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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

On the front cover of this issue of the Nor'Easter is Kevin Ritchie, DSO-PA. As you can see in the photo, Mr. Ritchie is leading the way both literally, leading the way for the town of Scituate's St. Patrick's Day Parade this past March, and figuratively for all of us getting back to our normal Auxiliary operations.

It is not always easy to step forward. Much of this issue is about stepping forward. It is about asking ourselves what we can do for our flotillas.

We hope you will ask "what I can do" and "what we can do." Let's all step forward.



In this issue, you will read an article about camaraderie. We hope you will consider taking the Grand Tour we suggest. Cape Cod is a great place to be during the fall season.

After reading the article, you might wonder where the itinerary is for Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and other parts of Massachusetts.

That is what you could do for our readers of the Nor'Easter, write an itinerary for your area of local knowledge. We would love to hear from you!



Would you be interested in being the next editor of the District's newsletter? Our next issue will have information on how you can apply for this essential district position.

Thomas Broderick, DSO-PB
Richard Keating, ADSO-PB SBOS

ON THE COVER: The title of this photo is Stepping Forward. Kevin P. Ritchie, our District's Public Affairs Officer, is leading the way. On Sunday, March 20th, after a two-year absence, Team Coast Guard returned to lead the Scituate St. Patrick's Day Parade. Auxiliarist from Division 12 and active duty members from Station Pt. Allerton and Station Boston joined together to lead the parade at the request of the parade organizers.

A special thanks to Natalie Braunstein of Flotilla Cape Cod Canal for her help in getting out this issue of the Nor'Easter.

Also, a special thanks to Bob Braunstein of Flotilla Cape Cod Canal for his continuing assistance with our District's newsletter, the Nor'Easter; thank you.

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Recruiters Needed



Invite Someone to Your Next Flotilla Meeting

What We Can Do



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the uniformed civilian all-Volunteer component of Team Coast Guard, assists the active duty Coast Guard in many of its missions. USCG Auxiliary members can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms, and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

Do you remember when you first joined your flotilla? Remember your excitement and enthusiasm when you became part of the Auxiliary? It's time to share that excitement and enthusiasm by inviting someone you know to your next flotilla meeting.

What about a neighbor, a relative, or a fellow worker?

What about someone with whom you share a common interest in your life outside the flotilla? And don't forget to mention to this invitee some of the exciting and challenging missions we assist the Coast Guard during the year.

Do you know who your flotilla's Human Resources officer is? It is something we all can do! Let them know you are bringing someone to your meeting.



Aviation Support

Food Service

Vessel Examiner

Program Visitor

Coxswain

Boat Crew

Photography

Web Designer

Newsletters

Recruiters Needed



Invite Someone to Your Next Flotilla Meeting

Every Flotilla Member is a Recruiter

Our ranks of flotilla members are dwindling. The Baby Boomers are retiring from the Auxiliary, and members are passing over the bar.

The last two years have been difficult in many ways, but our ability to meet new potential members is limited. Boat shows, boating safety classes, and vessel safety checks have not been a source of meeting potential new members because of our limited access to these flotilla events.

Flotillas will have to find new and innovative ways to attract new members. We hope you will join fellow flotilla members to help solve what is becoming an acute problem.

All of us must become recruiters for our flotillas.

We can no longer rely on one person, our flotilla Human Resource Officer; we must all pitch in. Helping out is something we all can do.



Invitation

You have been invited to attend the next meeting of Flotilla Lewis Bay

Where: Hyannis Harbor Master's Office
255 Ocean Street
Hyannis, MA

When: Monday, October 29, 2022

Time: 1900 hours (7:00 PM)



USCG HONOR GUARD



Boston Celtics Help Celebrate National Safe Boating Week

By Kevin P. Ritchie, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, DSO-PA 1st District Northern

On Friday, May 27th, Team Coast Guard presented colors for the Boston Celtics at Game 6 of the Conference Playoffs against the Miami Heat. Our Team has now shown colors for four playoff games this season. The Celtics wanted to help us out during National Safe Boating Week to help promote the image of the Coast Guard during this time.

The unit consisted of members from Station Pt. Allerton, Station Boston, and one Auxiliarist.

The Team was required to arrive two hours before game time and spent most of the time rehearsing movements, responding to commands, and briefing on the pregame ceremony.

Then it was time; the signal was given to march onto the parquet floor at TD Garden at 8:28 pm; Team Coast Guard proceeded to center court to issue a flawless presentation in front of the 19 thousand plus in attendance. The Team looks forward to returning soon to present for the Boston Celtics.



Captain Amy B. Gabel, USCG (Foreground) and Kevin P. Ritchie, USCG Auxiliary.
Photo courtesy of Petty Officer Ryan Noel, USCG, May 27, 2022



From left to right Captain Amy B. Gabel, USCG, Kevin P. Ritchie, USCG Aux., Petty Officers Anthony Ayala, Emmanuel B. Barber, Kemuel Morales.
Photo Courtesy of Petty Officer Ryan Noel USCG, May 27, 2022

What is Red, Orange, Yellow & Green



Getting Prepared for the Leaf

What We Can Do

Those District tents we use for our RBS information booths have served us well this season, not only providing an attraction to our booths but protecting us from the Sun during these days of record high temperatures and humidity.

But fall will be with us soon. The heat and humidity are starting to mitigate to more comfortable levels.

Our tents need not go into storage. Fall is a great time to be out-leaf peeping. Our tents can attract kayakers and canoers at fall fairs and festivals. Or set one up on a river bank or at a boat ramp.

New Englanders and visitors have found another way to view and enjoy our fall season. They are discovering those reds, oranges, yellows, greens, and every variation of color in between is excellent viewing from a kayak or canoe. And with the reflection of the water, the colors get repeated only upside down.

In the forefront of providing boaters with the information needed to be safe, we need to take advantage of this new leaf peeping trend.

We need to be there with the peepers.

So, below are bits of information we need to pass on to others. That is what we can do.

Wearing a **life jacket** significantly increases chances of survival.

Cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex

Falls are involved in 19% of all water-related fatalities

**Cold Water Shock - 1 Min
Cold Incapacitation - 10 mins
Hypothermia - 1 Hour**



What is Red, Orange, Yellow & Green



Getting Prepared for the Leaf

What We Can Do

It takes just a few guys, just a few hours, to make an impact. Kayakers love to talk with Auxiliarist about the sport of kayaking. We have to be there with them. Go!



That possible new member, bring him or her along also. Show them the ropes, or guess it would be more appropriate to say, show them the lines.

Tell them about being a Vessel Examiner, a Program Visitor and a newsletter editor. And what about the Auxiliary Food Service Program, he or she may be a gourmet chef.



Graphic courtesy of :WWW.boat-ed.com/waterrescue/studyGuide/Video-Cold-Water-Boot-

Float Plan Central



Rescue is Faster When You Use the USCG Float Plan

What We Can Do

Encouraging kayakers to file a float plan is something we all can do.

We encourage members to look at Float Plan Central, the official site of the Float Plan.

<https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org>
or
[Float Plan Central – Official site of the Float Plan \(cgaux.org\)](https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org)



Photo and graphic courtesy of <http://floatplancentral.cgaux>



A boater can fill in the Float Plan on their computer and send it to people who will not be boating with them.

A group of kayakers can put 13 names on the Float Plan.

And wait, there's more, but you must visit Float Plan Central.

Float Plan Central



Rescue is Faster When You Use the USCG Float Plan

What We Can Do

Float Plan Central
Be a smart boater, kayaker or paddler
and always plan ahead



Download your **FREE** Float Plan **NOW!**

- **Easy** to prepare and update.
- **Create** & save plans on your computer or mobile device.
- **Submit** your plan to anyone you choose.
- Tell the person holding your plan exactly what to do if you don't check-in or return as planned.
- It's a **Life Saver**



www.floatplancentral.org



Cold Water Kills



Pass This Poster Around

What We Can Do

COLD WATER KILLS
ARE YOU NEXT?

Cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex

Falls are involved in 19% of all water-related fatalities

Cold Water Shock - 1 Min
Cold Incapacitation - 10 mins
Hypothermia - 1 Hour

It takes less than 1/2 cup of water in your lungs to drown

US Army Corps of Engineers

Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns
PleaseWearIt.com

The poster features a central silhouette of a person in water with their mouth open, surrounded by various icons: a thermometer, a warning sign of a person falling, a stopwatch, a beaker of water, and a life jacket. The background is blue with white wave patterns.

Thank you US Army Corps of Engineers for providing all those facts and for the graphic above.



The Grand Tour

What You Can Do

With fall approaching and flotilla operations winding down, this might be the time to plan for a flotilla van or carpool trip.

Coast Guard Stations, Coast Guard Museums, and Coast Guard facilities like Joint Base Cape Cod could be part of a grand tour.

What about planning a trip during the peak of our fall foliage? Think of the trip as a busman's holiday. A little planning will get you here.



More planning is involved if you decide to visit Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC), and we hope you do. You will need to contact Commodore Belmore to get clearance for your group. It is easy to do; get that clearance a few weeks before your trip. But it is worth the planning.

On the following two pages is an itinerary for your trip. Although not all-inclusive, its fundamental purpose is to get you interested in visiting us here at Air Station Cape Cod.

But the real purpose is for flotilla members to have a reason to come to-gether as team, to feel part of a group, and to share our common desire to serve in the Auxiliary.

Our next issue of the Nor'Easter will have an itinerary just for Air Station Cape Cod and another for just Joint Base Cape Cod.

And remember we here at the Nor'Easter are waiting for your itinerary of your local area of interest.

Any one interested in being a tour guide? That is what we can do.

Camaraderie



The Grand Tour (Continued)

Take Your Flotilla on a Trip / What You Can Do

Your Cape Cod Itinerary

Below are some ideas for creating an itinerary for your flotilla.

First, you want to get here by crossing one of the two bridges connecting Massachusetts with us here on the Cape.

Enjoy the experience because the bridges are coming down soon and replaced with new ones.

What about visiting:

Station Cape Cod Canal
Station Woods Whole
Station Chatham
Station Providence

U.S. Customs House — Coast Guard Heritage Museum
Orleans Historical Society — U.S.C.G. 36500



Photo U.S. Customs House - Coast Guard Heritage Museum
Courtesy of [https://wikipedia.org/wiki/United/StatesCustomshouse\(Barnstable,Massachusetts\)](https://wikipedia.org/wiki/United/StatesCustomshouse(Barnstable,Massachusetts))



Photo Courtesy of http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coast_Guard_Motor_Lifeboat_CG36500



The Grand Tour (Continued)

Take Your Flotilla on a Trip / What You Can Do

Your Cape Cod Itinerary

Just down the road from the Chatham Station going east is the Town of Chatham Fish Pier.

The pier is the spot local fishermen unload their catch of cod and dogfish.

Excellent viewing of seals waiting for a cod overboard accident. No need to call the Coast Guard, though.

Again, leaving Station Chatham, this time heading west, travel to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Monomoy Wildlife Refuge.

Here there are more seals to observe, this time though from a distance; there are thousands of them.



Chatham Fish Pier at low tide, Chatham, Massachusetts, Staff Photo 9/12/2022.



National Wildlife Refuge

The visitor contact station on Morris Island, photo courtesy of Rick Nye.

USCG App



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Helping Recreational Boaters / What We Can Do

THE U.S. COAST GUARD MOBILE APP

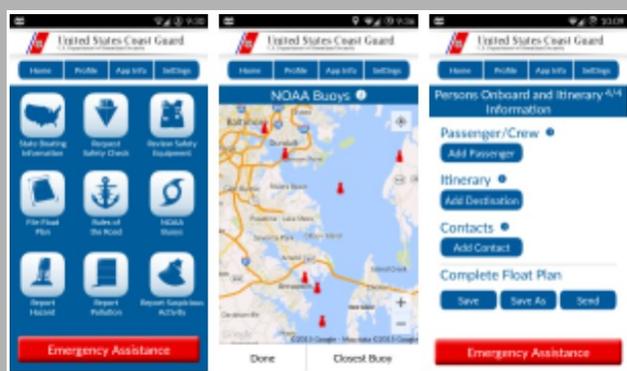
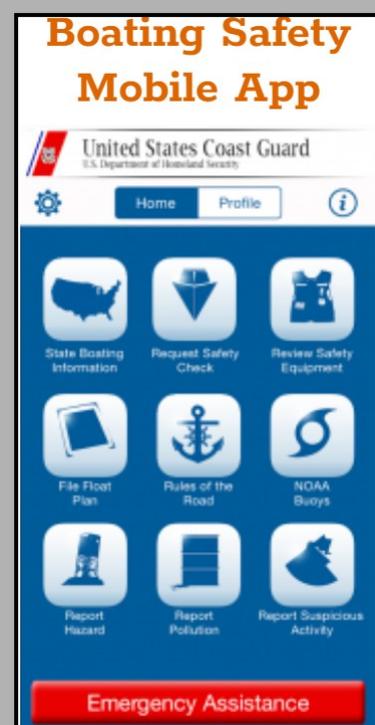
You have heard of the phrase “there is an app for that” - yes, you have. But have you heard the term “there is a QR code for that”? No, I think not. Know there is an app for that.

The Coast Guard wants us, the Auxiliary, to ensure that the App titled the “Coast Guard Mobile App,” which has been around for a while, is more widely distributed among recreational boaters. That is what we can do!

This App supports the missions of public education programs, regulation of boat design and construction, approval of boating safety equipment, and vessel safety checks for compliance with federal and state safety requirements.

The following page lists what the App can do for recreational boaters.

And the page after that is the QR code recreational boaters can use to download the App onto their iPhone and android devices.





QR Code

Helping Recreational Boaters / What We Can Do

With the U.S. Coast Guard app, you can:

- Identify the boating safety laws, requirements and resources available in your home state, the state where you keep your vessel or the state where you are planning to operate.
- Request a vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Determine what safety equipment you are required to carry by law based on the size and type of vessel you are operating. The app also recommends additional safety equipment you might want to consider.
- File a float plan with up to three friends, loved ones or other responsible parties. While you cannot file a float plan directly with the Coast Guard, the app helps you develop a float plan that will allow your responsible party to provide search and rescue coordinators with important information they can use to facilitate a missing or overdue boater case.
- Review the most commonly sought out navigational "rules of the road."
- Access weather information from the closest NOAA buoy to your current location.
- Report a navigational hazard to the Coast Guard - this could be a buoy or marker out of place, a sunken vessel or some other obstacle obstructing safe passage of a Federal waterway.
- Report pollution to the Coast Guard - from a minor oil sheen at the dock to a major pollution event, you can help protect our marine environment.
- Report suspicious activity to the Coast Guard - if you see something, say something! We all have a shared responsibility for homeland security.

USCG App



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Helping Recreational Boaters / What We Can Do

QR code for Apple devices is below:



Coast Guard App
for
Apple devices

QR code for Android devices is also
below:



Coast Guard App
for
Android devices



QR Code

Helping Recreational Boaters / What We Can Do

USCG Mobile App for Recreational Boaters

For iPhone devices



USCG Mobile App for Recreational Boaters

For Android devices



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- 
- Find the latest safety regulations
 - Request a vessel safety check
 - Check your safety equipment
 - File a float plan
 - Navigation Rules
 - Find the nearest NOAA buoy
 - Report a hazard
 - Report pollution
 - Report suspicious activity
 - Request emergency assistance

To Verb or Not to Verb



Image That

No Verbing Here

Praise, criticism, additional information is always welcomed from our readers. So please, let us know what you are thinking. Let us know how we are doing.

It's great to know that Auxiliarist are reading the Nor'Easter and also keeping an eye on how we use our words.

A few of our readers commented on our use of the word "image" on page two of our Spring 2022 issue of the Nor'Easter.

"Why not image saving a life as a Vessel Examiner or instructor" was the sentence we used.

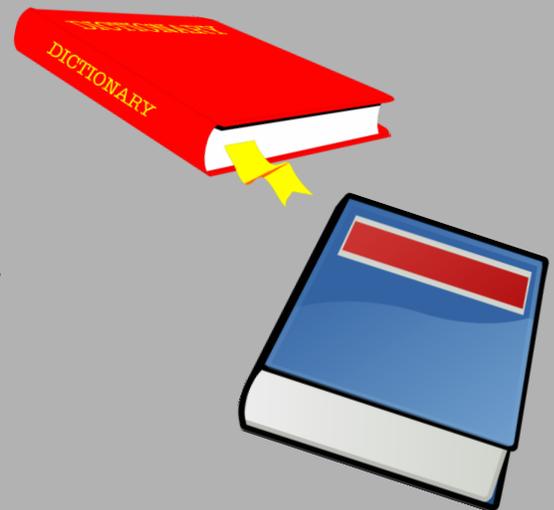
Our readers, who questioned our use, thought that we miss appropriated the noun and made it a verb.

The issue is whether the word image, besides being a noun, is it also a verb as it was used in our sentence. And of course it is also a verb.

Not all nouns are verbs. But in this case the word image is both a noun and a verb..

When you use a noun as a verb and that word is not a verb, then that is called verbing, a grammatical error.

What you can do. Please keep those comments coming our way, we do like hearing from you.



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Readers Needed



Our District's Newsletter

What You Can Do

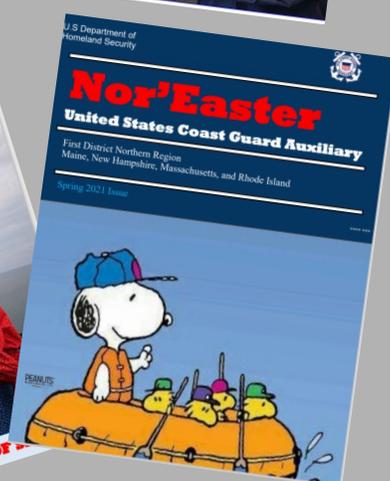
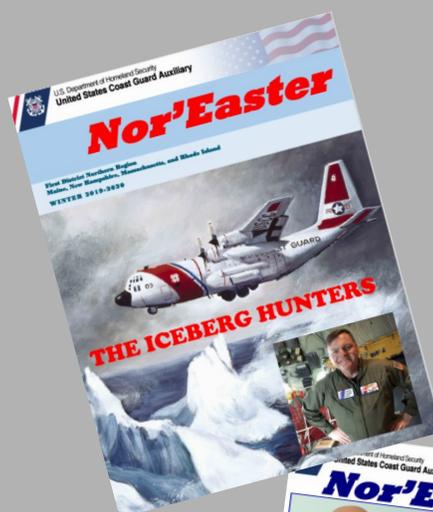
Yes, it is true; not everyone is reading the Nor'Easter. So we could use your help.

If you are a flotilla leader, we hope you could mention the Nor'Easter at your next flotilla meeting. Talk us up. Inform members that they can view current and past District newsletters on our District's website, a destination in its own right.

If you are a reader of the Nor'Easter and know of another flotilla member who might be interested in a particular article, please send them a link to our District's website.

Could you print one or two copies to be distributed at your next flotilla meeting? Putting this subject on your next flotilla meeting agenda would certainly help.

Thank you!



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A Great Place to Visit



The Best Web-Site Ever

It's Time to Take a Look

Yes, it is also true not everyone is viewing our District's website either.

We believe that some members don't even know we have a website and of course, some members haven't used it in such a long time, they have forgotten we have such a great place to visit. So we ask again for a favor.

Would you also discuss the District's website at your next flotilla meeting?

It would give more meaning if both the newsletter and the website could be part of the official agenda of a future meeting.

Meeting Agenda

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A big thank you ahead of time!

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We Welcome Your Articles



Send Your Story

Information We Need

We would love to have our readers contribute stories to the Nor'Easter. As you have probably noticed, we have at least one, if not two, contributing articles for our newsletter for each issue.

Please tell us your story about a flotilla member. Tell us a story about your flotilla. Tell us a story about anything.

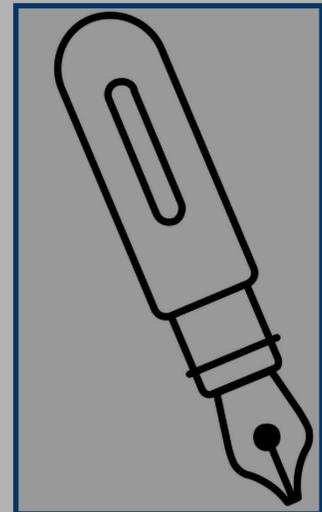
Start writing. And remember to contribute photos along with your article. Your article can be almost all photos if you wish.

Identify each person in the photo. Every photo must have a caption. If your image includes Coast Guard personnel, ensure their rank is part of the caption. Also include the person who has taken the photo and the date.

And, of course, everyone (Auxiliarist and Coast Guard personnel) must wear the appropriate uniform.

What can you do? Get your pens and pencils or keyboards out and start writing. Clean your camera lens and start clicking.

Then send it off to us at the Nor'Easter.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

October 25	EXCOM @ 1900 viz Zoom
October 28	Board and Staff Meeting 1900 via Zoom
November 11	Veteran's Day
November	No EXCOM Board & Staff
November 24	Thanksgiving

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

This issue of *Nor'Easter* received clearance on 10 October 2022.