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Greetings Shipmates... Boating Season is upon us soon, and we all know the need to facilitate Boating Safety at every opportunity possible. Please advise Flotilla members of any possible leads that can enable us to “spread” the word that “BOATING SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S CONCERN”. Let’s help reduce the number of boating accidents this year. **2015** is the year for water safety FUN!!! I know we can count on you.

***Semper Paratus – Always Ready***

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## **A Message from the National Commodore**

### **AUXILIARY PADDLE CRAFT (AUXPAD) PROGRAM RELEASED**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary National Paddle Craft program (AUXPAD) has now been officially released for adoption by Districts. This program Instruction provides the guidance for development of AUXPAD programs in regions where it is authorized by District Commanders.

This program was developed in a cooperative effort among Auxiliary leadership, national staff, and the office of Chief Director of Auxiliary. It extends boating safety outreach into the paddling community, which is a major objective of the Auxiliary National Strategic Plan. Outreach, both ashore and afloat, is included in the instruction along with complete requirements for conduct of Paddle Craft RBS patrols.

Check with your Chain of Leadership about adoption of this program and specific regional differences that may apply. You can download the instruction for full details of program requirements. This instruction may be found at: [www.uscg.mil/directives/ci/16000-16999/CI\\_16794\\_11.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/directives/ci/16000-16999/CI_16794_11.pdf)

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month - 2015**

Fellow Auxiliaries,

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011). Our mission is to eliminate sexual assault from the Coast Guard and the United States Coast Auxiliary and adhere to the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. The Commandant's call to action is NOT IN MY COAST GUARD; I respectfully would add, NOT IN MY AUXILIARY.

As your National Commodore I will not tolerate sexual harassment, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct of any kind in the Auxiliary and as a member of Team Coast Guard. If you see something that is wrong and against the Coast Guard policy on sexual misconduct, you need to have the courage to say something. This includes having the courage to intervene when you witness sexual assault, predatory behavior, sexual harassment or other misconduct. You may be the only one who notices the misconduct. I implore you to ask questions, encourage your shipmates, and challenge or report inappropriate behavior, whether it is directed at you, or someone else. Shipmates, there are no bystanders in the prevention of, or response to, sexual assault. Your devotion to duty is demonstrated by doing the right thing, the right way, at the right time, for the right reason. Dedicating yourself to the maintenance of the high moral, professional and personal standards that come with service in our Coast Guard is but one more way to demonstrate your devotion to duty.

Please review the following ALCOAST and if you have the opportunity to wear Service Dress Bravos while assigned to duty (or wear blue/teal clothing on civilian attire) on 08 April please do so. Also, if you can present the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training Session (AUXLMS code 810045/AUXDATA Short Title "SAP") at your next flotilla meeting to show support of the Coast Guard's commitment, that would be most appreciated. You can download MT materials at the Training Directorate website at <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=mandated-training>

Very respectfully,

Mark Simoni

National Commodore

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## **APRIL EVERBRIDGE DRILL**

The recent Everbridge drill will be an ongoing event starting the third Saturday of each month.

The goal for these drills is to familiarize U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members in the Fifth Northern Region with our Everbridge notification system.

For this drill, each member will receive only this one message by email, home phone and/or cell phone.

Please confirm receipt of this message so the system records you received it. Your confirmation is the only way we can validate that the system is working properly. Your support is critical to show our preparedness in the event of an actual emergency, therefore, we encourage 100% compliance of this request.

If you have any questions, contact your Flotilla Commander.

# Philadelphia + Camden **June 25-28, 2015** Delaware River - Update



**TALL SHIPS**  
PHILADELPHIA • CAMDEN  
**WHERE AMERICA SET SAIL**

**211 South Christopher Columbus Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

## **Event Map & Hours**

**Thursday June 25, 2015: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Friday June 26, 2015: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Saturday June 27, 2015: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Sunday June 28, 2015: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Our goal is to staff one informational table on Saturday & Sunday, conduct Vessel Inspections (where possible), recruit potential new members, and basically have a great day! Volunteers will be needed to man the table and meet & greet visitors. More details will be forthcoming and we will communicate all details as they develop.**



The event is sponsored by a collaboration of four Delaware waterfront organizations: the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, Coopers Ferry Partnership, [Adventure Aquarium](#) and [Independence Seaport Museum](#).

# FLOTILLA NEWS AND EVENTS



## FLOTILLA AWARDS

**Kudos to IPFC Daniel Toms – who received his 5 Years Membership Service Award. IPFC Toms serves in various capacities and we greatly appreciate his hard work and continued support!**



We also like to welcome our newest member onboard: Sonte A. Revis. He has graciously assumed to Head the Committee for our Summer Picnic Gathering. Thanks Sonte and welcome to the Flotilla!



### **FELLOWSHIP GATHERING:**

**May 12** – Eulogy Belgian Tavern, 1800 hrs.  
**136 Chestnut Street**, Old City, Philadelphia (215) 413-1918

**South Street Festival – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we are supporting the South Street Festival, which will be located along 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> & South Street.  
**Time: 11:00-5:00 pm.** Come out and support the Auxiliary and other Armed Forces at the Hero's Section!



## **VEHICLE DECAL PROGRAM TERMINATION – 006/15**

**The Coast Guard terminated the personal vehicle decal program in September 2014. If not already removed, all Coast Guard-issued vehicle decals, including those issued to Auxiliarists as described in section 5.0.3. of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)), must be removed from personal vehicles and destroyed immediately.**

**As a reminder, proper identification including a valid Coast Guard, Auxiliary, DHS, and DOD issued identification card, or State driver's license is needed to be granted access to Coast Guard and DOD facilities. Additionally, vehicles are required to be registered, inspected, and insured in accordance with State and local laws in order to be operated on such facilities.**

**This change will be included in the next revision of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.**

**The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information**

**Courtesy: CHDIRAUX email: 04-28-2015**