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Penn's Landing Safe Boating Day:

Takes place Sunday, May 24th 12- 6, anyone from the Auxiliary willing to volunteer, please call me.

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Our next Flotilla Meeting is : June 16th 2009

- FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

- Hello Shipmates:
- It's that time of year. Boating season is here and I hope everyone is ready. Now I was thinking, why do we become a member of the Auxiliary? Is it to state that you are with the auxiliary and do not produce- or do you really want to serve?
- I know that life is busy now and time management is what everyone is looking for, but this is a perfect time to increase your skills. When was the last time you have taken a boating class? Shared your knowledge with other boaters?
- We have a duty to the boating public and Team Coast Guard to be the up to date with our skills no matter what our job is within the Auxiliary. To help you with your skills ask a fellow member, or you can go to the flotilla website (cgaux276.org) and look under member deck and go to resources, you will find training links and other information.
- We have a great opportunity to help the public and to show that we are needed in the Philadelphia area so get out there and learn a new skill with your shipmates. Come meet new people at a public education class.
- Clark Edwards FC/SO-PS
- Flotilla 02-76

Information on the PATONS in our AOR have been distributed to all PAV's. Any one else interested in obtaining a copy should contact me. I have noticed some discrepancies between the information contained in the 2009 Light List and the chart on which the aid is located. These need to be rectified. Anyone noticing differences should let me know. I want to remind Flotilla members that there is an excellent web site: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>

Chart corrections can be obtained from this site. Also any NOAA chart can be viewed. Zoom in/out features enable you to get a view of a particular area of a chart in which you may be interested. Small sections of the chart can be printed out.

Have a safe and pleasant boating season in 2009.

John G. C. Fuller, FSO-NS



SAFETY ON THE WATER



Hello: On May 30th there will be a New Member bootcamp. The fingerprint techs will be present. This will be a good time for members to get anew ID card.

What members will need to do is fill out an Admin 11 form and I will sign it. Please be in uniform. I will need to know how many members will need there cards done, so we will have enough supplies. The FC's signature on the ADMIN-11 shall be recognized as confirmation that the member's photo does, in fact, correspond to the new member. It is the responsibility of the FC to provide this verification. The digital photo must be in JPEG format as a file on a 3.5-inch floppy disk.

It must be taken so as to show only the new member's complete head (face forward) and neck in front of a solid red background (i.e., the color of red- comparable to that of the U.S. flag) that shows for all parts of the photo save for the new member's head and neck. Hats, scarves, sunglasses, chokers (or any large jewelry) may not be worn in the photo. Disks with digital photo must be accompanied by a completed Member ID Card Information (ADMIN-11) form, to include signatures by both the member and his/her FC.

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. Please follow this guideline: the fingerprint techs will reject anyone that does not have the correct paperwork or a letter from there FC about a lost or stolen card. Please let me know how many people need ID cards by the 20th of May. The start time for new ID cards will be 09:00. The end time will depend on how many need cards done.

As summer approaches and we begin to see more boaters on the water, now is the time to get the word out. Safety first on the water... DO they understand Safety Saves Lives..

Are their vessels examined? Have they filed a boat plan with someone before they set out? Do they know the simple steps to ensure keeping safe on the water?

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation in cooperation with the Coast Guard Auxiliary has planned a day of activities to teach, remind and prepare the boaters of safety on the water. The Delaware River Day/Safe Boating Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 from 12:00 – 6:00. Thirteen organizations have joined to offer fun-filled, educational ways to teach, and re-emphasize safety on the water. For the first time ever, there will be a fashion show dedicated to PFD's for men, women, children and pets, as well as, the proper way to wear them and how many should be on each vessel, at the end of the show, we will be raffling off several of the PFD's. The Coast Guard will be demonstrating life saving maneuvers using their helicopter out of Atlantic City Base, for fun, several tug boats will be participating in a push and pull event. For those who like to fish, we are offering fishing, however, you must bring your license, not sure of the fishing regulations? The fish and game commission will be on hand to answer all questions. For anyone interested in volunteering or has an organization that would like to participate, please have him or her call me.

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Operations Report May 2009

The boat crew program is in progress. The next step will be to arrange for the participants from our flotilla to prepare for on the water training once patrols begin and the members attain basic knowledge to safely participate as a trainee. Please keep in mind the trainees will be required to wear ODS Uniform and the PFD with required gear.

Ken Christy is checking out and preparing his vessel and is in a new marina in Essington. The new location "Golden Marina" has undergone extensive renovation and there is potential for a radio station to be located at the end of the pier.

Looking forward to a safe and successful Patrol Season – Brian Lynch



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

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)

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BEGINNING ON MONDAY MAY 11, SECDELBAY BEGAN ENFORCING 100%
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SECURITY BADGES.**

All personnel will be required to display their unit issued Security Badge when on SECDELBAY grounds. If you do not have a badge, you will have to sign in at the Quarterdeck and be issued a Visitor's Badge for the day.

The use of Security Badges and Visitors Badges will allow for easy identification of base personnel and visitors, as well as identify individual security clearance levels.

Visitor Badges are available on the Quarterdeck. All visitors are expected to check in with the Quarterdeck and sign out a Visitor Badge. In addition, all visitors will require an escort and the escort's name should be noted on the Visitors Log. Visitors attending large meetings in the MPR can write MRP in the Quarterdeck Visitor's log in place of an escort. Visitor's Badges should be returned to the Quarterdeck upon exiting the base. Even if a visitor is leaving for a brief period (i.e. lunch), the Visitors Badge should be signed back in and then reissued when the visitor returns.