

# Lifeline

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It's time to pay the Annual Dues! The dues have been raised to \$30, from \$28, as voted on at the September meeting. Please bring a cash or check made out to flotilla 2-76 to the October meeting, or send a check to Phil Giangjordano, 817 Fernon St., Philadelphia, PA 19148. The deadline is October 21.

The next Flotilla meeting is Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30pm.

## Flotilla Staff Officer Monthly Reports:

### Communications (CM)

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is warning boaters throughout the Commonwealth to be cautious when venturing out on the water after the recent flooding from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Many aids to navigation, especially buoys, that boaters rely on to warn them of dangerous areas such as low-head dams, rocks or narrow channels, may have washed away or were removed prior to the flooding.

“Buoys that remain may have moved off station and may no longer mark the proper areas,” said Ryan Walt, PFBC boating and watercraft safety manager. “In addition, flooding creates new hazards such as debris and downed trees that were not there before. In many cases dangers that were hidden by high water will only emerge after water levels drop.”

Boaters are reminded that boating has inherent hazards and those who choose to go out do so at their own risk.

“Remember to have all required safety equipment on board and wear your personal flotation device,” added Walt.

Significant losses of PFBC-owned buoys have been reported on much of the Susquehanna River, including the Harrisburg Pool, Lake Aldred and Lake Clarke. PFBC-owned buoys were removed from Lake Frederic and Lake Augusta near Sunbury prior to the flooding. Also, buoys were lost or removed from the Delaware River, Schuylkill River near Norristown and the Neshaminy Creek in Bucks County.

Buoys owned by the PFBC are normally removed for the winter by late September or early October so missing buoys will not be replaced until traditional boating season begins in the spring.

Boaters who observe PFBC-owned buoys entangled in flood debris are encouraged to contact the appropriate regional office to report them. A list of the regional offices and phone numbers is available on the PFBC website at: [http://fishandboat.com/dir\\_regions.htm](http://fishandboat.com/dir_regions.htm).

In addition, boaters who observe what they believe to be hazardous materials such as chemical drums in flood debris should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ([www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)) or their county emergency management agency.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth’s aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. For more information about fishing and boating in Pennsylvania, please visit our website at [fishandboat.com](http://fishandboat.com).

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## **Computer Services (CS)**

Nothing new to report on WEB services. However, Clark and I attended Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) conference last month in Harrisburg, PA which brought to light some of the concepts we learned in our FEMA courses.

In addition, the take-away from the conference is our Flotilla may need to strengthen alliances and coordinated operational readiness with PEMA, Civil Air Patrol and Goldside among others, in order to optimize our response in the event of national and local disasters. I was astounded by the logistical burden that communications (digital, analog and hardcopy), included with other relief elements, has on our state, region and national response entities related to finances and manpower.

I think our Flotilla can play a pivotal role in any emergency response via the talent and diligence of our membership in coordination with other agencies.

Darryl A Stevenson, FSO-CS

## **Materials (MA)**

All members that are in need of any materials please e-mail me at [jimmyde46@aol.com](mailto:jimmyde46@aol.com). It is important that you e-mail or send by text or letter any material request. Please provide name, address, id number, and what you are requesting to be ordered. Allow three weeks for delivery although you may receive an order earlier.

Jimmy Deleon, FSO-MA

## **Marine Safety (MS)**

Ronald Grose, the SO-MS of Division 14, is looking for members interested in helping with a river clean up day around Klines Run Park. The clean up is currently scheduled for October 29th, from 0900 to 1200. If you are interested or have any questions you can contact me at [ces93@drexel.edu](mailto:ces93@drexel.edu).

Caroline Shipsey, FSO-MS

## Operations (OPS)

Auxiliary boat crew patrols remained active during September (final full month of patrols).



*Ken's Vessel "Principal Distraction" - Delaware Bay - Safety Vessel during the MRO Event.*

Special Event Participation - Delaware Bay Mass Rescue Operations / Full Scale Exercise (FSE) was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Auxiliary Boat Crew Flotilla 02-76 - Coxswain Ken Christy, Crew Jose Rivera and Dan Toms participated as a Safety Vessel in the drill. Ken and Crew had the pleasure and honor to host CWO4 Sean McGarigal CGD5 DirAux, 5NR, OTO on Ken's Vessel "Principal Distraction".

Next month's topic - proper USCG AUX response to potential hazardous materials discovered afloat while on AUX Patrol.

A special thanks to the many people (USCG + USCG AUX) who support the USCG AUX Boat Crew Program and our patrol season this year!

A very special thanks to the many USCG AUX 02-76 Instructors who made the 02-76 AUX Boat Crew School possible this year.

I hope to attend the Boat Crew School this upcoming winter/spring to develop my skills as we prepare for Crew Season 2012.

Brian Lynch, FSO-OPS

## **Public Education (PE)**

The Fall 2011 season of PE classes is upon us; thanks to those who have volunteered to teach sessions.

**Weekend Navigator**, although it has only one student enrolled, is off and running. Hank Harrison and Pat Cunningham have taught sessions thus far.

**Boating skills and seamanship** has approximately seven students signed up and it started as planned on Sept 12. Thus far, sessions have been taught by Dot French, Ed Poznek, Lee Roach, Pat Cunningham and Phil Giangjordano. The October 8 **First Aid , CPR, AED** course , taught by John Mosely, had over nine students enrolled and it ran also . Please note that auxiliarists who are new to the flotilla are welcome to take courses, and the PE mission is always interested in members becoming IT -certified so they can join the team of instructors who teach these courses.

We are advertising these PE courses on our website and with brochures, although it may be time to have a Facebook page for the Flotilla.

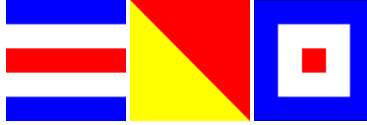
Dot French, FSO-PE

## **Vessel Examinations (VE)**

We need the VE's to hand in the VE Inspection to be recorded. Don't wait until the last minute to do so. Thank you.

Paul Parravicini FSO-VE





## **CHANGE OF WATCH: SAVE THE DATE!**

### **CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB**

**SATURDAY, December 10, 2011, 1200-1600**

### **Luncheon Buffet**

MENU:

#### **TWO SALADS**

House Blended Lettuces, assorted dressings

Fresh Seasonal Diced Fruit Salad with Honey Ginger Dressing

#### **THREE ENTREES**

Roast Top Round of Beef au jus

Honey Glazed Salmon Fillet

Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce

#### **DESSERT BUFFET TABLE**

Coffee, Tea, Decaf and iced Tea

Reserve your spot by 30 November!

**The cost will be \$35.00**

**Please send your check made out to Flotilla 2-76 to Phil Giangliordano,  
817 Fernon St. Philadelphia, PA 19148**

### **Obituaries**

It is with deep regret that I report that Past District 5-NR Captain Harry Petersen, Jr. crossed over the bar on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

Those of us who knew Harry know that he was a great Auxiliarist and devoted family man. The Auxiliary and the nation lost a dedicated volunteer.

Please keep Jenney in your thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

I do not know any funeral or memorial arrangements. I will advise when available.

Regards,

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