

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 02-76 Vol.39 No.3 May 2014 <u>Daniel Toms</u>, FC <u>Glenn Oldak</u>, VFC Angela Chernitsky, Editor:, FSO-PB

The next Flotilla meeting will be Tuesday, 20 May at 1930

WELCOME to the May Edition of the Lifeline! PLEASE take pictures at Flotilla meetings, boating safety classes, any classes or events that you, as a member, are involved with, or witness. PLEASE send all pictures, articles, interesting tid bits of information to me at Angiemcalonan@cs.com.

2-76 HAPPENINGS

MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 31 NATIONAL SAFE
BOATING WEEK
MAY 24 – DELAWARE RIVER DAY
MAY 27-28 – FEDERAL RESERVE 2-DAY EVENT
JULY 3 THROUGH JULY 7, 2014 FREEDOM FESTIVAL
AUGUST 7 THROUGH 10 BASS PRO ELITE
TOURNAMENT

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Angela Chernitsky and Anthony Spectorman at the CGAUX information table



Ms. Philadelphia, Diamond Edmonds and Glenn Oldak

A very successful day at the South St. Festival.

On May third, the great weather brought out the crowd to South St.. While hundreds of people saw the Coast Guard Aux at the festival. Parents with their kids were particularly interested in our children's activity books. We also met a few people inquiring about auxiliary membership. This was a great way to introduce the general public to the CGAUX. Even Ms. Philadelphia, Diamond Edmonds stopped by to visit the Coast Guard Auxiliary display.

The CGAUX with set up in the Hero Section of the St. Street event, with the US Air Force, Washngton West Townwatch, and Philadelphia Police SWAT team. A great way to recognize professionals and volunteers who help make Philadelphia a better place.

GLENN OLDAK, VFC



Take your Child To Work Day - Coast Guard Style Compliments of Jessie Davidson

YOUR FLOTILLA STAFF HAPPENINGS

Communications (CM) Jim Weiler, FSO-CM

Communications Services (CS)

Ash Kerner, FSO-CS Updates on Website continue.

Finance (FN)

Angela Chernitsky, FSO-FN Immediate replacement is needed for this position. Please contact FC Dan Toms

Information Services (IS)

Hank Harrison, FSO-IS

The role of the Information Services (IS) team is to record auxiliary work and to keep the roster of active members up-to-date.

Each auxiliarist reports their own time.

The most common forms are the 7028 (change of Member Information) and 7029 (report of 99 Hours). Time and expenses are reported as mission 99 on the 7029 and change of personal information is on the 7028.

Both forms are available online or in hardcopy at the flotilla meeting.

All other mission hours are reported on other forms such as the 7030, 7038 or 7046.

Staff officers should know the requirements of reports for their areas of work..

Please direct IS questions to Angie Chernitsky, Lee Roach or Hank Harrison.

Marine Safety (MS)

Caroline Shipsey, SO-MS, FSO-MS

Materials (MA)

Jimmy DeLeon, FSO-MA

All members that are in need of any materials please e-mail jimmyde46@aol.com. It is important that you e-mail or send by text or letter for 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. All materials requests are handled within 24hrs of reception

Member Training (MT)

Russ Rosenzweig, FSO-MT

Flotilla 2-76 will again need assistance with Instructors for fall classes. If you want to be an instructor, please see Russ, or the VFC for more information.

Navigation Services (NS)

Matt O'Brien, FSO-NS

I am still acting ADSO-NS and am seeking a replacement.

Operations (OPS)

Daniel Toms, FSO-OPS

Public Affairs (PA)

Jessica Davidson, FSO-PA

Upcoming Events: I need volunteers to help with **ALL** these events!

1. Delaware River Day - Saturday May 24 2014 at Penns Landing/Great Plaza (Booth, Coastie, VEs)

- 2. Federal Reserve 2-day Event May 27-28th 2014 (Suddenly In Command classes, Coastie and PA Booth)
- 3. Freedom Festival Battleship NJ July 3-7th (Thursday Monday) 2014 details TBA
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Public Education (PE)

Patrick Cunningham, FSO-PE (Pro Temp)

PUBLIC EDUCATION - INSTRUCTORS WANTED

How To Become A USCGAUX Qualified Instructor

Completing the Instructor Development Course (IDC) allows members to participate in another of the primary missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The instructor (IT) certification will allow you to participate in the promotion of recreational boating safety through Public Education and to instruct in the many Auxiliary Member Training courses. The course is conducted by an IT mentor working with the trainee to pass an open book exam and successfully complete Performance Qualification System (PQS) tasks. Following the completion of PQS tasks, the trainee will be required to conduct training events in accordance with the IDC course material. A certified mentor instructor will evaluate the event presentations. Course material is available on a CD available from me or can be downloaded by visiting the National Education Department website.

The following are the steps to take to become a qualified IT as listed on the National site:

- 1. Request a fellow member, certified as an IT, to be your mentor.
- 2. From the CD, review Appendix A.
- 3. Refer to Appendix B PQS Student Workbook.
- 4. Study the Student Course Book
- 5. Complete the open book test on-line with a score of 90% or better.
- 6. Complete all Performance Qualification System (PQS) tasks, which must be signed by the certified mentor instructor.
- 7. In an instructional setting, conduct a ten to thirty minute training event in accordance with the course material. A certified mentor instructor will evaluate this presentation.
- 8. Following successful evaluation by the mentor, conduct a one to two hour training event using chapter(s) from any of the Coast Guard Auxiliary approved Public Education or Member Training courses.
- 9. Following the successful evaluation, the trainee will be recommended to the Flotilla Commander as having successfully completed the IDC.

The Flotilla Commander will then notify DIRAUX according to District policy.

The following are the Qualification Requirements and stated in the District 5NR Policy Manual:

- Initial Qualification
 - o Complete IT Course
 - Teach 2 Hours (Supervised)
 - FC endorsement
- Annual Requirements as reported on Form7030, Mission Hours
 - Teach 2 Hours
 - OR teach 1 Hour and assist 2 hours
 - OR assist 4 Hours

How it works in real life – Contact me to get the CD at the Flotilla meeting. You complete steps 1 through 5 above. I would be your mentor or you can choose any other qualified Flotilla IT. Steps 6 and 7 involve an interview/discussion with your mentor. At this point you are in the Initial Qualification phase of the District's Policy Manual.

You would then prepare your lesson plan(s) to teach a 2-hour class or two 1-hour classes in the Public Education and/or Member Training programs.

Upon completion of these two hours, having the hours entered into AUXDATA, the FC would forward his endorsement to the Director of Auxiliary. The Director's office would then have you designated as an IT.

Auxiliary Instructors wear the IT ribbon



FLOTILLA 2-76 NEWS TIDBITS

Volunteers are STILL needed for the following upcoming events. New Members are welcome, please see Jessie Davidson or email her (below):

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Uniform of the day for all events will be Trops.

Be an active participant, support the Auxiliary, and sign up today by contacting Jessica Davidson:

jessica.davidson@cgaux276.org or call 267-258-9809.

WHERE IS BOB EVANS?????

Visiting the Galley on the TATE......so far have been to the MAKO, IBIS, FINBACK, VIGOROUS, TATE and EAGLE......still have a few to go!!



ATTENTION = INTERNET SAFETY READ

April 16, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

As you may know, "Heartbleed" is a security vulnerability widely reported last week that can put a user's personal data at risk of being intercepted. This vulnerability undermines the encryption process on secure websites, email, instant messaging, and likely a wide variety of other programs and applications. Moreover, if a user's password is intercepted, then a malicious actor could use that password to access the user's account.

The DHS Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, part of the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), has coordinated a response to the threat by issuing information and guidance to the public and key stakeholders.

"Information sharing is a key part of the Department of Homeland Security's important mission to create shared situational awareness of potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities," Larry Zelvin, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center director, said in a blog post http://www.dhs.gov/blog/2014/04/11/reaction-%E2%80%9Cheartbleed%E2%80%9D-working-together-mitigate-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-0

"DHS, through our National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, actively collaborates with public and private sector partners every day to make sure they have the information and tools they need to protect the systems we all rely on," he added.

Here are a few tips to ensure your personal information stays secure:

- Check to see if websites you frequently use have patched the Heartbleed vulnerability. There are a number of security sites that are offering to verify the web address of internet providers. Do not login to a website, or change your password, until you have confirmed that it has been patched.
- Change your password once you've confirmed that the website has been patched. Begin with the sites that contain your most sensitive personal information, such as banking and credit card websites, email, and social media accounts. It's always a good idea to not reuse passwords.
- Closely monitor your credit and accounts for suspicious activity. Keep an eye out for purchases you didn't make, or messages you didn't send or post over the next few weeks.
- Ensure websites that require personal information are secure. Whenever a website requires you to provide personal information, such as your credit card or bank account number, make sure the URL begins with https.
- Be aware of possible phishing attacks. If you receive an email claiming to be from your email provider, bank, or another website you frequently log onto prompting you to change your password, make sure the

email is legitimate. To be safe, go directly to websites to change your password, and type the link yourself rather than clicking on links embedded in emails.

It is all of our shared responsibility to be careful and informed in accessing the Internet. For more information, send your questions to asktheciso@hq.dhs.gov.

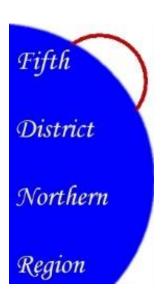
Sincerely,

Dr. Phyllis Schneck

Deputy Under Secretary, NPPD, Cybersecurity and Communications

Luke J. McCormack Chief Information Officer

Dr. Andy Ozment Assistant Secretary, NPPD, Cybersecurity and Communications



News Update

05/13/2014 - Lucky Bag Opening Sat June 21

We are planning another special lucky bag opening due to the huge success we recently experienced. The Store will be open from 0900 until 1300 on Saturday, June 21st. ... read more

05/02/2014 - Auxiliary Leadership and Management Course (AUXLAM-A)

In addition to AMLOC, AUXLAM-A will be presented in conjunction with the Fall District Board meeting in Reading, PA on September 19-21, 2014. The District Board meeting will conclude late Friday ... read more

05/01/2014 - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. 23 June, 2014, will mark the 75th anniversary of our Coast Guard Auxiliary. This anniversary year is symbolized by a special Auxiliary logo that can be found on the national Auxiliary public ... read more

NEWS FROM NATIONAL ...

• Prospective Members Brochure

To read more about these and other news items from National, please <u>click here</u> or go to http://www.cgaux.org/members/whats_news.php

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