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Greetings and Happy New Year shipmates! As we welcome 2015, you'll note a new look to your monthly newsletter and I hope, articles and topics of interest to you all. As your new FSO-PB, I look forward to meeting each and every member of our Flotilla as we move into a new Administration and Divisional re-alignment. I know for some, this is a challenging time, but it offers new and exciting opportunities to gain a more meaningful experience within the Auxiliary. We only ask that you continue to give your *best* as we move forwards in this exciting direction. Remember, you make the Auxiliary and without you, the Auxiliary cannot exist. We thank you for your continued service, support and dedication.

Semper Paratus- "Always Ready"

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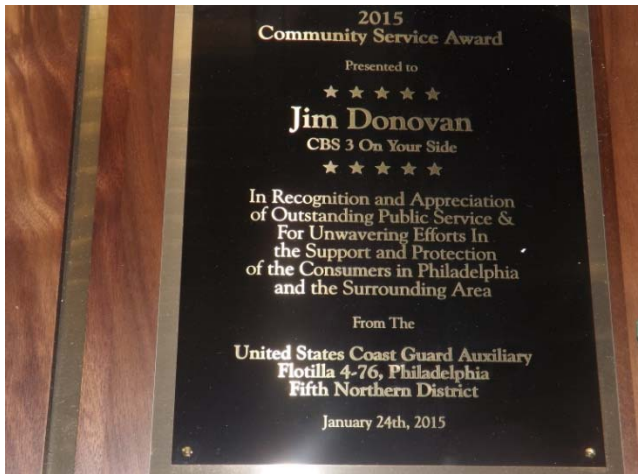
CHANGE OF WATCH – JANURAY 24, 2015

On Saturday, January 24, 2015, we gathered to celebrate and officially install our new Flotilla Officers. This event was held at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Essington, PA. Guest Speaker for this event was CBS 3 On Your Side Reporter – Jim Donovan, who was presented the Auxiliary Community Service Award. Shortly afterwards followed the swearing in of 2015 Bridge by IPFC Daniel Toms and Staff Officers. Presentation of the Commodore Al Lewis Award to VFC John Austin, Member Service Awards and various Service, Operational Hours, Instructor and Vessel Examination Awards. Special guests included Raymond Sims Division Commander and Dave Desimone – VDC. Congratulation to those members for a valiant performance in 2014. *Special Kudos* to COW Chairman Ralph Onesti and his committee for an excellent venue selection!



IPFC-Daniel Toms & Jim Donovan-CBS News
2015 Bridge Swearing in ceremony.
FC Glenn Oldak & VFC John Austin

Award Presented to Jim Donovan



Commodore Al Lewis Award recipient – VFC John Austin.



IPFC Daniel Toms and Jim Donovan-CBS 3.

Member Servie Award – Ed Poznek, Jr.



Guests and FC Glenn Oldak enjoying lunch





TALL SHIPS
PHILADELPHIA • CAMDEN
WHERE AMERICA SET SAIL

THINGS TO SEE AND DO THIS SUMMER

**THE RETURN OF THE TALL SHIPS TO PHILADELPHIA & CAMDEN
JUNE 25-28, 2015 DELAWARE RIVER, Penn's Landing & Camden
Waterfront, Philadelphia, PA**

Ahoy!!! For those of you that have a love of TALL SHIPS, well Good News!!

This June, you'll have a chance to see and visit 9 Tall ships including our own Coast Guard three-masted Tall Ships – The Barque Eagle.. Rarely seen at festivals, this three-masted USA Coast Guard Tall Ship boasts 21,350 square feet of sail, 295' length, is the only operational sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services and is just one of five operational Training Barques in the world. One of five sister ships built for sail training in Germany in the 1930s, Eagle was included in reparations paid to the United States following World War II and the Coast Guard took her over as a training ship. Now, the Eagle ports in New London, CT. Aboard the Eagle, cadets have a chance to put into practice the navigation, engineering, and other skills they are taught at the Coast Guard Academy.

Other ships attending include:

L'Hermione - A French replica of the 145' long Concorde class frigate of the French Navy, famous for carrying General Lafayette to the United States in 1780 allowing him to rejoin the Americans during the American Revolutionary War.

Cisne Branco- Hailing from Rio de Janeiro, The "White Swan" is an awe-inspiring, 243' long, full-rigged Tall Ship serving the Brazilian Navy as a training vessel to the cadets of the Brazilian Naval Academy, Academy of Merchant Marine and other naval schools.

Gazela- Philadelphia's official Tall Ship was built in 1901 in the shipyard of J. M. Mendes in Setubal, Portugal to fish the Grand Banks off Newfoundland. She has called Philadelphia home since 1971.

Picton Castle- A 179' long, 284-ton, three-masted barque based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada best known for sail training voyages around the world. Over the past decade, the ship has made five complete circumnavigations of the globe, and many more voyages.

Serenity- Serenity, a 65' gaff topsail schooner, was built in 1986 to be a cargo schooner, but was converted to a passenger vessel in the early 1990's. She is now based in Yorktown, VA and offers cruises in the Chesapeake Bay.

Tree of Life- built in Nova Scotia, Canada, Tree of Life is a luxurious 91' long gaff-rigged schooner built of fir, spruce, Honduran Mahogany, koa and teak. In 2002, she embarked on a three-year circumnavigation. Tree of Life is based in Newport, RI and sails the New England waters with private charters.

Sagres- The Sagres was built in 1937 in shipyard of Blohm & Voss in Hamburg and named the Albert Leo Schlageter.

Battleship New Jersey - America's most decorated Battleship is now the area's most exciting museum, open for tours, events and overnight encampments.

Ticket prices vary by day so you can go online at <https://www.ticketfly.com/venue/8343-penns-landing/> or call or call 877-4FLY-TIX

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USCG Data



Every **2-1/2 Hours**
Someone is Injured or killed in a Boating Accident¹

Chance of Drowning In a Boating Accident

While Wearing a Life Jacket

1 in 66



With No Life Jacket

1 in 11²

U.S. Boat Owners Who Say They³...



42.60%
Have Ever Taken a
Boating Safety Course



63.40%
are "Very Experienced"

Boating Accidents Attributable to Operator Error, Poor Judgement, or Inexperience



56.9%⁴

Boaters Who Consider Themselves
"Very Experienced"



63.4%⁵

¹ U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics 2012, based on 758 fatalities and 9281 injuries.
² U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics 2012, based on 70% percent of 758 boating accident victims involved, out of those, 94% percent were not reported as wearing a life jacket, compared to 45.8 total accidents.
³ U.S. Coast Guard 2011 National Recreational Boating Survey

⁴ U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics 2012, based on accidents attributable to operator of vessel alcohol use, drug use, excessive speed, failure to maintain, improper lookout, operator inattention, operator negligence, rules of the road violation, choppy seas, starting in gear, loading of passengers or gear improper anchoring, improper loading/weight distribution, one boating, people on parade, tow or bumper.
⁵ U.S. Coast Guard 2011 National Recreational Boating Survey

Recreational Boating Fatality Statistics

Safe Boating Awareness: With Education & Communication, we can reduce recreation boating accidents.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3RQ4QNT1a40

From The Editors Desk



Merge: Webster defines merge as “to combine or unite into one”.

Threaten: “to be a sign of something dangerous or unpleasant about to happen”.

Opportunity: “a time or occasion that is right for doing something; good chance”.

Key phrases in our 2014 discussions concerning the Divisional re-alignments. Just as in corporate mergers & acquisitions, people look upon it as a time to resist and in many instances, make changes that impact the group dynamics. Apprehension is human nature. Without constructive dialogue, opinions and ideas cannot be expressed to make change worthwhile. I know personally of the impact of change. I came to Flotilla 02-76 last year in hopes of growing in the Auxiliary. Providing my skills in whichever way the Flotilla deemed needed. Change was uneasy for me, but you welcomed me, and the transition has been great. With our merger into 04-76, the opportunities offered us are limitless. We as a Flotilla bring untapped skills and expertise to a much established Division. We know how to lead.. Let’s be leaders in this Division. We are not threaten because our ranks decrease. We can attract new members. Each member must be committed to ensuring 04-76 is a vital contributor to the Auxiliary and it’s missions. You do make a difference-Lead by example!

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