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Shipmates- Trust you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to business making our Flotilla the **“Gold Standard”** in the Division. So much can be said, but you all know what, how and who we are. We measure our success by all contributors, regardless of tenure, status, rank, etc. We are **ONE FLOTILLA** with **MANY MISSIONS**. Let’s continue to make a difference!

*Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.*

**Semper Paratus**

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Service Awards Presented at our monthly meeting includes the following:



Charles Miller-FSO-PB-Sustained Auxiliary Service Award, Jim Nelson-New Member Award, Ken Christy-Operations Service Award.



Hank Harrison-FSO-IS – Superior Performance Award, Brian Cooper-AFSO-IS received (2) awards – Seamanship Specialist & Weather Specialist Awards, John Austin – VFO- Boat Crew Member. Bill Clark, Liz Lefever, both received the - Sustained Service Award, Pat and Jim Gilmore also received their Five (5) Year Membership Awards. Ash Kernan-FSO-CS passed his PQS for QE! Kudos to everyone on your outstanding achievements.

## Members Making a Difference

FSO-PE, Ralph Onesti - has put together a flyer with the information about the flotilla's fall 2015 class schedule for public education class. These classes will include, Boating Skills and Seamanship (power), Boating Skills and Seamanship (sail), and About Boating Safely. Ralph also plans to run "How to read a Nautical Chart", and Coastal Navigation classes in the spring of 2016. I would encourage everyone to gather flyers at the next meeting and pass them out within your community. This is a great way to publicize our Flotilla as well as generate additional funds to help offset quality programs sponsored by the Auxiliary, and it's an excellent way to generate interest in the Flotilla for new members.

**REMINDER: LMS Training website is your best source for online training...**

The member-training portal known as the "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Virtual Classroom" has moved to a new location, and is now called the Coast Guard Auxiliary Online Classroom.

The new link (URL) to the Online Classroom is <http://classroom.cgaux.org>.



Use it anytime-any day – the training is there to help you become the Auxiliarist you want to be! If you're not familiar with how to access it-just ask a fellow member-It's that easy!!



## An evening at Camden River Shark Park – Flotilla 04-76 Summer Picnic



Thanks to those members that made tonight's event a fun time for family members. The menu was delicious and the children had a wonderful night!



FSO -PE Ralph & Gretchen Onesti enjoy the game with AFSO –PB Charles Stiteler.



VFC John Austin and family having a funtime.



Above- FSO-Diversity- Darryl & Selette Stevenson smile for the camera!

FC – Glenn Oldak, FSO-James Deleon and Mrs. Stevenson enjoying the evening.

## **FYI: Getting around Philadelphia during the Pope's Visit to Philadelphia – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

As you all know, much of Philadelphia and the surrounding areas, will basically be closed during the Pope's visit later this month. SEPTA transit and regional lines, as well as many roads and bridges will be either closed or have limited access by the general public. Don't worry; many of you can still get into Philadelphia on foot!!

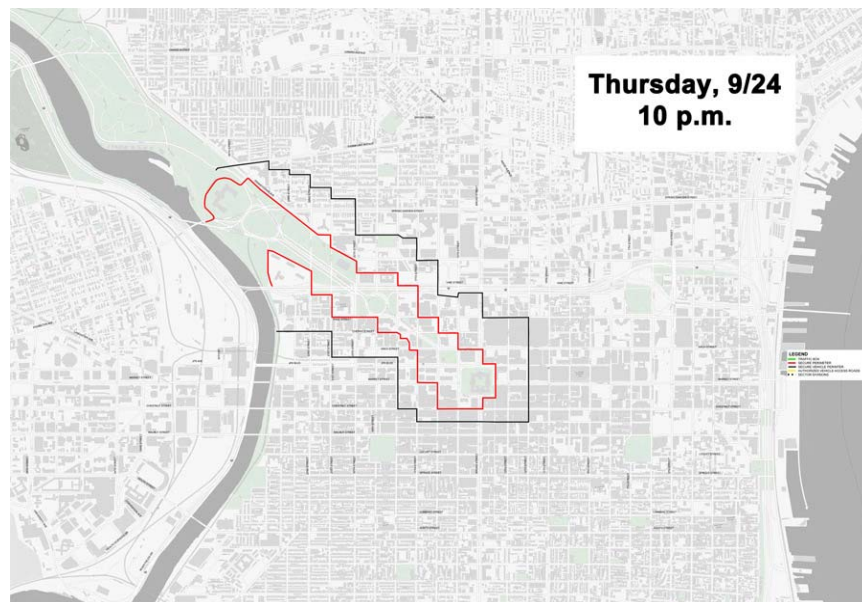
- **Walking will be the best way to get around the city.**
- Highway closures will include I-676, the Ben Franklin Bridge and parts of I-76.
- Pedestrian and biking access will be allowed in most areas of the Francis Festival grounds; the Ben Franklin Bridge will be open to pedestrians.

### **ACCESS PERIMETERS**

Starting Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10 p.m., the city will begin to establish three perimeters within Center City. (See map below for corresponding colors.)

- **Secure perimeters (red line):** The city will establish secure perimeters on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and around Independence Hall. These areas will be fenced off, and people will need to pass through magnetometers to enter.
- **Surrounding the secure perimeters will be a secure vehicle perimeter.** No traffic or street parking will be allowed within this area.

- **The Francis Festival grounds (green line):**  
Beginning Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., "The Francis Festival grounds," which surrounds the aforementioned perimeters, will restrict inbound vehicular traffic to Center City. Private vehicles will be able to travel within the Francis Festival grounds if they are already inside it but cars cannot enter the Francis Festival grounds until approximately Monday morning. Cars not in the secure vehicle perimeter (black line on map) will be able to remain parked within the Francis Festival grounds.
- **Emergency access lanes (yellow line):** The city has designated a number of emergency access lanes. These roads will be reserved for emergency access vehicle.



**Enjoy this unique opportunity for our area.**





## **Challenges: Are you able to handle them?**

In our previous newsletters, we've commented on what makes a great Flotilla better. I have asked how you can contribute to our organization, whether the commitment pledged and accepted originally holds true today, and if yes, we need you. Volunteer organizations require us all to challenge ourselves, to step up and take a leadership role when asked, and honor that challenge commitment. As we wind down 2015, there are still several programs we are committed to fulfilling. Supporting them will allow us to make our Flotilla goals and show the Division whether or not we have the Right Stuff. **Let's show them we DO!**

*Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and no one had a hand in them.*

*Harriet Naylor*

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