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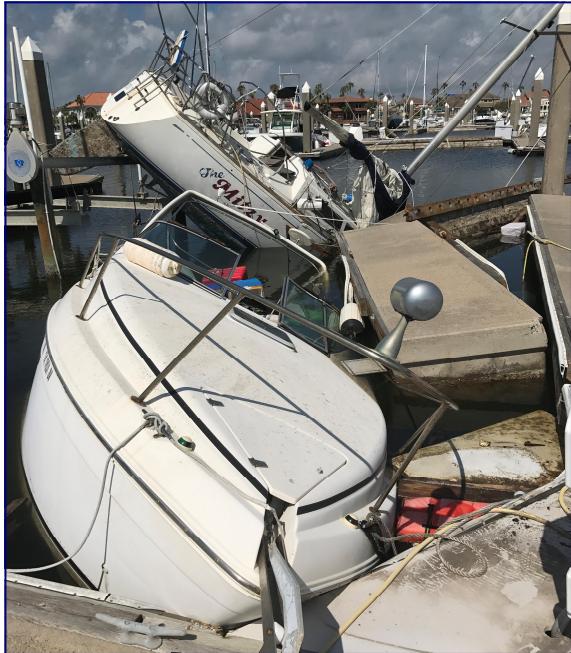
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ON THE COVER:

PORT ARANSAS, Texas — In many cases, vessel damage was extensive in the wake of Category 5 hurricane Harvey. The gulf coast town just outside Corpus Christi was directly in the storm's path. See page 9 for the related story of Auxiliary response. (U.S. Coast Guard Photo by Aux Kevin J. Cady, Flotilla 24.)



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Commodore's Message

Hello Shipmates,

The beginning of October signals a change of seasons and activities for The First District Northern Region with our focus on pulling boats, gearing up our Boating Safety classes, elections of new Officers and planning for 2018. However, before we leave 2017, everyone needs to take a bow for the tremendous amount of work that has been performed; we are an exceptional group that unselfishly supports the United States Coast Guard by contributing over 116 thousand hours so far this year. The labor cost to hire and maintain a workforce that logs that amount of hours is over 4.8 Million dollars (and we are not at the end of the year yet). What a great job and thank you. Bravo Zulu.



Paddle craft was a major focus this year with over 1700 paddle craft vessel checks completed. Bob Amiro and his team logged over 14, 000 road miles traveling across the district from Burlington, VT to upper Maine, across Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Bob also traveled to Pennsylvania where he participated in District Five, Northern Region's Change of Watch. Although fall is upon us, you can still find Bob and team at selected upcoming events, one being the Thanksgiving Parade in Plymouth, Mass. Job well done by all, another Bravo Zulu.

We can now report that GAP Analysis has been completed across all sectors within the district. Thank you to Alex Lachiatto and his team for their dedication and leadership in getting us on track and completing this important activity. Now that the Coast Guard requirements have been documented, Alex and his team will begin the planning for 2018 and focus on involving the divisions and Ffotillas to meet those requirements.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for two major upcoming events:

1. The Thanksgiving Parade in Plymouth, Mass. is scheduled for 18 November 2017. The event will include participation by the Coast Guard with a fly over, with their personnel marching and a Paddle Craft display. Come join our Active Duty shipmates and march alongside them in the parade. If you have never participated in this parade you have missed a great opportunity with the cheering of the thousands of people expressing their "thanks and appreciation" as you march by. Please contact Dave McClure to register.
2. The Leadership Development Academy at the Coast Guard Academy is scheduled for 1 December through 3 December 2017. This year attendance is opened to anyone considering a leadership position, either elected or appointed. You will lodge at Munroe Hall on the grounds of the Academy. Feedback from those who have attended state that not only course content was helpful but also the experience of meeting and sharing new ideas with others was extremely a valuable and rewarding experience. The winter uniform at the Academy is Winter Dress Blue and RADM James Rendon, Superintendent Coast Guard Academy, has requested that we comply. Therefore, the uniform of the day is Winter Dress Blue (long sleeve blue shirt and long tie with the same trousers as Tropical Blue). To register, please contact Charles Grossimon, DCOS.

Thank you for your excellent support and contribution and hope everyone has a safe and joyful holiday season.

Phil Kubat, DCO 1DNR

CHARLIE GROSSIMON

District Chief of Staff



The summer is over, our boats are being pulled out, and Vessel Safety Check season is all but finished. As we look back over the year, we all know there is much more of a focus on paddle craft. This can be a paradigm shift for many of us as historically, we're all used to examining power and sail boats.

The challenge upon us is to not only serve our power and sail-boaters, but we need to develop a rapport with a fairly new kind of boater, the paddler. The topic of Vessel Safety Checks on paddle craft is new for many of us. Performing Vessel Safety Checks on kayaks and paddle boards are an incredibly important thing to do. As a segment of recreational boating, paddle craft is growing exponentially. There are also fewer and fewer of the larger boats and more and more paddle craft. Younger people who don't have the resources to purchase a cabin cruiser, for example, will certainly look seriously at the various paddle craft on the market today.

Many of us will contend there isn't much to a paddle craft inspection. True, in terms of equipment, there is far less than what you might find on a larger boat. However, the most important part of a Vessel Safety Check is the one on one educational opportunity between the examiner and the boater. This powerful opportunity is huge when it comes to paddle craft. Most paddle craft operators have had no formal training and have absolutely no idea what the laws are relative to their particular class of vessel. And, YES, paddle craft, including stand up paddlers, are, indeed, vessels. Thus, they are subject to all of the laws on the water, including the requirement to have the requisite life jackets onboard.

So, it behooves all of us to get the word out. If you don't know how to do a Vessel Safety Check on paddle craft, we can teach you. While it may be discomforting for many of us at first, you might find it very rewarding. You may even save a life, and that's what we're all about.

Paddlers can be on the water long after our bigger boats get pulled for the season. It's not too late to go to where the paddlers are, engage and educate them. It's extremely important. Again, you may just save a life.

My hope for any Vessel Examiner reading this, you will resolve to perform more Vessel Safety Checks on paddle craft next year. We have resources available to teach you how, if you're not up to speed. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Election season is upon us. As of this writing, the district elections are behind us and the division elections are in progress. For those who have stepped up to the plate to help by running for office, Thank You. For those who may be thinking about it for next year, please keep it in mind. Your flotilla or division needs you.

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CHARLIE GROSSIMON

District Chief of Staff

As of this writing, planning for the Leadership Development Academy, courses for Flotilla and Division Commanders are in progress. This course of study is held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and is held in conjunction with our neighbors to the south, First District, Southern Region. The course runs on the weekend of 1-3 December.

It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, exchange best practices and have some great fellowship.

Have a great autumn, and I hope to see you soon.

*Semper Paratus,
Charlie Grossimon,
District Chief of Staff*



Auxiliarist Involvement in U.S. Military Veteran Outreach Activities Constitute Assignment to Duty

Recently there have been some questions with respect to the validity of the assignment to duty of Coast Guard Auxiliarists to engage in outreach activities involving U.S. military veterans. Captain Scott L. Johnson, the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX), has determined that such activity is well within the scope of authorized Auxiliary activity, therefore warrants recognition as assignment to duty, and is able to be claimed/recorded as such. The Chief Director considers the following as key considerations that factor into his determination. He writes:

"Fellowship is appropriately recognized as one of the Auxiliary's four cornerstones of Coast Guard mission responsibility and support. Section 1.A.5. of the CG Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)) states:

'Fellowship remains an essential ingredient in making any organization of volunteers successful. The Coast Guard recognizes the importance of this aspect of volunteer participation and encourages a close relationship between Auxiliarists and other Coast Guard personnel. Fellowship makes the team work and binds the entire organization together.'

Although not specifically stated, the implication is clear that such engagement between Auxiliarists and Coast Guard personnel does not end at the boundary of active duty status for the latter group. A close relationship is encouraged and expected between Auxiliarists and all Coast Guard personnel...active duty, reserve, civilian, retirees, and all veterans of such service. Moreover, such relationship is not even expected to end there, but rather also extends to those of us who serve, and who have served in, our fellow U.S. military services. Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Paul Zukunft, wrote an article entitled, 'A Duty to People, A Duty to Veterans,' in the November 11, 2016 edition of the Coast Guard Compass, <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/a-duty-to-people-a-duty-to-veterans>):

'As we unite in honoring our military men and women and their families, we must recognize our commitment to them does not end when their service in the Armed Forces ends. While only one day out of the year is specifically designated to honor our veterans, our commitment to our veterans should be limitless.'

Coast Guard engagement with U.S. Military Veterans is clearly consistent with the guiding principle, Duty to People, to which the Commandant has pledged our service...Auxiliarists included."

- All Auxiliary Message from National Commodore Richard A. Washburn



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, DINR*

Got Pictures?

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

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

Check the Public Affairs Directory website for details. REMEMBER: Use proper caption, credit and VIRIN as outlined in the PA Guidebook to avoid rejection (see overview below.) SIZE: Resolution - 200 dpi @ approximately 10in x 8in. SEND only one photo per email message, do not send multiple photos in one email.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Answers the Call - Hurricane Harvey

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary answered the call for assistance soon after Hurricane Harvey made landfall in August along the Texas coastline. The 8th Coast Guard District command in New Orleans implemented an Incident Management Auxiliary Coordination Cell (IMACC) to direct the extraordinary Auxiliary response to the devastation caused by the hurricane.

"For the first time ever, the Coast Guard Auxiliary responded to an incident with an IMACC whose purpose was to assist the director of the Auxiliary and the 8th District commander by deploying Auxiliarists with the right qualifications and training to support operations," said 8th District Commodore Robert Tippett.

Coast Guard auxiliarists Michael Kappas, foreground, and Rusty Pumphrey, work in the Houston-based Hurricane Harvey incident command post, Sept. 17, 2017. Both contributed to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-led oil and hazardous material recovery effort and served alongside federal, state, local, and tribal partners. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer John Masson.

Rusty Pumphrey, of Floatilla 6-3, Seabrook, Texas, and Michael Kappas, of Floatilla 6-1, Chocolate Bayou, Texas, are two Auxiliary members that answered the call to duty, even while Hurricane Harvey ravaged Texas. Both navigated through Houston, which was still flooding under Harvey's relentless deluge, in order to stand watch at the incident command post established at Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston.

HOUSTON, Texas — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Rusty Pumphrey tracks storm activity from the Houston-based Hurricane Harvey incident command post, Sept. 17, 2017. Pumphrey served as a deputy liaison officer in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-led oil and hazardous material recovery effort and served alongside federal, state, local, and tribal partners. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer John Masson.)



HOUSTON, Texas — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Kevin Cady, of Sector Northern New England, presents the situation report to the Hurricane Harvey Emergency Support Function #10 unified command during a planning meeting, Sept. 22, 2017, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Cady served as the situation unit leader for three weeks in September 2017. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer Susan Blake.)

Coast Guard Auxiliary Answers the Call (continued)

Tippett said there were 117 auxiliarists from across the country who deployed for the hurricane response, supporting the Coast Guard from New Orleans to the Texas coastline. In addition, the 8th District deployed qualified and experienced Auxiliary members to Corpus Christi, Texas, to support the Hurricane Harvey Emergency Support Function #10 unified command. Auxiliarists filled critical Incident Command System positions in Geographic Information System, Situation, Resources and Admin/Finance within the unified command and assisted National Strike Force teams in the field.

Auxiliarists directly supported efforts to identify and remove hundreds of orphan containers, and they continue to support the vessel removal operations of displaced or submerged vessels from navigable waterways in addition to mitigating pollution impacts to the marine environment. Auxiliary members from New England, Philadelphia, Virginia, Colorado, New York, Iowa, Louisiana, and over 60 members from Texas supported the unified command.

"Even though the Auxiliary was not directly involved in the recovery of individuals, we were behind the scenes in a strong supporting role throughout the operations," said Tippett. "The Auxiliary and the IMACC proved once again what a true force multiplier we are when supporting major disaster events." Coast Guard Auxiliarists volunteered and stood watch during the disaster an average of 350 hours per member and logged more than 10,000 total hours in support of Hurricane Harvey operations within Texas.

HOUSTON, Texas — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarists Michael Kappas, foreground, and Rusty Pumphrey, work in the Houston-based Hurricane Harvey incident command post, Sept. 17, 2017. Both contributed to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-led oil and hazardous material recovery effort and served alongside federal, state, local, and tribal partners. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer John Masson.)



HOUSTON, Texas — U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Kevin Cady, Flotilla 24, supervises dive operations with the USCG Strike Team. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Reardon.)

- Submitted by Kevin J. Cady, Flotilla 24 (Editor's note: A version of this article can be found online in the official blog of the USCG Auxiliary, Coast Guard Auxiliary Live.)

District INR Color Guard Team among the Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. — On Thursday August 10th, the First District Guard Unit presented colors for the first pre-season game of the 2017 season for the five time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro Mass.

The combined team of Division 12 Auxiliarist and active duty members from Station Boston, Station Pt. Allerton and Station Gloucester has been working with the Kraft organization for nine years, completing over thirty presentations at Gillette Stadium for the Patriots, Revolution and several other special events this year including the NCAA Division 1 Lacrosse Championship and Monster Truck event.

FOXBORO, Mass. — The D1NR Color Guard team (l to r) Aux Kevin P. Ritchie, MK3 Ryan Scandurra, OS2 Tony Lombardi, SK2 Justin Gatson, Aux Craig Hall, SK3 Rupica Avinizis, on the fifty yard line in Gillette Stadium.

Below: Prior to the game, Kevin Ritchie reviews the presentation of colors with the Color Guard team.

(Photos are courtesy of Color Guard team special assistant Lauren Suraci.)



In early July, Division 12 Color Guard Commander Kevin Ritchie was notified that the Patriots, after consultation with their internal public affairs team and the NFL, were selected to present colors for the opening game of the pre-season, and one regular season game. This is the second season in a row where Team Coast Guard was asked to present at two games for the season including the opening pre-season game, an honor not granted to any other color guard unit.

The six member team was required to arrive at Gillette Stadium at 4pm, three and a half hours before the 7:30pm game time. Upon entry to Gillette Stadium members were scanned and checked in and all equipment was searched by law enforcement and K-9 units. The unit was then escorted to a private conference room down the hall from owner Robert Kraft's office. At 5pm the team was brought on the field for a briefing and walk through for the opening ceremony and presentation of colors. The team was then escorted back to the conference room they shared with country music star Timmy Brown who was singing the national anthem. Members of his entourage included DJ's from the country music station *The Bull 101.7fm*.



District 1NR Color Guard Team among the Patriots (continued)

At 7pm, the Color Guard team members along with special assistant Lauren Suraci were escorted back down to the field for the presentation. At 7:24pm SK2 Justin Gatson called the unit to attention and the unit began its single column march to the fifty yard line. After the presentation, several members stayed and enjoyed the game and the surrounding entertainment of Patriot Place. The team, as always, looks forward to future presentations at Gillette Stadium.



FOXBORO, Mass. — The D1NR Color Guard team (l to r) Aux Kevin P. Ritchie, MK3 Ryan Scandurra, OS2 Tony Lombardi, SK2 Justin Gatson, Aux Craig Hall, SK3 Rupica Avinizis, on the fifty yard line in Gillette Stadium.

Below: The Color Guard team assembles for a group photo prior to the game.

(Photos are courtesy of Color Guard team special assistant Lauren Suraci.)

- Submitted by Kevin P. Ritchie,
Flotilla Commander, FL 12-5
Division 12 Color Guard CDR
USCG Pipe Band/Color Sergeant

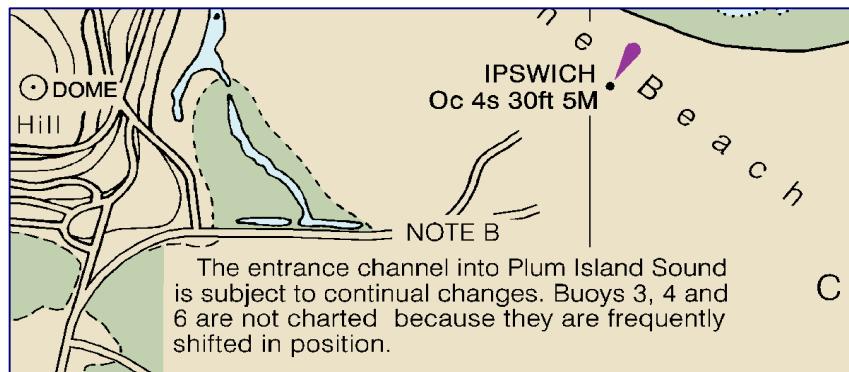


Mariner Tips: Buoys Not Shown

Not all aids to navigation are shown on the charts. In areas where shifting sand makes the channel move, a note will be on the chart. Examples of these are shown for the Essex Bay and River and Plum Island Sound on Charts 13279 and 13282, North Beach Cut (Chatham) on Chart 13248, and Ipswich and Eagle Hill Rivers on Chart 13282. These are not shown in the Light List.

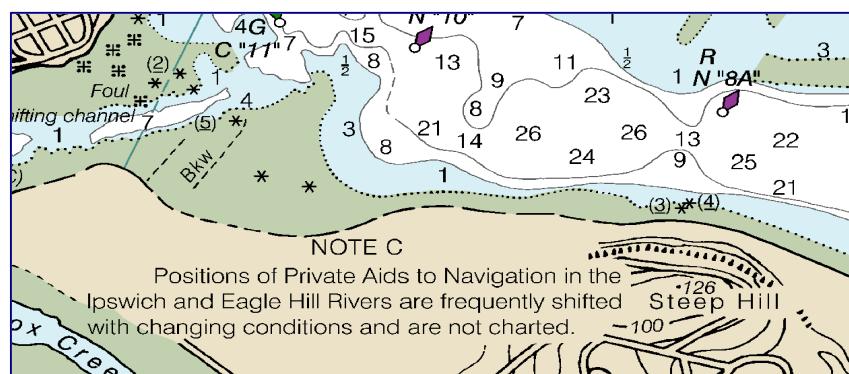
The notations from Chart 13282 are shown below.

There are buoys shown on the charts where the locations can change. Check the Light List where it says, "Positions of buoys frequently shifted due to changing conditions." Examples can be found in Chart 13278 for Hampton (NH) Harbor, Chart 13267 for Scituate and for Fire Island Inlet on Chart 12352. There are many other examples of this in the Light List, and they should be reviewed prior to getting underway.



Two examples of changing conditions notes, above and below, can be of tremendous assistance to marine navigation.

(Examples by John Collins, FSO-MS, FL43)



- Submitted by John Collins, FSO-MS Flotilla 43

Local Auxiliarist Wins Distinguished NASBLA Boating Safety Award

Sponsored by *BOATERexam.com*, the Boating Safety Educator of the Year Award (or “Boatsey”) was launched by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in 2011 to recognize those who go above and beyond to engage students and boaters, to raise awareness, and to make boating education initiatives relevant, thorough and exciting.

Citation to Accompany Award

Arnold Geller, Rhode Island – Northern Regional Winner
NASBLA Boating Safety Educator of the Year - 2017

The northern regional winner of this year’s NASBLA Boating Safety Educator of the Year Award goes to Arnold Geller. Arnold is the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Sector Coordinator for Sector SENE-West. Arnold has been with the Auxiliary for more than thirty-five years. He has been the Coast Guard’s Sector Southeastern New England Coordinator of Auxiliary for three years and with the Waterways Management Branch for almost five years. Arnold has just recently been designated as a Recreational Boating Safety Program Specialist with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Arnold is always planning and preparing for the boating safety events he attends on a regular basis. Whether it is teaching the Sea Scouts, giving a boating safety presentation to a school, or attending a show or event, he is constantly promoting boating safety and doing it with such incredible passion, humor, and joy. He is always setting an example and spreading his safety message even when he is out kayaking on his own time. When asked by Rhode Island Boating Law Administrator, Frank Floor, to work with him at an event for the Jayce the Healer Foundation, a local foundation dedicated to preventing childhood drowning. Without a moment’s hesitation, he said “when” and “where” and has since committed to attending every event they host. Arnold also helped coordinate a photo opportunity for local police, fire, and US Coast Guard for “National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day”. This was a great success and everyone in attendance wanted to do the photo again next year with more officers participating. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management recently partnered with the state’s saltwater fishing show where Arnold set up a spectacular display dedicated to boating safety and focusing on paddle craft safety. The amount of effort he put into this display showed in the crowds of people stopping by. He is truly an asset to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, the US Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. He is an impressive example of what happens when agencies work together and of what it looks like to truly love what you do.

- Submitted by Patrick Cunniff, DCDR Division 7

Captain Scott L. Johnson, Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, presents the NASBLA ‘Boatsey’ Award to Arnold Geller for the Boating Educator of the Year award, Northern Region.

(Photo Courtesy of NASBLA.)



Past Division Commanders Association Election Results

The election for the next president of the Past Division Commanders Association (PDCA) was held at the association's annual rendezvous Saturday 23 September at U.S. Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire. A family-style BBQ preceded and a short business meeting for the election of the association's next president and vice president. Sterling McClay, PDCA President, and his team hosted a wonderful event. The membership elected Craig Hall president and Mathius Mulvey vice president. Their terms begin 1 January 2018.

The purpose of the PDCA is to:

- To assist the District Commodore and the District auxiliary Board in advancing the programs of the auxiliary.
- To be a resource of experienced officer input to Flotillas, Divisions, and the District Board.
- To suggest or originate projects consistent with the advancement of Auxiliary programs.
- To keep the Association members in good standing informed concerning matters of current Auxiliary interest.
- To encourage members of the Association to actively participate in the Auxiliary within their respective Divisions and Flotillas.
- To encourage all Past Division Commanders to become Association members and to actively support the aims and goals of the Auxiliary.

The PDCA can be an invaluable resource to flotillas and divisions. Hall stated that to promote the value of the PDCA he would pledge to work with members on three immediate actions. The first, to survey all flotilla and division commanders about their needs and how the PDCA can support them. "We are developing the survey questions and will be sending the survey information to current and newly elected officers when division and flotilla elections conclude sometime this December. These elected leaders can contact me or the current president about their needs." said Craig Hall, president-elect.

The second order of business is to survey the members of the PDCA on what we think the association can do for Auxiliary members, beyond or more specifically based on the Purpose as stated in the association's Standing Rules.

Matt Mulvey, the incoming vice president will lead a review of the Standing Rules of the association. Since 2015, changes in district conferences nullify certain sections of the rules, for example, when dues are to be collected and election cycle. "It is quite an honor being elected as vice president of the PDCA. Craig and I with the help of the PDCA members will build on the hardworking efforts of our past leaders in making the PDCA an association all can be proud of." said Mulvey.

The PDCA are planning an information table and meeting at the upcoming D-Train. The meeting will be open to members and anyone interested in joining the association.

For information about the PDCA, visit their web page on the district website at <http://a013.uscgaux.info/members/PCA.html>.

- Submitted by Craig Hall, president-elect and Mathius Mulvey, vice president elect

Newburyport Auxiliarist Awarded Prestigious Honor

Congratulations to Auxiliarist Steve Noyes a member of Flotilla 38 in Newburyport, Mass., who was the 2017 recipient of the *RADM Richard I. Rybacki* award, given by the Rybacki family at the Custom House Maritime Museum in Newburyport. This awarded each year to a Coast Guard team member at Station Merrimack River, who has distinguished themselves with excellence in their contribution to the Coast Guard mission.

Although this award is typically presented to an Active Duty member, Steve's significant contributions to the station were deserving of special recognition. Auxiliarist Noyes was cited for his contributions as a station boat crew member and for his work as an engineer at the station. In 2016, Steve directly contributed to the station more than one hundred hours in Crew Augmentation (Mission Code: 26) and CG Operations Support (Mission Code: 07d).

Bravo Zulu, Steve!

- Story by Charlie Grossimon, DCOS DINR

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — Steve Noyes (FL38), with his wife Tina (also a member of Flotilla 38), proudly display the prestigious *RADM Richard I. Rybacki* award in front of the Custom House Maritime Museum on August 5th, 2017.

(Photo by Charlie Grossimon, DCOS, DINR.)



Coast Guard City Commemoration Highlights Day of Events in Hull

On Saturday July 29th, the town of Hull, Mass., celebrated and commemorated the U. S. Coast Guard's greatest lifesaver, Joshua James, at the annual memorial event at Hull Cemetery. Throughout the day events for the public, including the Hull Lifesaving Museum featured Team Coast Guard and community organizers. Division 12 provided a boating safety booth with kayak adjacent to the Hull Lifesaving Museum through the day until the Harbor Illumination preceded by a boat parade. Division 12's David E. Clinton and crew provided a safety patrol during the day and Craig C. Hall offered vessel examinations.

"The boating safety booth was a great way to talk with the public about the importance of wearing life jackets. This year, we focused on the paddle craft in keeping with the admiral's focus on this important boating area. It was great to have a properly fitted kayak on display. The neat thing was watching all the kids want to sit in the seat and pretend to paddle. This was a great way to ask them what they were missing. Each kid gave the right answer, 'my life jacket.' Great to use that opportunity to talk with parents about paddle safety and how to properly fit and wear their lifejackets for the whole family," said David K. Clinton, SO-PV for Division 12 and coordinator of the boating safety booth.

The highlight of the day was the recognition of Joshua James. The event that included a full color guard from ST Point Allerton and members of the Auxiliary was set on the hillside with a welcome speech and stories of heroic lifesaving as well as appreciation of Team Coast Guard. "This is always a well-attended event and demonstration of the partnership between active duty and Auxiliary. Joshua James is known as the greatest life saver, but also an inspiration of the selflessness he had and power in self-sacrifice for others," added Craig Hall, IPDCAPT-C.

The ceremony and recognition of Joshua James and Team Coast Guard concludes with placing of a wreath of the headstone of James and placing of Coast Guard flags at the gravesites of members of the service. The Joshua James commemoration is an annual event that is open to the public and members of Team Coast Guard.



HULL, Mass.— Station Point Allerton Color Guard, with David K. Clinton along side, after the ceremony and recognition of Joshua James.

(Photo by Craig C. Hall, IPDCDR Division 12.)

- Submitted by Craig Hall, IPDCDR Division 12

Where in the World is COASTIE?

Our little Safe Boating mascot, "Coastie" can be found just about anywhere in District 1NR; he really gets around. If you spot him at one of your events, take a picture of him and send it in to the *Nor'Easter* for publication. If a youngster is in the photo (as they often are), be sure to get a consent form signed or we won't be able to use it. Here are a few of the places Coastie was found over the past three months:



NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — Glen Gayton, Division 3 Vice Commander (background), introduces Coastie to the Yankee Homecoming Event Chairperson in Newburyport. (Photo by Robert Amiro, DCDR Division 4.)



NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — Coastie can often be found center stage on the Paddle Smart Team vehicle during local parades. (Photo by Robert Amiro, DCDR Division 4.)



IPSWICH, Mass. — Coastie joined the fun in Ipswich during their annual Chowder Festival. Parents come for the chowder, kids come for Coastie! (Photo by Robert Amiro, DCDR Division 4.)

Divisions Support Operation Life Ring at Change of Watch Ceremonies

All the divisions in the First District Northern Region were invited to participate in a fundraising effort for Operation Life Ring, a specific effort by Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) to support active duty and Auxiliary families devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, which has strained the resources of the CGMA. Grants are being distributed to active duty and Auxiliary families impacted by the storms with funds raised through Operation Life Ring.

"As a way to raise funds, we have arranged with the help of Auxiliarists in our district, to offer a framed and signed print of the USCGC *Eagle* (WIX-327) leading the Grand Parade of Sail into Boston Harbor for Sail Boston this June, to be raffled at each division's Change of Watch. All funds raised will be donated on behalf of our district to Operation Life Ring," said Craig Hall, chair of CGMA for the First District Northern Region.



The photo and imagery was offered by Auxiliarist William Bell, the prints by Auxiliarist Craig Hall and Lane Printing and Advertising, the framing by Auxiliarist Jaimie Griffith and Stanhope Framers.

"The district's division commanders were given a special 'thank you,'" added Hall.

Betsy Eggleston, DCDR Division 1; Richard Jones, DCDR Division 2; Stephen McCann, DCDR Division 3; Robert Amiro, DCDR Division 4; James Griffith, DCDR Division 5; Marian Pope, DCDR Division 6; Patrick Cunniff, DCDR Division 7; Juliette Mason, DCDR Division 9; Michael Mulryan, DCDR Division 10; Ray Hogan, DCDR Division 11; Mathias Mulvey, DCDR Division 12.

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DCDR Division 10; Ray Hogan, DCDR Division 11; Mathias Mulvey, DCDR Division 12.

One each of the limited number of prints for this fundraising effort will be on view at each Change of Watch. The numbering will incorporate and include the district and division number, providing an individual and unique historical reference.

In addition to these special raffle opportunities, members can make one-time or also setup a recurring contribution to Operation Life Ring through the CGMA website.

The web page is located at <http://www.cgmahq.org/>.

- Submitted by Craig Hall, Chair of CGMA for the First District Northern Region, 2017

Carbon Monoxide the Silent Killer

As more and more boaters use auxiliary generators to power the electrical needs of their boats, or small fossil fueled stoves to heat their boats now that fall is here, the incidents of carbon monoxide, "CO" poisoning have been increasing. CO forms from the incomplete combustion of fuels such as gasoline and diesel. On average about 10 to 12 percent of exhaust, gas is CO. It is colorless, odorless and is a killer. Your first defense against it is to outfit your boat with a carbon monoxide detector, which will set off an alarm when CO is detected. A little over 650 parts per million can be toxic, so if you have an engine of any type running and you develop any of the following symptoms, a headache, dizziness and nausea consider that CO might be the cause. At the first sign of these symptoms immediately, get into fresh air and shutoff the motor. Continued exposure may be fatal.

What should you be on the lookout for? While underway, the flag on the stern instead of flapping aft is actually flapping forward. This is known as the station wagon affect as the forward motion of the boat and the superstructure cause the exhaust to be sucked over the transom and into the boat. I know as it happened to us a few years ago during a flat calm as we motored off the coast of Maine. Fortunately, we recognized the symptoms, ventilated the boat by opening as many ports as possible, lowered the dodger and stood up in the cockpit. We kept everyone out of the cabin and in fresh air. No more CO problems.

Among the other dangerous situations is what is known as "teaking". Done mostly by kids, it is being towed by or on something directly behind the boat and right in the exhaust stream. Additional potential problems are having ventilators close to exhaust ports, having generator exhaust ports under swim platforms, and enclosing your boat if it is not designed to be enclosed. A survey of your boat to identify where the exhaust ports are in relation to openings where the CO could enter is critical to the safety of all aboard. In the end recognizing the symptoms, shutting off the source of the CO and getting the affected person(s) into fresh air are what you should do. Later you may be able to remedy the problem by altering your boat if alterations done by a professional will alleviate the problem. Stay safe!



Nation's Toughest Carbon Monoxide Law - Sophia's Law (Hannah Helsby, Communications Director, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)) Hannah@nasbla.org

Minnesota is the first state to protect boaters from the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning by requiring CO detectors and warning stickers on motorboats. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and extremely toxic gas, which can be fatal without warning. The new carbon monoxide law, Sophia's Law, is named for a 7-year-old girl who tragically lost her life to carbon monoxide poisoning while boating.

Stan Linnell, Boating Law Administrator and Lisa Dugan, Recreation Safety Outreach Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources made a presentation on Sophia's Law at the 2017 NASBLA Annual Conference. View the presentation on Sophia's Law here, as well as the brochure and the warning sticker sheet. Learn more about Sophia's Law from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources by visiting their website. <https://community.nasbla.org/blogs/hannah-helsby/2017/09/27/nations-toughest-carbon-monoxide-law-sophias-law>.

- Submitted by Robert J. Cusack, Flotilla Vice Commander, Flotilla 41

AUXFIT Updates

As the last quarter of the year winds down, the AUXFIT Team is still recruiting members to be healthy and well. Charlie Grossimon, DCOS, continues to offer inspiration with regular check-ins with the team. "AUXFIT should be approached by members the same way they should approach a qualification. It's not something that is achieved overnight. It takes a lot of hard work and a lot of thought. But when the goal is achieved the benefits are huge," said Grossimon.

AUXFIT water bottles are still being distributed at divisions or flotillas to members who commit to being AUXFIT in 2017. The AUXFIT Team is supporting the S-Train, which is hosted by divisions of Sector Southeast New England, and will provide an information table at the training.

"We hope to offer information to compliment the great work of the divisions' leadership, DCDRs and VCDRs." said Craig Hall, AUXFIT Team Leader. "We will have pledge cards and water bottles for those who pledge to be AUXFIT." added Hall.

There is still time to commit to health and wellness in 2017. To commit, an email should be sent to craighall.uscgaux@gmail.com. There will be a name drawn from those who have committed and the winner will earn a gift card as well as water bottle.

There are members from 10 districts following our lead and pledged to be AUXFIT. Because the AUXFIT campaign had some national interest, the team modified the end-year award to provide one Auxiliarist in D1NR and one from outside our district with an award for pledging to be AUXFIT.

At the district board and staff meeting 22 September at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlborough, Mass., an AUXFIT water bottle was presented to National Commodore Rick Washburn by Craig Hall and Charlie Grossimon. As we look forward to 2018, we are seeking input on ideas for AUXFIT campaign themes and activities. Anyone with ideas can share them with Charlie Grossimon, DCOS or Craig Hall, AUFIT Team Leader.



MARLBOROUGH, Mass.— AUXFIT Team Leader Craig Hall and D1NR Chief of Staff, Charlie Grossimon present an AUXFIT water bottle to National Commodore Richard Washburn, at the D1NR Board and Staff Meeting September 22, 2017.

(Photo by William J. Bell, DSO-CS.)

- Submitted by Charlie Grossimon, DCOS and Craig Hall, AUFIT Team Leader

Wear It New England! – Photo Contest Winner Announced

The winner of the National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Photo Contest is Don Ladd, Auxiliarist, Flotilla 12-8 1NR. The photo, submitted by Ladd is titled “STA Scituate Open House.” Mr. Ladd will be recognized at the district’s December meeting with a certificate of appreciation and gift card.

The runner-up was submitted by Bob Amiro and titled “You know guys you should have had your life jacket on.”

The contest was promoted at district meetings, the district website and district’s online magazine, the *Nor’Easter*. Following NSBW, held during 20-26 May 2017, units (flotillas and divisions) could submit photos of unit activities during NSBW for recognition by the district. The photos were to represent The district’s NSBW committee judged the best photo and a close runner-up.

“This has been another successful year. Many units conducted successful activities throughout NSBW, and we hope the photo contest was one way to recognize the tremendous efforts of members.” said Craig Hall, chairperson of Wear It NE /NSBW for the First District Northern Region.

“Although our programming is turn-key at this point, the members of the committee did a great job working with their respective divisions and flotillas. It was the work of the divisions themselves that make the campaign a success.” added Hall.

The committee members are Craig Hall, Betsy Egleston, DCDR 1, Richard Jones, DCDR 2, Bob Amiro, DCDR 4, Jamie Griffith, DCDR 5, Marion Pope, DCDR 6, Patrick Cunniff, DCDR 7, Ray Hogan, DCDR 11 and Matt Mulvey, DCDR 12 .

“Station Scituate Open House” Submitted by Don Ladd, IPFC Flotilla 12-8, takes first place in the National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Photo Contest.



- Submitted by Craig Hall, chairperson of Wear It NE /NSBW, First District Northern Region

NOAA Northeast Navigation Manager Joins Auxiliary for Ride-Along

The fine crew of Aux OPFAC 293171 took Lieutenant David Vejar, NOAA Northeast Navigation Manager, on a PATON patrol in Narragansett Bay in September. The event made it into NOAA's online newsletter and Frank Cotter, FSO-NS for Flotilla 78 wrote the following narrative describing the experience...

Every Wednesday night in season Mike Quinn's operational facility leaves the dock at Winstead's Marina in Warwick, R.I. for an aids to navigation mission. Ordinarily we check the bridges, federal ATONS, private aids to navigation or train with Jim Collinson or Dave Morin's boats but last night was special. Mike had invited the new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Northeast (NOAA) Navigation Manager, Dave Vejar, to join us. Over pizzas and soft drinks we had a lively discussion of how the Auxiliary might assist NOAA in their missions locally.

We discussed plans to demonstrate our chart updating skills that night by updating the new footprint of a local marina. (Mike, the pepperoni pizza was delicious but the onion pizza was a total flop.) We asked Dave if there was anything he wanted to do or see as he has been on the job only three weeks and had just transferred in from the West Coast. He pondered for a moment and then said he had received a high level request from the Navy in Newport. There were several spots near the main piers in Coddington Cove where the chart showed depths of 32 feet. Since the clearance for some of the ships stationed there was 32 feet as well, they were concerned about grounding. This was a priority mission for NOAA but their own boat was down for repairs. Could we bring Dave down there to check out the situation? Maybe, but first we had to get clearance from Navy Security as they were very security conscious and usually met Coddington Cove intruders with gunboats and heavily armed officers.



NEWPORT — (left) The crew of the QuinnSea prepare to head out on their "ride-along" PATON patrol with Lt. David Vejar of NOAA (second from left). (right) The survey track of Coddington Cove. (Photos by Mike Quinn, SO-NS, Division 7.)

Several calls secured the necessary permissions and we were off to Newport's Coddington Cove. Formerly home to the North Atlantic Destroyer Squadron until the mid-70s and then home of two World War II aircraft carriers and a battleship awaiting final determination. The cove now housed Coast Guard black hulls and visiting naval vessels. It was these latter vessels that had reported discrepancies between charted and actual depths. Concerned with going aground they had requested NOAA to determine and report any corrections. Thus little *QuinnSea* became the engine that could.

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NOAA PATON Survey Ride-Along (*continued*)

Dave Vejar identified the problematic spots and directed our movements. Mike's high quality color depth finder clearly showed bottom features and depths while the Open CPN chart playing on the laptop identified the exact areas in question on the nautical chart. Tasks were assigned with Woody as lookout, Mary Anne as record keeper, Mike as helmsman and chief technician while Dave read the plotter and directed and I read the depth numbers. Did I mention it was dark with a half moon? Exciting!

We passed over each area in question several times confirming our results. We corrected for height of the tide and location of the transducer determining that in each instance there was more water than the chart showed. Dave was pleased that he would be able to report our findings to the Navy and that the chart in question would be properly corrected and we were pleased to help him.

A quick run to Hog Island Light to check that the fog horn was working properly and a conference call to Frank Larkin, the Auxiliary District Officer for Navigation Systems, concluded our night and we were back to the dock by 2230.

All in all, a fine night's work!



Coast Survey Biweekly Newsletter

Northeast navigation manager joins U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for ride-along in Narragansett Bay



Auxiliarist Frank Cotter, Lt. David Vejar, Auxiliarist Mary Ann Moran, and Auxiliarist Irving Wood. Credit: Auxiliarist Michael Quinn

Northeast navigation manager, Lt. David Vejar, met with U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary First District Northern Region, Narragansett Bay Division, North Star flotilla in Warwick, Rhode Island, for a ride-along in Narragansett Bay. The trip included some routine aids to navigation (AtoN) work, along with a mission in Naval Station Newport to support the USS Mahan. The opportunity was coordinated through Michael Quinn, division staff officer of Navigation Systems for Division Seven. Mr. Quinn also serves as assistant district staff officer and has shown overwhelming initiative in assisting NOAA with work in Narragansett Bay. This flotilla has submitted 87 chart updates for various NOAA charts in Narragansett Bay and Point Judith. For more information, contact David.Vejar@noaa.gov.

NEWPORT — The Narragansett Bay PATON survey made NOAA's bi-weekly online newsletter, courtesy of Lt. Vejar.

(*Screen capture courtesy of NOAA.*)

- Submitted by Mike Quinn, SO-NS Division 7

Profiles in Character: Sally Snowman, A Light in the Darkness

BOSTON — In 2016, the Coast Guard, along with the National Park Service and Boston Harbor, celebrated Boston Light's 300th year of service at Boston's Long Wharf and on Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor. The celebrations included remarks from U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Paul Zukunft as well as Boston Mayor Martin Walsh. "For 300 years and to this very day mariners have relied and will continue to rely upon Boston Light," said Adm. Zukunft.

Central to this celebration was the singular figure of Sally Snowman, PhD, in period attire, the first and only woman lighthouse keeper on Little Brewster Island. "I think of keeper Snowman as a one woman station," said Capt. Claudia Gelzer, commander of Coast Guard Sector Boston during a recent interview. And now Dr. Snowman is being recognized for her contributions to the rich and storied history of the Coast Guard. On September 19th, ALCOAST 277/17 announced the recipients of the Foundation For Coast Guard History Awards; Dr. Snowman was the first of four recipients of an individual award.

"I think of keeper Snowman as a one woman station."

- Capt. Claudia Gelzer, Commander Coast Guard Sector Boston



LITTLE BREWSTER ISLAND — Doctor Sally Snowman stands atop the gallery of Boston Light. Dr. Snowman has been honored by the *Foundation for Coast Guard History* for her contributions to Coast Guard heritage.

(Photo courtesy of Dan Afzal, U.S. Postal Service.)

land during CEU Providence's \$1.5 million lighthouse restoration project on the island, helping prepare for the 300th anniversary celebration in September 2016, attended by Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard Paul Zukunft."

The Foundation for Coast Guard History was formed on 4 August 1999 as a nonprofit organization. Its objectives are to provide support for the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office, encourage studies relating to the history of our service, and accord recognition to individuals and organizations that contribute to the goals of the FCGH.

- Submitted by John W. Keyes, DSO-PB

The ALCOAST reads, in part:

*"Dr. Snowman is the first female keeper of Boston Lighthouse in its 301-year history. She oversees a staff of 100 volunteer historical site interpreters who welcome approximately 3,000 visitors per year to Little Brewster Island, working with numerous nonprofit and governmental agencies to identify and train those volunteers. Toward that end, she wrote the first interpretive historical guide to train Coast Guard Auxiliarists, Park Rangers and her army of volunteers. She is also the author of the definitive history of the lighthouse, *Boston Light: A Historical Perspective*. During 2016, as the lighthouse celebrated its tercentennial anniversary, Dr. Snowman conducted outreach consisting of more than 100 presentations to an additional 2,500 people. She coordinated the safety and education of visitors to the is-*

Photographs from Around District 1 Northern Region



MILTON, Mass. — The AUXPAD Team presents a paddle-craft water safety demonstration and vessel checks for kayaks and canoes at the Boy Scouts Boston Minuteman Egan Center/Camp Sayre, led by Rashid Ashraf, ADSO-DV. (Photo by Raymond Julian, DSO-PV.)



NAHANT, Mass. — John Collins, Robert Cusack and Kasey Carey of Division 4 present a "Safety at Sea" seminar at the Nahant Dory Club. (Photo by Ed Manzano, FSO-PE, Flotilla 43.)



SALEM, Mass. — RBS and Marlinspike exhibit at the Salem Antique & Classic Boat Festival, (l to r) Richard Keating, ADSO-PB, Gardner Winchester, FSO-PA FL46, and Raymond Julian, DSO-PV.



MARBLEHEAD, Mass. — Mark Cohen of Flotilla 43 is presented with his 60 year service plaque from Bill Lee, FC FL43 and COMO Phil Kubat, D1NR. (Photo by John W. Keyes, DSO-PB.)

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



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.

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

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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"This publication received clearance on 15 January 2017."

First District Northern Region Mission Statement

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a component of the United States Coast Guard which is a multi-mission maritime service and one of the Nation's five Armed Services. The mission of the Auxiliary is to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic interests - in the Nation's ports and waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security in a non-military role and non-direct law enforcement role.

Calendar of Events 2017

When
14 November
18 November
1-3 December
8 December

What
EXCOM Meeting
America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade
LDA—Coast Guard Academy
Board & Staff Holiday Party

Where
WEBEX
Plymouth, Mass.
New London, Conn.
Assabet High School, Marlboro Mass.

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

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