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From the Flotilla Commander: **"Leadership"**

**"Leadership"** One of the most underrated and overlooked part of a volunteer organization. People volunteer for their own reasons, some to better the community and the world at large, some to better themselves. Every member of the auxiliary is a leader.

The only way the auxiliary can grow is through the membership.

You should feel proud of your accomplishments as a member. Why not tell your friends or invite someone to a meeting, all are welcome. Do you know what activities the flotilla is currently working on? Get to know the officers and your fellow members, become a leader in the flotilla, step up and have your voice heard.

Every member can be a leader; is there something that you want to do to help the boating community? Is there a way that you can help the gold side.

I know life can keep you busy, but there is always something you can do. If you cannot make it to a meeting, try a project from home.

Make plans to help with the up coming boating season. Speak to your community about boating and how to make it a fun and safe adventure.

I want all the members of the flotilla to feel they can step up and be a leader.

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Our next Flotilla Meeting is : May 19th 2009





**Kidde Recalls to Replace Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Operate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Name of product: Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers Units: About 167,000

Distributor:

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

Hazard: The pressurized cylinders in the recalled fire extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate. In the event of a fire, this failure could put a consumer and property at risk. Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves the Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers with model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between October 2007 and April 2008.

"Kidde" and the model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The manufacture year is on the bottom of the extinguisher. If your extinguisher is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, contact Kidde to determine if you have a recalled extinguisher. Sold at:

Department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from October 2007 through April 2008 for about \$35. Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should immediately inspect the pressure gauge. If it points to the red zone, contact Kidde to receive a free replacement extinguisher. If the gauge is not in the red zone, but you have questions about an extinguisher within the listed model numbers, please contact Kidde for additional information.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kidde at (888) 345-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at [www.Kidde.com](http://www.Kidde.com)

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**Information for the three most often used forms—7030, 7029, 7028.**

Paperwork that dreaded, yet needed part of all organizations. Some things you should know. Check with your IS officer to see if you should use eForms or printed forms. eForms arrive to your IS officer immediately and allow faster data entry. They are especially

effective if you have Adobe Acrobat Professional which allows you to save your form (very useful on the 7029) instead of just entering and printing with the free Acrobat Reader. The 7028 is used for changes in member information. Since it requires a signature, it is not currently available as an eform. Any change in status, address, phone, or email address needs to be reported as soon as possible so that the line of communication remains open. The 7030 is used for missions. Pull-down selections allow you to enter the mission type. A complete list of missions and instructions is on the printed version (a7030f). Do not use this form for transportation to the mission or for preparation time those items go on a 7029.

The 7029 is the mainstay of hours reporting. This form is used to enter most hours except those on missions. Attendance at flotilla meetings, preparation time and transportation to and from all activities go on the 7029. It is best to enter the data as soon after the event as possible it is very easy to omit an entry if you wait a week or so. Many Auxiliarists are not overly concerned about getting credit for the many hours they spend on Auxiliary events they volunteer their time because they enjoy the activities. However, these hours are very important to your flotilla, division, district and most importantly to the U.S. Coast Guard.

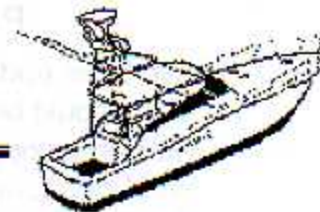
Many of the awards given at all levels are based on missions accomplished and hours donated. Perhaps more importantly, part of the USCG budget depends on the reported hours of Auxiliarists. The more hours we report, the larger their budget and therefore the more funds they have for the fuel and equipment we get from them. The goal of the Auxiliary is to assist the USCG.

\*\*\*Filling out these reports is of major financial importance to the USCG.

These reports also can indicate where they must exert more effort (ATON reports, for example). These three forms (reports) should be submitted in a timely manner. Members need a specific number of hours to remain current (instructor, crew, etc.) each year. If the 7030 is delayed or forgotten, that member may lose his accreditation in that field.

Clark Edwards, FC





Hi Folks,

It is boating season again and we are on the way with our Vessel Examinations. The new stickers have arrived and we are looking to start the season. For those that are in the rears, please contact Mr. Paul Parravicini FSO-VE at 215-582-2972 to schedule an appointment for a supervised VE. If you need the VE forms and/or the stickers, don't hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Please come on out, interact with the public, have fun while completing your inspections and help educate the boaters about safe boating.

**HAVE A SAFE BOATING SEASON.**

Paul Parravicini FSO-VE



The Flotilla held its third "About Boating Safely" course this year on March 21. We had fourteen students in attendance. The Flotilla also held a four part "Let's Go Sailing" course which began on March 23 and finished up on April 13. Three students attended.

The Public Education class line-up for April is:

April 16 - How to Read A Nautical Chart

April 18 - About Boating Safely

April 25 - GPS for Mariners

Brian McDonald FSO-PE



## PATONS in our Area of Responsibility

I have been updating the list of PATONS in our Area of Responsibility.

This should be available by the end of the month (April). Anyone wishing a copy can contact me. We want to try to verify as many PATONS during the season as possible. Some PATONS are not shown on its proper chart, and may not be in the Light List either.

However, they physically exist and should be located to verify that they are functioning properly. A chartlet/map is also available that shows the general location of all PATONS between Trenton and Delaware

Bay. Boaters should also be aware that the USCG intends to discontinue broadcasting LORAN-C signals as of 9/30/10. Once this is officially announced NOAA will begin to remove LORAN-C lattice lines from all new editions of charts that now include LORAN-C

lines. Auxiliarists should also be on the lookout for abandoned, derelict private pleasure boats. Because of the economy some boaters are simply leaving their boats in a waterway and 'walking' away, removing the boat's name and registration number. This is to avoid making monthly payments on the boat, insurance and docking/berthing charges. Some of the boats being abandoned are located on or close to navigable channels and pose a hazard to navigation.

John G. C. Fuller, FSO-NS

Reminder on Catalogue orders: "any orders should be placed, by e-mail, at least four weeks before you need it, to ensure delivery in time." Jimmy Deleon, MA.

Email: [jimmyde46@aol.com](mailto:jimmyde46@aol.com) (if you have any questions)

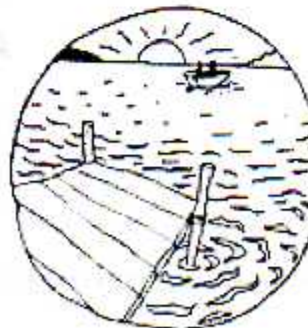
## **Penn's Landing Safe Boating Day:**

will take place Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 12- 6, anyone from the Auxiliary willing to volunteer, please call me.

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**Auxiliarist support - National Maritime Center  
Clerical/Admin Support/Medical Personnel**

There is a critical need for Auxiliarist support at the National Maritime Center in Martinsburg, WV. There is a possibility of receiving travel funds for Auxiliarists that can volunteer up to 3-5 days every few weeks over the next few months.

There are two types of positions that need to be filled: An Auxiliarist which can assist with administrative clerical duties; and an Auxiliarist that has a medical background (Physicians, Physician Assistants, prior corpsman, etc.) that can review medical information that is received by the National Maritime Center.

Anyone interested should contact:

CDR Tredinnick via e-mail  
([Glena.T.Tredinnick@uscg.mil](mailto:Glena.T.Tredinnick@uscg.mil)) or  
phone (215) 271-4932) as soon as possible.



**MESSAGE FROM COAST GUARD CHIEF OF STAFF VADM  
PEARSON ON THE DHS EFFICIENCY  
REVIEW INITIATIVE**

Men and Women of the Coast Guard,

On March 27th, Secretary Napolitano announced her agenda for increasing efficiency, accountability, and transparency in government.

As members of the Coast Guard, it is in our organizational DNA to find better ways to do our jobs. Our current modernization effort is founded on the exact principles the Secretary is using to shape the Department. Given the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to create the most efficient organization possible.

I expect to make changes to some of our current business practices in the near future as we receive additional guidance. My staff is working closely with the Department to refine these details. In the interim, all current Coast Guard policies and processes remain in place. Additional guidance will be provided via the general message system.

VADM C. I. Pearson  
Chief of Staff

**Interpreters Wanted**

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps is seeking Auxiliarists to become US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreters. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps is a Division of the USCG Auxiliary International Affairs Directorate. Interpreters are members of the USCG Auxiliary and offer their linguistic skills to the US Coast Guard and other agencies of the Department of Homeland Security.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps has 2 Competency Levels:  
Level "A" Interpreter fluently reads, writes, speaks and understands a foreign language in addition to English.

Level "B" Interpreter speaks and understands a foreign language in addition to English, but does not necessarily fluently read or write in any language.

If you are interested in becoming a US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter, contact CDR Tredinnick via e-mail ([Glena.T.Tredinnick@uscg.mil](mailto:Glena.T.Tredinnick@uscg.mil)) or phone ((215) 271-4932).





MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY NAPOLITANO ANNOUNCING EFFICIENCY REVIEW INITIATIVE

Dear Colleagues:

Today (3/27/2009), at a TSA facility in the Washington, D.C. area, I announced to employees a major step forward for our Department to advance one of President Obama's most important goals - improving efficiency and transparency across the Federal government.

Over the next 120 days, we will begin implementing nearly two dozen initiatives to trim costs, streamline operations, eliminate duplication, and better manage resources across the Department. This effort is the result of a comprehensive assessment by our Efficiency Review Team, which worked with DHS components, offices, and employees to identify more than 700 initiatives - some immediate, some long-term - to improve efficiency and transparency. Many of you contributed to the ideas considered by the Review Team, and I thank you.

Among the immediate changes we will make over the next 30 days:

- \* Eliminating all non-mission critical travel and maximizing our use of conference calls and web-based training and meetings;
- \* Consolidating subscriptions to professional publications and newspapers to lower costs and avoid duplication;
- \* Eliminating printing and distribution of all reports and documents that can be sent electronically or posted on-line.

Over the next 30 days, we will also begin using purchasing agreements to substantially save on office supplies. This may sound like a small matter, but by leveraging the Department's collective buying power, we can save up to \$52 million on office supplies over the next five years. Over the next 60 days, we will begin implementing a new electronic tracking system that will help increase alternative fuel usage; guard against waste, fraud, and abuse; and optimize how we manage our fleet. In addition, we're going to take steps to streamline employee training and orientations, and reduce costs and backlogs associated with background checks for new employees. Finally, in the interest of cost containment and unifying the Department,

I enacted a moratorium on all external contracts for the design and production of new seals and logos. Let me be clear - many DHS components have long histories that are linked to their seals. We are proud of this heritage and thankful for their service. But we're also stewards of taxpayer dollars and we're not spending any more money to develop new logos.

This is just the beginning. I'm calling on each employee to keep efficiency in mind as you go through your workday. I look forward to keeping you updated as we make these changes, which will result in a stronger, more effective DHS.

