

Lifeline

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CERTIFICATES of Extraordinary Personal Action awards by American Red Cross were presented to Judges Joe Waters and James DeLeon at US Coast Guard Auxiliary headquarters on Delaware Avenue. Pictured at awards are John Mosley, USCG; Waters; Donna Palmieri, COO, S.E. Penna. American Red Cross; DeLeon; and CDR Terry Johns, director CG Auxiliary. Award was presented because Waters and DeLeon saved life of a colleague by administering CPR and other life-saving trainings taught by Red Cross. Source: Philadelphia Daily Record Photo by Leaping Lion Photography.

Next Flotilla meeting is Tuesday 15 February at 7:00PM

Communications Services (CS)

Web upgrades are proceeding well. Will continue enhancement and routine site maintenance.

Darryl Stevenson, FSO-CS

Materials (MA)

All members that are in need of any materials please e-mail me at jimmyde46@aol.com. Please include your full name, address and member ID number.

Jimmy Deleon, FSO-MA

Navigation Systems (NS)

There has been no activity during the winter months. Activity will begin again on or about May1, 2011.

John Fuller, FSO-NS

Operations (OP)

The flotilla is continuing with Boat Crew School and is rebounding from weather impact / class cancellations.

Spring Conference - there are many opportunities to attend seminars that will increase boat crew skills.

Brian Lynch, FSO-OP

Member Training (MT)

January was a great month for the 2011 Weekend College. All of our member training classes had good responses. The FLC and Goodmate were a success. ICS-300 was excellent and everyone passed. 2-76 members made up the largest representation from any flotilla. Crew school is chugging along despite constant snowstorms on Wednesdays. The crew school is two weeks behind schedule but once winter subsides it should pick up. February is looking good as well with IMSEP, AUXCOM, AUXWEA, and First Aid being offered. At least two members are on the track to having AUXOP and the MSTR earned by patrol season.

Dan Toms, FSO-MT

E-Learning website back online

The new E-learning website is back online at <http://aux.virtualclassroomuscg.org>. Currently, it is hosting the Mandated Training as well as a number (PV, VE, Intro to PA, and PA Policy) of the other courses hosted on the previous site. We will be working to upload the remainder of the old courses over the next few days, and the site will be back up to full speed within the coming week. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

[Posted: Feb 6, 2011 uscgaux.org. Source: Matthew Hammons, DVC-TD]

Public Education (PE)

The first scheduled offering of About Boating Safely (ABS) on Feb 5 had to be cancelled, because of inclement weather. Encouragingly, 10 people were signed up, so the message is getting out, and hopefully we will do even better in March. Sailing Skills and Seamanship and How to Read a Nautical Chart / Weekend Navigator (14 week courses) begin the week of Feb 7.

More copies of the flyer advertising Spring 2011 PE courses have been produced and are available for distribution. The following courses [see end of Lifeline] will run in Spring 2011, and, along with the ABS and SS&S courses, there are some new offerings that we hope will attract some attention. Auxiliaries who are new to the flotilla may be interested in taking these courses, or may be interested in becoming IT -certified so they can join the team of instructors who teach these courses. Although we are advertising these PE courses with brochures and on the 5 NR web site and Craigslist, the PE team is appealing to 2-76 Auxiliaries to **GET THE WORD OUT!**

Dot French, FSO-PE

Human Resources (HR)

January was a slow in HR. No new members joined. Our new member training was postponed to February. I'm currently working on a few leads, about six potential members including one who is already training with us. February should see some of these potential members joining.

Dan Toms, FSO-HR

Program Visitor (PV)

Two visits were done this month. I will be rolling out more stations in the coming month.

Clark Edwards, FSO-PV

February 19, 1941 Congressional legislation changes the name of the Reserve to the Auxiliary and in addition, creates a military Coast Guard Reserve under which enrollees are subject to military law and the Articles of War.



Coast Guard Auxiliary members of the Harlem Yacht Club at their dock, 1942, City Island, Bronx, NY. Courtesy: Harlem Yacht Club/History program, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Source: history.auxpa.org

American Canoe Association and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Promote Paddlesports Safety

ST. LOUIS – The American Canoe Association (ACA) and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary announced signing of a Memorandum of Agreement to promote safety among those who use kayaks, canoes and other paddlecraft. The new agreement

establishes cooperative efforts broadening outreach and education to the paddle sports community.

[Posted: Jan 30, 2011 uscgaux.org. Source: Tom Nunes, DIR-A]

Spring 2011 PE courses

About Boating Safely Courses: First Saturdays, February to June: Each is a 1-day course, 8:00-5:00 pm. Registration begins at 7:30am. Dates: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, 2011

Cost: \$65.00 to public, \$25.00 to Auxiliary (includes lunch). Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay --USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76--Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd.

Recognized by the US Coast Guard and approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, each course is a unique 8-hour study program covering the fundamentals of boating. Individuals successfully completing a course qualify for the PA Safe Boating Certificate. Course is taught by trained, qualified CGAUX instructors with many years of experience. Pre-registration recommended.

Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course:

Mondays: 14-week course, 7:00-9:00pm. Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Start Date: Feb 7 Cost: \$65.00 to public (\$25.00 to Auxiliary). Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay--USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76--Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia PA

This course covers everything needed to make your sailing safer and more enjoyable. Modules include: What Makes a Sailboat, How a Boat Sails, Basic Sailing Maneuvering, Boat Handling, Legal Requirements, Aids to Navigation, Rigging and Tuning, Heavy Weather, Navigation Rules, Lines and Knots, Engines for Sailboats, Trailering, Radio, Inland Boating, and Piloting.

Individuals successfully completing this course qualify for the Pennsylvania Safe Boating Certificate. This certificate is recognized by PA state officials requiring proof of a safe boating course.

How to Read a Nautical Chart Course:

Thursdays: 3-week course, 7:00-9:00 pm Registration begins at 6:30 pm Start Date: Feb 10

Cost: \$50.00 to public (\$25.00 to Auxiliary) . Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay -- USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76 --Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia PA

Topics include: charts, chart scales, symbols used, and information given. Also students will be able to: plot boat courses and bearings, determine direction and distance, and plot latitude and longitude. Includes text, chart, plotter and dividers.

Weekend Navigator Course: Thursdays: 10-week course, 7:00-9:00 pm

Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Start Date: Mar 3

Cost: \$75.00 to public (\$40.00 to Auxiliary). Location: USCG Sector Delaware Bay -- USCG AUX Flotilla 2-76 --Penn's Landing, Washington & Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia PA

This is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice power-boat and sailboat operators. The course is divided into two major parts designed to educate the boating enthusiast in skills required for a safe voyage on a variety of waters and boating conditions.

Topics include: Fundamentals of Waypoint Navigation; Navigation Tools; Planning and Navigating with GPS and Paper and Digital Charts; Avoiding Dangers; Double-Checking with Instruments; What to Do If the GPS Quits; Tides, Currents and Wind; Using Radar, Depth Sounder, Radio and Autopilot; and Adverse Conditions. Chart work is an integral part of this training course.

HRNC + WN COMBO = \$100

Take How to read a Nautical Chart and Weekend Navigator to receive discount.

FIRST AID, CPR and AED Courses:

Five sessions of the First Aid, CPR and AED course are planned to run on Sundays as a 1-day course , from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Jan 9, Feb 6, Apr 17, July 10 and Oct 9 . Cost is \$75.00 to public (\$45.00 to Auxiliary) and includes lunch. Mr. John Mosley, a Red Cross certified instructor /flotilla member/instructor will teach these courses.