

# Lifeline

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Learning to navigate in the AUXNAV course. *Source: Dave Hayward*

## **Flotilla Staff Officer monthly reports: Communications Services (CS)**

I am continuing enhancements 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](mailto:jimmyde46@aol.com). Please include your full name, address and member ID number, and allow 2-3 weeks delivery time when placing an order.

Jimmy Deleon, FSO-MA

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

## **Operations (OP)**

Flotilla 02-76 Crew School is continuing on Wednesday evenings. The upcoming USCG AUX Spring Conference offers plenty of opportunity to enhance skills and knowledge. Last year's crew season kicked off with safety patrol for the Penn Treaty Park "Shad Festival" in April. Crew members and trainees are looking forward to our first orders of the season.

We are looking forward to a successful Patrol Season.

Brian Lynch, FSO-OP

## **Public Education (PE)**

This time, the March 5 scheduled session of **About Boating Safely (ABS)** was not cancelled due to inclement weather. Seven students, including 3 minors, took the course and successfully completed the examination. Our message is getting out, mainly via our website presence, and hopefully we will do even better with enrollment the next ABS, scheduled for April 2. Clark Edwards did introductions and teaching staff on Mar 5 were Jim Taylor, Elizabeth McKeon, Marc Batt, John Mosley, Lee Roach, Paul Parravicini and Dot French. Thanks to all who made this ABS session a success.

The Spring 2011 series of the **Sailing Skills and Seamanship(SS&S)** course began the week of Feb 7 with six students. **How to Read a Nautical Chart (HRNC)** was completed in three weeks with three or four students and the **Weekend Navigator** (10 week course) began on March 3 with about six students enrolled. Staff for these courses included Pat Cunningham (HRNC, WN and SS&S) and Phil Giangjordano, Matt O'Brien and Dot French (SS&S). Thanks to all for making these sessions a success.

The first session of **First Aid, CPR and AED**, taught by John Mosley, a Red Cross certified instructor /flotilla member/instructor, took place on Sunday Feb 6. There were six students (mostly Auxiliary) who successfully completed the course. Thanks to John Mosley, Clark Edwards and others who assisted in making this course a success.

Most copies of the new colorful flyer advertising Spring 2011 PE courses have been distributed. Auxiliarists 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.

Dot French, FSO-PE

## **Vessel Examination (VE)**

I would like to remind our shipmates that boat season is approaching and we need to get underway with the vessel examinations. The stickers for this year should be arriving soon and will be ready for distribution. Due to previous VE inspections, only five (5) stickers and forms will be issued. Only after those forms are turned in with the proper paperwork, will you receive an additional five. Please, assist our flotilla and interact with the public by becoming a vessel examiner. Have a safe spring and get ready for summer.

Paul Parravicini, FSO-VE



### **In honor of Women's History Month...**

November 1942 - Enrollment of women temporary Reservists authorized in Nov. 23, 1942, amendment to Reserve and Auxiliary act that created the CG SPARs (Women's Reserve); women Auxiliarists may enroll if meet same qualifications.

March 1943 - Approximately 100 women enrolled in Auxiliary mostly in the Great Lakes Region.

*Source: history.auxpa.org*

## **South River Sea Partner Presentation**

Article and photos by Matt Leahey, Commander Flotilla 21, D1-SR, Sayreville, NJ

“It did not come from Barney the dinosaur” was just one of the many facts about oil that members of Sayreville, NJ’s Flotilla 21 explained to Elaine Matthew’s South River fifth grade science classes. Four Auxiliarists, in conjunction with the South River Elementary School, made a “Water, Oil and Pollution” presentation to six of her classes, totaling 200 students. The presentation was part of the US Coast Guard’s Sea Partners outreach program and their mission of marine environmental protection. The children responded enthusiastically to discussions on water, the formation of oil from tiny life forms, uses of oil, oil related problems and dealing with oil pollution. They asked many good, intelligent questions such as: “How



Auxiliary instructors fielding questions from the students.

long did it take to clean up the Gulf spill? Why are the oceans salty? Why do oil-absorbing materials only absorb oil and not water?" And many, many more similar probing questions.

In tribute to the school system, they displayed a good understanding of earth's history of how oceans and land masses shifted and changed over billions of years.

During the hands on, demonstration phase of the program, the children were fascinated with the concept of the dispersion of floating crude, with the "heavies" dropping to the bottom of

the ocean and the resulting turbidity blocking light and destroying small life forms. The students were introduced to the positive and negative uses of detergents, oil booms and absorbent pads. They were shown a real boom and given small strips of absorbent material to actually use in a simulated oil spill. Don't worry; olive oil was used in the spill, not toxic crude or even motor oil.

Mrs. Matthews instructed the children to think about what they had heard and participated in, and to write down more questions, which she will forward to the Auxiliary for follow up.

The program curriculum for the fifth graders was designed by the Sayreville Flotilla Sea Partners Training Team and previously field-tested at several marine safety event booths operated by the Flotilla. Based on initial feed-back, this program will likely be highly recommended for other school districts within the Flotilla's service area.

*Source: Sitrep*

## **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: 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.

**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 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.



Reservists conducting training in artificial resuscitation, Virginia, 1942-45.

*Source: [history.auxpa.org](http://history.auxpa.org)*