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CHANGE OF WATCH: SAVE THE DATE!

**We're going back to the CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB. The date is
SATURDAY, December 10, 2011, from 1200 to 1600
(noon to 4 p.m.)**

**There will be more notices forthcoming - but mark your
calendars NOW. There will
be no excuse that you didn't know about it in ample time.**

**If you have any questions, call Muriel Lewis at
(610) 642-2442**

Flotilla Staff Officer Monthly Reports:

Communications (CM)

Ocean City police accuse man of directing laser pointer at U.S. Coast Guard helicopter

By JOEL LANDAU Staff Writer |

The Ocean City Police Department arrested a 21-year-old Gloucester County man for directing a laser pointer at a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter Tuesday night.

Eric J. Bouda of Mantua Township was charged with interference of transportation, police said in a release from the Ocean City Police Department. He was arrested along the Boardwalk near 8th Street, after he pointed a green laser he had purchased at a local store for \$30 over the ocean, police said.

An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station in Atlantic City was performing hoist training with a TowBoatUS crew about two miles off the Ocean City beach when they spotted the green laser, Coast Guard officials said in a release. The crew alerted the local department,

The items are not merely a toy. Laser pointers can cause serious effects to a pilot's vision, officials said. When these situations occur aircrew members are taken off flight duty for a minimum of 24 hours and must have their eyes dilated and be cleared by a doctor before flying again, officials said.

Laser pointers can also cause the pilot to see a glare, afterimage, have flash blindness or can even cause temporary loss of night vision, officials said. A pilot must abort his mission if his vision is compromised while in flight, officials said. The release did not state if Tuesday's flight was compromised due to the incident. The Food and Drug Administration - which regulates the manufacture of green laser pointers - said the green pointers may cause permanent eye damage, officials said.

"Educating the public on how detrimental lasers can be to our aircrews is key. Pointing lasers at aircraft jeopardizes the safety of the Coast Guard and commercial airliners and needs to be stopped," said Capt. Nicholas Bartolotta, commanding officer Air Station Atlantic City in a release.

Federal Aviation Administration records show that 14 aircraft near Atlantic City International Airport were pinpointed with recreational laser pointers in 2010 - with Ocean City the source of most of those incidents.

Source: Press of Atlantic City

Matt O'Brien, FSO-CM

Materials (MA)

All members that are in need of any materials please e-mail me at 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

Next Flotilla meeting is Tuesday 21 June at 7:00PM

Operations (OP)

Crew Members are participating in patrols when vessels and crew positions are available.

Ken Christy's vessel is out of service for repairs for unknown time period.

Brian Lynch, FSO-OP

Public Education (PE)

The June 4 scheduled session of About Boating Safely (ABS) took place as scheduled, with nine students, all of whom successfully completed the examination. Clark Edwards did introductions and later worked with Dot on grading the exams, and teaching staff on June 4 were David Hayward, Matt O'Brien, Hank Harrison, Marc Batt, and Dot French. Many thanks to all who made this ABS session, as well as the spring sessions as a whole, a success. Still available for distribution are copies of the new colorful flyer advertising Spring and Fall 2011 PE courses. Auxiliarists are invited to take copies and give them to friends and/or place copies at marine stores, libraries, marinas – wherever they can be seen. Also, Auxiliarists who are new to the flotilla are invited 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.

Dot French, FSO-PE



June 3, 2011

DSO-OP: Operation Dry Water

Sector Delaware Bay has asked us to support this operation through our Surface Operations, Public Affairs, Public Education, Vessel Exams and Marine Dealer Visits. This operation will be conducted the weekend of 24-26 June this year.

Operation Dry Water is held each year during the weekend before the 4th of July holiday; and is aimed at reducing alcohol and drug-related recreational boating accidents and fatalities.

The event is coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in partnership with the State of New Jersey, the U.S. Coast Guard and other partner organizations.

Operation Dry Water will feature enhanced enforcement of Boating Under the Influence by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. BUI penalties can include voyage termination, fines, imprisonment, impoundment of the violator's boat and loss of boating and driving privileges.

As part of their on-the-water safety patrols; Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas will support Operation Dry Water by informing boaters of the operation and the dangers and consequences of BUI, assist boaters and respond to boaters in distress.

Mike O'Brien DSO-OP

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2011 Course Schedule

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course:

Mondays: 14-week course, 7:00-9:00 pm. Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Start Date: September 12, 2011. 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

A comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and novice boater. Eight required and five elected modules include: which boat is right for you; legal requirements; safety equipment; trailering; boat handling; aids to navigation; navigation rules; piloting; engines; lines and knots; weather; radio; inland boating.

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: August 25 (3 weeks) \$50.

Learn about types of charts, chart scales, symbols used, and information given. Be able to plot boat courses and bearings; determine distance and direction; 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: September 15

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.

First Aid , CPR, AED Course: Two more sessions of the First Aid, CPR and AED course are planned to run on Sundays as 1-day courses , from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm: dates are July 10 and Oct 9 . Cost is \$75.00 to public (\$45.00 to Auxiliary) and includes lunch. This course is taught by John Mosley, a Red Cross Certified instructor, and it covers First Aid basics, CPR, Automatic External

Defibrillator (AED), medical, injury and environmental emergencies, and special medical concerns and emergencies for boaters.

We are advertising these PE courses on our website and with brochures. However, with the 2011 boating season upon us, the PE team is still appealing to 2-76 Auxiliary members to **GET THE WORD OUT for the fall!**

Scientific Conversion

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
27. 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

Submitted by Matt O'Brien, FSO-CM

A POEM WORTH READING and sharing!

**He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.**

**Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.**

**And 'tho sometimes to his
neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.**

**But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For old Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.**

**He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.
He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his
passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.**

**When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.**

**Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young**

**But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.**

**Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Someone who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?**

**Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?**

**The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.**

**While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.**

**It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.**

**Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-
out,
With his ever waffling stand?**

**Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier, Who would
fight until the end?**

He was just a common Soldier,

**And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.**

**For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.**

**If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,**

**Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.**

**Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN
MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**

*Pass On the Patriotism!
YOU can make a difference!!!
Submitted by Muriel Lewis*