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Duty, Honor, Devotion to Duty

June 2005

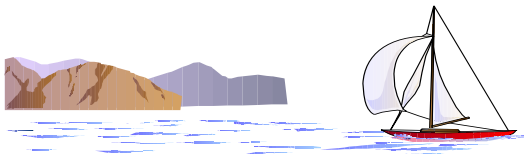


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SUMMER CALENDAR

- 16 June – Flotilla Picnic, Belle Plains Boat Club
- 20 June – My school is out!
- 07 July – Division Meeting – Cancelled
- 21 July – Flotilla Meeting
- 02 Aug – CG Band at Navy Memorial
- 04 Aug – Division Meeting (CG Day)
- 18 Aug – Flotilla Meeting



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary The Commander's Log

(While blank this month, I left it in to show where located and how displayed.)

I'll be looking for your copy on 10 Sept for the next edition.

*George Bond, FSO-PB,
at gdbond@earthlink.net*

Chief Director

Standard Auxiliary Maintenance Allowance (SAMA) Update -009/05

SAMA payments, scheduled to begin on May 1, 2005, have been delayed due to required software changes that were not completed in time to bring the system on line. Upon implementation, SAMA payments will be retroactive to May 1, 2005.

Patrol claimants will not be required to resubmit any paperwork in order to receive retroactive SAMA payments - just continue submitting claims like always. There is no change to the patrol claim procedure.

Patrol claimants will start seeing SAMA payments, via their normal payment method, in the near future.

The Coast Guard Finance Center plans to have the patrol reimbursement process fully operational for SAMA payments no later than June 1, 2005.

All ordered patrols that occurred on or after May 1, 2005 will automatically be reviewed, SAMA calculations will be applied, and SAMA payments will be made via normal payment methods. If multiple patrols were conducted by a facility during the retroactive period, then their SAMA payments will be lumped together and a single SAMA payment will be made.

Undress Blue Uniforms – ON SALE

In an effort to "buy down" the Coast Guard's significant stock of Undress and Working Blue uniforms (both of which will soon be made obsolete by the new Operational Dress Uniform), the

remaining stocks of these items are for sale at 50% off. By mid-August 2005, any remaining stocks will be disposed of. Therefore, the next two months offer the last opportunity for anyone to purchase these low-cost uniform items from the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center. These uniform items will continue to be authorized for Auxiliary wear until they are no longer serviceable.

The stocks available are significant...over 35,000 sets of men's trousers, over 45,000 long and short-sleeved shirts, nearly 4,000 pair of female trousers, etc.

There is no limit to order sizes...any quantity of any item may be purchased. The following prices apply:

Male utility trousers \$ 9.03
Male short sleeve dark blue shirt \$ 7.03
Male long sleeve dark blue shirt\$ 8.13
Female utility trousers\$ 13.55
Female short sleeve dark blue shirt ...\$ 7.93
Female long sleeve dark blue shirt\$ 9.75



Division Captain's Report

1. **DCP STATUS:** I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during these past few months.

2. **Hot Off the Press – NACON 2005:**
NACON 2005 is available for your web surfing pleasure. Florida's tropical breezes, white sandy beaches and top tourist attractions beckon us once again to our National Conference in Orlando August 25th through September 5th. District Seven will be our generous hosts for the conference and their local team are working hard to provide us with true Southern hospitality. The National Conference staff has made it even easier for you to register for the conference, reserve your hotel accommodations

and book discount tickets for the Disneyland, Universal Studios, Sea World and more. Just click on the NACON link below. Experience the "Winds of Change" for yourself – See you in Orlando!!!
<http://news.auxidept.org/NACON/>

3. **CALENDER:** The next Members Dinner is next Wednesday, 8 June at the Naval Academy Officer's Club. My seats are available. The next NA DCP meeting will be 16 July. NA Workshops are rescheduled for 29 October. The Division Float-in is planned for 25 June. Slips will be available at the Colonial Beach Marina. The next Specialty Course weekend at TRACEN will be 9-11 September. The Fall District Conference will be 16-18 September. The ISAR 2005 Competition will be 30 September through 1 October, Halifax, NS. The next Leadership Academy at TRACEN will be 14-16 October.

4. **ERP:** We need to finish up our plans, set calling trees, and report back up the chain. This will be a 'living' document, changing with time.

5. **UTLT BOATS:** The UTLTs at Station DC and at Oxford might be retained for continued Auxiliary use. DCP 1 Cindy Sadler needs Auxiliary coxswains and crew for the Oxford/Curtis Bay UTL.

6. **Operations Policy Manual :** The Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual (COMDTINST M16798.3E) has been posted to the CG Directives System. It can be downloaded directly from: www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/CIM/CIM_16798_3E.pdf. This version contains many updates and changes from the previous version, and is in effect as of April 5, 2005. The manual will be distributed on a CD to all operational members, but the printing and distribution time frame has not been announced. We will bring you all the details as soon as they are available

Respectfully

ROBERT M. FLATH, DCP 14

Aux News

AUX Business Plan

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Strategic Business Plan provided a list of the key tasks (and associated schedule) necessary for the successful implementation of the plan.

As with any useful plan, the Auxiliary's Business Plan cannot become "shelf-ware." It has to be dynamic and continually changing, so as to meet the current and ever evolving challenges facing the Coast Guard Auxiliary's transformation.

Read the full text of the National Commodore's report at <http://www.auxnaco.org/27MAY05AllHands.htm>

Navigator on-line

I am pleased to announce a new feature of the auxpa.org website: the *Navigator* online: <http://www.auxpa.org/navigator/index.html>. The last two issues, including the one scheduled to hit your mailboxes any day now, are available through this page. By extracting articles concerning activities of interest, including those of members in your districts, you should be able to promote them more effectively.

Help ALL on the waters

Every year, in some part of this country, you'll read a newspaper headline about a hunter, or angler or scuba diver is has gotten into trouble while participating in their sport on or around water.

All of these examples could be prevented if we, the traditional boater, reached out to these people who are not traditional boaters. We, as a sport have begun to include paddle boaters (kayakers, canoeists and other self-propelled boats) among the definition of boaters. They themselves have also begun to believe

(regardless that the law tells them they are boaters) that they are boaters.

But to the hunter, the angler and the scuba diver (and the myriad of other recreational water users), they are not boaters. They may use the medium of the water, the lake, the river, the ocean and the bay, but they are not boaters. They are, in their perception, which makes it their reality the sportsman, but not a boater.

Articles on this and over 115 other specific topics can be found at: <http://www.auxguidanceskills.info/>

CG Aux works with Hardees

Coast Guard Auxiliarists in three states are teaming with a regional restaurant chain to save lives of boaters this summer. Members of the Auxiliary in parts of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri are passing out Coast Guard Auxiliary Panda Awards and coupons for Hardees menu items to children wearing their life jackets. The coupons are redeemable at any Hardees nationwide.

Auxiliarists will be passing out the items on safety patrols across rivers, lakes, and steams in central and southern Illinois, eastern Iowa, and eastern Missouri, according to Christopher Ware, Commander of Flotilla 88 in the Auxiliary's 8th Western Rivers Region.

"Many boating deaths and injuries across the nation can be prevented if all the victims had been wearing life jackets," says Ware.

Coast Guard statistics reveal that there were 703 recreational boating fatalities on the water in 2003. Of those fatalities, 86 percent were not wearing life jackets. Overall, fatal accident data show more than 400 lives could be saved annually if all boaters wear their life jackets.

"These fatalities serve as a tragic reminder of the life-saving value of personal flotation devices (PFD)," says Ware.

Hardees' has more than 2,000 outlets, mainly in the South and Midwest.

Question – since there are Hardees' in this area, would this be a viable program for us to check on?



Staff Officer Reports

AN ACTIVITIES

I would like to remind all Coxswains the need to report any discrepancies or damage to ATON during their patrols. The reports should be submitted on form CG-5474.

William W. Niemann, PhD, FSO-AN

CC ACTIVITIES

There is nothing to report for this month's edition.

George D. Bond, II, FSO-CC

CS ACTIVITIES

Routine maintenance was performed on the Flotilla website throughout the month of May 2005. Work continues on new Flotilla website design. As a design coalesces, it will be presented to the Bridge for approval.

Andy Terry, FSO-CS

FINANCIAL REPORT

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 14-07
Financial Report
May 31, 2005

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Dues -		
Current Members	\$ 30.00	\$ 210.00

New Members	-		149.00
PE Course Fees	-		575.00
Cash Contributions	-		-
Conference / Meetings			-
COW	-	531.00	531.00
Interest	-	2.52	2.52
Div. Refresh. Reimb.	\$ -		-

Total Income: **\$ 30.00 \$1,467.52 \$1,467.52**

EXPENSES

Dues	\$ -	\$ 946.58	\$ 946.58
PE Course Material	-		-
Uniforms, Flag, Insignia	-		-
Conference, Meetings	-		-
Material/Equipment	-		-
Trophies/Awards	-		-
General Disbursement			52.45

Total Expenses: **\$ - \$ 999.03**

Net Income: \$ 468.49

<u>Cash In Bank:</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
May 1, 2005	\$6,135.69	\$ 30.52	\$ 30.52
Ending Balance			\$6,166.21

Arnie G. Garza, FSO-FN

MS ACTIVITIES

With boating now in full swing, Marine safety related to weather becomes more important. We have evidence of recent event which dropped 42 persons into the Potomac during a weather episode. Flat bottom barges rigged as China Boats were turned over during a brief wind squall. All were saved thanks to the cooperation of the USCG, Auxiliary, Marine Police and Fire units of DC.

We should be encouraging all persons to check with the weather sources prior to setting out for a day on the water. The Auxiliary has information material on the sources of weather forecasts and will make them available to anyone planning to be on the water.

Our boating classes include training on forecasting weather changes while afloat. For this and many

other reasons all boaters should be urged to take a boating safety class.

R J Kelly, FSO-MS

OPS ACTIVITIES

Patrols are off to a better start this year. The flotilla has 6 Coxswains currently qualified and 4 more in REYR; 4 crew qualified and 6 in REYR; 3 Trainees; 6 Facilities. The weather has been great, so let's get out there.

Anyone missing the Ops Workshop for this year should see me at the picnic since it is mandatory by June 30th.

I've noticed that some of the patrols have been less than 8 hours. The start time for a patrol is when you are on board and start doing the tasks necessary for the patrol. Waiting until you get out of the creek and get onto the river before you call in is not a good idea. If something happens in the creek, technically you may not be covered. Sector should be notified originally by phone when requesting permission to begin a patrol so there is no need to wait until radio comms improve. The same is true when completing a patrol. Call in by phone after you are tied up in you slip or back on the trailer. Please let me know if anyone has any suggestions for improving Ops.

Ed Kane, FSO-OP

PB ACTIVITIES

I hope you like this format; I have been busy trying to find logos and graphics to make the various areas distinctive. Since I will be out of the country until 30 July and not back here until late August as I will be teaching Cadet Professional Development at the Academy the week of 8 Aug and then a LAMS course 15 – 19 Aug at Yorktown. I will be back on line for the September edition.

If interested, this is one of the new cutters for the CG:

www.icgsdeepwater.com/img/concepts/AUG04/ICGS_WMSL.pdf

George D. Bond, II, FSO-PB

PS ACTIVITIES

One Member's status has changed from AP to IQ. Three members are in AP status.

Andy Terry, FSO-PS

VE ACTIVITIES

The VSC Station at Hope Springs Marina on the 21st & 22nd of May went well. Three VEs were there on Saturday and two on Sunday. The regular CG came down from DC and outnumbered us four to two on Sunday. The weather cooperated for a change. There are still lots of boaters at Hope Springs that desire VSCs. I suggest that VEs visit there during the coming weekends. If the weather is reasonable it will be very worthwhile on the docks and also at the ramp.

The VSC Megaweeks continue through July 10th. This is the time of year that boaters are interested in having their boats examined. There is opportunity at all area marina docks and ramps. The AUXINFO record indicates that our production so far this year lags last year's production figures (per qualified VE). If any VE wants some help give me a call or send an email and I will do whatever I can to personally help and/or try to get other VEs to help. Working in TEAMS makes a VSC mission a more productive (and pleasurable) experience for the examiners and enhances our service to the customers. I will be sending a list of currently qualified VEs to each VE as an attachment to my next email so they can contact each other to form teams if they wish to do so.

If any VE needs decals, or runs short of other supplies that I may have, please get in touch by email or telephone. I appreciate the timely submission of ANSC 7038 reports. That helps me keep track of our progress.

I will be in touch with VEs in the coming week to see how many would be interested in scheduling another VSC Station later this month or in early July.

Dick Rothermel, FSO-VE

A bad day at the wheel!



Thanks to:
CAPT Jack Cadigan, USCG (Ret) and a
member of the Auxiliary