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Greetings, Shipmates. Boating season has been well underway for a few months now, and reports of lost lives continue to headline the news. In New Jersey, a father & son went missing as well as other parts of the nation. **Remember**, we can only provide Safe Boating education at venues we're present to participate in, however, remind friends and loved ones of the need to exercise sound judgment at all times while on the water. The life they save maybe their own....

*Semper Paratus*

**Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.** [Andrew Carnegie](#)

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# Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 77 years of Faithful & Dedicated Service

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Since June 23, 1939, when congress established the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in an effort to build upon the boating experiences of civilians, Auxiliarists have reached out to their communities and supported the men and women of the Coast Guard. Today the Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrates seventy-seven years of faithful and dedicated service. Auxiliarists have generously given thousands of man hours to support Coast Guard personnel and missions.

As volunteers, they give freely of their time and talents, and support the Coast Guard core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty. Through dedication to boating safety and lifesaving activities, scores of mariners are saved or assisted every year. All Coast Guard Auxiliarists have honored and advanced the outstanding service the Coast Guard provides our nation.

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## UPDATE: FIGHT THE KRAKEN

Posted on June 28, 2016

Our friends Vicki Otmani and Megan Biging are “Rowing” into History rowing from Monterey, Ca. to Honolulu, HI. Along their route, they continued to post updates of their voyage. However, they just completed their “ride” into history and set a new world record!!!!



A new world record!!!!

My Nav student

Our girls

My heros!!!!

And before she left, Vicki said, "and when I come back and join 76..." Woooooooooooooooooooo

Hoooooooooooooooooooo

<http://greatpacificrace.com/2016/08/01/fight-kraken-set-new-world-record/>



They truly set the world on fire!! Congrats ladies...

# AUXILIARY MEMBERS MAKING NEWS



*Congratulations to the following members on their recent achievements within the Auxiliary:*

## **Sustained Service Awards:**

W. Henry Harrison – 4,220 Total Hours

Franklin Michel – **Auxiliary Instructor & Seamanship Specialist**

Patricia Perneski-Lahow - **Seamanship Specialist**

We greatly appreciate your service and continued support on making this Flotilla – **the Flagship in 04!!**





*Join us at our fabulous DTRAIN  
Site... the Crowne Plaza in Reading,  
PA*

Fall D-TRAIN—**Registration Open!**

Registration Closes 30 August

*Don't miss this important opportunity to join your Fellow  
Auxiliarists 9-11 September, in Reading, PA!*

*We are returning to this wonderful facility, with indoor pool,  
fitness center, where all rooms are close to all meeting,*

*hospitality and dining areas!*

With an emphasis on leadership training for current elected and appointed officers and for all interested in seeking officer positions, this D-TRAIN is offering *very* diverse courses for everyone from new member to the most experienced Auxiliarist. Sessions include: Incident Management, Flotilla Leadership Course, Public Affairs/Social Media, Core Values Mandated Training, Coast Guard History, ICS/NIMS, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Spouse/Guest Program—download the D-Train Flyer by [clicking here](#).

With all of that to keep you busy, there's also a new Fun Night on Friday, social hours and the outstanding Saturday night banquet. D-TRAIN is a tremendous opportunity to get to know other Auxiliarists from across the entire District.

**D-TRAIN Registration Closes 30 August** *(Sorry no meals available after Deadline)*

**Online Registration:** <https://www.regonline.com/5nrfall2016>

For additional information contact the our Conference

Coordinator, Kevin Tyler:[ktyler@ptd.net](mailto:ktyler@ptd.net)

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**GUEST WRITER – FSO-MS MATT C. JONES**

**TOPIC: EATERIES EFFECTS THE ECO “MARINE” SYSTEM**

We regularly ask members to contribute articles of interest to the membership, and FSO-MS Matt Jones recently stepped up to address a serious concern in our local area. Here are his findings:

Objective: Recognize potential marine safety and environmental issues from local restaurants on the Delaware River.

Major Concern: Best management practices of polluted storm water of restaurants located on Delaware River.

Critical Information: Storm water runoff is categorized in 2 methods. Point discharges and non-point discharges. Point is a specific area versus non-point is a vast area. We are to focus on point discharge storm water runoff. Not only the storm water contains pollutants, yet methods of cleaning of areas near waterways can lead into pollution to the Delaware River ecosystem.

Trash, debris and contaminants from our local restaurants are filtering into the Delaware River. Below is a list of critical pollution points that does effect the Delaware River:

Cavanaugh's River  
Deck  
417 N Columbus  
Blvd

Maggie's on the  
Waterfront  
9242 N. Delaware  
Ave.

Moshulu  
401 S. Columbus  
Blvd.

Dave and Busters  
325 S. Columbus  
Blvd

Morgan's Pier  
221 N. Columbus  
Blvd.

Spruce Street  
Harbor Park  
301 S. Columbus  
Blvd

Monitoring authorities include:

Delaware River  
Basin Commission  
25 State Police Dr  
West Trenton, NJ  
08628

EPA Mid-Atlantic  
Reg. 3  
1650 Arch St  
Philadelphia 19103

United States Coast  
Guard  
1 Washington Ave  
Philadelphia, PA  
19148

## Excerpt from Storm Water Pollution for Restaurant Industries:

How to Prevent Pollution from Food & Restaurant Industries  
Fats, oil, grease, floor solvents, cleaning agents, cigarette butts, food waste, paper napkins and Styrofoam all contribute to the pollution of our creeks and waterways. By implementing proper cleaning and waste management practices the introduction of these pollutants to our waterways can be avoided. Food and restaurant-related pollutants invade storm drain systems and increase bacteria levels, which harm aquatic life, cause beach closures and impair our drinking water supplies. Floating materials also pollute our lakes and streams and reduce the natural beauty of our waterways. This results in a negative impact on aesthetics of our natural resources and tourism/recreation opportunities.

### Best Management Practices

#### General Cleaning Operations

- Clean floor mats, filters and garbage cans in a slop sink, floor drain or proper outside area. NOT the parking lot, alley or sidewalk/street.
- Pour wash water into a janitorial sink. NOT outside in a parking lot, alley or sidewalk/street.
- Use the least toxic cleaning products available, and use cleaning products sparingly.
- Dispose of cleaners (solvents, floor cleaners and detergents) and cleaning rags properly

- Use dry methods for spill clean-up. SWEEP instead of hosing. Use cat litter to absorb spills.

### Solid Waste Handling & Storage

- Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill them with liquid waste or hose them out.
- Use plastic bags, tied off, to keep dumpsters free of food debris. Never place liquid waste or leaky garbage bags into a dumpster.
- Have clean-up materials readily accessible near the dumpster and loading dock areas in case of an accidental spill.
- Keep dumpster and dumpster enclosures locked to prevent illegal dumping.
- Keep outdoor litter from accumulating by providing trash receptacles and encourage employees and patrons to use them.
- Sweep outside areas regularly and put the debris into the garbage instead of sweeping/hosing into the parking lot or street.

### Grease Management

- Install pretreatment equipment, such as a grease interceptor.
- Clean grease traps regularly.
- Collect bulk grease in containers and contact a firm to recycle waste into a useful by-product.
- Don't pour grease into sinks, floor drains, trash bins, street gutters, or parking lots.

- Inform employees about these Best Management Practices and include this information in training programs.

Recommendation: Visit local establishments on the water and take pictures to back our recommendation. Lastly inform local restaurants about the importance of cleanliness around our waterways. Inform members of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Waterway Operations to monitor cleanliness of the waterways. Report issues through the proper chain of command.

**Matt, thanks for a great article and for keeping us updated on how & what we can do to reduce our carbon foot-print.. Well done!!!**



## **UPCOMING AUXILIARY PA EVENT:**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we've been asked to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Coast Day, to be held at the Walnut Plaza at Penn's Landing from 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

Dozens of exhibitors will show thousands of festival-goers how to care for our beloved waterways during a fun-filled, cost-free day of learning. There will be the world's largest LEGO model ship collection, boat rides, swan boats, and other exciting Delaware riverfront activities.

Volunteers are needed to assist in this exciting day of family fun. If you are able to participate in this event, please contact either myself or FC Ralph Onesti.. We would love to see you there! Tell your family and friends- It's FREE!!!



## **FROM THE EDITOR**

**Shipmates,**

**I know this issue of LIFELINE is late arriving. There have been both personal and Flotilla events that resulted in its delivery to you being delayed. Throughout my Auxiliary experience, I have tried to be punctual in getting our publication out to you. I hope you can excuse the delay, and I pledge that despite whatever happens going forward, I will always do my best to publish the news “fit to print” in a prompt manner. Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting & exceeding your expectations!**

**Charles J Miller, II**  
**Editor**

“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

***Eleanor Roosevelt***



## Welcome

Just by the very nature of what we do, the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and our local communities need each other. Our local community is the place where we grab a bite of lunch, watch the Independence Day parade, send our children to school — the place where we live and work.

In the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we believe we should reach beyond simply carrying out our missions. We strive to cultivate productive relationships within our communities. We want to get to know you, our neighbors, and encourage you to get to know us as well.



Beyond our local involvement, many national Coast Guard Auxiliary programs give you the opportunity to learn more about who we are and offer us the opportunity to listen to your concerns. Our community relations and outreach efforts help introduce you to our role as America's Volunteer Lifesavers and explain our relevance in your daily lives.

It's our community, but we're your Coast Guard Auxiliary. Get to know us!

**REMEMBER WHY YOU SIGNED UP!**