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WINTHROP, Mass. — Doug Grace, FSO-VE of Flotilla 5-25, conducts Vessel Safety Checks with young paddlers during the Blessing of the Fleet at Cottage Park Yacht Club in Winthrop; while their parents underwent similar VSCs on their power boats. (*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by John W. Keyes, DSO-PB D1NR.*)

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Hello Shipmates,

The past several weeks have been very busy and exciting for the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. On June 1st Admiral Paul F. Zukunft was relieved by Admiral Karl L. Schultz as the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and On June 4th Admiral Steven D. Poulin was relieved by Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson as the Commanding Officer of the First District. Admiral Schultz has released his Guiding Principles for 2018-2022:

1. **READY**: We will be prepared to serve and protect the American people and our national interests.
2. **RELEVANT**: We will be a professional and agile armed force, law enforcer, regulator, and maritime first responder on which our partners confidently rely to address the Nation's increasingly complex maritime challenges.
3. **RESPONSIVE**: We will employ our bias for action to excel in mission execution as we protect and defend the homeland.

We have posted the entire write up on Admiral Schultz's guiding principles on our web side. If you have not taken the opportunity to review them, I suggest that you do as it is a great read.

I had the high honor of representing you at the Change of Command for the 1st District Change of Command followed by the Major Command meeting the day after. Admiral Poulin, during his address at the Change of Command, thanked the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their support over the past two years and mentioned some of our leadership by name. Admiral Tiongson spoke about "Continuity of Command" during his remarks at the Major Command Meeting. When it came time for me to give our report I mentioned that we were experiencing a lot of changeover of Coast Guard leadership, not only at the senior level but also at the unit levels, and what we were doing in this District to help continue the excellent relationship between all of the Coast Guard units and the Coast Guard Auxiliary units. We also had three of our shipmates posted as the honor guard; William Lee, John Keyes and Mark Sedgwick. Thank you for representing us.

Changing the subject for a moment, the latest reports show what we all know; everyone is working extremely hard on summer activities (Vessel Safety Checks, Public Education, Public Affairs Events, Program Visits and Patrols). Thank you for your dedication and time. Remember: "We do make a difference." Enjoy the summer months with your families and stay safe.

Regards,

Phil
Phil Kubat, DCO 1DNR

CHARLIE GROSSIMON

DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF

Reward.

What kind of reward do we get in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary? Some members might say medals, ribbons, or certificates. Those things are certainly wonderful to receive and they certainly do show that someone notices our hard work.

Others might feel that being elected to office, giving us an opportunity to serve our fellow Auxiliarists is a big reward. It certainly is.

All of those things are something we all deserve at one time or another. They're great forms of recognition and honestly, I feel, as a district, we need to recognize our members more than we do.

What is our "true reward"? This can be a very difficult question. While the reward factor is obvious when we get called up to the front of the room to receive a ribbon, other rewards are not so obvious to us. They are everywhere around us in all of the things that we do. I think sometimes we don't fully understand the impact we have on other people as we go through our Auxiliary careers.

A number of years ago, there was an incident at the mouth of the Merrimack River where a boater was tossed off his boat into the water. When he resurfaced, he found himself right under the bow of his boat. The hull came down with a crash and hit the man on the head. He was very seriously injured and needed an ambulance. The Auxiliary Coxswain who saw this take place, called Station Merrimack River, requested the ambulance and applied First Aid. In short order he was on his way to the hospital. The coxswain and the crew took this as something that was "all in a day's work", they filled out the paperwork and then went to lunch.

Nothing more was said about the incident. No one expected a ribbon or a medal. It was "all in a day's work."

A few years later, the coxswain found himself unemployed. He took a résumé writing workshop where they directed everyone to exchange their papers with their neighboring student so they could critique the other's work. The man sitting next to him said, "I see you're with the Coast Guard Auxiliary." The coxswain replied that he was. The gentleman then said, "Let me tell you about them, they saved my life once." The coxswain asked him to explain. He said, "I was on my boat at the mouth of the Merrimack River and I was tossed off. When I came up, the boat hit me on the head and the Auxiliary saved me." The coxswain instantly realized who he was speaking with and identified himself as the person, who along with his crew, helped him that day. The man's eyes welled up with tears. He looked directly at the coxswain, Richard J. Lemar, of Division 3 and said to him with his voice cracking with emotion, "You saved my life that day. I will always hold a special place in my heart for the Coast Guard Auxiliary."

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CHARLIE GROSSIMON

District Chief of Staff

You can't get a higher reward than that.

Rewards are everywhere. You just need to be able to recognize them. They could show up as the flotilla shipmate that comes to your house to look at the problem you are having with your boat. It could be the young seaman you mentored at the station years ago that is now a chief petty officer and he has never forgotten your mentorship. It could be at the funeral of a loved one and you see a long line of members in Service Dress Blue who have come to comfort you. It might be in the family who comes to tell you that your advice to them that they wear life jackets prevented a family tragedy. Or, in the good words of a Master Chief who remembers your contributions of years ago.

Take a look around you. Take a look at your shipmates and how, as shipmates, they look out for you. Think of how you'd look out for them. Think of the lives you may have indeed saved by your work. Most of us will never have the same experience that coxswain had above. We just have to keep focused and know that we do, does indeed, have an impact on peoples' lives. There are people alive today because of what we do!

And what a reward THAT is!

Semper Paratus,
Charlie Grossimon,
District Chief of Staff

From the Commander, First Coast Guard District

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To the men and women of the First District Auxiliary Region North,

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your District Command. In the few short weeks that I have been aboard, I have been incredibly impressed by the numerous examples of the great work that the Coast Guard Auxiliary provides to the First District. Some examples include: the outstanding Auxiliary representation in the Honor Platoon at my Change of Command, the Auxiliary support provided to Sector Boston during the 2018 USS CONSTITUTION "turnaround" cruise, the 1,700 paddle craft vessel safety checks conducted, and the 1,300 operational support hours provided by our Auxiliary facilities on the water and in the air. These examples represent only a small portion of the tremendous work that you have performed this year.

Paddle craft safety remains a top mission priority in the Northeast. Through your continued education and outreach efforts in direct support of our Paddle Craft Safety Initiative, I am pleased to note that from 2016 to 2017 paddle craft related fatalities decreased by 11% in the First District. We must continue these efforts to reduce fatalities even further. Your hard work and devotion to this vital mission has already saved lives, and will continue to save many more lives in the years to come.

I recently released my command philosophy, which includes three guiding principles: Leadership, Proficiency and Teamwork. Please take a moment to watch a 90 second video where I am joined by Command Master Chief Hollandsworth in outlining my vision, our mission and each of my guiding principles. You can view this video and read the Command Philosophy on the D1 internet page at https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-1/.

You can also view the video and link to the Command Philosophy on our D1 social media sites: Facebook pages at USCoastGuardNortheast and USCoastGuardTri_State or Twitter @USCGNortheast and @USCGTri_State.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months as I travel to our many units across the Northeast. Together, we will excel at executing the challenging work of the Coast Guard in service to the American public. Let's go do great things!

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

Andrew J. Tiongson ROMC USCG

Andrew J. Tiongson
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, First Coast Guard District

REAR ADMIRAL ANDREW J. TIONGSON

Rear Admiral Tiongson assumed the duties of Commander, First Coast Guard District in June 2018. He oversees all Coast Guard missions across eight states in the Northeast including over 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to northern New Jersey and 1300 miles offshore.

RDML Tiongson's previous flag assignment was as the Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard, where he was responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Tiongson is a career cutterman whose time at sea spans five Coast Guard cutters and one U.S. Navy ship. His afloat career began in 1989 onboard USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907). Most recently, in 2015, he commissioned USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754), bringing the Coast Guard's fifth National Security Cutter into service. While serving onboard USS NORMANDY (CG- 60) as part of the U.S. Coast Guard - U.S. Navy exchange program, he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. He has served in four command cadre positions afloat: Executive Officer onboard USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC 913) and Commanding Officer onboard USCGC NANTUCKET (WPB 1316), USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912) and USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754).

Rear Admiral Tiongson has served in a variety of key staff positions, including two positions in acquisition projects. First, he served as the Assistant Project Officer for the $30 million Configuration Management Project, transforming shipboard logistics and maintenance management. Later, he served as the Assistant Project Manager for the nearly $1 billion Rescue 21 project, the largest command and control project in Coast Guard history. Rear Admiral Tiongson served two different tours in the Office of Budget and Programs as a Budget Coordinator/Program Reviewer and the Office Chief. He served in the Office of Congressional Affairs as the Senior Policy Advisor on domestic and international drug issues and Veterans' Affairs to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. He also served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard where he supported the Commandant and Vice Commandant on strategic policy and budget matters.

Rear Admiral Tiongson's personal awards include two Legions of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation and various Service and unit awards. He is a permanent Cutterman and has earned the U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer designation.

Rear Admiral Tiongson is a 1989 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He holds two Master degrees from The George Washington University: Mechanical Engineering and Environmental and Energy Management. He was also a System Design and Management Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he earned a Master of Science in Engineering and Management, a joint degree from MIT's Sloan School of Management and Engineering School. He also completed MIT's one-year Seminar XXI program on foreign politics, international relations and the national interest.

Division Commander Roundtable Concludes D-TRAIN 2018

On Sunday, March 11th, the DCDR Roundtable concluded the 2018 District 1 Auxiliary D-TRAIN. The event was scheduled from 0900-1030 in Ball Room A. The event was facilitated by Craig Hall, President of the Past Division Commanders Association. Hall opened with a welcome and wearing the new Shark Squad polo shirt explained ground rules and goals of the program.

After welcome and introductions, which highlighted the diversity of the room (different careers, interests in serving the public, different geographic regions and interests in mission areas) ground rules were shared. The ground rules for the DCDR Roundtable were to respect opinions, be open minded and share perspective and experiences.

"We used a "Buddy System" instead of introductions to introduce each other to the person beside them. This broke the ice." said Hall.

The three opening questions were:

•What's on everyone's mind?
•What is one thing you hope to accomplish in this meeting today?
•What one word best describes your mood at this moment?

Attendees of the District 1 D-TRAIN assemble for a group photo at the conclusion of the Division Commanders' Round Table.

(*USCG Auxiliary photo by Craig Hall, DSO-MT, D1NR.*)

Steve McCann, DCAPT-SECBOS and Paul Fontaine, DCAPT-SESENE, offered remarks to the group that included the importance of sharing ideas, open communication and opportunity for collaboration.

Also present were two ASCs (both from D1NR). There were three VCDRs (two from D1NR and one from D1SR). They were allowed to stay and primarily observe.

There was lengthy discussion that topics of interest illustrating shared interests between the northern and southern regions of the district. There was one example provided that involved operational use of jet skis, which threaded from D1SR to D1NR NENE and then to D1NR paddle craft (approaching and boarding etc.) This was a good example of joint learning and sharing.

The session closed with the question of, "What can we do better to collaborate?" This tied concerns and comradery together. This also led to people moving seats and sitting next to counterparts in other regions because of sharing interests. A "class photo" was taken and fellowship followed.

- Submitted by Craig Hall, DSO-MT, D1NR.

Station Boston Boarding Team and Auxiliary Vessel Examiners Combine to Provide a Unique RBS Experience

On June 2nd, during a Division 5 Vessel Safety "blitz", members of the Orient Heights Yacht Club in East Boston were provided with a unique experience: a combined active duty "mock boarding" and an Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check (VSC).

Coordinated by DSO-VE Ray Julian, a 45-foot Response Boat (RB-M) from Station Boston performed mock boarding training and offering vessel inspections to any interested boat owner. Observing their processes, attending Auxiliary Vessel Examiners then offered to perform a Vessel Safety Check. This combined effort allowed boat owners to see the differences between a safety exam and a law enforcement inspection. In addition, the active duty and Auxiliary teams received a better understanding of how the other operated, and what areas each team focused on.

Prior to the inspections/exams, a brief explanation was given to each boat owner and they were assured if any discrepancies were identified, no penalties would be incurred. The boater received a CG 4100 COMPLIANCE BOARDING "yellow sheet" and the Vessel Examiner completed the VSC Requirements 7012 form. By the end of the event, 20 boats received VSC Decals.

This is the second year Division 5 conducted the "joint" RBS program at Orient Heights Yacht Club. Boat owners who participated in the boarding exercise had praise for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, noting the teams were courteous and professional. The club was happy with the overall experience and look forward to future visits. MK2 Chris Ruh led three Coast Guard boarding teams, Walter Belushko served as the lead Vessel Examiner and David Pierce was lead Program Partner Visitor during the event.

BOSTON, Mass. — U.S. Coast Guard boarding team members and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiners team-up to provide both Law Enforcement Inspection Boardings and Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks during a safety blitz aboard Orient Heights Yacht Club.
(*USCG Auxiliary photos by Raymond C. Julian, DSO-VE, D1NR.*)

- Submitted by Raymond C. Julian, DSO-VE, D1NR.

PUBLICATIONS

John W. Keyes, DSO–PB

Tell your story. The *Nor'Easter* is always accepting content and photographs for publication. You do not need to be a publications or public affairs officer to contribute to the newsletter. Every division, every flotilla, and every member has a story to tell. The District Publications Team can help you tell it.

What are we looking for? Three or four paragraphs and two or three photos that describe:

1. What you are doing (what mission is being accomplished).
2. Where you are doing it (city, state, local community, business, etc.).
3. Who is doing it (members by name/office, local/state agencies, community members).
4. Why you are doing it (the mission's goal).
5. When did you/are you doing it (a set date, during a storm, annually, etc.).
6. How did this event compare to or differ from a typical event?

We are also looking for specific topic items to include in the newsletter, beyond our primary mission of Recreational Boating Safety. Stories related to Diversity, Auxiliary history, AUXFIT and unique events are all welcome. In addition, if you know of a member deserving of special recognition, send their story to us for inclusion in our "Profiles in Character" section. Members of the District Publications Team are here to help you. Thank you!

John W. Keyes
DSO-PB, D1NR

Got Pictures?

The Auxiliary National Public Affairs Directorate wants your high-quality, story-telling photographs. Send your photos of the following topics:

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Marine Safety
Member Services
Operations
Public Affairs
Public Education
Team Coast Guard (Working along side the active duty or reserve)
Vessel Examinations

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Buzzards Bay, Auxiliary's Dedicated Support for Clean Waters

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. — As the sun's early morning rays cast upon the calm, New Bedford Harbor Flotilla 65 starts to come alive with activity. It's Saturday, June 30th at 0600 and a steady stream of cars and official vehicles start to fill the harbor-side flotilla parking lot. A mixed cadre of uniformed people slowly make their way into the Auxiliary training room.

The day has come! The annual Buzzards Bay Swim is about to take shape and as I look about the room I see there is a wide representation of support for the day's event. As to be expected a large contingent of Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crew personnel began to fill the room. Quickly the lead Coxswain, Robert Joseph started to canvas the room checking off the attendance of additional Coxswains and their related crew. As he marked off the sheet of paper on his clipboard it became clear there was going to be a good representation of Auxiliary Operational Facilities (boats).

As it was later revealed FL 65 successfully mustered five OPFAC vessels with 17 crew members for the event. Additional vessel support was also supplied by the Massachusetts Environmental Police, New Bedford Police and Fire Departments, Fairhaven Police and Harbormaster as well as support vessels from the local Tow Boat US.

As the training room filled in with the final arrivals and the conversations grew louder a Lieutenant from the Mass Environmental Police stepped up to address the gathering. Taking the lead, he announced how the event would unfold. The plan was already prepared and every participating vessel had an assigned position. Some vessels were stationary, while others would move with the swimming event as it progressed.

I felt very comfortable, even though this was my first time, knowing that their plan was well thought out and most every one in the room were veterans of this annual event. Everyone involved seemed to know their place and their mission without question. Heads just nodded as the lieutenant laid out the day's plan.

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. — David McClure, DSO-PA, mans the marine radio during the annual Buzzards Bay Swim. (*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by AUXPA3 Marshall A. Ronco, DDC-Prevention, D1NR.*)

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Buzzards Bay, Auxiliary's Dedicated Support for Clean Waters (continued)

Upon completion of his brief orientation he acknowledged the event's planners, who were also in the room. Members of the Buzzards Bay Coalition stepped up to thank all of us for our time and effort in support of this fund-raising event. The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a non-profit that works to protect clean water in our region.

With the initial orientation completed and everyone aware of their assignments it's now closing in on 0700 and time to head for the boats. I am assigned to the FL 65 OPFAC owned and coxswained by Paul Sadeck. A well-seasoned Coxswain for sure, his crew consists of two veterans as well. Manning the decks is Chet Smigel and David McClure. For this voyage I'm a guest and the photographer for the day.

Arriving at our slip all of us get onboard and prepare to "get underway." With the dockside formalities completed the Coxswain brings the inboard single engine diesel to life. He then gives the orders to man the lines and prepare to get underway. Gently he throttles the vessel forward as we inch our way out of the slip. Paul give's Chet the direction to fix the starboard bow line on the pillar post in order to pivot the vessel out of the slip. A perfect maneuver and we were free and clear from the docks.

Now heading south through the New Bedford harbor, we make our way to the open water. Within a short distance south of the New Bedford harbor hurricane barrier we were directed to a beach area on the west side of the waterway. This was part of New Bedford with Fairhaven being opposite to us, to the east. It was from this NB beach area I observed the large gathering of eager swimmers as they made their ways eastward. The arrival point for them was 1.2 miles away at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven.

Taking our assigned position along the buoy marked swim course it wasn't long before the Marine radios started to come alive with radio chatter and position checks. The command shortly thereafter came to close the New Bedford harbor entrance from traffic followed by the official radio announcement from the MA EPO Lieutenant that the harbor was now closed and the swim race was on.

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BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. — A swimmer's course is corrected by a safety kayaker during the annual Buzzards Bay Swim.
(*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by AUXPA3 Marshall A. Ronco, DDC-Prevention, D1NR.*)

Buzzards Bay, Auxiliary's Dedicated Support for Clean Waters (continued)

Three hundred fifteen brave swimmers in five wave groups ventured their way into the cool Buzzards Bay waters. Steady on station we began to observe the first wave of swimmers making their way towards us. Our position put us mid-course so the swimmers looked strong as they made their way east to the finish line. As more groups started to enter the water we observed more and more kayaks starting to enter the waters from the starting point beach. The kayakers were volunteers who were also supporting the event. By my estimation I would venture there were at least 30 of them guiding and escorting the swimmers as they made their way across the harbor. At one point a swimmer started to come our way off course unaware of his direction as he swam. Keeping a close eye on him one of the kayak escorts finally intercepted him and guided the swimmer back on track. Outstanding!

The event progressed rapidly and as the swimmers arrived at the beach, Fort Phoenix, we could hear cheering from the crowd as the gathering grew larger. The more swimmers arrived, the more the festivities seemed to get ramped up. With the last lone male swimmer inching his way to the Fairhaven shoreline the event ended with a loud roar from the crowd at approx. 9:15 AM.

A perfect event! One could not have asked for a better day, warm, sunny, with calm waters. Everyone who entered the water made the journey safely and successfully. They did their jobs for the cause of clean waters and we did ours for safety, security and clean waters.

The command was given to secure all boats and the harbor was once again opened for clear passage. It was a great day on the water and I commend all who participated.

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. — Paul Sadeck is coxswain and Chet Smigel a crewmember of an Operational Facility (OPFAC) on station during the annual Buzzards Bay Swim.
(*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by AUXPA3 Marshall A. Ronco, DDC-Prevention, D1NR.*)

- Submitted by AUXPA3 Marshall A. Ronco, DDC-Prevention, D1NR.

Paddlesmart Team talks Water Safety during the 2nd Annual Chris Connors Fund Kids Boating and Water Safety Day

YORK BEACH, Maine -- A low tide provided the maximum room on Long Sands Beach Saturday morning for the second annual Chris Connors Fund Kids Boating and Water Safety Day. Around 14 pop-up tents set up in front of the new Long Sands Bath House housed registration, food, demonstrations by sponsors and a set of challenges that earned children, ages 4 to 12, points toward a free lunch, a bag of water safety-related goodies and some life-saving knowledge.

The day was specifically designed for kids and their families, to promote boating and water safety through education, kids activities and live demonstration. Attendees were able to meet the York Water Rescue Team, Ocean Rescue Systems International, American Red Cross volunteers, local Harbormasters, York lifeguards and members of the USCG Auxiliary D1NR Paddlesmart Team.

According to their website, the Chris Connors Fund was established as a special project of the York Fire Department and York Water Rescue team to create a junior boating and water safety program for York, Maine and its surrounding community in order to save lives by promoting and teaching safer boating and safer water habits for kids. During the event, kids get to be a part of live demonstrations and drills relating to boating, beach and water safety. Paddlesmart Team Lead Robert Amiro estimates more than 200 kids went through their kayak safety challenge. At times there were 15-20 kids listening to the team's safe boating message.

YORK BEACH, Me. — One of the unofficial Paddlesmart mascots gets geared up to meet the kids during the 2nd Annual Chris Connors Fund Kids Boating and Water Safety Day.
(*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Robert H. Amiro, DCDR4, D1NR.*)

- Submitted by Robert H. Amiro, DCDR4 and Paddlesmart Team Lead, D1NR.

Be Aware of Unauthorized Third Party Documentation Service Providers

A recreational boat, owned by a U.S. citizen, may (at the option of the owner) be documented if it has a displacement of five or more net tons. The main benefit of documentation, versus numbering, is that a documented vessel may be the subject of a Preferred Ship Mortgage under 46 United States Code Chapter 313. This makes financing easier. Another benefit is that the certificate of documentation may make customs entry and clearance easier in foreign ports. Documentation does not get you out of any taxes.

There is a scam going on where a third party claims to renew documentations for two years. A Certificate of Documentation is valid for one year from the date of issue, providing there are NO CHANGES other than a change of owner's address. The Certificate must be renewed on an annual basis. Even though it is up to the owner to assure the document does not expire, the Coast Guard will send a Notice of Renewal to the managing owner approximately 45 days prior to expiration.

The U.S. Coast Guard's National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC), located in Falling Waters, West Virginia, is the only entity authorized to issue Certificates of Documentation (CODs), Form CG1270, valid for a period of one year from date of issuance. This document is required for vessels engaged in Commercial trade and is optional for vessels five net tons and over engaged in recreational use/activities.

The NVDC is aware that there are commercial entities that offer to manage the certification/renewal process on behalf of vessel owners for a fee. The Coast Guard does not endorse any of these companies, and the companies do not operate on behalf of the Coast Guard in any way. Any fees charged beyond the $26 renewal fee, to include other fees found in title 46 CFR 67.550, or other agreements offered by such companies are in no way associated with the NVDC certification process. In addition, these companies are not authorized to issue any form of documentation, including travel letters and/or permits that authorize operation of ANY vessel.

If you are interested in conducting business directly with NVDC you should visit the official Coast Guard website at: http://www.uscg.mil/nvdc/. NOTE: The only legitimate Coast Guard website offering documentation uses a ".mil" domain name. Web domains using ".us," ".com," ".org" are not authorized. To obtain official forms, visit the USCG NVDC website or contact NVDC at (800) 799-8362 or (304) 271-2400. Phone hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; phones are not manned on Thursdays. Application packages and documents eligible for filing (in .pdf format) can be e-mailed to nvdc.pdf.filing@uscg.mil or faxed to (304) 271-2405. COD Renewal requests (Form CG-1280) are accepted via vdc-pf-nvdcrenewals@uscg.mil with credit card payment of $26.00 via Form CG-7042. You can order the following products online: Renewals (Form CG-1280), Late Renewals (Form CG-1280), Abstract of Title (Form CG-7043) and Certified Copy of COD (Form CG-7043) requests. From the main page, follow the "Order Products Online" link. The Fee Schedule can be found here: http://www.uscg.mil/nvdc/instr/fee%20sch.pdf.

You are encouraged to register to receive notices and updates via e-mail by utilizing NVDC's email subscription service. From the main page, follow the "Subscribe to NVDC Information" link. Please report any issues to the NVDC Webmaster. Customer complaints regarding false service providers can be made through the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website at http://www.ftc.gov/. This Safety Advisory is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational or material requirement. Developed by the Coast Guard's National Vessel Documentation Center and distributed by the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis, Washington DC. Questions may be sent to nvdc.w.webmaster@uscg.mil.

- Submitted by John Collins, SO-PE Division 4, D1NR.

ALAUX 013/18 — Happy 79th Anniversary USCG Auxiliary

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SUBJ: 79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. On June 23, 2018, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrates its 79th anniversary of outstanding service to the U.S. Coast Guard, the American public, and recreational boaters and professional mariners around the world. In recognition of this celebratory waypoint in its distinguished history, the Auxiliary headlines the "Coast Guard Compass," the official blog of the U.S. Coast Guard. Auxiliarists Rich Mihalcik (First District - Southern Region, National Director of Government and Public Affairs) and Kevin Conquest (Eleventh District - Southern Region, National Division Chief - Cyber) have again teamed to provide a richly-deserved testament to the Auxiliary's remarkable contributions and unparalleled heritage of gallant service.

2. Please read this inspirational article at: http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/

3. Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Some Important Auxiliary Links to Bookmark

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance
http://www.cgmahq.org/

Wear It New England Campaign
http://a013.uscgaux.info/Wear_It.htm

Past Division Commanders Association
http://http://a013.uscgaux.info/members/PCA.html

AUXFIT
http://a013.uscgaux.info/members/AUXFIT.htm

- Submitted by Craig C. Hall, DSO-MT, D1NR.

Annual Branch River Paddle Proves Scenic Setting for Lifejacket Safety

MILTON, N.H. — The *Annual Branch River Paddle* features a four mile scenic trip along the conserved banks of the Branch River through lush wetlands to the upper end of Milton Three Ponds. The event is extremely popular, with many paddlers returning year after year. About 25 paddle craft took part this year. The hosts of the event, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) and Branch Hill Farm / Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust allowed USCG Auxiliarist Sean Skillings (IPFC28) to take center stage at the event starting point this year.

MILTON, N.H. — The *Annual Branch River Paddle* in New Hampshire is an ideal setting for delivering paddle craft safety tips. At right and below, about 25 paddle craft take the four mile trip to the Milton Three Ponds water basin.

(*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by IPFC Sean Skillings, FL28, D1NR.*)

The Portsmouth Harbor Flotilla-based Auxiliarist spoke about National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) and the importance of wearing a USCG approved personal floatation device whenever paddling. With "If Found - Contact" decals in hand, he directed kayakers on the proper placement and labelling of their paddle craft. By the end of the event, he was pleased to see all participants were wearing properly fitting lifejackets.

- Submitted by IPFC Sean Skillings, FL28, D1NR.

Team Coast Guard Color Guard at the Foxboro Monster Truck Jam

FOXBORO, Mass. — On Saturday June 9th, the 1st District Team Coast Guard Color Guard was invited back for the second year in a row by the Feld Entertainment Group to present colors at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. for their annual Monster Jam Truck Show. The show draws a wide range of fans to see the spectacle including families who traveled from Maine and Vermont. Auxiliarist Kevin Ritchie, BM1 Jason Gatson, BM1 Christopher Pittarielli, BM2 Mathew Karas and YN2 Anthony Flores had presented at different venues together prior to the event, and once assembled, quickly worked together to put on a solid presentation.

FOXBORO, Mass. — AUX Kevin Ritchie, YN2 Anthony Flores, BM1 Jason Gatson, BM1 Christopher Pittarielli and BM2 Mathew Karas takes their places on the Gillette Stadium mezzanine.

(*Photo is courtesy of David DeAngelis*.)

Below: The Color Guard Team presents the colors in front of a crowd of 42,000 spectators prior to the Monster Truck Jam.

(*Photo is courtesy of David DeAngelis*.)

At 7:05pm, the team was announced over the public address system to the estimated crowd of over 42,000 spectators. The team was also shown on the high definition large screens at each end of the stadium as they marched out. The actual presentation took place on the mezzanine platform on the east side of the stadium. The presentation was also carried live nationally on the Fox Sports cable channel and seen by millions, making the presentation a tremendous opportunity for the pubic to see our Team Coast Guard working together.

After the presentation, team members joined their family members who were given free admission to the event. The Team Coast Guard contingency was actually allotted twenty-two tickets for family and friends. The Team looks forward to working with the organizers of the event for years to come!

- Submitted by Kevin P. Ritchie,
Vice Commander, Division 12
Division 12 Color Guard Commander
USCG Pipe Band/Color Sergeant

Team Coast Guard Marches Together in the Braintree 4th of July Parade

BRAINTREE, Mass. – For the third year in a row, Team Coast Guard was invited back to lead the military contingency at the Braintree 4th of July Parade on Saturday June 30th. The team which consisted of five Auxiliarists from multiple divisions, and four active duty members from Station Pt. Allerton, braved the 90 -plus degree heat and humidity to march down the center of Braintree Square in front of thousands of cheering spectators. Before the parade started, the Team was greeted by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, who shook hands with all members and thanked them for their service. The Team was also recognized and thanked for their service by Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan who's father served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Team Coast Guard unit was lead by Division 12 Color Guard Commander Kevin Ritchie followed by the Station Pt. Allerton Color Guard unit that included BM3 Raul Martinez, BM1 Christopher Pittarelli, MK3 Karel Fonseca, and SN Nathaniel Anderson. The unit also included Division 4 Commander Bob Amiro and Division 10 member Ed Tavares in their specially designed marine safety vehicle, which was flanked by 12-5 Flotilla Commander Bob Brack and Immediate Past Division Commander DV12 Matt Mulvey.

The marine safety vehicle includes multiple displays of PFD's and safety equipment, the vehicle also has signage that requests everyone wear their lifejackets. The display delivered the perfect message to the thousands along the parade route who will be in the water as the summer boating season goes into full swing. At the conclusion of the parade, the Station Pt. Allerton Color Guard unit was treated to a well deserved lunch at Jake & Joe's in Braintree by Kevin Ritchie. Team Coast Guard looks forward to participating in this great parade for years to come.

- Submitted by Kevin P. Ritchie, Vice Commander, Division 12
Division 12 Color Guard Commander

BRAINTREE, Mass. — *Left*. (l to r) AUX Robert Brack, AUX Kevin Ritchie, BM3 Raul Martinez, SN Nathaniel Anderson, BM1 Christopher Pittarelli, MK3 Karel Fonseca, AUX Matt Mulvey prior to kicking off the parade. (*Photo courtesy of T. McCarron* .)

Right. DCDR4 Robert Amiro's paddle craft and RBS safety vehicle. (*USCG Auxiliary photo by Robert Amiro, DCDR4, D1NR*.)

Nahant elementary school kids salute the Coast Guard's 'Captain Claudia'

NAHANT, Mass. — Students at the Johnson Elementary School honored their heroes at a surprise ceremony in front of the school's flagpole Tuesday morning. "Captain Claudia is the hero of the sea," said student Carmen Ballantine of Claudia C. Gelzer, U.S. Coast Guard commander of Sector Boston. "She helps everyone. If someone is lost at sea and can't find their way back, she helps them. If animals are hurt in the sea, she helps them. When bad things happen, she helps."

Gelzer will retire from her position of commander of Sector Boston later this year. She has held the title since 2015 when she relieved former Commander John C. O'Connor III. Coast Guard Sector Boston is known as the birthplace of the Coast Guard. The regional operational command is responsible for the safety, security, and environmental protection of the coast from the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border south to Plymouth, Massachusetts. Sector Boston directs more than 1,500 active duty, reserve, and auxiliary members, according to The Atlantic Area Command Center.

Students at the Johnson School performed a ceremony to thank Gelzer and Master Chief Michael A. Brewer, who is taking a job in Washington, D.C., for their service to the community and for the influence they have had on their lives. "She's part of our community," said fifth grader Brandon Rouleau, who was chosen to recite the Gettysburg Address during the Memorial Day parade last weekend. The pair has visited the school to give presentations and to have one-on-one conversations with fifth and sixth graders about the scope of their jobs, said Principal Kevin Andrews. They have also visited the school for three Veteran's Days.

Gelzer said she was overwhelmed and grateful for the show of support. "I have to tell you how much this community means to me and to the rest of the Coast Guard," she said. "Every time I come to this school, you're honoring the military in some way. "When I watch what you do with your youth, I have so much hope for the future."

NAHANT, Mass.— Captain Claudia C. Gelzer, U.S. Coast Guard commander of Sector Boston, speaks to the crowd gathered at Johnson School to honor her on Tuesday as school principal Kevin Andrews looks on. (*Photo courtesy of Spenser R. Hasak*)

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Nahant elementary school kids salute the Coast Guard's 'Captain Claudia'
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The town is also significant to the Coast Guard because of its rich military history. Most famously, the town is home to the Nahant Life Saving Station, which was used by the Coast Guard from 1915 to 1964. The station was built more than a century ago after eight people died in the wreck of the three-masted coal schooner Charles Briggs on Short Beach in 1898, according to the Nahant Preservation Trust. Two weeks later, the battleship USS Maine blew up in Havana Harbor and started the Spanish-American War. Today, the property is kept up by the town and includes residential space and a function hall, but many of the structure's historical elements have been preserved.

Nahant's East Point was once used for coastal military purposes. Twelve Coast Guard housing units, which housed soldiers who worked at a nearby bunker, still exist in town. Northeastern University's Murphy Bunker was once a military bunker, and the school's Grey Edwards Building served as military barracks, according to documents on the Marine Science Center's website.

First grader Reagan Duane, 7, who was chosen to be acting principal for the day, did a reading, and acting assistant principal, Jonathan Dam, 6, recited the pledge of allegiance after Brewer and Gelzer raised the flag. "It is important to honor her because of what she does for the United States," said Duane.

NAHANT, Mass.— Captain Claudia C. Gelzer, U.S. Coast Guard commander of Sector Boston, accepts a gift from former Flotilla Commander of the USCG Auxiliary Bob Cusack. (*Photo courtesy of Spenser R. Hasak*)

- NOTE: The preceding article was previously published in the May 30th, 2018 issue of "The Daily Item" newspaper and is reprinted here with permission. Written by Item Staff Writer Bridget Turcotte.

- Submitted by Robert Cusack, SO-NS Division 4, D1NR.)

Division 12 Color Guard Shares its Expertise

QUINCY, Mass.— In 2018, the Division 12 Color Guard is celebrating its eleventh year of service. During the last decade the unit has presented colors at ceremonies and marched in parades in over one hundred occasions. The unit has transformed into a hybrid Team Coast Guard unit, with most performances currently involving both Auxiliarist and active duty members from Sector Boston, Station Boston, Station Pt. Allerton and Station Gloucester. The unit regularly presents in ten to fifteen presentations per year and receives many unsolicited requests to present colors in the New England area due to their high profile appearances. Division 12 Color Guard Commander Kevin Ritchie is also contacted frequently by other Flotilla's and organizations about starting a color guard.

One such occasion happened on June 23rd when Flotilla 12-5 member and retired U.S. Army Special Forces member Bernie Wilensky asked Kevin Ritchie to give a presentation at the *U.S. Army Special Forces Association Chapter 54* that meets regularly at the American Legion Hall in Quincy MA. Mr. Wilensky, who is the Secretary for Chapter 54, has known and worked with Kevin in and outside of the Auxiliary for many years. The Chapter was considering starting a color guard unit and was very interested in the details of training, finances and local opportunities involved in the endeavor. Color Guard Commander Ritchie gave a detailed presentation to the members on how the Division 12 Color Guard was started and what was required for successful implementation.

At the conclusion of the presentation Kevin was presented with certificate of appreciation from Chapter 54 President Kenneth R. Gingras. The Division 12 Color Guard is always willing to assist fellow Auxiliarists and other branches of the military in this honorable tradition.

QUINCY, Mass.— In appreciation for his efforts, Division 12 Color Guard Leader Kevin Ritchie receives a Certificate of Appreciation and challenge coin from Chapter 54 President Kenneth Gingras.
(Photo courtesy of Chapter 54 member John Friberg.)

- Submitted by Kevin P. Ritchie, Vice Commander, Division 12
Division 12 Color Guard Commander
USCG Pipe Band/Color Sergeant

Operating a BS&S Course for 12 to 15 Year Olds

A Guide for Auxiliary Instructors based on six years of experience.

Under Massachusetts law, a person twelve through fifteen years of age may operate a motorboat on Massachusetts waters only if he or she has passed a state-approved boating education course, or is accompanied on board and directly supervised by a competent person 18 years of age or older. A person must be at least twelve years of age to be issued a Boating Safety Certificate and must have the certificate on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated. The following article details some of the lesson learned during six years of offering classes to this specific student-group.

The Nahant Dory Club and the Swampscott Yacht Club identified a need in January 2012 and approached the Auxiliary asking for a boating safely course for that age group. The initial course "For Kids Only" was held at the Swampscott Yacht Club with instructors from Auxiliary Flotilla 43 in Marblehead. Later courses have been held at the Nahant Dory Club and taught by instructors from both FL43 (Marblehead) and FL41 (Beverly). The course has been taught for 6 consecutive years making modifications and improvements in each successive year based on feedback from students and instructors alike.

It is our hope that the course will continue to improve in quality and effectiveness with each succeeding year. As we went forward we have kept notes on various changes made to the course; both those that were successful and those that we found were not enhancing the course. There is an addendum to these notes being updated at the end of each course. The hope is to support instructors in other Flotillas so they may benefit from our experience.

First some general notes:

1. Do not attempt to conduct a course in a single weekend. Our experience taught us that the BS&S course is too much at one time and this age group has a short attention span. No more than two classes a week, especially if held while school is in session.
2. Night classes should start promptly at 1900 and end at or before 2030. Get students home at a reasonable hour. Additional classes may be scheduled if carryover is required.
3. Class size should be a maximum of 12 students. More than 12 students in a class has proven to be challenging. Smaller numbers allow the instructor to focus on teaching, and reduce the need for "behavior management."
4. Students Only. No parents should be allowed in the classroom. They tend to be a distraction and intimidate young students. Remember that these are young students and need to be engaged and entertained by the instructor. For the most part they have a short attention span so we must keep them engaged at all times.

Before beginning the course, hold a separate "registration night" and hand out the materials, class schedule and expectations prior to the actual class. Under consideration for 2019 is a pre-class test of basic boating knowledge to determine the knowledge-level of the students. We tried registering the students and teaching the first night before the students had a chance to read the material and found this didn't work, so we now register them a week before class starts. Having them read first, answer the questions at the end of the chapter and teach later, works much better as the students remembered reading the topic, could ask pertinent questions and engage in discussions about what they had read and were hearing during class. Make sure the students answer the questions at the end of each chapter.

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The course curriculum should come from the Boating Skills and Seamanship text book. We have taught both Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) and About Boating Safely (ABS). It is our collective opinion that BS&S is far superior to ABS in both its content and the organization of material. We have also found that certain power point presentations from earlier versions of BS&S and other Auxiliary PowerPoints are superior, and thus we use them when we teach. Updated PowerPoints presentations are used and items of local interest are used as specific examples.

Whenever possible combine in one-night chapters that are related and can be taught in the 90-minute class time. We are required to teach Chapters 1 through 8 and have added specific sections from other chapters dealing with safety issues. We accomplished this by incorporating them into required chapters. As an example, we added the use of the VHF to our presentation of Chapter 2 "Equipment for Your Boat." Another is Chapter 3 "Trailering" where we recommend that nominal emphasis be placed on trailering. The rational being, in many cases it may be four years before they drive a car, let alone with a trailer attached. Crossing the chains and the recommended amount of weight on the tongue are about the only things students will remember until they actually get a chance to practice years later. By having the students read the chapters and answer the questions before the class is taught, allows us to combine related chapters in one night, with the proviso that if we do not finish we carry it over to the next class. Thus, the number of actual classes may exceed the number in the original syllabus.

Instructors should ask open-ended questions so students must respond with more than yes or no. This keeps them on their toes at this time of night. If needed, slow the pace of the class and keep asking the question, "Did you understand what I said and do you have any questions?" When done with the chapters, ask the students what areas they feel they especially need to spend time on during the final review night(s). This way you can tailor the reviews to meet their needs. Make sure to take notes on what they say about areas to emphasize. Do not hesitate to spend more time in reviewing than you think needed, as the students' recent evaluations emphasized that they were a big help.

NAHANT, Mass.— John Collins, SO-PE for Division 4, D1NR leads a course of instruction for young students at the Nahant Dory Club.
(Photo courtesy of Robert J Cusack, SO-NS, Division 4, D1NR.)

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Instructors need to study the material thoroughly so that they only look at the PowerPoint to "headline" what they are going to discuss. They must then face the class, start the lecture and go around the room making sure they look directly at each student - thus showing they are giving each his/her undivided attention. We need to challenge each student to think, not just listen.

Student Feedback and other Thoughts

1. Several students suggested spending more time on Chapters 5 "Your Highway Signs" and Chapter 6 "Rules of the Road."
2. Most students thought that spending more time on reviews and reviewing the questions at the end of the chapters would be a big help.
3. Several suggested a more hands-on approach would help.
4. Finally, you must have the desire to make a difference when teaching younger boaters.

Acknowledgements

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Again, thank you to all of you who helped and encouraged us, and especially to all for thinking outside the box.

- Submitted by Robert J. Cusack, SO-NS Division 4, D1NR.

Photographs from Around District 1 Northern Region

BOSTON, Mass. — Sixth graders from Nahant get the chance to tour USCG Base Boston.
(*Photo by Robert Cusack, SO-NS Division 4, D1NR.*)

BOSTON, Mass. — COASTIE is not just horsing around at the Marine Science and Maritime Festival on Constitution Beach.
(*Photo by Robert Amiro, AUC PC, D1NR.*)

SALEM, Mass. — COASTIE meets with some of the kids at Bates Elementary School in Salem, Massachusetts during a safe boating presentation.
(*Photo by Robert Amiro, AUC PC, D1NR.*)

BOSTON HARBOR — The USS Constitution is taken off Ft Independence after completing her annual 4th of July Turnaround.
(*Photo by Steve McCann, DCAPT Sector Boston, D1NR.*)

HELP WANTED:
TIME, ENTHUSIASM AND TEAMWORK REQUIRED

There are several skill sets being sought for on-going mission support in the publication and public affairs area. Because the publication and public affairs roles often overlap these people will work with both district staff as part of a strengthened team.

Contact John W. Keyes, DSO-PB through the Auxiliary On-line Directory.

Writer

- Independent research for articles for *Nor'Easter*
- Ability to interview people for articles
- Ability to draft an article
- Timely submission of article

Additional opportunity:

- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

Editing

- Can provide editing to articles in *Nor'Easter*
- Assure articles are written using Coast Guard guidelines
- Ability to collaborate during editing process with writers
- Timely completion of editing

Additional opportunity:

- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

Publishing

- Ability to use MS Publisher and Adobe publishing software
- Interest in compiling and organizing layout of *Nor'Easter* on a quarterly basis

Orientation and training provided.

Photography and Videography

- Provide regular and on-going photography for *Nor'Easter* and Coast Guard First District
- Assure photos and video comply with Coast Guard guidelines

Additional opportunity:

- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

Social Media

- Ability to use various social media tools
- Ability to design, manage and coordinate social media messaging for district
- Interest in supporting or offering technical assistance to divisions and flotilla
- Assure that Auxiliary social med comply with Coast Guard guidelines

Additional opportunity:

- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

When	*What*	*Where*
5 August	*Yankee Homecoming Parade*	*Newburyport, Mass.*
15 August	*EXCOM*	*Conference Call*
16 August	*Cutoff Date for District Office Letters of Intent*	
17 August	*Board & Staff Meeting*	*Conference Call*
19-26 August	*NACON 2018*	*Orlando, Fl.*
19 September	*EXCOM*	*Conference Call*
21 September	*Board & Staff Meeting, Elections*	*WEBEX*

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

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