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FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

Past Present and Future

Past

The Auxiliary has a long tradition, I bring this up because this month is our birthday, and we will be 70th years old. The past of the auxiliary is something we should look back on and learn from. As with all FC's part of our job is to look at the past and see what has worked and what has not, each flotilla is not the same. Great things have been done in the past but like the kids would say "what have you done for me lately". We must honor the past and remember where we come from as an organization.

Present

We must keep up with the boating public or we will get left behind. Another part of being a FC is the present. We are the caretakers of the auxiliary. If we do not do our job as the flotilla commander, the flotilla will not be productive. If that happens, how can we serve the flotilla members and the public and team coast guard? It also falls to the members to tell the FC what they need from him and the auxiliary as a whole.

Future

Flotilla Commanders are the stewards of the auxiliary. If we do not have productive commanders the auxiliary will die on the vine. We must look ahead, and at all aspects- members, support and training. We will be called upon by team coast guard to honor our oath and pledge that all members are given the 1st time in the auxiliary *"I solemnly and sincerely pledge myself, to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and it's purposes and to abide by the Commandant of the Coast Guard"*

We must remember for the betterment of all that comes after, we must keep the flotilla as strong as we can. The flotilla level is where the public gets their 1st impression of the auxiliary. If we manage things the best we can, the future of the auxiliary will be great.

Notice: There will be no Flotilla meeting in July

Hello Shipmates:



We have 3 new members in the flotilla and 3 members will have new ID cards.

We will be enforcing a rule about replacement IDs. You cannot get a replacement ID if you are not in uniform. The coast guard is checking all auxiliary IDs for expiration dates this is district wide.

Replacement ID Cards. Auxiliary ID cards are normally valid for five years before they require replacement. Replacement of an Auxiliary ID card should not be requested unless it has expired or will soon expire (i.e., within two to three months). A replacement ID card may also be requested if a current ID card is stolen or lost. However, in such a circumstance, written notification of the theft or loss must be made to the DIRAUX office, via the respective FC, as part of the request and it must reflect the circumstances of theft/loss as best possible (e.g., approximate date/time of theft/loss, suspected location of theft/loss, whether or not theft/loss was part of a report to authorities). Requests for replacement ID cards that do not include this information will not be processed. Requests for replacement ID cards shall be submitted per the guidance given above for new members, to include a properly completed ADMIN-11 and disk with photo.

Clark Edwards FC/FSO-PS

Operations Report:

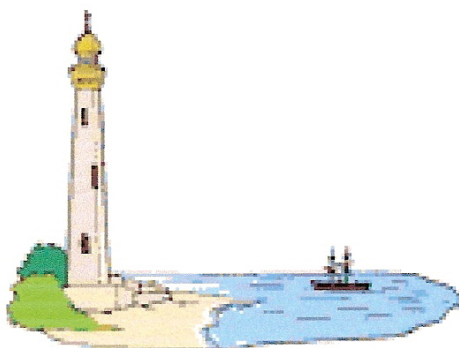
Ken Christy completed the first patrol of the season on Saturday, June 6, 2009 with Betsy Levy as crew. During the past few weeks Ken had performed extensive sea trials to ensure proper vessel operation.

The new marina location has reportedly worked out very well for Ken with an accommodating and welcoming staff.

Boat crew program – our flotilla currently has a very limited number of current and qualified boat crew members. In order for our flotilla to continue this valuable service we must advance our trainees.

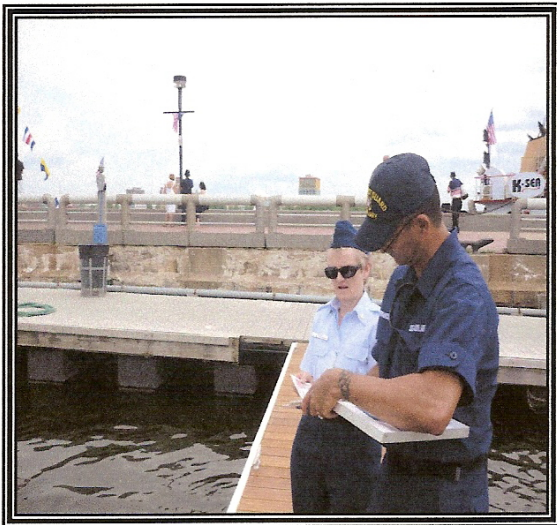
Trainees – we will discuss the next step for your training at the June flotilla meeting.

Thanks – Brian Lynch FSO-OP



Penn's Landing Safe Boating Day:

Sunday, May 24th



Paul Parravicini (FSO-VE) Completes a Vessel Examination...



...while Auxiliary member Dot French looks on.



Paul provides information to Safe Boating Day visitors



Auxiliary member DAVID W HAYWARD is ready to provide Safe Boating information.



Two items of interest:

(1) The 2009 Light List contains several errors with respect to Private Aids to Navigation in the Delaware River. The 2007 Edition is correct. Apparently the new Light List was published from an electronic website and old information was picked up and printed. This problem probably exists nationwide, but just for PATONS. I have been in touch with the Auxiliary National NS officer who told me that they are aware of this problem, but no steps have been taken yet to correct the errors. The only PATON in the Delaware River that could be noticed by boaters is the South Jersey Dock Lights, just north of the Walt Whitman Bridge on the NJ side. There are two lights, each at the end of a pier. The 12313 Chart shows them to be Fixed Yellow lights, which is correct. The 2009 Light List describes them as being Quick Flashing Red - which is **WRONG**. However, when the lights were originally installed in 1986 they were indeed Q R!!!!, but were changed to F Y in 1993 to comply with IALA regulations. Somehow the compilers of the Light List used very old data with the new List.

(2) Some issues have arisen concerning the authority and responsibility for PATONS in NJ "State Waters". The role of the Auxiliary in verifying NJ PATONS may change. This is a legal matter being discussed between the USCG at District level and the State of New Jersey. When we know what the resolution is on this issue, I will pass it along. The only NJ state PATONS in our AOR are in Big Timber Creek, Chart 12312/12313.

*I want to remind Flotilla members that the <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov> website is updated weekly. Changes that are published in the weekly Local Notice to Mariners are applied to the affected charts at the same time. This is good to know.

Have a safe and pleasant boating season in 2009. **John G. C. Fuller, FSO-NS**



Vessel Examinations

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

Safety Alert

This Safety Alert serves to inform the maritime industry that energy saving Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) or lighting, sometimes known as radio frequency (RF) lighting devices may interfere with certain communications equipment. CFLs employ a RF lighting device to excite a gas inside a bulb in order to produce light.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recognized the need for and adopted rules to control the harmful interference to radio communications services from these devices. During the rulemaking process the Coast Guard provided comments and recommended an advisory label for CFLs / RF lighting devices warning users about potential interference to communication services and particularly with respect to devices capable of producing emissions in the 0.45-30 MHz band. As a result, the FCC required manufacturers of CFLs to provide an advisory statement, either on the product packaging or with other user documentation, similar to the following: "This product may cause interference to radio communications and should not be installed near maritime safety communications equipment or other critical navigation or communication equipment operating between 0.45-30 MHz."

The Coast Guard has learned that CFLs have been installed on the navigation bridges of vessels and in other places capable of causing radio communications interference. Marine inspectors, vessel owners and operators **should be aware** of this potential safety hazard and take proper action as needed.

Below are examples of some compact fluorescent lights with different shapes and sizes.



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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." place your uscgau # in the e-mail- Jimmy Deleon, MA.

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



Unit Summary Data 01-JAN-2009 TO 31-MAY-2009

053-02-76 PENNS LANDING

MEMBERSHIP DATA				OPERATIONS		VESSEL EXAMINATIONS			
MEMBER DATA		#	MISSIONS	HRS	#	ACTIVITY		#	
NEW ENR (AD--IQ--TOT)		0-4-4	SAFETY	0	0	<u>VESSEL EXAMINERS</u>		9	
DISMR & DTHS		1	REGATTA	0	0	<u>MARINE DEALER VISITORS</u>		2	
<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS</u>		63	CHART	0	0	<u>FISHING VES. EXAMINERS</u>		0	
<u>BQ</u>		52	NEP	0	0	VSC'S GIVEN		31	
<u>IQ</u>		8	CG LOGISTICS	0	0	VSC'S PASSED		27	
<u>AX</u>		3	MARINE SAFETY	18	5	VSC PASSED %		87.1	
<u>RETIRED</u>		27	CG OPS SUPPORT	0	0	MD VISITS		0	
NEW RETIRED		0				<u>FISHING VES. EXAMS</u>		0	
TRANSFERRED OUT		7							
TRAINING				ASSISTS		FACILITIES			
NEW BQ	10	NEW BQOP	0	LIVES SAVED		0	TOTAL SURFACE FACILITIES		2
NEW IQ	4	NEW VE	0	PERSONS ASSTD		0	TOTAL AIR FACILITIES		0
NEW IT	4	NEW CPVE	0	PROPERTY VALUE (000)	0	0	TOTAL RADIO FACILITIES		2
NEW MDV	0	NEW AIR OPS	0	<u>CREW</u>		4			
NEW APC	5	NEW AI	0	<u>FWO</u>		0			
NEW SC SPEC	7			<u>COXSWAIN</u>		1			
MT SESSIONS	8	MT HOURS	60	<u>QE</u>		0			
SPECIALTY COURSES				PUBLIC EDUCATION					
<u>ADMIN</u>		7	<u>AIR OBSERVERS</u>		0	COURSE		#	CYN
<u>COMMS</u>		15	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>		0	PE CLASS SESSIONS		20	
<u>PATROLS</u>		20	<u>CO-PILOTS</u>		0	PE CLASS HOURS		39	
<u>NAVIGATION</u>		6	<u>FIRST PILOTS</u>		0	TOTAL MULTI-L COURSES		3	
<u>SAR</u>		7	<u>AIRCRAFT CMDR</u>		0				
<u>SEAMANSHIP</u>		17							
<u>WEATHER</u>		14							
PUBLIC AFFAIRS				OTHER MISSIONS		INSTRUCTORS			
ACTIVITY		HRS	#	MISSION	HRS	#			
10B COMM/RES OUTREACH		0	0	CG ADM SUP MENS	0	0	<u>INSTRUCTORS (IT)</u>		11
10C INTERNAL COMMS		8	3	CG RES SUP MENS	28	2			
10D WEBSITE MAINT		0	0	99 MISSIONS	1,521	31			
10F EXTERNAL COMMS		0	0						
10K OTHER PA PROJECTS		0	0						

Key Code:
 Underlined items: values are based on current information as of the date the report is run. NOTE: If using Adobe, items appear italicized.
 Bolded items: values represent the total from the Start Date to the End Date.
 Additional Note: Data prior to Jan. 1, 2002 is unavailable.