the summer boating season has passed, we come into a "slow" period for Auxiliary activities. This "slow" period can be a ideal opportunity to change the focus of Public Affairs to other areas and projects, and make plans for the future.

The fall/winter holidays are not far away. Thanksgiving and Christmas often hold unique prospects. In many communities, these holidays mean a parade. Look into participating in a local parade by providing not only marchers; but also an Auxiliary surface facility, on a trailer, complete with sideboards. Have various brochures available to hand out to the parade viewers.

Also, at this time of the year, there are many local or regional festivals or celebrations. Request space to provide a display on safe boating. Try to provide timely information, such as cold weather/water boating, winterizing boats, equipment storage and preparing for next year.

Another area to explore is giving a talk to local civic groups, hunting/fishing clubs or church organizations. Promote the Auxiliary and safe boating. Have on hand the latest boating accident statistics, lifejacket information, available VSC and PE material; and maybe a video or two (cold water boating, AWW, etc.).

By now, most Auxiliary units have had their election of officers for 2010. Publicize the results of your elections and also the appointment of staff officers. This can easily be accomplished by issuing a news release, naming your unit's bridge officers, to local publications. It informs the public and also provides some recognition to those who have volunteered to lead your unit.

Along with news releases, submit an article about acting now to avoid emergencies later: check for and perform equipment maintenance now, winterize and store boats correctly, take a navigation course, educate yourself on GPS system; to name a few subjects.

Now also may be a convenient time to make arrangements for next year's NSBW activities.

Another consideration is for flotillas to look into offering new PE classes in addition to the traditional ABS and BS&S classes. The New Jersey requirement date for all boaters to obtain a safe boating certificate has passed and there is a very real chance that demand for these classes will drop. In order to maintain unit finances, other areas of revenue will need to be investigated. Something like this means planning.

Now if you are going to make plans, why not go all the way and map out a PA plan for 2010. Create a PA calendar and issue it to all your members.

While planning for 2010, review 2009 events. Evaluate what worked, what did not work and what can be improved. Take this "lessons learned" information and apply it to your plans for next year.

If you are a PA officer, you should be aware of all unit activities and be able to publicize those activities. A calendar will make this effort much easier. Having a calendar makes staffing any event easier. "I didn't know about" becomes a lame excuse.

Also, as a PA officer, you should be constantly interfacing with your elected and staff offices in order to provide optimum PA coverage. There will be many prospects available for making 2010 a successful year, but you must be aware of these prospects to succeed.

Finally, whether member or officer, remember that you; as an Auxiliarist, are an integral part of "Team Coast Guard". As such, you should always present yourself in the best possible light.

Allison Revy, Jr.; SO-PA, D5NR

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION CENTER (UDC)

1. The UDC will be closed for annual inventory from 09 Nov through 13 Nov 2009. During this period over-the-counter sales will not be conducted.
2. Orders placed after 05 Nov should anticipate additional delivery delays of 7 to 10 business days.
3. Fedex orders will not be accepted between 05 Nov through 18 Nov.
4. Commands are encouraged to ensure widest dissemination of this Alcoast.
5. For questions, please contact Lt Rodriquez at (609) 861-7900.
6. Mr. Curtis B. Odom, Director of Personnel Management, sends
Alcoast 618/09
Comdtnote 4440

MEMBER SURVEY 2009 NOW ON NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL WEBSITE

a. The 2009 Member Survey can now be viewed on the National Department of Personnel website (<http://www.auxpdept.org/>). This 2009 Member Survey is presented by the respective Chiefs of the Auxiliary Departments of Personnel and Training at the time: COMO Dante Laurino and Ms. Gail Venezio.

b. A total of 5,574 members responded to the 2009 Member Survey.

c. The 2009 Member Survey results will also be in the Fall issue of "The Navigator."

DIRAUX: 5NR AUXCHEF Standards

This standards manual describes in detail the expectations and goals of the 5NR AUXCHEF program.

The manual can be accessed by following the link below, or in the Members Area - Download page - 5NR Policies & Manuals section.

The manual is an Adobe® Acrobat® file. You will need the Adobe® Reader® to read or print the documents. Even if you already have Adobe® Reader®, you should make sure you have the latest version.

For more information, [click here](#)

http://www.5nr.org/downloads/manual/5NR_AuxChef_SOP.pdf

NATIONAL AND FAMILY PREPAREDNESS -047/09

1. This ALCOAST provides information on how all members of the Team Coast Guard family can prepare themselves and their families for natural disasters, pandemic flu, terrorism and other emergencies..

Please read about them in ALCOAST 561/09 at <http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/>.

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1. This Alcoast provides information on how all members of the team Coast Guard family can prepare themselves and their families for natural disasters, pandemic flu, terrorism and other emergencies.

2. Our commitment to operational readiness and mission execution enables us to save others in emergency situations. However, while we respond to these crises, our families may be affected by the same or a separate emergency.

3. As we enter fall, the hurricane season continues and public health experts warn that the reopening of schools and return of flu season will likely bring a new surge of novel H1N1 influenza outbreaks. As the country focuses on ways to increase national preparedness, we have the opportunity and responsibility to also exercise our guardian ethos in the off-duty environment by focusing on being ready at home. Increasing family preparedness can reduce the threats associated with these incidents. We must therefore prepare our own families with the same diligence that we prepare to execute our missions. Knowing that our families are safe and secure, we can focus on completing the mission at hand.

4. The primary message of the national "Ready America" campaign, reinforced by our own "Ready Coast Guard" campaign, is the same:

- a. Get an emergency supply kit,
- b. Make a family emergency plan, and
- c. Be informed.

This year's national preparedness theme, are you ready or are you "**ready**"?, is designed to get Americans to stop and realize that truly being ready goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks, and extra food in the pantry.

5. For tips on getting your family prepared to manage emergency situations, go to the office of work-life family readiness program Website at:

www.uscg.mil/worklife/ready.asp. The site offers downloadable emergency kit checklists and emergency plan forms, as well as links to other sources of information and help, such as how to prepare and manage important personal and legal documents. Additional information is also available at the department of Homeland Security www.ready.gov website.

6. Work-life programs can also assist you in addressing issues that develop before, during and after an emergency. To locate the Work-Life office nearest to you, simply call 1-800-872-4957, and follow the prompts, or go to www.uscg.mil/worklife and click on "Work-Life regional offices." you can also access the Coast Guard Employee Assistance and worklife4you resource and referral programs at 1-800-222-0364. Additional details can be found in ref a.

7. Be a guardian for your family. Ensure that your family is as prepared at home as you are to execute CG missions. Knowing that they are safe and prepared will help to ensure that you are ready to focus on serving those who depend on the Coast Guard when danger comes. Semper Paratus - readiness begins at home.

8. Capt D. E. Culkin, JR., acting Director of Health, Safety and Work-life, sends.

Alcoast 561/09

Comdtnote 1754

HOW TO USE DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) RADIOS

Subject: [auxpao-aol] US Coast Guard Auxiliary - How to Use Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Radios video available for download

The DSC video is available for download at:

<http://vimeo.com/6539272>



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -049/09

1. There has been considerable concern recently about whether or not Auxiliarists may recite the Pledge of Allegiance when in uniform. The following is provided to re-iterate and confirm associated policy.
2. There is U.S. Code that addresses the Pledge. It is 4 U.S.C. 4 which states, "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."
3. Specific provisional language exists in Coast Guard Auxiliary policy. Section 1.A.5.b. of the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)) states, **"When the Pledge of Allegiance is given, Auxiliarists, in uniform or not, should face the National Ensign and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart." This provision is re-stated in Appendix A.6. of the Auxiliary Manual.**
4. It is true that some convention exists among active duty and Reserve ranks to remain silent during the Pledge, if in uniform. However, it is also recognized that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by Auxiliarists in uniform, with their right hand over their heart, has been a traditional mainstay of Auxiliary custom, ceremonies, and meetings, and that U.S. Code does not prescribe a mandate despite its implication of silence. The option for Auxiliarists in uniform to therefore recite the Pledge with right hand over the heart remains firmly in place, and section 1.A.5.b. and Appendix A.6. of the Auxiliary Manual remain firmly in effect.
5. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

CG-54211, sends



October 21, 2009

DIRAUX: Proper Auxiliary Uniform and Appearance Standards

Updated Auxiliary Uniform and Appearance Standards have been posted on the Director's Communication webpage.

The U.S. Coast Guard Uniform Regulations Manual and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual provide the policy, responsibility and standards governing the uniform, appearance and grooming of all Coast Guard personnel and its representatives. Poor uniform appearance is a matter of concern to all Coast Guard members including Auxiliarists. Poor uniform appearance by Auxiliarists reflects badly on individuals, their Flotillas, the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Auxiliarists enrolled to the United States Coast Guard District Fifth District Northern Region Auxiliary Office shall review the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations Manual COMDTINST M1020.6 (series) and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1 (series) to ensure the proper wearing and appearance when in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform. Auxiliarists shall use the guidelines contained in this document to assist in the proper standards. Questions or problems encountered shall be addressed to the Director of Auxiliary, 5th Northern Region through the appropriate chain of leadership.

The two documents can be found at:

[Proper Auxiliary Uniform and Appearance Standards](http://www.5nr.org/downloads/diraux/DIRAUXP_2009-01.pdf)

http://www.5nr.org/downloads/diraux/DIRAUXP_2009-01.pdf

[Enclosure 1 to DIRAUXP 2009-01](http://www.5nr.org/downloads/diraux/DIRAUXP_2009-01_Encl1.pdf)

http://www.5nr.org/downloads/diraux/DIRAUXP_2009-01_Encl1.pdf

October Division Meeting



D5NR Commodore John S. Witemeyer addresses the Division meeting attendees



USCG XPO Paul J. Ashley reports on Station Barnegat Light activities

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

ON-LINE COURSES

Here is the web site with a lot of courses available for download. There is a really good GPS course.

<http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/index.htm>

SHOP AUXILIARY

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/MembershipSignIn.php>

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/>

NATIONAL AUXILIARY E-DIRECTORY

<http://www.auxedirectory.org/>

5nr Online Store

http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district_store.php

USCG Division 7 Web page:

<http://a05307.uscgaux.info>

USCG Aux e-magazine SITREP:

<http://teamcoastguard.org/>

USCG Aux On-Line Testing:

<http://cgexams.info/testing>

Aux NATIONAL TRAINING WEB SITE

<http://www.auxtdept.org/>

USCG Aux 5th Dist Northern Region Homepage

<http://www.5nr.org/>

USCG Aux History Web Page

<http://www.history.auxpa.org/about/programcomponents.htm>

CHDIRAUX Site

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/> Please check and update any links you have to the "old" web sites (http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/ and www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/). Also update your bookmarks accordingly

Nautical Chart Updates

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov><http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT PUBLICATION IS:

November 27th, 2009

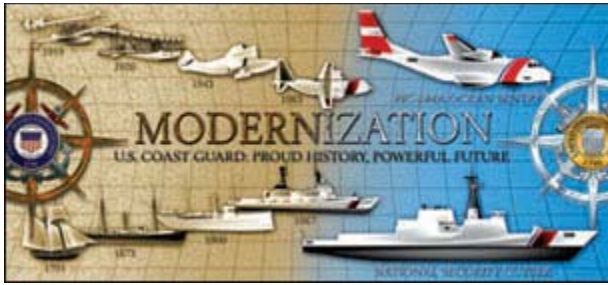
Edna M. Winans, Editor SO-PB, ewinans@verizon.net

Note from the editor to all Division Officers and Flotilla Commanders:

This newsletter is a monthly platform for each of you to communicate activities/issues that should be shared with the other Flotillas in the Division. Maybe you have a special fund raiser, or event where you need extra support, or a class that would interest other members in the Division.

If we share our activities, it will not only be cost effective but also capitalize on our exceptional resources in all levels of expertise.

If you however, have something that needs to be distributed between publications, we will issue an interim alerter to accommodate you.



U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
Coast Guard**



News Release

Date: October 30, 2009

Contact: [Fifth District Public Affairs](#)
(757) 398-6272

Coast Guard to begin Operation Safe Catch

PORTSMOUTH, Va. - The Coast Guard is scheduled to begin an effort to improve commercial fishing safety in the 5th District beginning Sunday, to coincide with the start of the cold weather season, which brings rougher seas, and ending April 30.

The area involved in Operation Safe Catch is on shore and out to sea from near the North and South Carolina border to as far north as the Shrewsbury River in New Jersey. The operation is focused on increasing the rate of compliance with safety regulations by interacting with the commercial fishing industry to improve their risk management practices.

Commercial fishing is one of the most hazardous occupations in the United States. On average more than 40 people die annually while conducting commercial fishing operations. It accounts for 27 percent of the 5-year average of commercial mariner deaths and injuries.

During the operation, Coast Guard at-sea boarding teams and dockside examiners will check safety equipment on the vessels. Some examples of what will be checked are immersion suits, survival craft, survival craft stowage, distress signals, [emergency position indicating radio beacons](#), fire extinguishers, high-water alarms, water tight integrity, damaged or broken hoses, stability letters, and vessel overloading.

Coast Guard examiners will concentrate on "high risk" vessels. These are vessels in poor condition with inadequate safety equipment; have a history of repeated search and rescue interventions; or engage in higher risk fishery operations, such as one-person fishing vessels operated far from shore.

In addition to the safety checks, the Coast Guard with the help of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will seek greater involvement in the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam program. The program is an information source and gives fishermen the opportunity to get a free, no-fault exam on their vessels in order to help improve overall safety.

During the outreach to the commercial fishing industry, the Coast Guard will encourage fishermen to critically examine the non-regulated condition of their vessels for safety deficiencies such as critically important hull condition, vessel stability, and watertight integrity.

When vessels capsize and sink at sea, the reason may often be related to one or more of these physical conditions of the vessel.

Many watertight integrity and stability issues are based on a lack of crew awareness and training. These non-regulatory measures are founded on good engineering practice rather than regulation. The primary focus will be to educate the mariner and improve the seaworthiness of the vessel.

From Jan. 1, 2004, to Sept. 20, 2009, in the 5th District, 51 commercial fishing vessel accidents resulted in 37 vessels and 28 lives lost. Some of the primary causes of the casualties were uncontrolled flooding, capsizing and sinking.

Coast Guard members will also be giving classes on safety at sea stressing the importance of safe fishing practices. Discussion will include being prepared if and when something should go wrong during fishing operations. An example is having the required safety gear and altering risk management practices while taking into account the awareness of stability and watertight integrity issues to make fishing operations safer.

For more information about the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety program visit www.fishsafe.info

Reasons for dockside exams:

- Increases the chances for a safe return
- Reduces the length of time the Coast Guard spends on a vessel if you're boarded at sea
- Reduces the chance of a voyage being terminated for safety violations
- Reduces the chances for problems being found, if boarded by the Coast Guard
- Dockside exams are done at the fisherman's convenience

Media are invited to embed with inspection crews. Contact the following public affairs offices for embedding with a crew in your area:

North Carolina and lower Virginia contact (757) 398-6272

Upper Virginia and Maryland contact (410) 576-2541

Deleware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania contact (609) 677-2204

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