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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:**

Last issue a considerable amount of space in *Nor'Easter* was devoted to articles about National Safe Boating Week, in particular about how flotillas and divisions might best prepare for the event and make it as successful as possible. This issue, beginning on Page 23, highlights photographs from throughout the district showing that units were indeed well prepared and carried out this year's mission in an exemplary manner.

This issue also celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Auxiliary, created by Act of Congress on June 23, 1939. Our District Historian provides a short history of the Auxiliary, plus that of District 1 Northern Region. You may be surprised to learn that the very first continuously operating flotilla in the entire country, one still in existence today, is Marion Onset Flotilla 63. We also recognize and honor the district's seven living members with 50 or more years of Auxiliary service. They are extraordinary individuals; their stories are truly inspirational. Each is an outstanding example of the Coast Guard core value of "Devotion to Duty."

Included in content about the Anniversary are a congratulatory letter from the Chief Director of Auxiliary, a proclamation from the President of the United States, and notice of awarding of the Coast Guard Unit Commendation to Auxiliarists of record by the United States Coast Guard Commandant.

Regrettably, because of limited space and other circumstances, many excellent submissions by district members could not be included in this issue of *Nor'Easter*. This material is much appreciated and will appear in future issues.

*Nor'Easter* is YOUR magazine. Comments, ideas for articles, and submitted articles and photographs are always welcome.

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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



### OUR PROUD HISTORY

On June 23rd we celebrated the 80th birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

History is important. It provides us with a sense of legacy, a sense of identity, a sense of who we are. Indeed the Parson Weems fable about George Washington chopping down a cherry tree was a purposeful attempt to give us a little bit of moral tradition early in the nation's history.

The history of the Auxiliary, however, is certainly no fable. From our very formation in 1939, through today, our membership has always stepped up to do whatever job is assigned to us. As was the case in the 1940s, members still perform our traditional missions of promoting recreational boating safety and working shoulder to shoulder with active duty Coast Guard personnel wherever stationed.

True, we no longer do beach patrols on horseback, carry .50 Caliber machine guns on our boats, or watch for Japanese and German submarines as they did in World War II. Nevertheless, our work is as important as ever.

Humphrey Bogart, Arthur Fiedler and Lloyd Bridges have been members, among other notables. They undoubtedly joined because they saw what a great opportunity it is for civilians to serve their country, and they seized that

opportunity. But, truly, while these people were celebrities, our members today, for the jobs that they do, deserve just as much similar recognition and esteem in the public eye.

One thing that has caught my attention in a flotilla history was a comment that a member made in 1946, shortly after World War II. He wrote, "The Auxiliary is on the way out." Yet the needs of our country always change, and changes that occurred following the war have made the Auxiliary just as indispensable. Being the "Semper Gumby" individuals who we are, we have moved lockstep with the Coast Guard as it added new and diverse missions to already existing ones. Personally, I cannot imagine the Coast Guard today without the Auxiliary.

As we move on past our 80th year, let's keep our eyes on the horizon for whatever new opportunities loom out there. We will always meet the challenges we face.

I've always likened our importance to that of the Minutemen of 1775. They were civilians, just like us. They were a ready force, just like us. They trained and they were willing to do what it takes to answer the call, just like us.

I know from my study of history that the outcome of the Revolutionary War would have been very different without the Minutemen. Without their contributions, our nation, as we know it today, would not be the same.

The men and women of today's Auxiliary—25,000 in the country, 2,000 in this district—remain ready to serve just like the Minutemen. Our nation still needs us, plain and simple. It would not be the same without the Auxiliary.

Let's look toward the next 80 years and know that, as we continue to do what we always do, future members will look back at our contributions and take inspiration from us.

Semper Paratus.

**Charlie Grossimon, District Commodore**

## ***DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF'S MESSAGE***

### **BECOME A LEADER**

Celebrating our 80th anniversary, we in the Auxiliary and certainly all of us in District 1 Northern Region have much to be proud of. We have continuously and unfailingly "made mission" in supporting Coast Guard stations and active duty personnel in their many diverse duties and responsibilities, especially recreational boating safety. Congratulations to all district Auxiliarists. A special thanks too to our 50+ year members for their extraordinary service.

In no small part the success that we have enjoyed is due to members who have stepped up to elected or appointed positions. Elections are once again just around the corner, from the district down to the division level and flotilla level. Appointed positions, at all levels, will need filling as well. Please consider taking a leadership role yourself. I know, from experience, that many would like to help more but worry about not knowing how to do a particular job or fear that they will not be successful. To those I say, "You can do the job, and you will be successful, because there is a great support system out there for you." Let me explain.

1. We have the Flotilla Commanders Academy. Before you take office, we will invite you--and fund you--to come to the USCG Academy for three days of training. Four programs are offered: Flotilla Vice Commander, Flotilla Commander, Division Vice Commander, and Division Commander. This is a great time to get a handle on your coming year, plus make connections with your peers. A joint program between First Northern and First Southern, it is well worth the time you spend there.

2. Leadership training is also available from the National web site. There are five leadership levels that you can get training for and take exams for qualification at that level. This is part of a new program to accommodate the cultivation and development of leaders in our organization. If you are interested, information can be found at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=AUX60>.



3. C-Schools provide additional leadership training that we can access as we move along. First is LAMS, a five-day Leadership and Management School. This can be done in a week or offered in two separate sessions. Following that there is AMLOC, Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course, building on fundamentals already developed. Then you can move on to Auxiliary Upper Level Officers Course, and finally ASOC, Auxiliary Senior Officers Course. All are funded for transportation, lodging, and per diem. See <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=AUX00&category=c-school-matrix>.

4. Finally, the Past Division Commanders Association has members able to help who are local and can assist you in finding solutions to problems or give guidance when you have questions.

We are also in the process of developing a Staff Officer School, which probably will be held at the USCG Academy.

Leadership is a rewarding experience. I can honestly tell you that I have gained from it and wouldn't trade it for anything. I urge you to have that experience yourself.

Have a fantastic summer, and let's be careful out there.

**Byron Moe, District Chief of Staff**



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25 JUN 2019  
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TO: ALAUX  
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SUBJ: 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. Congratulations, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary! June 23, 2019 marked your 80th anniversary! Since 1939 you have been ready, willing, and able to support Coast Guard missions while sharing your knowledge, experience, and resources with generations of Coast Guard shipmates. To mark this presitigious milestone and recognize the Auxiliary's ever-expanding legacy of devoted service, the following highlights have recently occurred:

a. Having rightfully earned the moniker of the world's premiere maritime volunteer service along with the highest respect and admiration of the international maritime public, all Coast Guard Auxiliarists who have served at least one day during the period June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 are awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation (CGUC, citation attached). This award has been signed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Karl Schultz. Appropriate AUXDATA entries will be made by the Chief Director of Auxiliary office to all active member records. Corresponding ribbon and star supplies will be shipped soon to District Director of Auxiliary offices for further distribution (there is no CGUC medal).

b. ALCOAST 214/19 addresses the 80th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was released on June 24, 2019 by Admiral Karl Schultz, and can be found at: <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/General-Messages/ALCOAST/>

c. The President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed a Presidential Proclamation on June 23, 2019 recognizing the outstanding service of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (letter attached).

d. On June 24, 2019, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, delivered a speech on the House floor honoring the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary (Congressional Record text attached).

e. A post recognizing the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary can also be found in the Compass Blog at: <https://compass.coastguard.blog/>

2. These highlights will be accompanied by many others at the Auxiliary National Convention (NACON) in Orlando, Florida August 23-24, 2019.

3. Congratulations again to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

4. Captain Scott L. Johnson, Chief Director of Auxiliary sends.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 2019

As Commander in Chief, I am pleased to join our grateful Nation in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Since 1939, the dedicated men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have served our Nation with courage, honor, and resolve, selflessly volunteering to help preserve the safety and security of our Nation's coasts and waterways. From keeping a vigilant watch over America's shorelines during World War II to helping achieve today's historic low rates in national boating accidents and fatalities, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have consistently set the standard for excellence.

For the past 80 years, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have exemplified the Coast Guard's motto of *Semper Paratus*, consistently providing rapid and vital support in the wake of major national response and recovery operations. During Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in 2017, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael in 2018, the men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary were among the first to assist in civilian relief and cleanup efforts. Moreover, they have been at the vanguard of recreational boating safety, educating the public in classrooms, in marine equipment retail outlets, and at boat ramps and marinas across America. This unparalleled devotion demonstrated throughout their distinguished history embodies the highest levels of citizenship, patriotism, and community service.

Melania joins me in thanking the Coast Guard Auxiliarists and all of our Nation's service members for their service and sacrifice. We send our best wishes for a memorable and joyous celebration.

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Trump".



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

**MAY 16 2019**

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting  
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard. Whether supporting response operations for national disasters or local mishaps, the Auxiliary always answered the call enhancing Coast Guard mission performance. In 2017, exceptional Auxiliary talents were brought to bear in response to Hurricanes HARVEY, IRMA, and MARIA. Auxiliarists filled essential incident command post watch positions, augmented active duty units, and provided over 19,000 hours of vital support to the Seventh and Eighth Coast Guard Districts. In 2018, the Auxiliary provided the initial on-scene response to the tragic “Duck Boat” sinking in Branson, Missouri. Auxiliary assets maintained safety zones for over 100 hours, and were instrumental to the preservation of the accident site security. The Auxiliary also forged new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard, including establishment of programs that assisted Coast Guard chaplains and financial educators, and the creation of a revolutionary partnership with the “Sea Scouts,” providing a new generation of America’s youth with an attractive path to becoming part of the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary’s unflagging compassion and generosity were invaluable to the sustainment of Coast Guard workforce readiness during the unprecedented 35 day partial federal government shutdown in January 2019. Demonstrating unheralded professionalism and extraordinary commitment, the Auxiliary conducted over 977,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 133,000 hours of boating safety instruction, logged nearly 17 million hours of support, saved over 700 lives, assisted over 19,700 boaters in distress, prevented the loss of more than \$101 million in property, and cast an indelible image of superb service to our Nation’s maritime public. As the Auxiliary marks its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.”

/S/

**Karl L. Schultz**  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commandant



**H5072**

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE**

June 24, 2019

**REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT**

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERS). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and the majority leader to immediately schedule the Born-Alive bill so we can stand up and protect the sanctity of human life, and I ask for all others to join in that request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized.

**ENSURING AMERICANS GET A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED**

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, under President Obama, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was created and tasked with implementing critical protections for the American people. That work continues to be important today, and I urge the CFPB to maintain the safeguards that were put in place to ensure that Americans get a fair opportunity to succeed.

Protecting military families and others from predatory lending is not a partisan issue. Making sure that banks are not targeting students from working and middle-class backgrounds with excessive fees is not a partisan issue. Looking out for senior citizens, who are disproportionately vulnerable to scams is not a partisan issue.

Countering fraud and abuse isn't just morally right, it is also an economic imperative. We cannot forget the lessons of the Great Recession about what happens when we let fraudulent and predatory practices run rampant across our economy. We all lose.

The House recently passed H.R. 1500, which would reverse recent changes that have weakened the agency's ability to carry out its work. Now the Senate needs to hold its vote on this bill.

**HONORING DAVID BELLAVIA**

(Mr. COLLINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Iraq war veteran David Bellavia, who is, tomorrow, receiving the Medal of Honor from President Trump.

On November 10, 2004, while clearing a block of houses in Fallujah, Iraq, then-Staff Sergeant David Bellavia's platoon came under attack. David quickly rose to action and charged into a house where his men were trapped. He provided cover fire, which allowed his men to safely exit the building.

David then reentered that house, going floor to floor and neutralizing the threat by individually killing four insurgents and wounding a fifth in what can only be called an epic battle.

That day, David Bellavia rescued an entire squad and cleared an insurgent stronghold, protecting his platoon from further threat.

Tomorrow, President Trump will award David the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions, becoming the first living Iraq war veteran to be so honored.

Congratulations to my constituent and my friend. Most importantly, we thank David for his heroic actions and his service to our country.

**CELEBRATING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of serving as the chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, and yesterday, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrated 80 years of service to the United States.

Since June 23, 1939, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has contributed to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways, and coastal regions by providing crucial support to our hardworking Active-Duty Coast Guard workforce.

As the uniformed auxiliary service of the Coast Guard, these women and men provide Public Safety Boating Education training, conduct safety patrols, and provide important mission support functions that are essential to the continued success of Coast Guard operations.

Each year, Coast Guard Auxiliary provides nearly 4 million hours operating 1,800 vessels, 160 aircraft, and 1,400 radio facilities helping to maintain a keen awareness of our expansive maritime domain.

In 2018 alone, the Coast Guard Auxiliary conducted 542,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 120,000 hours of boating safety instruction, logged nearly 15 million hours of support, saved over 600 lives, assisted over 17,000 boaters in distress, and prevented the loss of more than \$94 million in property.

So today I ask my colleagues to recognize the great Americans who have served and those who continue to serve the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for their selfless service to our great Nation.

□ 1930

**HONORING FRISCO POLICE CHIEF JOHN BRUCE**

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the service of Frisco Police Chief John Bruce, who completed his last days as acting chief in May.

Chief Bruce has been with the Frisco Police Department for more than 23 years. After accepting the position as police chief in 2013, he has been responsible for ensuring the safety of more than 185,000 residents.

The Frisco community appreciates Chief Bruce's willingness to serve those around him. His dedication to protecting his community has not gone unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Chief Bruce for his service and wishing him the best of luck in his journey ahead.

**RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you about 17 remarkable people: Zachary Asselta, Robert Cuff, Alexandra Kukal, Ozlem Akilli, Justin Billman, Ashley Burkey, Kevin Sheppard, Lindsey Wettstein, Gabrielle Akiatan, Karen Chainey, Andrew Crain, San'aa Doss, Anthony Kukal, Megan Majewski, Genevieve Morgan, Jayme Sooy, and Joshua Whitaker.

Who are they? A group of impressive young students from Millville, New Jersey, who have been recognized as Congressional Award winners. These young people worked hard to complete countless hours of volunteer work, as well as personal and physical activity and multiple day expeditions and explorations.

Together, believe it or not, these 17 students have accomplished over 3,500 hours of volunteer work.

I am so proud of the hard work and service these students have brought to south Jersey. They deserve to be Congressional Award winners.

**REMEMBERING NANCY NELSON LEWIS**

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mrs. Nancy Nelson Lewis, who passed away on June 7 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Lewis used her exceptional gift for the arts to brighten the lives of individuals throughout the Savannah community. After attending art

## THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT 1 NORTHERN REGION: 80 Years Young and Counting



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### THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary celebrates a major milestone with its 80th anniversary this year. According to official Coast Guard history, however, the origins of the Auxiliary may be said to have occurred not in 1939 but five years earlier, in 1934. It was summer. LT Francis Pollard, commanding officer of the USCGC *Aurora*, was accompanying Malcom Boylan, commodore of the Pacific Writers Yacht Club of Hollywood, on his MV *Chula* from Los Angeles to Catalina Island. The two men had several lengthy conversations during the trip. Pollard spoke of the history of the Coast Guard and its missions and traditions. One matter of concern to him was the fact that the Coast Guard did not have an organized reserve. Boylan, a Hollywood scriptwriter, listened with great interest. After their cruise, he sent Pollard a lengthy letter that outlined their conversations and added some observations of his own. This letter is now referred to as "The Founder's Letter" in Coast Guard Auxiliary lore.

Boylan suggested to Pollard that the Coast Guard form a volunteer, civilian reserve of private boat owners and their vessels. The letter was forwarded through the Chain of Leadership and Command at the time. Subsequently, in 1939, Congress passed H.R. 5966, An Act to establish a Coast Guard Reserve to be composed of owners of motorboats and yachts. The act was subsequently passed by the Senate and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 23, 1939. We'd been born! And from that day on we have continued working with the United States Coast Guard, teaching recreational boating safety through boating safety courses and vessel exams, assisting in search and rescue within the navigable waters of our AORs, and training to Coast Guard standards to enable us to help in other areas and missions throughout the country whenever and wherever we are needed. During World War II we assisted the Coast Guard by utilizing our vessels and aircraft to patrol coastal waters and be on the lookout for enemy submarines. I'm sure we had members from D1NR volunteering during this time. Though I haven't yet found detailed documentation in our district archives, I'm hoping to run across some to share in future articles. One brief mention I've discovered is: "In 1943 Bill Welch, a Boston lawyer and member and junior commander of the Marblehead unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary contributed 12 hours a week to patrol duty." Wouldn't it be great to find a log of his specific activities? This was, incidentally, a time when

we were allowed to bear and carry arms while under orders for the Coast Guard.

On June 6, 1943 Congress acted and amended the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act from 1941, authorizing Auxiliarists to serve as temporary reservists in the Coast Guard, a move many Auxiliarists made. Others remained in the civilian Reserve or the Auxiliary. Coast Guard history states, "It is conservatively estimated that six temporary reservists performed the duties of one full time service member. That's about 8,250 regular Coast Guardsmen freed for sea duty." Even today, the Coast Guard Auxiliary continues to be a force multiplier for the Coast Guard by serving together with and augmenting our fellow guardians to fulfill missions as requested, plus backfill as needed to ensure that active duty personnel can carry out assigned missions of their own. Recent examples include Auxiliary members assisting the Coast Guard with the 2001 attack on the Twin Towers, Hurricane Katrina, Deepwater Horizon, and Tropical Storm Sandy. As Auxiliarists our motto has been and always will be the same as that of the Coast Guard: *Semper Paratus*, Latin for "Always Ready."

**DISTRICT 1 NORTHERN REGION**



Shown in this 1930 photo are the founding members and officers of Flotilla 603, now Onset Marion Flotilla. (Photo Cape Office)

The history of District 1 Northern Region began in 1939 with Flotilla 603 in

Marion, Mass. Flotilla 63, Onset Marion Flotilla, is still in existence today. Remarkably, it is not only the oldest flotilla in the district but also the first continuously operating flotilla in the entire country, having been established September 16, 1939, just three months after President Roosevelt signed H.R. 5966. John O'Hayre was Flotilla Commander and Ken Staples Flotilla Vice Commander. During World War II there were 10,000 members in the district. We have slides of the early years. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to scan and share them with everyone in future articles.



Auxiliarists and Sea Scouts share a float in the Yankee Homecoming Week Parade, Newburyport, Mass., August 9, 1964. (Photo Cape Office)

Each decade has brought its own challenges and changes. As of June 30th, this year, the district has 2,022 members in our AOR, which consists of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Though originally just one large district, we, like the Coast Guard itself, are now divided into three sectors—Sector Northern New England, consisting of Divisions 1 and 2; Sector Boston, comprising Divisions 3, 4, 5, 9 and 12; and Sector Southeastern New England, made up of Divisions 6, 7, 10 and 11. Divisions and flotillas in each sector are integrated into their sector Coast Guard stations, supporting active duty personnel and fulfilling our primary mission of

boating safety.

District 1 Northern Region is also known for its willingness to try new ideas and suggest changes at the national level. The AUX Food Service program began in our AOR as a pilot program and it now is listed as one of the Auxiliary missions throughout the country. Our district has members whose specialty is food service. They work alongside active duty personnel at CG stations, substitute for them in station and cutter galleys, and when requested provide whatever is needed for special occasions such as Changes of Command. Two noteworthy special requests in the past year for Sector Southeastern New England were the sector's Change of Command at Woods Hole last summer and the USCGC *Eagle* visit in New Bedford, Mass.



Khaki uniforms were standard when Auxiliarists from Worcester Flotilla 10-1 showed marlin-spike seamanship to passerby, including this Boy Scout, at a public education event in Worcester, June 7, 1969. (Photo Cape Office)

As a "small" force multiplier, Division 7 helps the Coast Guard Stations Point Judith and Castle Hill man the Station on Block Island, which is only open during the summer. Auxiliary Operational Facilities are the watchstanders while there. Additionally, each division in the district has personnel specializing in vari-

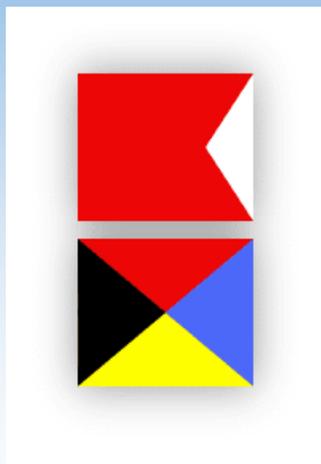
ous and sometimes multiple missions. With the exception of military or direct law enforcement we backfill and augment active duty in all mission areas. We have members working as communications watchstanders, assistant lighthouse keepers for Boston Light, boating safety instructors, doctors and lawyers, and specialists in public affairs, human resources, and informational services. We work closely with youth groups, Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. Over the years we also have worked with the Civil Air Patrol.

We all have stories to tell and pictures to describe them. Pictures included in this article are just the tip of the iceberg. The district archives at the Cape Office continue to be developed. Anyone interested in helping identify some of our older pictures, please let me know. Recent as well as historical documentation is always welcome. Please submit such material to me in my new role as District Historian. This is our history. I look forward to helping you not only keep historical records up to date but also continue to create a system for records and photographs of all kinds to be quickly located and utilized. We have a proud tradition to uphold and continue.



D1NR flag. (Photo taken by H. McBain, BC-APP, at 1999 NACON, Orlando, Fla.)

# **DEVOTION TO DUTY: DINR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS**



**TARMO HOLMA**

**Braintree Flotilla 12-5**

**L. BRADFORD THOMPSON**

**Casco Bay Flotilla 21**

**RICHARD KRAWCZYNSKI**

**South Hadley Flotilla 97**

**MARK COHEN**

**Marblehead Flotilla 43**

**MARTIN FELDMAN**

**Charles River Flotilla 52**

**AL EGGLESTON**

**Mt. Desert Island Flotilla 14**

**RICHARD BOTHWELL**

**Lynn Flotilla 49**

## TARMO HOLMA



On June 6, 2019 Tarmo Holma celebrated 50 years as a dedicated member of Braintree Flotilla 12-5. He has served as a boat crew patrol member and flotilla staff officer since 1969, rarely missing a meeting, assignment or event to this day.

Tarmo is a resident of Milton, Mass. He is 97 years old and a decorated World War II veteran and hero, most notably for helping to liberate captives in German concentration camps.

Tarmo was a tank crew member of the 11th Armored Division under General Patton. Following intense and ferocious fighting at Bastogne and the Bulge, Tarmo's tank column was advancing through Germany. While scanning the horizon through his binoculars, he spotted what he thought was a large German army group approaching. It soon became apparent that it was approximately 22,000 Holocaust camp prisoners being led to their deaths in quarries and caves which were to be blown in on them. The German soldiers who were marching the group scattered, and the concentration camp prisoners were saved. Tarmo has been honored by several Holocaust groups for helping to liberate and save so many. Tarmo and his group would liberate two more concentration camps in Austria before the war ended. It is

hard to imagine the horrors that Tarmo must have witnessed.

Tarmo was born in Finland. He came to the United States as a young boy. After graduating from high school and attending college he became a mechanic. Tarmo enlisted in the Army in World War II and became a U.S. citizen. His strong mechanical aptitude led to his assignment to the 11th Armored Division.

Following his sacrifices and heroic action in World War II, Tarmo resumed his career as a mechanic, got married and became the proud father of two boys. Tarmo was a New England Champion roller skater, and he also was known as an excellent dancer.

At a celebration held by the flotilla, Tarmo received citations from the Massachusetts Governor, the Massachusetts State Senate, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the Town of Milton Select Board, several veterans organizations, the USCGAUX District Commodore, the Director of the Auxiliary, the Division 12 Commander and the 12-5 Flotilla Commander.

Tarmo is a great person and friend to all and a prime example of why we call individuals such as him "The Greatest Generation."

## L. BRADFORD THOMPSON



Maintaining interest in *anything* for fifty years is difficult if not impossible for most people. But Brad Thompson, Casco Bay Flotilla 21, has never lost his interest in the Auxiliary. Throughout his long career he always has been totally involved and committed. Even today, Brad is one of the first to respond to a request for volunteers.

It began on July 14, 1969. Brad and his wife, Susan, signed up for a Boating Skills and Seamanship class. Like many, he discovered an opportunity to serve his country that he could not resist. Brad joined the Coast Guard, then later became a member of the Auxiliary, which his shipmates in the flotilla are forever grateful for.

Brad worked as a cookie salesperson for Nabisco for many years. Nevertheless he still always found the time to volunteer. He served for many years as FSO-Member Training and jumped from there to the (then) position of Division Captain. More recently, as FSO-Operations, Brad has been the driving force behind the coxswains and boat crew members who serve Sector Northern New England in Casco Bay. Brad also is an active reader and probably has read more books about boats than most Auxiliarists. His knowledge has served him well as an

instructor in many public classes and boat crew classes.

Brad is the recipient of many awards throughout the years. They include the Payne Memorial Award, the Benson-Wright Operations Award, the Flotilla Commander's Award, and the Boat Crew Trainee of the Year Award.

Furthermore, in recognition of his service, a unique award has been created in his name—The L. Bradford Thompson New Member Award. Established in 2001, it is named for Past Division Captain L. Bradford Thompson, who has given of his time, his expertise and his fellowship to countless new members of Flotilla 21. This award is presented to a member of the flotilla who, during the first year of membership, has demonstrated dedication and commitment to the missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the principles outlined in the New Member Prologue and Pledge.

Brad is an extraordinary member of the USCG Auxiliary. Peter Poulin, the current Flotilla Commander, states, "Brad is an enormous source of information and inspiration to our members. His dedication, commitment and achievement are things that many of us can only aspire to."

## RICHARD KRAWCZYNSKI



At age 17 Richard Krawczynski, South Hadley Flotilla 97, was enrolled in trade school and learning to be an electrician. Nicknamed “Red” for his fiery hair, he admits he was sometimes a hothead and impulsive. One day he met up with couple of friends and learned they were going to join the Marine Corps. Obviously the thing to do was to enlist with them.

Richard got along much better in the military and thought the discipline was what he needed. He was assigned base camp electrical work because of his electrical background and earned his GED. Later he would go back to school for his Massachusetts journeyman electrician’s license. Service in the Marine Corps spanned 1960 to 1964.

In 1969 Richard bought his first boat and met some Auxiliarists at his local marina in South Hadley. They encouraged him to join a flotilla. He enrolled in what was then Flotilla 9-5, based out of Northampton, Mass. He was the youngest member in the district at the time.

Richard has been very proactive in Division 9. He transferred to former Holyoke Flotilla 93 as Flotilla Commander in order to reactivate it with other members of the division. In 1990 he transferred again to start up South Hadley Flotilla and became its Flotilla Commander in 1996. He has held many oth-

er leadership positions in the division as well, including Division Captain.

Division 9 was famously known as “The Marching 9th,” for its dedication to marching in parades. Richard’s brother Paul, an Auxiliarist himself, remembers a particularly amusing incident. Richard was leading the group and instructed marchers to “eyes right” for a salute to dignitaries on the reviewing stand. The only problem was that the stand was on the left side. Fortunately, Richard had trained his group well because everyone did look left. Everyone but Richard, that is, a gaffe that took him quite a while to live down.

Richard has served as a coxswain and as such likes to keep the crew interested and alert by “keeping them busy.” Out of the blue someone may be called on to tie a specific knot or perform some other task. He still is active as a vessel examiner. Recently, a boater gave him heartfelt thanks for spotting a bilge blower problem that could have resulted in serious trouble in the event of a fuel leak.

Richard has mentored many people over the years. His hope is to entice more people to be actively involved. His message to new volunteers is, “If you want to be a leader, lead by example.” There is no better example of this than Richard himself.

## MARK COHEN



Mark Cohen, Marblehead Flotilla 43, is unique among the district's members with 50 or more years of service. No one has served longer. Mark joined the Auxiliary in June 1957—more than 62 years ago. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the Oval Office. Ted Williams batted .388. "Love Letters in the Sand," sung by Pat Boone, was the number one record in the charts. And all the time since then Mark has been a proud, active member of the Auxiliary.

Mark is always asked why he joined the Auxiliary in the first place. His answer is a simple one. He says, "It sounded interesting." Unquestionably this is a man with a remarkable sense of adventure.

Mark has willingly taken on a number of jobs over the years. He particularly enjoyed being on the water whenever possible, serving as an Aids to Navigation (ATON) Verifier. He doesn't get out on the water much these days, but that has not stopped

him from still maintaining his BQ status and being up to date on all mandated Core Training.

At present, Mark's favorite activity is fellowship with other members. He enjoys seeing old friends and making new ones. He is a regular attendee at cookouts and other unit events and activities.

Mark proudly continues to wear his Auxiliary uniform. Shipmates very much enjoy Mark's company. It is impossible not to be in awe of him, as he is now in his 80s, having been a member of the Auxiliary virtually his entire adult life.

"Around the World in 80 Days," starring David Niven, won Best Picture Oscar in 1957, so maybe a sense of adventure was in the air. In any case, Mark is glad he made the decision to join the Auxiliary more than six decades ago. Shipmates in the flotilla and elsewhere throughout the district are glad as well.

## MARTIN FELDMAN



Not too many people, let alone Auxiliaries, can say that they have volunteered to be a crash test dummy in an airbag deployment demonstration. But Martin (Marty) Feldman can.

Marty's professional career has been in the audiovisual industry. It's no surprise, then, that he has put this background to good use as a member of Charles River Flotilla 52. He has created numerous outstanding written publications, training slides and films for boat shows and public education classes. He also produced programs that were shown on Channel 4's "Evening Magazine" dealing with Sailor Safety Week, the predecessor to Safe Boating Week.

At times Marty can get enthusiastically involved in whatever he's doing, as happened at the airbag deployment demonstration at a sportsman show. Quiz him, when you get a chance, about the time that he rode a bicycle off a pier trying to catch a boat.

Marty's love of boats and being on the water began as a child and has never stopped. As a youth, he had a fourteen foot runabout. One day someone suggested that

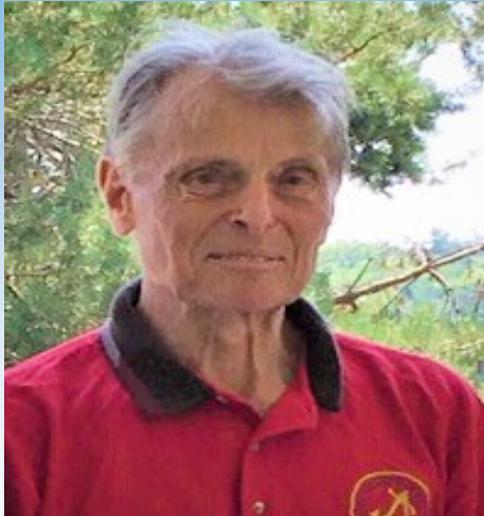
he take a safe boating class offered by the Auxiliary. This led to his actually joining the Auxiliary in February 1968.

Marty has held offices at the district, division and flotilla levels in Public Affairs and Publications. He has served as a Division Vice Captain. He has put in countless hours in patrol work. Currently he serves as FSO-PA and maintains certification as an Instructor.

One year, while on patrol at the Arthur Fiedler Memorial Concert in Boston, a baby suffered a medical emergency and stopped breathing. Marty rushed to the scene and provided assistance, for which he was put in for a commendation.

Marty has a great love for the Auxiliary and all it does. His advice for people is, "Find something that you love and really go after it. You have to love what you do." Marty currently resides in Framingham, Mass. with his wife, who teaches violin and piano. When he's not working his regular job or volunteering in the Auxiliary, he can be found enjoying his lifelong hobbies of long bike rides and taking photographs.

## AL EGGLESTON



In Maine “forces of nature” are usually thought of in negative terms: rough seas, crashing waves, crippling amounts of snow and ice. Al Eggleston, Mt. Desert Island Flotilla 14, is however a positive force of nature up north. As an Auxiliarist, for the past 50 years, he has been unstoppable, constantly full of energy and always willing to step up and take on jobs that need to be done.

Al, with his wife, Betsy (also an Auxiliarist), moved to Maine from New York in the 1960s. One of the first things that they thought about was buying a boat. “We needed a boat. Everyone had one,” he says. When he got his first boat, this led him to come into contact with area residents who were in the process of putting together an Auxiliary flotilla and actually starting up what is now Division 1. Al was an original member of “1-3,” with an enrollment date of March 15, 1969. A few years later 1-3 merged with 14, Mt. Desert Island Flotilla, which he has been a member of to this very day.

Over the years Al has served in many high-level leadership positions. He was a Rear Commodore, a position similar now to District Captain. For 19 years he was DSO-PE. During two years of that time he also was on the National Public Education Board, in charge the sailing course that the Auxiliary developed.

Al remains as busy as ever in the Auxiliary today. This year he is the division SO-PE and SO-PV. At the flotilla level he is IPFC, Flotilla Vice Commander, FSO-PE and FSO-MA. Certifications are current as an Aid to Navigation Verifier, Boat Crew Coxswain, Instructor, Qualification Examiner and Vessel Examiner. Until Al started slowing down a bit (?), he was active as an Air Observer on Coast Guard flight missions.

Times were different years ago, Al remembers. One thing that he misses is simplified paperwork. His original application for membership consisted of just one page. Monthly secretary reports were only one page as well, easily filled in with check boxes in many places. He wonders aloud if an easier, quicker application process would attract more younger people to join the Auxiliary in this day and age.

A constant for Al, however, is the enjoyment that he has experienced in the Auxiliary, especially together with Betsy. “I love the people, the mission, being able to keep the flotilla and division going, and especially being able to do all this with Betsy.”

FC Fran McDevitt has high praise for Al. “He’s been a mentor and constant source of encouragement to me,” he writes, adding, “It is a pleasure and honor to call him shipmate and friend.”

# RICHARD BOTHWELL

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Richard Bothwell joined the Auxiliary on September 29, 1964 and is a member of Lynn Flotilla 49. Regrettably, contact information for Mr. Bothwell is incomplete in AuxDirectory, and despite the efforts of many individuals in the flotilla and Division 4, it was not possible to obtain sufficient biographical information about him plus a photo to include in this issue of *Nor'Easter*. An appropriate article will appear in a future issue.

Auxiliarist Bothwell nonetheless deserves to be recognized and honored here as a member with 50+ years of service. Like the six other members in the district, his service has been exemplary and inspirational.

A measure of the man, which can be shared at this time, is the fact that Mr. Bothwell is one of only 70 recipients of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Plaque of Merit (A Award) in the entire history of the Auxiliary.

The award, presented in 1968, reads:

Richard T. Bothwell, 1st District

On October 3, 1968, at the Lynn Harbor Yacht Club, a boat exploded. Mr. Bothwell and two other club members jumped into a tender that was equipped with a fire extinguisher. Having established that everyone on board the burning vessel had already been taken ashore, they put out the fire. Mr. Bothwell suffered first- and second-degree burns and smoke inhalation.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK— PHOTOS FROM DISTRICT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Woods Hole Flotilla 11-2 members Paul Fontaine IPDC, Steve Wagner FSO-PE, Andy Abbott FSO-HR/DV, and Ray Levensky VE staff the NSBW display table at West Marine, Falmouth, Mass. (Photo Russ Gasdia FSO-PA)



At USCG Station Gloucester the public not only interacted with Auxiliary members at the Boating Safety Day tent but were able to watch CG helicopters take off and land at the nearby helipad. (Photo Brian McMahon FSO-PB)





Kudos to Dewayne Roos FSO-HR, Northampton-Westfield Flotilla 96, who not only conducted Vessel Safety Checks at Oxbow Marina, Northampton, Mass. but also was interviewed about boating safety by Western Mass News TV. The interview received air time on three WMN television stations. (Photo Ray Julian DSO-PV)



U.S. Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Samantha Gray stands next to Cape Cod Canal Flotilla 11-8 members Tom Broderick FSO-PA, Natalie Braunstein FSO-IS, and William Plikatis FSO-PB, at the RBS information booth set up in Sandwich, Mass. (Photo Tom Broderick)





The AUXPAD team and the Coastie team traveled to Newburyport, Mass. in the RBS trailer to set up this display to promote paddlesport safety. (Photo Bob Amiro DSO-VE)



At the Corazzini Boat Ramp, Shrewsbury, Mass. Worcester Flotilla 10-1 members Jan Richardson FSO-PB, Robert Bentley ADSO-PE and John Byron look into the engine compartment and bilge area of a watercraft, checking for proper equipment and cleanliness. (Photo Dan McAuliffe FSO-VE)





Coastie talks up safety on the water with a young visitor at the NSBW event at CG Station Gloucester. (Photo John Keyes DCDR 4)



Boothbay Harbor Flotilla 25 members and VE Trainees Daniel Everts FSO-PB and Thomas Davis begin prearranged Vessel Safety Checks on kayakers located at Mailley Waterfront Park, Bowdoinham, Me., while mentored by Wayne Stanley FSO-HR. (Photo Wes Baden DSO -PB)





## TOWN OF WINTHROP PROCLAMATION

### TOWN COUNCIL

### Citation

*Whereas, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 76% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and*

*Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors;*  
*And*

*Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets;*  
*And*

*Whereas, today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public...*

**Therefore, We, The Winthrop Town Council do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim June 29, 2019, as Winthrop Safe Boating Day and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.**

*In Witness Whereof, We urge all those who boat to "Wear it Winthrop!" and practice safe boating habits.*

*Given this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019*



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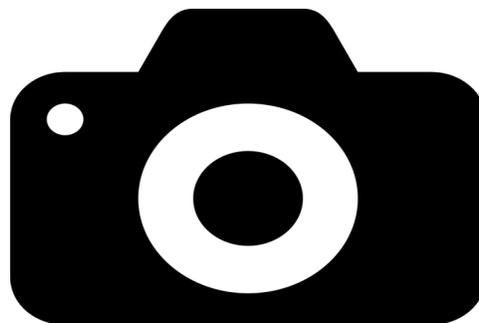
NSBW is, in reality, more than a "one week" event. The Auxiliary promotes boating safety throughout the entire boating season. Here, Division 4 has partnered with the Town of Winthrop, Mass. to hold a Safe Boating Day in late June. (Photo John Keyes DCDR 4)



At the Winthrop event, held at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, members of the CG Station Boston boarding team, Sector Boston Auxiliarist Vessel Examiners, and Yacht Club youth sailors stand on RB-M 45608. (Photo John Keyes)



# **GOT PHOTOS?**



## ***Nor'Easter welcomes your photos!***

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Move in to the subject; it's usually better to be too close than too far away.

JPEG photos, minimum 1 MB file size, are preferred.

Do not post-process photos (e.g., Photoshop them) in any way.

All Auxiliaries in photos must be in proper uniform for the mission or occasion.

Releases must be signed by all non-Auxiliaries who are identifiable in photos.

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Photos of people, especially people engaged in action, are almost always more interesting than photos of things such as inanimate objects and displays and tables where no one is present.

Identify all persons in photos by name (please check spelling before submission) and position or title if any; for Auxiliaries, include their full flotilla name and flotilla number along with their position.

So that suitable captions can be created to go along with photos, include a few sentences describing what is happening and when and where it happened.

Include names and any identifying information for everyone who took photos so that they may be properly credited.

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***CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019***

August 4	Yankee Homecoming Parade	Newburyport, Mass.
August 15	Cutoff for Letters of Intent to Run for District Office	
August 18-25	NACON—National Conference	Rosen Centre, Orlando, Fla.
September 20	Board and Staff Elections	Assabet Regional HS, Marlborough, Mass.
November 23	Thanksgiving Parade	Plymouth, Mass.

*See the district website for additional details, other events, and updates.*

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