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Shipmates, summer is officially here and welcome! For many of you, its beach time, summer rentals and water activities. Remember, to include your PFT for any and all watercraft fun. As a Flotilla, we have another spectacular June with FatherFest in West Chester and celebrating the Auxiliary's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Our history is a long and proud one! Upcoming event on **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** is at the **Philadelphia Canoe Club**. See inside for details and if you are able to join us-we welcome the support! In closing, there is **NO July meeting**, so enjoy and we will resume in August.

**Semper Paratus**



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**FATHERFEST – JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 – ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR FLOTILLA 04-76**

Without a doubt, members of 04-76 did another spectacular job hosting FatherFest! Thanks to our team that manned the booth, met the crowds and took time out to mingle with all the visitors-Scott, Ralph, Ash, Hank and Lou for doing an outstanding job! Captain Anderson mesmerized the crowds at both sessions again. The members of the Coast Guard that supported us with Helo and other equipments-no words can express our gratitude. Thanks team for making us again, the Flotilla of the year! Here are glimpses of our team at work.



FSO's Hank Harrison & Ash Kernan manning our booth



Ash posing with the Jeff Stat Helo (license please)



FSO-CS & Op Kernan & Pilot discuss Helo operations





FSO-IS Harrison & Scotts daughter share a moment



FSO –PA Sigman talks about our missions with visitors



FSO-PA-Sigman & FSO-IS Harrison pose during a break



Ash & Scott working the crowd at FatherFest



Captain Anderson during his presentation to visitors.







**Thank you Captain Anderson for your continued support of 04-76!**

**We greatly appreciate all you do.**



**FSO-PE HR & Sec Ralph Onesti & Scott's daughter pose on the Helo field! Thanks Ralph for always going the extra mile and supporting the missions.**



**This event brings out the "lil Kid" in us all! Ask Scott!!!!**





**This event is fun for everyone-Ask Ash!**

***We hope more members can support next year's Father Fest! It is truly an enjoyable day for the family, and remember, you make a Difference When You Support these event!***

***Photos: Scott Sigman-FSO-PA***



Happy Birthday to US!

**Invitation to Coast Guard Auxiliary 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

We are turning 80 on 23 June! LCDR Taylor, Director of Auxiliary, has scheduled an 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on Thursday, 20 June at 1030 in the General Greene Room at Sector Delaware Bay. All members are welcome. Our own FSO-IS Hank Harrison was honored for his support at SECTOR and in the Auxiliary! Kudos Hank..



Shown right to left: DirAux LCDR Victoria L. Taylor, District Comm. Tom Dever, Capt. Anderson-Sector, Joseph Giannattasio, District Chief of Staff.



Capt. Anderson addressing the crowd during the celebration

Photos: Scott Sigman-FSO-PA



## ***AREA NEWS: PORT OF PHILADELPHIA COCAINE SEIZURE AND USCG AUXILIARY SUPPORT***

On June 18, 2019, CBP (US Customs) along with the USCG Sector Delaware Bay seized approximately 17.5 tons of cocaine (15,582 bricks worth approximately \$1.1 billion) from a 1,030 foot Liberian flagged container ship named MSC Gayane at the Packer Marine Terminal at the base of the Walt Whitman Bridge in South Philadelphia.

On June 21, 2019, the seized cocaine was displayed at a press conference at the US Customs House, 2nd & Chestnut Street. Along with Capt. Scott Anderson (USCG Sector Delaware Bay), US Attorney William McSwain (Eastern District of Pennsylvania) and the US Drug Czar Jim Carroll (Office of National Drug Control Policy), 5th District Admiral Keith Smith delivered some remarks.

The ship started in Chile with Cargo bound for Philadelphia then Antwerp in Europe. While en route to Philadelphia, 16 small boats approached the ship in the middle of the night off the coast of Peru. Authorities believe the cocaine was then loaded on the ship. Once the ship reached Delaware Bay, USCH Sector Delaware Bay escorted the ship into port. Once docking, USCG boarded the ship and tested the hands of the 6 crew members for cocaine. Two of the crew tested positive and confessed to being paid \$50,000 to turn a blind eye while cocaine was loaded onto the ship. Homeland Security Investigation (HIS) and CBP then boarded the ship with canine units. They eventually recovered 17.5 tons of cocaine, the largest seizure in the 230 year history of the Customs Service and for Philadelphia. The six members of the crew from Ireland, Nigeria, South Africa, Lebanon, India and Haiti were all arrested and charged with federal drug offenses.

Notably, Flotilla 4-76 had boat crew in the Delaware River shortly after the MSC Gayane arrived at Packer Marine Terminal and its PA Officer was able to attend the press conference with Capt. Anderson and Admiral Smith. Our own Scott Sigman-FSO-PA was privileged to be included onsite for the event.

The Auxiliary's presence along the Delaware River does make a difference. We support all areas of enforcement. **Semper Paratus!**



Capt. Anderson on the right alongside of Philadelphia & DEA personnel.



Photos: Scott Sigman-FSO-PA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## PCC OPEN HOUSE

When: **June 30, 2019**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location:

Philadelphia Canoe Club

4900 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19127



*The Philadelphia Canoe Club opens its doors to the public for a day of free demonstrations, canoe and kayak rides, used equipment sales, racing, music, food and entertainment. Come and learn about one of the fastest growing sports in the country - paddling!*

## THE PHILADELPHIA CANOE CLUB OPEN HOUSE



This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES BEFORE THEY START FOR THE SEASON! The Philadelphia Canoe Club's Open House offers Flat-water Boat Rides, Racing, Demos, Equipment Sales, Used Canoe and Kayak sales, Food and Fun - Right on the Schuylkill River from 10 am to 4 pm!

The Open House is free and open to the public.

The Philadelphia Canoe Club (PCC), which runs events, trips and paddling training programs open to the public, is a non-profit organization and a member of the American Canoe Association (ACA). The public is invited to attend regular monthly meetings at the clubhouse on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

## Events

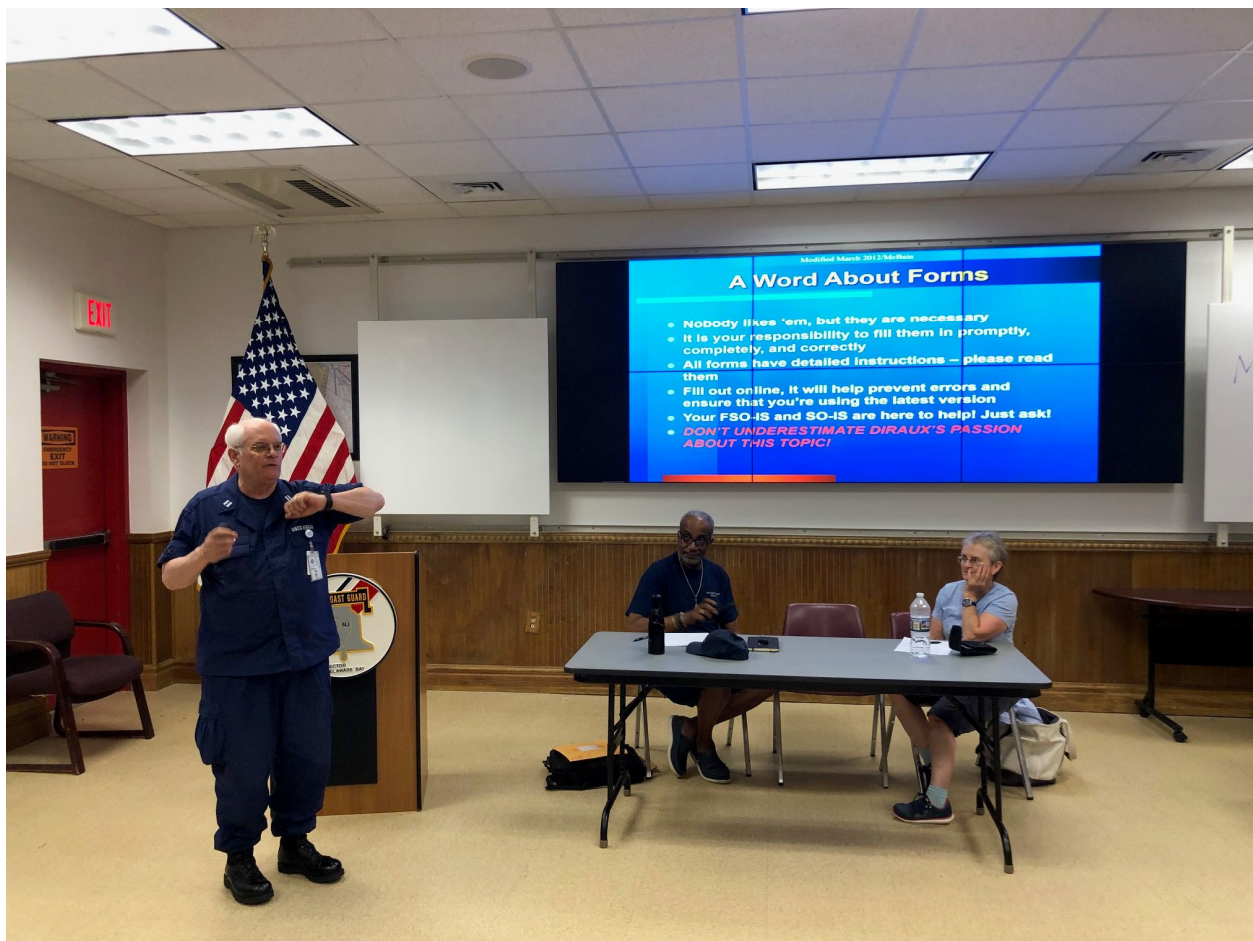
Whether you dream of spending the summer running raging whitewater or on quiet paddles through the woods or wetlands, the annual PCC Open House is an opportunity to learn about events and training, try out different types of boats or compete in a race on the Schuylkill River. Among the day's highlights:

- **Used Canoe / Kayak and Equipment Sale** - great gear at great prices
- **Canoe and Kayak Rides** - free and fun for adults AND kids
- **Food** - affordable and delicious
- **Music** - live music to be announced!
- **Meet the members** - find a paddle partner
- **Paddling Demonstrations** - entertaining and informative
- **Vendors** - paddling and outdoor gear, wooden canoe/kayak building, etc
- **Antique Canoe Display** - see 1908 thirty-eight foot War Canoe
- **PCC Membership and Paddling Instruction** - information

**Come out and show your support. Interested members can email either Ralph Onesti or Scott Sigman to sign up! We can really use your assistance in this new partnership!**

## NEWS YOU CAN USE: REFRESHER SEMINAR ON CGAUX-FORM 7029

In our June meeting, FSO-IS Hank Harrison presented to members the use of Form 7029. We ask all members to incorporate it into their daily recoding of their hours for the Auxiliary. It's very user friendly and provides an accounting of all your monthly activities, such as: Education, Missions, PA events, emails, etc. We encourage you to begin using this vital tool. Thanks Hank for again, sharing the usefulness of this important tool!





Photos: Scott Sigman



# **Coast Guard Birthday on Wednesday, August 14 at 11:30am with Admiral Karl L. Schultz, the 26th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard**

Admiral Karl L. Schultz will be the special guest. Admiral Schultz assumed the duties as the 26th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1, 2018. He previously served from August 2016 to May 2018 as Commander, Atlantic Area where he was the operational commander for all Coast Guard missions spanning five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. He concurrently served as Director, DHS Joint Task Force-East, responsible for achieving the objectives of the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan throughout the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Region, including Central America.

Captain Scott Anderson, Captain of the Port of Philadelphia and Commander of Sector Delaware Bay, will be introducing the Commandant.

Price: \$45.00

To reserve a seat please contact:

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