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Message from the Commodore



**Robert L.
Scofield
DCO 9ER**

First, let me say it is a great honor being elected as your Commodore. The Ninth Eastern District is not the biggest district in the nation, but what we lack in size we make up for in effort. *We do more in our short boating season than most do in a year-long season.*

I also need to thank participants in all our leadership and specialty training opportunities at our fall and spring D-Trains. No district can go forward without leaders and 9ER stepped up and showed that leadership training is important.

We are off to a running start with new initiatives, such as the focus on paddlecraft safety at the fall and spring D-Trains as well as the crafting of strategies by our own district paddlecraft committee (DCAPT Glen Harman, OTO Chris Henderson and Gene Little of Ithaca Flotilla 02-02).

Speaking of initiatives:

- the Basic Qualification 2 (BQ2) is up and running. The new BQ2 course is up on the Training Directorate (T) website. New Auxiliarists are encouraged to take the seven module course.

- Gap Analysis is still on the front burner. We support the Coast Guard and fill in gaps that they need. If you have been designated as an Auxiliary Unit Coordinator

you should be making sure, as best you can, that you develop a good working relationship with your unit and that they understand the benefits that the Gap Analysis can do for them.

- We are starting a new initiative this summer- Dock Walking. This program is designed to have the most informed auxiliarists pass on their knowledge one-on-one to recreational boaters to reduce the number of mishaps and environmental hazards. If you are interested in joining this effort contact DSO-MS Rich Evans.

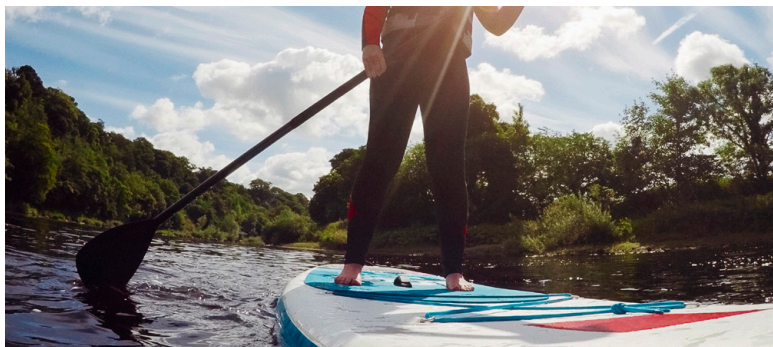
- A new program called Auxiliary Clergy Support (ACS) is open to credentialed clergy in your units to support the Coast Guard's religious ministry needs.

Lastly, the Coast Guard is recruiting and we are part of that process. We need to do our part in seeing that the best candidates are encouraged to look favorably on the Coast Guard as a career opportunity.

Keep up the good work and know that your efforts help keep our boaters safe. Semper Paratus.

Robert Scofield

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Rochester couple credited with saving 8 lives

Coming to the aid of distressed boaters and injured jet skier

EMTs work on severely injured jet skier aboard the Brodys' Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol boat.
Photo by Patti Brody, Flotilla 42



Robert and Patricia Brody of Rochester Flotilla 42 were credited with saving eight lives in 2016 and were honored with the Captain David P. Dobbins Award for Excellence in Search and Rescue.

In the first incident, while on patrol in Irondequoit Bay last July 4, the Brodys came upon a vessel that appeared to be veering out of control with the people on board yelling and waving frantically. They maneuvered alongside and secured it for a side tow, and noticed smoke rising up through the deck. They transferred three children and four adults to their boat while alerting Coast Guard Station Rochester and the local fire department.

As the citation reads, "Assessing the risk, you set



Bob and Patti Brody receive awards at the Fall D-Train (district training conference). Photo by R. Stronach, editor

up emergency break-away procedures in the event fire broke out while towing the vessel safely into port. Once moored, you helped evacuate all the persons on board and assisted the local fire department in finding and disconnecting the electrical batteries."

Nearly two months later, on Aug. 29, the Brodys were out on an evening patrol when a serious jet ski accident occurred on the south side of Irondequoit Bay about two miles away.

They responded to the scene and, searching in the dark, found the victim and his jet ski, with another jet skier holding the victim's head out of the water.

The victim had a large laceration on the back of his head and was in and out of consciousness.

The Brodys called on a third jet skier in the area to come aboard and assist

with securing the victim to a bodyboard and lifting him aboard. Bob Brody and the third jet skier lifted the board and patient half way up, "at which point the gunnels served as a fulcrum point" and the board and patient tilted horizontally with little effort, Brody reported.

"This whole procedure took place in less than a minute."

At about this time a Coast Guard 25-foot response boat arrived on the scene along with marine units from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and West Webster Fire Department.

Coast Guard and firefighter medics came on board to treat the patient while they headed to Sutter's Marina on the west side of the bay to an awaiting ambulance.

After a week the patient was released from the hospital to recuperate.

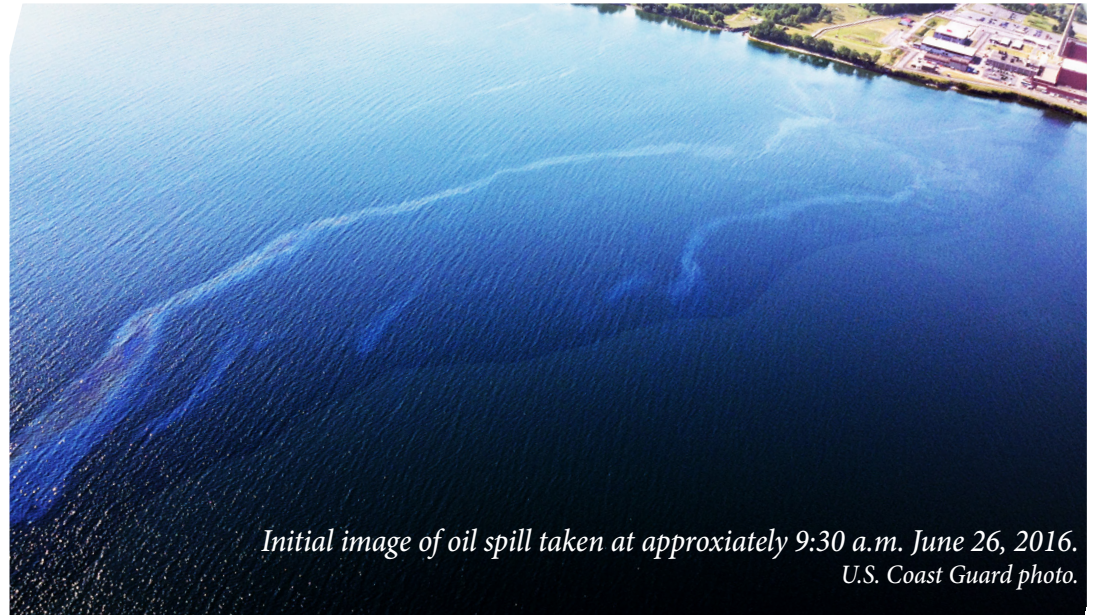
AUXAIR crew spots oil spill on Lake Ontario

Response evolves into large operation with multiple aircrews and surface vessels

By Bob Fratangelo
District Staff Officer for Aviation

Auxiliarists involved in the oil spill response

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*Initial image of oil spill taken at approximately 9:30 a.m. June 26, 2016.
U.S. Coast Guard photo.*

A District 9ER Auxiliary aircrew spotted what appeared to be an oil slick over 1.5 miles long near the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plant on Eastern Lake Ontario last June 26.

Because AUXAIR crews fly weekly maritime observation missions, they become very familiar with facilities, structures and operations in their area of responsibility (AOR). This familiarity makes it easy for crews to recognize an anomaly.

Thus it was with the oil slick that appeared to be emanating from the nuclear power plant. District 9 and Sector Buffalo engaged the Incident Command System (ICS) for the spill, which evolved into a large operation involving multiple air missions, and both active duty and Auxiliary surface crews to contain the area.

Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) Detroit AUXAIR D9ER crews were very familiar with this nuclear plant and the other two on the same site. They recognized by the large number of cars in its

parking lot that it was likely in “shut down” where maintenance is typically performed on the plant and a large number of employees are engaged to minimize the down time. The crew was confident the origin of the spill was likely the outflow from the plant. The crew took images, sent them to Sector Buffalo and requested that Station Oswego, which already had a response boat underway, investigate to see if it was in fact an oil spill.

After returning to base and having a phone debrief with Sector Buffalo, the aircrew sent more images to Sector Buffalo. The plant told Sector Buffalo they were shut down and didn’t believe they were the source of the spill.

The same AUXAIR crew was asked to get airborne again and confirm the origin of the spill. This required obtaining special permission to over fly the three plants. The crew verified the source as being the out flow of the Fitzpatrick plant, once again sending

images to Sector Buffalo.

It was later reported in the media that the plant had an emergency shut down a few days prior and an oil lubrication pumping system continued to pump oil for lubricating a system that was shut down and the oil ended up flowing into the out flow system, then into Lake Ontario. At first it was thought it was around 20-40 gallons, but then it was reported that it could have been as much as 2000 gallons. This incident gathered national media attention. CGAS Detroit AUXAIR D9ER crews were tasked with five more over flights the following days. As this was a very fluid situation, three of these flights were diverted from scheduled maritime observation missions, including two off Lake Erie. In all seven missions were flown for this oil spill engaging six different aircraft and crews.

The initial Auxiliary aircrew’s observation offered early detection of a spill that could have been much worse had it gone undetected.

Gene Little earns top national award for leadership



Gene Little

“Gene has continually put forth maximum effort in all his undertakings...”

- District Commodore Robert Scofield

Gene Little has a history of leadership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary that not only has motivated other members, but has contributed to saving lives. Partnering with other organizations and agencies is a key component of his Auxiliary endeavors.

Immediate past commander of Ithaca, NY Flotilla 22, Little is a new branch chief (Paddlecraft Safety Ashore) with the newly created AUXPAD (Auxiliary Paddlecraft) program.

In April, the Coast Guard announced that he earned the prestigious **Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award**. And that national recognition

comes on the heels of an Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation and being named Division 2's Auxiliarist of the Year and his unit, Flotilla of the Year, all in 2016.

He was cited for nearly doubling his flotilla's activity hours, recruiting 12 new members, qualifying members as boat crew and in other specialties, and developing partnerships with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York Sea Grant, and Finger Lakes groups combatting marine invasive species.

He was praised for working with Coast Guard Station Os-

wego in oil boom deployment, promoting paddlesports safety, and hosting a cold water survival class.

“Gene has continually put forth maximum effort in all his undertakings as an FC and now as a member of the National Staff and our own Paddlecraft Committee,” District Commodore Robert L. Scofield noted. Added Joseph Sopko, Chief of Staff: “We are all so proud of Gene! He is an example for us all.”

Mike Kennedy, Division 2 commander, offered his own kudos: “We couldn't be more proud of our shipmate, Gene Little. Very well deserved!” The active duty Coast Guard chimed in, too. Noted BMC Bill Butkey, officer in charge of Coast Guard Station Oswego: “Congratulations Gene! You definitely

Admiral Ryan really does

*‘Think
Auxiliary’*

Rear Admiral June Ryan, commander of the 9th Coast Guard District, would express appreciation for all that Coast Guard Auxiliarists do whenever she had the chance to mingle with them, such as at district training conferences.

At the 9th District Eastern Region D-Train last fall, Auxiliary leaders even presented the admiral with a polo shirt, mug and desk sign, all sporting the words, “Think Auxiliary!”

Apparently she took it to heart. This past April 12, in anticipation of her pending retirement, the admiral took the oath of office as an Auxiliarist at the 9th District Coast Guard headquarters in Cleveland.



Rear Admiral June Ryan with her “Think Auxiliary” shirt, mug and desk sign. Photo by R. Stronach, editor.

Coast Guard Auxiliary leaders congratulate Rear Admiral June Ryan (right) upon her taking the oath as an Auxiliarist. Photo by Gail Sutton, N. Cleveland Flotilla 7-16.



No growling stomachs, just grateful hearts at Station Cleveland Harbor

*Welcome
to the Betsy
Macintyre
galley*

*By Virginia Suda
N. Cleveland Flotilla 75*

The Sailor of the Quarter program at Station Cleveland Harbor officially recognizes the outstanding performance of Coast Guard enlisted personnel.

For the final quarter of 2016, the station's selection board decided to honor an Auxiliarist instead, unanimously naming Betsy Macintyre, MD, as its Sailor of the Quarter.

Station Cleveland Harbor then took it one step further, naming the dining hall after her in recognition of her long-standing support, including stepping up to prepare and serve meals when the station was short of food service specialists.

“*Auxiliarist
Macintyre
volunteered
to prepare
meals 5 days
a week.*”

“Auxiliarist Macintyre volunteered to prepare meals five days a week when the only assigned FS had to attend Leadership and Management

School,” noted BMC K. Nyland, officer in charge. She volunteered over 300 hours in the galley during the quarter, and at the same time trained two more Auxiliary Food Service volunteers. The Coast Guard cited her actions as reflecting its core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.

In a ceremony on April 24, the Coast Guard unveiled the new galley plaque -- *Auxiliarist Betsy Macintyre Dining Facility* -- as approved by the Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Macintyre is the district food service officer and a member of N. Cleveland Flotilla 7-16.

The happy Station Cleveland Harbor crew surrounds Betsy Macintyre, AUX-FS.

*Photos by Virginia Suda,
Flotilla 75*



Betsy Macintyre poses in front of the galley sign with her husband, Joseph Sopko, MD, District Chief of Staff, and her brother, Richard Parke.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Despite the inclement weather, Division 2 flotillas participated in Syracuse's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11. They not only gave visibility to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but also brought home a public education and boating safety message via several floats -- including this Auxiliary kayaker. Other floats included an Auxiliary patrol boat, and a pair of manned Auxiliary personal watercraft

Photo by John Conroy, Flotilla 26.



TRIBUTE TO HEROIC COASTIE

Members of the Sackets Harbor Flotilla 12 joined Pam Crane and Charlie Poltenson of Sacandaga Mohawk Flotilla 15-09 (First Southern District) as well as PO2 Jonathan Hedges of the Coast Guard Station Oswego to pay tribute to Lester D. Seymour in his long-awaited honors ceremony on Sept. 27 in Ellisburg.

Seymour passed in 1963 after serving many years with the Life Saving Service / United States Coast Guard around New York

State. Seymour received the Gold Lifesaving Medal for his acts of bravery in December of 1902 with the rescue of the crew on the John R. Noyes. Francine Glassic of Rochester attended the memorial service and spoke about the deceased. Glassic is known in the area for placing markers and a brief history on the graves of those who served in the Coast Guard and are laid to rest throughout New York State.

-- by Kathy Montgomery, Flotilla 12.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo

Family recognized for combined service as next generation takes oath

DUNKIRK -- One-hundred-thirty-eight years of combined volunteer service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary by one family was recognized at the Spring D-Train in March.

This legacy began in 1979 when Paul Glogowski be-

came a member of Rochester Flotilla 42.

Three years later brothers Carl, Jim and John Glogowski joined. Jim's wife Donna became a member in 1989.

"Team Glogowski" has made many contributions to Flotilla 42, in the areas

of on-the-water operations, vessel exams, public education, and recruiting candidates for the Coast Guard Academy. The Glogowski family has held numerous staff officer positions.

Another generation of the Glogowski family joined

Flotilla 42 in January 2017. Josh LaFountain is the grandson of Jim and Donna Glogowski and nephew of the late Paul, Carl and John.

District 9ER recognized the event's significance at the Spring D-Train Banquet, March 18. Josh was given the Coast Guard Auxiliary membership oath by Captain Paul Arnett, chief of prevention, 9th District.

This event was made even more special as District 9 also recognized Josh's grandfather, Jim Glogowski, with a certificate honoring 35 years of service to the Auxiliary.

-- By Robert Brody, Rochester Flotilla 42

NEXT GENERATION: Josh LaFountain is sworn in by Capt. Paul Arnett at D-Train, with Doug Rigerman, Division 4 commander, looking on. Photo by Al Knish, DSO-DV.



FLOTILLAS IN ACTION

SAR TRAINING & GROWTH SPURT

RIGHT: Buffalo Flotilla 33 members practiced search-and-rescue skills while on patrol last fall in the Buffalo Outer Harbor. Here a crewman throws a heaving line to set up a side tow of a "boat in distress." "This has been a year of growth and re-building for Flotilla 33," reports COMO Lew Wargo, flotilla operations officer. The flotilla has nearly doubled in size, growing from 22 to over 40 members and from five to 15 vessel examiners. Members participated in regatta, training and maritime observation missions as well as a SAR call for a missing boater. "The future of Flotilla 33 looks very bright with many active members." At the Spring D-Train, Flotilla 33 was honored as **2016 Flotilla of the Year**.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo provided by Lew Wargo, Flotilla 33.



REACHING ANGLERS

BELOW: Division 2 and Oswego Flotilla 24 had a busy weekend May 6-7, offering free vessel safety checks at Oneida Lake Wall-eye opener and a Boater's Safety Class at Sandy Pond. Photo by John Carpenter, Flotilla 24.



AUX-FS BRINGS THANKSGIVING TO STATION OSWEGO



A Division 2 Auxiliary Food Service (AUX-FS) crew helped make Thanksgiving a "home-cooked" experience for Coast Guard Station Oswego personnel and their families. Among those cooking and serving turkeys and all the trimming were Gene Little (left) of Ithaca Flotilla 22, and Helen "Lou" Cummings and Bill Cummings of Sylvan Beach Flotilla 26. Gene's wife, Megan, decorated and set up the galley.

Photos by Gene Little and Lou Cummings.



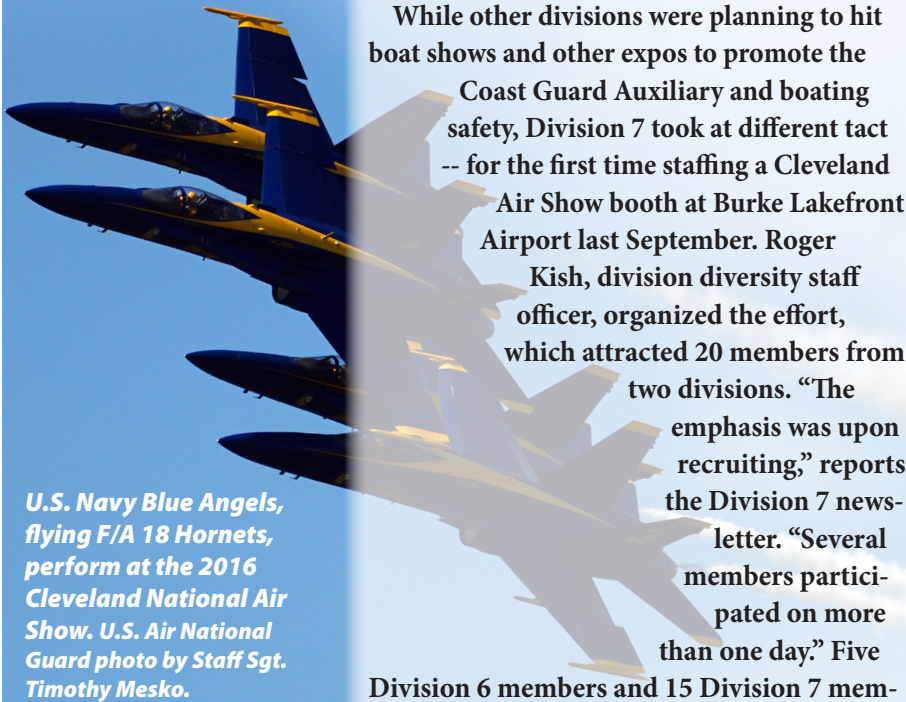
WATCHSTANDING SPOTLIGHT

Past Division 2 Commander John Steinborge of Syracuse Flotilla 21 was featured in Coast Guard Compass' "Day in the Life of" for staffing the communications room Feb. 15 at Coast Guard Station Oswego.

U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Recruiting

2 DIVISIONS TARGET AIR SHOW



U.S. Navy Blue Angels, flying F/A 18 Hornets, perform at the 2016 Cleveland National Air Show. U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Mesko.

While other divisions were planning to hit boat shows and other expos to promote the Coast Guard Auxiliary and boating safety, Division 7 took a different tact -- for the first time staffing a Cleveland Air Show booth at Burke Lakefront Airport last September. Roger Kish, division diversity staff officer, organized the effort, which attracted 20 members from two divisions. "The emphasis was upon recruiting," reports the Division 7 newsletter. "Several members participated on more than one day." Five Division 6 members and 15 Division 7 mem-

bers volunteered "a total of 224.1 hours excluding travel and prep."

Division 7 participants: Ron Baker, Sterling Black, Bob Daley, Kevin Kelley, Roger Kish, Paul Montgomery, James O'Donnell, Larry Pizon, Ed Scheffner, Richard Smith, Dorothy Soule, Ken Summer, Dan Thellman, Carol Velcio, and Wayne Whited.

Division 6 participants: John Bacon, Jack Benton, Don Cline, Christopher Keebler, and Cathy Williams.

In addition to land side participation, 52 underway boat hours were logged during the Air Show weekend by Division 7 staff officers Dr. Joe Sopko, who patrolled all three days with his facility, and Bob Daley, who patrolled two days.



70 YEARS IN THE AUXILIARY

Wes and Shirley Bacon received a combined 70-year service plaque at their retirement ceremony last fall at Sackets Harbor, NY Flotilla 12. Two former OICs of Station Sackets Harbor came out for the ceremony (BMC James Danauskas and CWO3 Felix T. Arusiewicz). U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo provided by Kathy Montgomery, Flotilla 12.

Power Squadron, Auxiliary team up to honor group



From left: Hans Wahl, BIA president; Drew Wickham, manager of the Central NY Boat Show; Jeff Freedman, commander of Dist. 6, U.S. Power Squadron, and Gene Little, branch chief - Paddlecraft Safety Operations Ashore, representing Division 2 Commander Mike Kennedy. Photo courtesy of Barb Caster/BIA.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron honored Drew Wickham and Boating Industries Associates (BIA) with a Proclamation of Appreciation for their long-standing support and for allowing the two organizations "to exhibit and engage the public at the Central New

York Boat Show."

The proclamation praised them "for expanding the boating horizons of the citizens of Central New York, and for promoting access to Central New York waterways, thereby engendering in the public attitudes of preservation and conservation."

Spring D-Train

Auxiliarists in spotlight for mission performance and their inner cowpokes



John Carpenter of Oswego Flotilla 24 is the Commodore's pick for 2016 Flotilla Commander of the Year, and **Russell Cromwell Jr.** (below) of Lorain, OH Flotilla 64 is the Chief of Staff's choice for 2016 Flotilla Commander of the Year. **Buffalo Flotilla 33** is the 2016 Flotilla of the Year.



*Photos by Allen Knish
past district commodore*

The spring district training conference (D-Train), held in March in Dunkirk, NY, featured recognition for the work of a number of Coast Guard Auxiliary members.

Among them were:

- Russell Cromwell, Lorain, OH Flotilla 64 - *Auxiliary Achievement Medal*.

- Timothy Kerstetter, Oswego Flotilla 24 - *Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation*.

- Muharsky and Crew, Fairport Harbor, OH Flotilla 76 (Joseph Muharsky, Gary Lidawer, Roger Kish, and Ronald Baker) - *Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit*.

- Jackie Scofield, Ogdensburg Flotilla 15 - *Auxiliary Commendation Medal*.

- Edward Gordon, Lorain Flotilla 64 - *Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation*.

- Peter Baillie, Flotilla 94 - *Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation*.



Roger Kish and Ronald Baker receive the Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit from Sector Buffalo Commander Capt. Joseph S. Dufresne and District Commodore Robert L. Scofield.

D-TRAIN'S FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Auxiliarists let their landlubber cowpokes out



Paddling SAFETY number one priority

By Sue Lander
SO-AUXPAD, Division 4
and
James Termotto Sr.
FSO-PA., Rochester, NY Flotilla 42

Divisions educate members, then reach out at regional boat shows

Over the last several years paddlecraft sports have become increasingly popular because of the health benefits, relatively low cost, and easy access to the water. Paddlecraft are now the fastest growing component of recreational boating, but many enthusiasts are grabbing paddles and taking to the water without adequate knowledge or skills. In 2015, 23% of all recreational boating fatalities involved paddlers and that number is expected to rise. To address this, the Coast Guard

identified paddlecraft safety as its number one priority.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary historically has served as a primary educator on recreational boating safety (RBS) and is now challenged to extend the RBS message to the paddlecraft community. To take up that challenge and to support the Coast Guard's new directive, Division 4 decided to focus its efforts on paddlecraft safety education at the February 2017 Rochester Boat Show.

Rigerman, spear-headed the Rochester effort. However, to assure a successful show, several goals needed to be achieved.

First, auxiliarists unfamiliar with paddle safety issues needed to be adequately prepared to better interface with the paddling community.

To achieve this, Flotilla 42 presented a pre-boat show overview of the Auxiliary paddlecraft program (AUXPAD) to inform all auxiliarists about how they can participate in this initiative. A slide show seminar presented information about paddlecraft equipment, legal issues, and safety tips. This program was well attended, stimulated lively discussion, and answered questions. Feedback from long-time power boaters in the flotilla reported that it was "enlightening," giving

(Division 2 coordinated a similar effort for its annual exhibits and safety classes at Syracuse's Central New York Boat Show in February.)

Paddle sport experts from Flotilla 42 and the Division 4 commander, Doug

Continued on next page.



ABOVE: Sue Lander is interviewed by photojournalist from Rochester's WROC-TV Channel 8 at Rochester Boat Show.

RIGHT: Sea kayak and paddle safety sign were part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary display at Rochester Boat Show.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos.





Division 2 Auxiliarists engage the public at February's Central New York Boat Show in Syracuse, where paddlecraft safety was a vital part of the public outreach message (including a kayak display).

Photo by Gene Little, Ithaca Flotilla 22.

Continued from previous page. them a better awareness of paddlecraft issues.

The flotilla added a continuing column to its current publication called the "Kayaker's Corner." Topics help auxiliarists understand safety concerns pertaining to paddling; for example, cold water dangers and the importance of dressing for the swim. Ten minute "lightening talks" delivered during flotilla meetings provided informative paddle-related "nuggets."

The next challenge was how to gain the attention of a "power boat" community to a paddlecraft-centered booth at the Rochester Boat Show. To solve this, Division 4 exhibited a large poster to draw in the public, and

displayed a 16-foot sea kayak -- a sit-on-top kayak with pertinent safety equipment. An enlarged laminated "Paddlecraft VSC 7012a Form" served as a guide for explaining what a paddlecraft vessel safety check entails.

Handouts provided dates and times of the public education classes, included "A Paddler's Guide to Safety," and provided information about how to get a Paddlecraft Vessel Safety Exam.

A full complement of paddling literature was displayed and distributed, including American Canoe Association's (ACA) "Rules of the Road - What Paddlers Need to Know," ACA's "Paddler's Safety Checklist," and the "Paddle Safe! Have

Fun!" brochure.

To ensure the booth was never static, a challenge was adopted among members to greet and talk to the most show visitors. The prime location at the entrance captured visitors as they came and left the show. Going beyond the booth's perimeter, auxiliarists made program visits to talk with paddlecraft dealers and to hand out the new literature.

The final facet for success was creating early press releases to reach out to the media. This resulted in a major local television on-camera interview with Gene Little, an AUXPAD national branch chief and member of Division 2's Ithaca Flotilla 22; Sue Lander, Division 4 SO-PAD, and Jerry Knitis, Flotilla

42 FSO-CS.

A visit from Monroe County Clerk, Adam Bello, resulted in expansion of Division 4 flotillas' RBS outreach to Monroe County residents. Now, visitors to the NYS Motor Vehicle branches in Monroe County will find NYS Boaters Guides on display. County Clerk Adam Bello also offered to post PE classes on his social media site.

Overall, Division 4 had a very successful show attributed to the multi-faceted (PB, PA, PV, PE, VE, CS) collaborative effort of auxiliarists committed to extending the paddlecraft safety message to local boating community.

Divisions 6 & 7 engage Cleveland boat show

By Carol Velcio
SO-HR, Division 7
North Coast 07er

The Coast Guard Auxiliary stepped up to create a booth that would be interesting and educational for the 2017 Progressive Mid-America Boat Show in Cleveland (Jan. 12-16).

Coordinated by Immediate Past Division 7 Commander Virginia Suda and her team, the booth quickly came to life. Personnel from Station Cleveland Harbor transported materials and equipment. The Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit loaned tables.

Thanks to Lake Erie Marine Trade Association, the Auxiliary had a spacious corner location in the public service and kids' activity area. Mock aids to navigation marked the corners of the booth and

flashing navigation lights provided by the Ninth Coast Guard District attracted attention as visitors walked past.

Kids were eager to try their hand at knots. The "good" and "bad" life jacket display provided the opportunity to show that even children can discern the difference between a tattered and mildewed life jacket which should be discarded from one which will keep them safe.

The Coast Guard and Auxiliary focus for 2017 is paddlecraft safety, which was reinforced through a display with a nine-foot kayak and examples of recommended safety equipment. This display generated much interest and

many questions from adults.

A total of 25 Auxiliarists from Division 7 (17) and Division 6 (8) provided over 224 volunteer hours for set up, watch standing, and tear down. The following donated time to make the exhibit a success.

Division 7: Ron Baker, Sterling Black, Nelson Cancel, Robert Daley, David Earley, Kevin Kelley, Andrew Killian, Roger Kish, Paul Markovic, Dan Mikes, James O'Donnell, Larry Pizon, Ed Scheffner, Richard Smith, Virginia Suda, Derrick Vassel, and Carol Velcio.

Division 6: Mark Galan, Christopher Kuebler, Gregory Little, Jason Little, David McCollum, Michael Patena, Baird Pfahl, and Ronald Tvoirk.

MISSION abort!

By Edward Morris
Flotilla 62 / ADSO-PA

It was a beautiful morning as we boarded the Mooney Ovation aircraft at Lorain County Airport in Elyria, Ohio last fall. Our orders were to fly to Coast Guard Air Station Detroit and participate in an air interdiction exercise. CDR Breanna Knutson, operations officer at Air Station Detroit, appreciates whenever AUX-AIR is available as our small planes provide for a more realistic training exercise. Our team consists of

pilot Kenneth Summer, DFSO, from Flotilla 7-16; co-pilot Capt. Kyle Jones (retired chief of SAR) from Flotilla 7-16, and myself as observer.

Upon landing at Air Station Detroit (located on Selfridge Air National Guard Base), we proceeded to the briefing room and learned our aircraft would operate as an unidentified bogey flying into restricted air space. A MH-65 helicopter would scramble to intercept and instruct us to

immediately exit the restricted zone. Standard operating procedure calls for more aggressive action if a bogey fails to follow orders.

With cloud cover less than 7000 feet, we proceeded as planned. The helo had us in sight and was rapidly closing when "MISSION ABORT!" came across our radio. The weather had quickly changed, making our exercise too risky to continue.

Safety remains the priority!

Co-pilot Kyle Jones and pilot Kenneth Summers confer before embarking on a mission to serve as a bogey entering restricted air space. In the background is the MH-65 Helo that the Coast Guard would scramble to intercept them.

Photo by Edward Morris, ADSO-PA.



Coast Guard, Auxiliary honor WWII HERO

ITHACA, NY -- Central New York Coast Guard Auxiliary members joined the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard in April to pay tribute to Florence Ebersole Smith Finch, a World War II hero who was tortured by the Japanese after helping American POWs and Filipino guerrillas. When freed by American forces, she came to New York and served in the Coast Guard Women's Reserve for the remainder of the war.

Mrs. Finch died Dec. 8 at age 101 and was laid to rest here with full military honors on April 29. The daughter of an Army veteran and Filipino mother, she was born in the Philippines in 1915. She later married navy PT boat crewman Charles E. Smith while working for General Douglas MacArthur's army intelligence in Manila.

In 1942, after the Japanese invaded the Philippines, her husband died trying to re-supply American and Filipino troops trapped on Corregidor and the Bata-



ABOVE AND BELOW: Coast Guard Honor Guard at Florence Smith's funeral service. U.S. Coast Guard photos.

an Peninsula. Mrs. Finch avoided Japanese internment by claiming her Philippine citizenship. After receiving a note from her imprisoned army intelligence boss, she smuggled food and medicine to American POWs and helped provide fuel to Filipino guerrillas. In October 1944, the Japanese arrested Finch, beating, torturing and interrogating her during her initial confinement. Through it all, she never revealed information regarding her fellow resisters.

When American forces liberated her prison camp in February 1945, Finch weighed only eighty pounds. She boarded a Coast Guard-manned transport returning to the United States and traveled to her father's hometown of Buffalo, New York. In July 1945, she enlisted in the

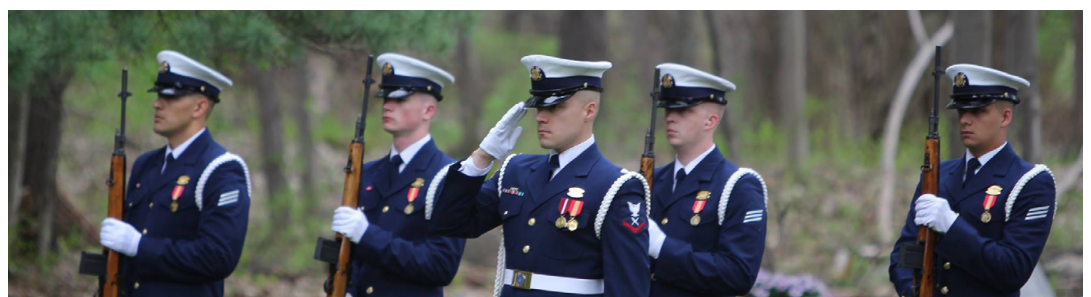
Coast Guard and was eager to continue the struggle against an enemy that had killed many of her loved ones. Mrs. Finch served through the end of the war and became the first SPAR to receive the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. After the war, she met New York army veteran Robert Finch, married him and moved to Ithaca. In November 1947, she received the U.S. Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian medal awarded to American citizens living abroad who aided in the war effort. Today, Mrs. Finch's name graces the multi-million dollar facility housing the Coast Guard's Group Honolulu Headquarters in Hawaii.

(Parts of this article are from the U.S. Coast Guard's biographical sketch of Florence Finch, written by Coast Guard historian William H. Thiesen.)



Florence Smith Finch
U.S. Coast Guard photo.

The World War II Coast Guard Women's Reserve was nicknamed SPAR, an acronym for the Latin and English words of the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus Always Ready.



CG, AUXAIR train together at safety round-up

By Robert Fratangelo
District Staff Officer for Aviation

BELOW: Air Station Detroit's outgoing and incoming OPS bosses Cmdr. C. Schlegel (left) and Cmdr. B. Knutson (right) with a flight mechanic on the MH65D helicopter.

Photos by Bob Fratangelo and Mark Galan.

District 9 AUXAIR held a SAFETY ROUND UP last summer at Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) Traverse City in Michigan. All three AUX-AIR regions gather at one of the Coast Guard Air Stations to train with select Coast Guard air crews. This is also a "fly in" so as many crews as possible fly in with their AUX-AIR aircraft. This is a great opportunity for both AUXAIR crews and their active duty peers to see each other up close and train together.

Over 32 participated, including nine members and four aircraft from D9ER. A

Attendees from 9ER

Ken Summer, Kevin Kelley, Kyle Jones, Chuck Heath, Mark Galan, Joe Weatherby III, Dave Cidale, Doug Cream and Bob Fratangelo.

total of eight aircraft flew in for the event, including a Dolphin MH65D from Air Station Detroit with outgoing OPS Boss Cmdr. C. Schlegel and incoming OPS Boss Cmdr. B. Knutson.

Training presentations were made by AUXAIR and active duty staff alike including the

commanding officer, Cmdr. Greg Matyas; Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Wilson, and Lt. Katie Pelkey. A special presentation by Brian Edwards of Cherry Capitol Airport featured Piper, the airport K-9 that keeps runways free of wildlife.

A special guest at dinner was Vice Admiral John Currier, retired vice commandant of the Coast Guard. This was the first time Admiral Currier had mingled with AUXAIR D9ER crews since leaving District 9 in 2001 when he was Director of the Auxiliary and Chief of Search and Rescue Operations.



Vice Adm. John Currier and Lt. Katie Pelkey.

BELOW: Auxiliary and Coast Guard air crews pose for a group photo during the joint Safety Round Up training day at Air Station Traverse City. U.S. Coast Guard photo.



Sunrise greets a 9ER Auxiliary aircrew during the first leg of a First Light SAR search on Eastern Lake Ontario.

“**SAR support generated tremendous savings to Coast Guard.**”



AUXAIR: extraordinary year of SAR missions

*By Robert Fratangelo
District Staff Officer for Aviation*

Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) Detroit has had an extraordinary year of tasking for Search and Rescue (SAR). As in years past during boating season, CGAS Detroit set up D9ER crews to sit B-1 (1-hour call out readiness) for weekends and holidays where a pilot and crew would be ready to receive a call at 0500 in the morning to execute a first light search. This First Light SAR Call Out support helps reduce crew tasking for the air station, especially since they almost always have had a crew out all night on that very search.

This past year CGAS De-

troit has tasked its AUXAIR fixed-wing crews with five first light calls, five other SAR calls. In addition, on three other occasions 9ER aircrews were diverted for SAR missions while flying maritime observation missions, offering extraordinary response time and value savings to the Coast Guard.

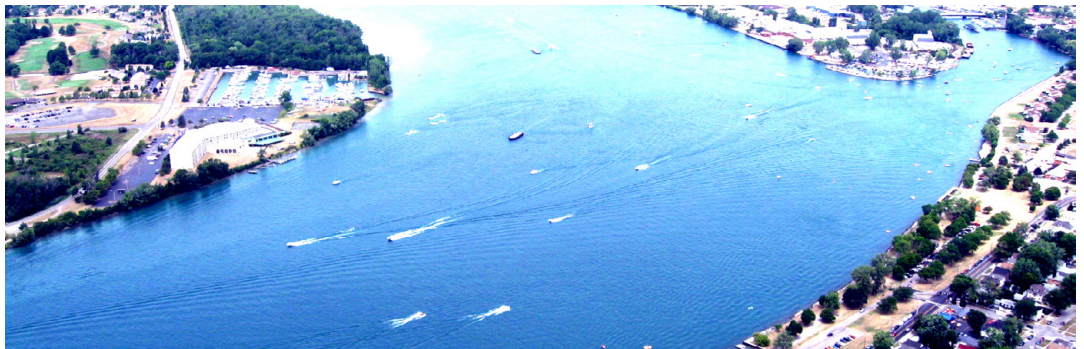
For the past few years SAR tasking ran around six to eight SAR calls a year. In 2016 there were five in July and five in August. In February 2016, a 9ER aircrew located a PIW (person in water) in Lake Ontario, and directed Station Rochester's

ice rescue team to the person. October started out with another First Light SAR call on Lake Erie where there were actually three First Light Searches needed at the same time. The AUXAIR fixed wing crew flew two while a Dolphin MH65 crew flew the third.

These SAR support missions have generated tremendous value savings to the Coast Guard (in excess of \$400,000 had a Dolphin MH65 been used). They have also provided tremendous relief for active duty crews, allowing them to be ready for the next SAR call-out.

D9ER crew was flying over Operation Float Down in the Upper Niagara River when it was diverted to a SAR call involving an overturned vessel with people in the water.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos provided by Robert Fratangelo.



Time to review precautions, procedures for NIGHT OPERATIONS



By Commodore
Robert M. Laurer
District Staff Officer for Operations

No doubt everyone has heard about the following incident:

***Marlins pitcher
Jose Fernandez,
2 others killed in
Miami boat crash***

This story brings night operations to life for me. Mr. Fernandez had a great future in front of him. He was a soon-to-be-father; he stated to his then girlfriend, "I'm so glad you came into my life," "I'm ready for where this journey is going to take us together."

The above event prompts me to urge a review of our night ops presentation. Crews and flotilla members need to be aware of all best practices. At every public event we should be preaching about the dangers of night ops to our friends in the boating public. A PowerPoint presentation in a marina setting may be enough to change some behaviors and improve the safety performance of the people in our boating community.

The Night Operations workshop contains twenty-five slides and its intention is to review precautions and procedures for operating at night.

Please take the time to download this presentation from nineeastern.org and present it to your crews. Many times a SAR call will

be delivered at night in some very poor conditions. You and your crew need to be prepared for that eventuality.

SOME GENERAL RULES

It is of upmost importance to conduct a thorough mission briefing (your crew needs to know all of the details of the mission). Slow Down! "Every vessel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed allowing for collision avoidance and allow for short stopping distance." Understand the NAVRULES; insure your crew understands the regulations as each may have to stand helm or lookout watch.

Another key learning is, if ever in doubt of the vessels position "STOP". Continue after you have established your location. Rotate your crew positions frequently during night operations to maintain an alert crew. Facilities that operate at night should be equipped with GPS and RADAR. If equipped with RADAR, it must be used all hours of operation, not just night hours. The entire crew needs to be fluent in its use as the unit needs to be monitored full time through the evolution. The above are important lessons to keep us safe on the water in a challenging environment

Train, Train, Train is the

common thread through all of our operations presentations. Crew and Coxswains need to be able to operate the electronics on the OFPACS (operating facilities) they are crewing aboard. That is a critically important piece of the operations safety puzzle. Many crews are hampered because of limited exposure to many different kinds of GPS and Radar units, depth sounders. If you are taking a crew out, it is imperative they can operate the equipment aboard. Get them on the boat a few days before a scheduled mission and familiarize them with your equipment. The results will be a more confident crew and a safer evolution.

Frequently overlooked is the crew travel to the marina and walking to the boats. Many marinas have poor parking lots and docks that have sharp inclines or declines. For your crew's safety, they must be aware of the obstacles in front of them even before boarding the OFPAC.

All of us are instructed to "look out for each other;" the work we do demands it. BRAVO ZULU to all of you for your great work in the cornerstones, your efforts help maintain the status of SEMPER PARATUS.

Farewell via some greatest hits!

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By Paul Barlow
Retired Assistant Director

Mr. Barlow retired after 42 years with the Coast Guard -- the last 12 as assistant director of the Auxiliary for the Ninth District.

Over the past 12 years that I've been with you, I've grown in my appreciation of what you do and how you have made our time together so meaningful. As such, I would like to thank and recognize each and every one of you for what you do and how you have been such an inspiration to me over the years.

I guess the best way for me to express my gratitude would be to review some of the moments we've shared together. I think of it as our GREATEST HITS!

Such as when we discussed the philosophy of Admiral Papp regarding being proficient in our craft. Remember the 60's rock group the "Rivingtons" and "Papa Oom Mow Mow" where they performed this silly song day in and day out for decades? And how I compared their passion and proficiency in performing this song just as you perform your duties day in and day out with the same passion and proficiency that is truly amazing!

So we continued our journey through the music charts back to the 60's and found the "Trashmen" as motivation in comparing Big Bird on "Sesame Street" to the glue that brought this TV show together. Big Bird became the "tipping point" that put the show over the top just as you in the Auxiliary are the glue, the tipping point that helps make the Coast Guard the success it is today. Never forget that "The Bird is the Word."

From Sesame Street, we

moved on to the heart of a volunteer and used the 70's tune "Hooked on a Feeling" to reflect being hooked on the Coast Guard. We talked about heroes such as Bernie Webber and Erwin Maske from the "Finest Hours" where Seaman Maske was the ultimate volunteer who really didn't have to go out on that fateful day. Just as you are the "ultimate volunteer."

And who can forget the "PSI BLUES" and all those silly acronyms? PSI, OS, DI and DO, SACS and NACI, ALAC and EQIP to name a few that goes to SECCEN and OPM where now DIRAUX works with TECS to ensure that the PIDS and the FIDS are available after 90 days and mandated training. And you ask, "How long is my PSI going to take?" and my answer to you is still the same...I don't know!

Finally, to Alley Oop and awards recognition for cartoon characters from the 1930's that seem out of line in comparison to your efforts that are truly noteworthy. I also shared with you the story about Edward Spencer and his self-less service saving 17 survivors off of Evanston, IL in 1860 that impacted me the most. His attitude to question whether he had done his best



Retired Assistant DIRAUX Paul Barlow
Photo by Robert Stronach, editor

after saving all those lives really hit home for those of us involved in the rescue business. His humble service is a true reflection of what you do every day...saving lives through your efforts in recreational boating safety.

Of note, as I read more about Edward Spencer, years after the disaster when gathering to commemorate the event, eventually someone asked him if he had been in contact with any of the survivors he had pulled out of the surf that day. His response was that he hadn't and as a matter of fact, not one of the survivors ever thanked him.

So in closing, I don't want to be remiss in thanking you for all you do, all you've done and all you're going to do. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have worked with you these past 12 years.

I wish you fair winds and a following sea and as always, "Semper Paratus."

Thank you, congratulations, farewell

By Commander Jorge Martinez

First and foremost, I want to publicly thank Mr. Paul Barlow for his 42 years of service to our nation. Those of you who were present at the fall DTRAIN heard me thank him and recap his impressive career both in uniform and out of it.

But aside from his many competencies, one of the attributes that most impressed me was his humility. Here's a man who was commissioned in the Coast Guard the year before I was born, had several ship commands, and retired as a Captain when I was a Lieutenant Junior Grade; yet you never heard a single complaint or negative word coming from him. He always went about his business of providing unwavering support to you without much fanfare.

We were fortunate to have him. He is a true American patriot and we will sorely miss him. Fair winds and following seas to a real shipmate!

Next, congratulations to all the newly elected officers including your new Commodore and Chief of Staff. We are blessed in D9 to have such an abundance of talent in our Auxiliary which is willing to step up and take on even more responsibilities. Your collective efforts are very much needed and even more appreciated. I know I speak for the Admiral in passing a sincere, heartfelt thank you from the "gold side".

Lastly, I too am moving on, but, as I've said before, I am completely at awe at your incomparable enthusiasm to serve, your commitment to nation and community alike, and your ability to get the right missions done right. All at a very reasonable cost to the federal government!

Thank you for your service and for the difference you have made and will continue to make. Thank you, congratulations, and farewell. *Semper Paratus. God Bless.*



D9ER Auxiliary leaders (including Dr. Betsy Macintyre) presented Commander Jorge Martinez with a gift (figurine of a sea captain) at the commander's retirement gathering in April. The former district director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) retired to enter civilian employment. Photo by Dr. Joseph Sopko, DCOS.

9ER BRIDGE

DCO Scofield leads district with DCOS Sopko, and District Captains Godshall, Harman, Pfahl



Rear Admiral June Ryan, commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District, presided over the installation of Commodore Robert Scofield and his leadership team. Photo above and opposite page by R. Stronach, editor.

Commodore Robert Scofield of Hammond, NY assumed command of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Ninth District Eastern Region on Jan. 1. The new commodore serves a two-year term. Also elected to the senior leadership team were:

- District Chief of Staff (DCOS): Joseph Sopko, M.D., MBA, of Shaker Heights, OH.
- District Captain (DCAPT): Clark Godshall of Barker, NY.
- District Captain: Glen Harman of Canton, OH.
- District Captain: Stannard Baird Pfahl Jr., M.D., of Huron, OH.

DCO Scofield, a member of Flotilla 15 in Ogdensburg, served as chief of staff for Immediate Past Commodore Edward Monaco, and prior to that, as a district captain for two years. Joining the Auxiliary in 2003, DCO Scofield has served in various flotilla staff officer positions, including flotilla commander. In 2010 and 2011 he served as Division 1 commander. He is the retired superintendent of schools for Hammond Central School, having served in that position for 21 years.

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Clark Godshall
District Captain for Logistics
and District Training Officer

Take advantage of opportunities for training, developing skills

One of the benefits of our geographical location is that we do have months of down time from patrols, public events, and all the associated summer time activities.

Eastern Region Auxiliarists make good use of that time to improve their skill levels. Many of the Divisions and Flotillas and individuals have taken advantage of “hard water” times for joint training and other Auxiliary mission opportunities.

Consider ongoing opportunities:

- Review the list of C-school offerings that may be of interest to you and get

those STTRs in to our DCOS.

- AUXOP courses such as Weather, Communications and Seamanship have been refreshed and can be offered in a classroom setting as well as by independent study

- Have a meeting where a few computers are available and use a “hot spot” or WiFi for stable internet connections and get those folks completing classes they need.

- Take 30 minutes before or after a meeting to review the duties and responsibilities of SO and FSO positions -- members may want to volunteer for a new position or try one out for the first time

- Explore with the membership some of the new leadership resources such as administrative procedures, leadership mini-courses, Individual Development plan, mentoring and the Commander guides – all of which are offered on line

- Check out AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer. One of the Auxiliary’s most-heavily used applications, this database can help users search for specific members singly or via unit or office, generate a roster, produce email lists, and more. If you are a new staff officer, this is one of the most useful resources you can have in your toolbox.



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DCO Scofield graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education from SUNY Oswego and a master’s degree and certificate of advanced standing from St. Lawrence University. Scofield and his wife, Jolene, reside in Hammond, NY and have two daughters Jackie, who is a C.G. Auxiliarist, and Heather.

DCOS Joseph Sopko is active with Flotilla 7-16 in N. Cleveland in a number of roles; among them, boat coxswain, qualification examiner, vessel examiner, instructor, and food service specialist. He has served as district captain and has held leadership roles on the flotilla and division levels. A specialist in pulmonary and critical care, Dr. Sopko attended medical school at Tufts University and did his internal medicine residency and pulmonary fellowship at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

DCAPT Clark Godshall, district superintendent for Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services, is active with Flotilla 31 in Youngstown, NY as boat crew member, personal watercraft operator, CPR/First Aid provider, instructor, and vessel examiner. He has served as a division commander and district training officer, and is national deputy director for the public education directorate.

DCAPT Glen Harman is active with Flotilla 61 in Akron, OH as a boat crew member, CPR/First Aid provider, and vessel examiner. A former flotilla commander and division captain, Harman worked in sales for 37 years.

DCAPT S. Baird Pfahl is active with Flotilla 65 in Huron, OH as a boat coxswain, instructor and vessel examiner. He has served as flotilla and division commander. An eye surgeon, Dr. Pfahl attended medical school at University of Pittsburgh and did specialty training in ophthalmology at Ohio State.

With busy 2016, make 2017 even busier

I would like to review some of the highlights of 2016. The Republican National Convention held in Cleveland last July, and by all accounts, the Auxiliary was very integral to the safety of this event. You contributed over 850 hours (OPS, FS, HS and ADM). Quite an accomplishment!

Our Air OPS were very busy with SAR, Marine Environmental Protection, Harbor Patrols as well as MOMs (marine observation missions). They had logged over 1800 hours by October.

The cost savings to the Coast Guard and government (read US taxpayers) since October 2015 were over \$4 Million!

Our ATONS and PATONS had all been checked and were keeping the boating

public safe. Before fall, over 650 hours had been logged checking over 400 PATONS, Bridges and ATONS. However, they only work when you know what they are and what they indicate, it might be a good time to review?

Our environment is something we are all concerned about, but what are you doing about it? New initiatives are under way especially in New York and the zebra mussels are still with us, so remember to "Clean, Drain and Dry" as they do in that state.

Auxiliary Watchstanding is still a vital part of our contribution to the active duty Coast Guard. We had logged over 855 hours in the first half of 2016. Think about what that provides the Stations as far as personnel augmentation.

UPV ("six pack") inspections are stable (55) but should be more. Our Auxiliarists are ready and willing, but the charter captains don't seem to want the very thorough exam we give – we can only hope they see the light, before they see the flashing blue lights!

Our operations activity has been very active, thanks to better weather than the previous year. Before autumn, they had logged almost 4800 hours on 576 missions, 1575 hours in operations support, again saving the active duty Coast Guard for other tasks.

So what are your plans for 2017? You could review NavRules, take some AOXOP courses, line up Boating Classes to teach, staff booths at boat shows and expos, and just remind your



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo

*Dr. S. Baird Pfahl
District Captain for Response*

friends and neighbors what a great time you have being an Auxiliarist and invite them to join us.

I plan to be a Mentor to a new member.

You just might find someone who can use your help, too.



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*Glen Harman
District Captain for Prevention*

Boating safety is a year-round endeavor

Take advantage of opportunities to promote boating safety.

Prevention is a year-round endeavor – from public education classes to appearances at boating and sportsman shows to visits to schools and other activities. All of these keep boating safety in the forefront of the boating public.

One aspect of boating safety that has become very important is paddlec-

raft safety. Paddling is an inexpensive and easy sport to get into.

At safe boating classes and public appearances paddlesport safety should be brought up and discussed. This should be done with people who already own a paddle craft and people who are thinking about it to make them aware of what is involved to have a safe experience on the water.

There has been an in-

crease in the number of paddlesport fatalities since they have become so popular and the Coast Guard and Auxiliary want to try to reverse that trend with more public education and VSCs.

Training is an on-going endeavor in the Auxiliary. So stay current and continue to contribute the good work the Coast Guard is known for.



Dr. Joseph Sopko, DCOS

At our recent NTRAIN, National Commodore Washburn complimented us in 9ER on our professionalism and the obvious pride that we show in wearing our uniforms. I think we all have been able to see a marked improvement since COMO Scofield initiated our voluntary and fun uniform check-offs at DTRAIN. I would hope that our division and flotilla commanders take every opportunity to gently correct errors when they encounter them. Without doubt, our members want to show respect to the active duty and reserve members who wear these uniforms daily but they sometimes fall short of the mark through lack of education.

To help address that problem, an excellent slide presentation covering all common uniform issues has been created by the Uniform Division of the Human

Resources Directorate. This presentation should be the basic initial reference for our members. If you go to the HR Directorate tab on the National CGAUX website and click on the Uniform Division, you will find this presentation. It is also embedded in the new member's course. Please use this for member training in your flotilla. We all need periodic reminders.

On the same web page you will also find "Results of Uniform Board 46". What's that? Well, from time to time the uniform regulations change. It's what's new in uniforms. Please know that Chapter 10, Uniforms, in the Auxiliary Manual is NOT routinely updated to reflect these changes. This can lead to problems. As a case in point, several of our members continue to wear the undress

summer and winter uniforms. Notice this illustration at left. These uniforms are obsolete and are no longer approved for wear. This should create no problems, **just put on enhanced shoulder boards (no more soft ones) and you're good to go.**

If we turn to Uniform Board 46, we note some interesting things:

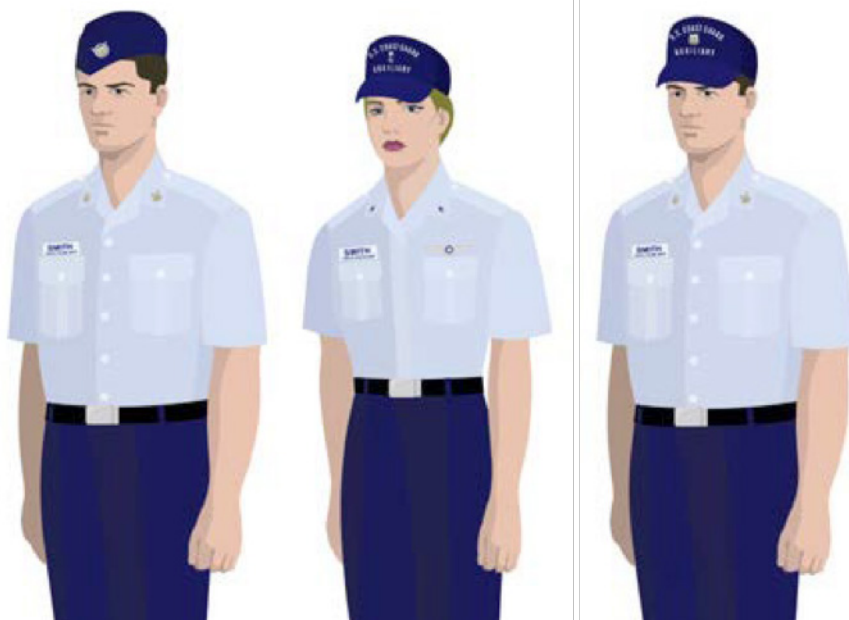
- The foul weather parka is now approved for wear with tropical blue, winter dress blue and service dress blue uniforms. It has basically become an all-purpose outer garment usable as an alternative to the trench coat and the windbreaker and, of course, can also be worn with the ODU.
- The garrison cap can now be worn with the service dress blue uniform.

There are also sections that cover authorized sunglasses and wrist watches. I'll leave you to read these on your own.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that whenever we go outdoors in uniform, we must wear the proper cover. And per Uniform Board 46, the garrison cap will usually work unless we're wearing an ODU.

In future articles I will continue to share what's new or problematic for our members in uniform wear. We are privileged to wear the Coast Guard uniform and how we do so reflects on our core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.

The undress uniforms pictured here are now obsolete. But, just put on enhanced shoulder boards (no more soft ones) and you're good to go.



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Auxiliarists let their inner cowpokes out during fellowship night at D-Train. PAGE 11.



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