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Ahoy!! May begins Boating Season and we all know the importance of education and preventing Boating accidents. While we strive to minimize this, we must also be aware of the role alcohol and its impact on the boating public. Memorial Day weekend is upon us, and we'll hear of possible loss of life due to "consumption" and carelessness. Always discuss and promote Boating Safety at every opportunity. The life you save has an impact on our future! Be diligent and be safe!!!

**Semper Paratus**

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***"You tell me and I forget. You teach me and I remember.  
You involve me and I learn". Ben Franklin***

## A Message from the National Commodore

# **AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION WEB SITE UPDATED AND RELEASED**

We are very pleased to announce the release of the completely redesigned Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. website at <http://cgauxa.org>. Since all members of the Auxiliary are members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, a vital part of our team, it is important that we all become familiar with its purpose. Among other important responsibilities, the Association raises funds and provides financial support for Auxiliary activities

The site has been crafted to reflect what you have told us you need. All of us, as Auxiliary and Association members, will find easy access to our own Association member benefits. We can now see those benefits summarized on one page before logging in to access those of special interest. The site shows how the public can help us perform our important missions. Have you ever been asked after a boating class, vessel safety check, or a SAR case if you would accept a donation? You can now respond by providing the address of the new website where donations from the public may now be made on line. The updated site also showcases the successes of local Auxiliary volunteers while explaining the role of the Association and how it helps support Auxiliary activities.

There are new Member Benefits and SHOP sections. The Association continually works with vendors to arrange for discounts and special deals for members, so regularly checking the website could return substantial financial benefits. Since the website is frequently updated in response to our members' input, please provide any feedback in the new "Contact" area and be sure to follow the Association on Face book ([www.facebook.com/CGAuxA](http://www.facebook.com/CGAuxA)), on Twitter ([twitter.com/cgauxa](http://twitter.com/cgauxa)) and on our Blog ([cgauxa.org/blog](http://cgauxa.org/blog)).

Very respectfully,

Mark Simoni

National Commodore

# Special NSBW Issue of RBS-Job #1

We are sending this special National Safe Boating Week issue of RBS-Job #1 to provide ideas and encourage your participation in organizing and supporting boating safety events.

National Safe Boating Week is the premier Recreational Boating Safety event for the year, highlighting the need for boating safety at the peak of anticipation of the prime recreational boating and water sports season. Thanks to the efforts of the National Safe Boating Council in promoting this event, with the active participation of the U.S. Coast Guard, us in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and all of our partner organizations in promoting boating and water safety we are able to organize and get the attention of national and local media.

The articles in this issue are intended to help you and your flotilla have an active week and participate in highly publicized events. For greater effect combine efforts with partners, depending on your area but your state department of natural resources, your U.S. Power Squadron, the American Canoe Association (ACA) and other local groups promoting water safety.

A thought on “Wear Your Lifejacket to Work Day”, why not tell your co-workers about it, take in some extra lifejackets for them to wear and have a group photo taken. If your organization has an employee newsletter let them publish the photo, provide it to your FSO-PA and PB and CS to be included in your flotilla and division newsletter, website and for news media. Even if you don't wear them (maybe you can't) for more than the photo you will get lasting publicity and make the point.

Please check out the articles [in this issue](#), and for your convenience they are linked from the Table of Contents so one click gets to the article of your choice, and back for the next article.

Enjoy, communicate and participate!

## **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS: FLOTILLA AWARDS**

**Congratulations and Welcome Aboard to the following members for making “WAVES”:**

### **New Members Certificates**



**Charles A. Stiteler**



**Patrick Dougherty**



**Hank Harrison- Sustained Auxiliary Service Award!**

**Eric Steiner (not present)**

## **Certificate of Advancement-**

**Brian Cooper**

**Well Done**



**Remember – “We’re only as good as you are” Let’s  
keep up the work! Go Flotilla 04-76!! Make Waves**

## PRESIDENT CELEBRATES 2015 USCG ACADEMY CADETS GRADUATION



President Barack Obama walks in after being introduced at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduation in New London, Conn., May 20, 2015. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

GROTON-NEW LONDON, Conn. -- President Obama gave the keynote address at the May 20th, 2015 USCG graduation. His message not only emphasized climate change as a national security concern, but protection world-wide by US Coast Guard personnel. He thanked them for their dedication to duty and service and reminded the young cadets, that theirs is a mission of protection – to the Homeland, its interest and our future. *“Class of 2015, I’m here as your Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the American people, to say thanks to each of you. Thanks for choosing to serve -- for stepping up, for giving up the comforts of civilian life, for putting on that uniform. Thank you for the service you are about to render -- the life of purpose that you’ve embraced, the risks that*

*you've accepted and the sacrifices that you will make. And as you embark on your life of service, as you man your stations, and head to the seas, and take to the skies, should the sea begin to surge and the waves swell and the wind blows hard against your face, I want you to think back to this moment -- to feel what you feel in your hearts today. And if you remember all that you've learned here on the Thames -- how you came here and came together, out of many one, to achieve as a team what you could never do alone -- if you resolve to stay worthy of traditions that endure -- honor, respect, devotion to duty -- if you heed the wisdom and humility of a petty officer second class from Oklahoma, to think not of yourself, but what you can give to this world -- then I'm confident that you will truly go where few dare. And you will rise to meet the challenges that not only face our country, but face our planet. And your legacy will be a nation that is stronger and safer for generations to come."*

As part of his commencement address to the Coast Guard Academy class of 2015, President Obama recognized 100-year-old Olivia Hooker, who lived through a racial attack in 1921 and became the first African American woman to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard. (WhiteHouse.gov)

**Courtesy: Whitehouse news.**



## **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Takes Part in Philadelphia's South Street Festival Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Along South Street, the Philadelphia community had an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of excitement and flavor as they walked along taking in the sights and sounds. We also took part in this annual festival, greeting people and sharing our enthusiasm of Boating Safety. Members of Flotilla 04-76 and others proved materials and a visit from **COASTIE!!**



It truly was a great day and next year, let's get more members involved. You'll enjoy the day!!!



# REMINDER:

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



**TALL SHIPS**  
PHILADELPHIA • CAMDEN  

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**WHERE AMERICA SET SAIL**

If you are interested in spending the day (or can volunteer your time during the day) with us on June 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, we greatly appreciate your support. Please send me an email ([cmiller771@comcast.net](mailto:cmiller771@comcast.net)) detailing which of the two days you are available and your desired timeslot.

This is one of our “biggest events” and we are asking all members to support this mission. Also, you’ll have a chance to see some really “neat” vessels while your there. Admission to the event for members volunteering is **FREE!!!** It gets no better than that!!!



## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Once again, I'm reaching out to **ALL** Flotilla Members to show your support to this unit. Each month, ideas are shared, discussed and voted on that impact us all. Without **YOU** offering your opinions or suggestions, it is difficult to gauge just how effective we are and can be.

Imagine a ship without a crew? Just how maneuverable is it in the water? Five people cannot guide it along its course to its final destination. It takes the *many* to reach port, and we need you to assure our destination...

We cannot achieve any goal or objective without your support.  
Can we count on you?

*No person was ever honored for what he received.  
Honor is given by what he gave.*  
-- Calvin Coolidge