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ON THE COVER:



Two USCG Auxiliary Facilities—a USCG 47-foot MLB—a Canadian Navy helicopter with rescue swimmer and a Canadian Auxiliary facility conduct an International Search and Rescue Exercise

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to everyone and their families.

I am excited about the coming year with the opportunity to build on the successes of last year and to use those successes to meet the new challenges facing us in 2016. As we start a New Year, it is customary for companies to develop mission and vision statements to help guide them and to provide direction so everyone can remain on a common path. To this end, please find the District Mission and Vision Statements along with two Challenges/Goals for 2016.



Photo by Dave McClure

In February, we will be hold a face to face EXCOM meeting with the objective of sharing information across the District and to set some goals for all of us to work towards. The outcome of the meeting will be shared through your Chain of Leadership.

FIRST DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION

MISSION:

To promote boating safety, maintain our current skills and develop additional skills to insure that we are “Always Ready” to support the United States Coast Guard in all lawful activity as requested and authorized by the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

VISION:

The First District Northern Region is recognized for their strong operational performance and as the model for the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary where everyone feels included in the organization. Events, information, problems and solutions are shared openly between the District, Divisions and Flotillas to insure Mission Excellence in all that we do thus providing for a stronger and a cohesive organization; **BREAK DOWN THE SILOS.**

CHALLENGE / GOALS:

- Open communications – Up, Down and Across the Chain of Leadership
 - Have that difficult conversation
 - Demonstrate respect to everyone at all times
 - Keep all communication on a professional level
- Include all members (Diversity)
 - Create a culture where all members are willing and feel comfortable to offer ideas and suggest solutions

CORE VALUES

- Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty

Looking forward to working with everyone,

Phil Kubat

District Commodore

CHARLES B. GROSSIMON

DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF

Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty- The core values of the United States Coast Guard.

Throughout our careers in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, we hear these words a lot. Are they just a few words, a phrase or simply a slogan? No, they are what we are made of. They are what we strive for, what we hope to be. We measure ourselves against those simple words to see how we stack up to our commitments to our Nation and to the boating public we serve. So, I think it's worthwhile to take a look at each and see how they apply to us as Auxiliarists.



Photo by Wm. Bell

Honor. The dictionary defines honor in these ways: High Respect, esteem; a privilege; to regard with great respect; to fulfill an obligation or keep an agreement. I think all of these definitions apply directly to us. It is a privilege for us to serve in the Auxiliary. We regard the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard with great respect. Where does this come into play? Whether we are taking an open book exam, performing a Vessel Safety Check, filling out a 7030 form, or submitting a Self Attestation, we are demonstrating honor. Every time we put on the uniform and represent the Coast Guard in a positive way, we are demonstrating honor. This brings us to esteem, self esteem. Honor breeds esteem and pride in what we do. If we do our work well, with honor, we bring honor to our organization and the work we do.

Respect. We ask for respect all the time. We ask the Coast Guard to respect our talents and our work and we ask the public to respect our knowledge. Respect is something that is earned not demanded. Each one of us, should look at the other in terms of being a customer. Certainly, if you were in business, you would treat your customers with great respect or you might not be in business long at all. We should look at each other as a customer because each one of us is doing a job, serving OUR customers: the nation and the boating public. Even if you work in the Auxiliary behind the scenes, you are supporting someone who does, indeed, serve our customers. We are all volunteers. Many of us put in a lot of hours each year and have done so for many years! Certainly that alone deserve a lot of respect in itself. As a group of volunteers, sometimes the pay we receive is the altruistic experience we have helping others. If one feels that they are not respected by one or more people, it affects their motivation to get the job done. Whether one is a Commodore or a new member, all of us deserve the same level of respect. We are all in this together.

Devotion to Duty. When we joined the Auxiliary, we took a pledge to "Faithfully execute my duties . . ." Later, as we were either elected into office or appointed to a staff position, we pledged to "Faithfully execute the duties of my office". As a member: our duty is to be a productive member; to wear the uniform correctly and to abide by the governing policies of the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. As we take on responsibility, we now have reports to submit, activities to coordinate and meetings to attend. All of this takes plenty of devotion to our duty. We have to train constantly, maintain qualifications and spend many hours away from our families, giving our time to the boating public and to our nation. The long and short of it is, without a strong sense of devotion to our duties, none of what we do would exist at all. Being a good member of this organization can be difficult at times, and without the devotion we have, we couldn't do the job as well as we do. Devotion to duty serves not only the Coast Guard, but it's what keeps us going as we face our challenges in the Auxiliary.

When you read of the core values, or see them posted on a banner, stop and think how they might apply to you. If you look deep inside, the core values in us have always been there. To work as hard as we do, they have to be bred in us right from the start. They must be part of our DNA. We promote them as a reminder of who we are and what we stand for. They remind us to be the dedicated people we already are.

Semper Paratus

Very respectfully,
Charles B. Grossimon, DCOS

CRAIG C. HALL

DISTRICT CAPTAIN-CENTRAL

My first order of business is to thank the 2015 elected officers, especially those who I served or worked with during the past year. I also thank those who offered advice and mentoring as I transitioned from division commander to district captain.

The transition for the district has been challenging. We have a new commodore and chief of staff, and I have the pleasure working with them on important issues facing the district and the Sector Boston divisions. Our Sector Boston divisions have talented and passionate leaders, who include Stephen C. McCann, DCDR and Glen A. Gayton, VCDR for Division 3; Henry H. Livingston, DCDR and Robert H. Amiro, VCDR for Division 4; Gregory D. Murray, DCDR and James C. Griffith, VCDR for Division 5; and Matthias J. Mulvey, DCDR and Eric D. Wickberg, VCDR for Division 12. I see myself as a part of a district team and as a part of their division team.

As a district captain and member of the executive committee (EXCOM,) leadership and vision is crucial to the overall success of the district's strategic plan and achievements. My vision is for a member-centric organization, with open communication and transparency. These are also my watch words.

The goals and objectives for the Sector Boston divisions are driven by mission activity. One of my goals is to stand with our division commanders and vice division commanders, nurturing the ideas they have and support them in executing their plans throughout the year. Our first sector leadership meeting, which involved both division commanders and vice division commanders, was at the January D-train. Together we discussed plans, overcoming obstacles and as important the need for greater collaborative effort as a sector. We discussed strengths and weakness and how we could support one another as well as work together on larger mission activities. We concluded our meeting with the question: "What are your expectations and needs of your DCAPT?" The common thread from each division was the need to openly communicate, share information and be a sounding board for ideas and concerns. I promised to meet that expectation.

Although my focus is supporting the Sector Boston division leadership and flotillas, I have always supported the notion of an open door policy to offer advice and assistance to any member who asks.

Semper Paratus.

Very respectfully,

-Craig C. Hall, District Captain-Central



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Dates to Remember

EXCOM—20 February—1000-1500 USCG Base Boston

Board and Staff—19 March— 1000-1200 USCG Base Boston

2nd Quarter *Nor'Easter* Submission Deadline— 19 March

St. Patrick's Day Parade— South Boston, Mass.

D-Train (1DNR & 1DSR) Fri. PM to Sunday AM—Mystic Marriott, Groton Conn.

Patriots Day Parade— Lexington, Mass.

MARSHALL A. RONCO

DISTRICT CAPTAIN – SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND

During the month of January, I have been busy traveling along side our EX-COM members taking part in many Ddivision Change of Watch events. It has been a very exciting opportunity to meet with a wide variety of Auxiliary members while at these COWs.

I have been particularly awe struck during the Awards ceremonies to see how many people put forth such a huge amount of effort on behalf of our organization. So many members donate so many hours of volunteer time it sometimes makes one wonder if they have time for anything else. For those of you who received any of these Awards this year at your annual CoW I applaud your time, effort, and talent. Your contribution to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary is greatly appreciated and your awards are richly deserved.



Photo by Wm. Bell

For those of us who did not receive any awards I want you to know that your efforts of time and talent did not go unnoticed. On the contrary your Auxiliary Leadership is well aware and fully understanding that not all members have the time or are capable to offer the same level of commitment that some award receiving members may do. Whatever time and talent you can bring to your flotilla or division is a help and keeps us moving in the right direction. As my Pastor has reminded me from time to time, "many hands make lighter work."

As a member of "Team Coast Guard" your volunteer efforts are what keeps us strong, keeps our missions moving forward, and keeps our programs out front within the community and country that we serve. It is you and whatever contribution you make that is most important.

I am a firm believer that our members are our most important asset. It is not our programs or missions per se. Those are services that we provide and they are important to the community and country. But, to the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary it is You and our fellow members that are the most important part of the equation. For without you and your comrades there wouldn't be an Auxiliary. The same holds true for our Active Duty brothers and sisters. Without them there would be no Coast Guard. It is the human factor that makes this all work, programs and missions do not work by themselves.

Because of my belief in the importance of our members I have strived throughout my leadership tenure to be a strong representative and advocate of all our members. I believe that if we take care of our people, they will take care of business.

I also firmly believe that this is a leadership stance that is now resonating throughout our district. I know that our district leadership is dedicated to strengthening the commitment to our members. Our DIRAUX has openly advocated throughout our CoW events that she is our "Champion" in representing us. Because of you and all or whatever you can or will do in the name of the Auxiliary I Thank You! I wish you a very successful and prosperous 2016. You are a part of "Team Coast Guard."

Semper Paratus!

*-Marshall A. Ronco ,
District Captain-SENE*

A Joint Meeting With D1 SR

19 January 2016

To all members of the 1st District Northern Region.

The question of why we are having a joint April D-Train with the 1st District Southern Region was addressed in detail at the Board and Staff meeting in January. However, it continues to be asked. Therefore, it is my pleasure to answer the question and provide some additional information.

Rear Admiral Linda Fagan, USCG, Commander, First Coast Guard District, requested that we get together and jointly put on a D-Train. Her vision is that the two Regions working together as one District will share information and learn from one another. This concept was also promoted by her predecessor, Rear Admiral Dan Abel. Under Admiral Abel's tenure, the term "Be there First" was coined as a slogan promoting the idea of "One First District". In other words, two Regions working as one in the First Coast Guard District.

I also asked Rear Admiral Fagan if there was any plans to make the two districts into one district. Her response was a definite "NO" as the AOR is too large.

The First District, Northern and First District, Southern have been cooperating with each other over the last four years and just last year, a few of our members attended Fleet Week in New York City.

CAPT Byron Black, USCG, First Coast Guard District, Chief of Prevention, has been a real proponent of the concept and is looking forward to our respective regions working together as one. His feeling is that we can learn from each other, fellowship will be enhanced, and overall, the Coast Guard will benefit from our wider sphere of knowledge and exchange of ideas.

Recently, the two regions cooperated on the Leadership Development Academy, held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Immediately after the LDA, a survey was sent out to the 1st Northern Region Attendees to rate their experience. This survey results have been sent to the Attendees and will shortly be sent to the membership through the chain of leadership. One question was "Please rate the experience of a joint session with D1SR". 90 percent responded with a "very favorable" response (the highest rating). Charlie Grossimon, District Chief of Staff, and I went around and asked our people if they thought that sharing information was worthwhile. Again the response we received was extremely positive and that they were looking to do it again. This may turn into an annual event.

In closing, I ask one favor. Please give the team time to get things in place and not to believe in rumors. As things get finalized, they will be shared. If you hear something that maybe does not sound correct, please ask for confirmation through your Chain of Leadership.

Very respectfully.

Phil

Philip J. Kubat

Commodore, 1st District Northern Region



Division 12



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Division 12 is off to a great start for the year. We are partnering with Point Allerton Coast Guard Station in a number of ways. Initially, we are providing members that will be Watch Standers, Radio Operators, Boat Mechanics and Boat Crew Members. We hope to expand the deployment to include a cook or two for the station. We are having a very cooperative relationship with our Gold Side family.

Division 12 tried out a December Brunch as the Change of Watch venue in conjunction with Flotilla 12-5. The event was a resounding success and we have already outgrown the location. We are in the process of scouting out locations for our next Change of Watch.

The primary goals for the Division 12 leadership for this year and into the future are: increasing membership, developing a successful mentoring program that may be used by others in the future, ensuring that our members are up to date in training, re-engaging longtime members, finding the best of the best in members for future officers, engaging more of the rank and file in Division 12 efforts and developing a short resume for members to compile so leadership at the flotilla and division level knows what we have for human assets.



L-R Eric Wickberg, Matthias Mulvey and Sally Snowman



Commodore Belmore administering oath to Wickberg and Mulvey



Division Commander Mulvey administers oath to Division 12 staff officers

Division 5 - Annual Cold Water Swim

The Auxiliary patrol season ends in October, but one facility in D1N is operational throughout the winter. Alan Missel, Flotilla 5-2, is the owner and coxswain of Auxiliary Facility 323088, home-ported in Boston Harbor. To operate in the winter months, when both the air and water temperature is below 50 degrees, the crew must be wearing dry suits. Each Auxiliarist issued a dry suit must undergo training in its use, perform the required annual inspection and PMS, and complete an annual open water survival exercise.

Currently qualified to perform winter operations are Alan Missel 5-2. Michael Sacarny 52, Fred Moses 52, Jane Eastman 5-25, Tim Curtin 53, Jamie Griffith 53, Kim Stevens 58, and Joe Encalada 49. They all completed their annual 'swim' in November.



L-R: Alan Missel 5-2, Tim Curtin 5-3, Joe Encalada 4-9, and Michael Sacarny 5-2.

Photo by; Jane Eastman



L-R: Jane Eastman 5-25 and Kim Stevens 5-8.

Photo by: Alan Missel

Aids to Navigation

Frank Larkin DSO-AN

Below are excerpts from the Aids Verifier Web Page—go to: <http://www.uscgaan.com/> to access the link.

PLAN TO ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO YOUR AUXILIARY BOATING EXPERIENCE IN 2016.

There is still time to join the Aid Verifier training sessions and become the skilled navigator that you always wanted to be by gaining the skills and experience from learning modern on-line navigation techniques.

Listed below are Auxiliary activities that may be perfect by an Auxiliarist, just like you. Take a look. You might find something you've always wanted to do — and Navigation Systems is offering that opportunity to you. But don't just think about it. Send me an e-mail, or give me a call to find out more about these volunteer positions, and then make plans to join our teams. [ed. go to <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/> for e-mail or phone numbers]

Some of these activities can be accomplished as part of a Navigation Systems Team for those who like to work in the field and would like to volunteer. Some of our busiest volunteers have full or part-time jobs. Others are retirees looking to learn new skills and to stay active during their retirement years. If you are boat crew qualified, Navigation Systems activities can spice up your underway experiences.



Frank being recognized by
IPDCO Ron Booth

Photo by Wm. Bell

PRIVATE AID PHOTOGRAPHER

Do you like to take pictures? If so, this could be the project for you. You don't have to be AV Qualified to perform this task and there are approximately 2,200 PATONs waiting to be photographed in the First District this year. After just about 20 minutes of training, you can be ready to help us complete the photo records in the Harbormaster System.

AID VERIFIER

After completing the aid verifier training program, you will be able to perform highly accurate verifications and checks of our private aids and also survey the bridges throughout the First Northern District. You can join a Navigation Systems Team or you may as an individual contributor. Whichever route you choose, you will become a skilled navigator and an important part of the support for the local Coast Guard Aid to Navigation Team (CGANT). One third of these aids are verified annually and many others, with unresolved discrepancies, are re-checked. All PATON reports can be submitted on-line from your home on a personal computer. The 2016 AV Training Program schedule can be found on the Web Page. Open CPN NOAA Charts are provided and all needed Coast Guard Nautical catalogs are free. You will become a more skillful navigator as the result of this specialized training.

BRIDGE SURVEYOR:

We have approximately 180 bridges scattered throughout First Northern. As part of your AV Qualification, you will be trained to check the lighting and other safety equipment on these bridges. Our annual goal is to survey every bridge within First Northern. All survey reports are reviewed and then communicated to the Coast Guard Bridge Branch using on-line reports from your home computer. Bridge activity can be performed either by land or by boat.

CHART UPDATER

Much of the corrections to First Northern NOAA charts originate from Navigation Systems trained Auxiliarists. In the remote areas, where recreational boaters operate, there are many opportunities for chart corrections. While most of the private aids to navigation corrections are generated with the Harbormaster System through the Local Notice to Mariners, (LNM) — many of the charted objects are corrected with "CU Reports" through the Chart Updating Program which are reported on-line directly to NOAA. Activity in the Chart Updating program is generally performed by land. Boats are not required.

NS

Stands for Navigation Systems, and we need your help in 2016. If you are detail oriented and like to work with GPS and Echo Sounders and prepare detailed and highly accurate reports, don't miss this interesting volunteer opportunity.



OPERATION AUXFIT 2016

Join The Team



The operation is open to all Auxiliary members in good standing; all should have conferred with their doctors recently regarding their suitability for physical activity and/or weight-loss. "We have approximately 68 members and need everyone to join the AUX Fit Team." said Craig Hall, DCAPT-Central. "We plan on showing inspirational videos and tips on the district website." added Hall.

The program, initiated by CDR Carissa April, DIRAUX, will employ the very user-friendly "Presidential Fitness Challenge" criteria (the program even includes activities like gardening, shoveling snow and house-cleaning in addition to walking, cycling and bowling, among many others.)

HOW TO GET ON BOARD

Go to www.presidentschallenge.org to register ·

· Create a user name and password

· Once set up, click on GROUPS

· Search GROUP NAMES by entering AUX FIT in the search bar

· Select NORTHERN and then click JOIN!

AUX FIT began officially Monday 11 January 2016. Team members can log in daily (or every few days, and you can change the dates in your log to record retroactively) and record your activities. TAKE A LOOK!

There are so many activities you are already doing for which you can get points!

ADDITIONALLY! Points for weight-loss! On or after 11 January, write down your body weight. Then, on 25 March, check again and send the number of pounds you have lost during OPERATION AUX FIT to CDR Carissa April. (How pounds = points has not yet been determined, but we will figure this out before the end of the OP. This is honor-system information, not required and not publishable without your permission when/if the time comes, like if you win an award.)

OPERATION AUXFIT 2016 will continue until 25 March so join anytime between now and then!

"I have challenged the First Southern Region to try to amass more fitness points through exercise and weight loss than D1NR! Let's see what we can do up here in NEW ENGLAND!" said CDR April.



WEAR IT NEW ENGLAND

2016 Wear It New England Kicked-Off at Winter D-Train

The Wear It New England program was successfully kicked-off at the Winter DTrain 9 January. The kick-off was presented by the District National Safe Boating Committee during opening ceremonies Saturday morning.

National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is 21-27 May 2016, however the committee members stressed that the Wear It New England Program is a year-long campaign.

This is the fourth year the Wear It New England and the presentation as well as information and resources are posted on the district's website. The page is located at http://a013.uscgaux.info/Wear_It.htm.

Units can utilize the *Nor'Easter* to announce plans, stories and photos from any of their Wear It New England program activities.

Communicating the Message and Branding

Unit elected leaders are encouraged to reinforce with members the importance of messaging and branding in activities and mission. "The link on the Wear It New England web page, on the district website, titled, Wear It Logo Showcase, can be used by units to create their own free customized logo." said Craig Hall, DCAPT-Central and chair of the committee. "Immediately following the DTrain we have had units asking about this neat free feature we offer. I think units take pride in customizing a logo for their flotilla, division or community."

Recreational Boating Safety

The committee also emphasized the importance of the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) team at the division and flotilla level. The front line members who engage with the public and visit with partners, is another reason having a complete RBS team is important (VE, PV, PE and UPV) – each unit, especially divisions should have these staff officers to liaison and coordinate the message and branding.

Do you have ideas?

Please share your ideas with members of the committee, who are listed below.

Craig C. Hall, District Captain - Central, Chairperson

Matthias "Matt" J. Mulvey, Division Commander-12

Richard Keating, District Staff Officer-Publications

David McClure, District Staff Officer –Public Affairs

Daniel Pope, District Staff Officer –Vessel Exams

John R Merrill, District Staff Officer –Public Education

Raymond Julian, District Staff Officer –Partner Visitors

Ted Chatham, Area Sector Coordinator —Northern New England

James Healy, Area Sector Coordinator — Boston

Arnold M. Geller, Area Sector Coordinator — Southern New England

RICHARD "DICK" KEATING

DSO-PB AND EDITOR

As your 'new' DSO-PB and editor of the ***Nor'Easter*** let me take a few minutes to tell you what I see should be the focus of the newsletter. First and foremost it is your newsletter. I can only put into print what you as the members submit. If you feel you have something that would be of interest to the D1NR membership, then submit it to me. I'll work with you to make it ready for publication.

There was short notice for articles for this issue as I became the DSO this month and I did not have a lot of time to "harangue" people for articles. Those who responded did a great job and I thank them for their help.

You will find the deadline dates at the bottom of this page. Please remember that there is no need to wait for the deadline. Send it in early and I will be able to work with you. You will find my name and e-mail address on the bottom of page 3.

For the information of all the editors in the district, I will continue to Clear all publications in the district as I have been doing as the ADSO-PB

Semper Paratus.

Richard "Dick" Keating, DSO-PB

Those who have "Crossed The Bar"

Shirley June Mayberry - 01/05/16 - Flotilla 21

Kenneth Cyll — 01/05/16 — Flotilla 21

Barbara G. Leiden — 01/09/16 — Flotilla 11-1

Harry T. Perkins— 01/09/16 — Flotilla 65

Robert Livolsi — 01/21/16— Flotilla 65

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Issue 4 —September 16, 2016

NOTICE: New Requirement for Publications

All publications by flotillas, divisions including the *Nor'Easter* must insert the wording (example below) after receiving clearance from Richard Keating, DSO-PB.

"This publication received clearance on [insert date here]."

District Color Guard at TD Garden

On Friday January 22nd, team members of 1st District NR Color Guard were invited to present colors for the Boston Celtics at TD Garden.

The team consisted of active duty members: SK2 Mariah L. Kingsberry, YN2 Daniel Lopez and Auxiliarists from the Division 12 Color Guard: Kevin P. Ritchie and Christian Lanphere. This was the third performance for the Celtics this season and marks the eighth year in a row the Division 12 Color Guard has been requested to perform for the Celtics organization.

Upon their arrival the members, along with special guest of the Coast Guard Sherees'h Akins, were treated to a complimentary buffet dinner and were seated right next to Celtics legend Tommy Heinsohn.

At 1725, the unit made it's way to center court for the presentation of the colors in front of a near sell out crowd. The unit received loud applause as it was announced and shown on the Jumbotron prior to the singing of the national anthem.

After the presentation, team members were given complimentary press seats to enjoy the game. The Celtics never gave up the lead and came out on top, 110-101, in a victory over the formidable Chicago Bulls.

The Team Coast Guard Color Guard looks forward to several joint performances in 2016.

Anyone interested in more information on or joining the Team Coast Guard Color Guard should contact Kevin Ritchie at <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/>



(l.to r.: Auxiliarist Kevin Ritchie,
SK2 Mariah L. Kingsberry,
Auxiliarist Christian Lanphere,
SK2 Daniel Lopez)
Photo Courtesy of Sherees'h Akins



Air Operations

Two Auxiliary Instructors, Donald A. Zinner and Byron A. Moe from National, presented the Enhanced Crew Management Class, AUX-17, at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod on Sept 26-27 2015, to members of Air Operations. This is the same course taught to the active duty at the Aviation Training Center, Mobile Alabama.

It is now required for all pilots, crew and observers' participating in Coast Guard Auxiliary Air operations and is the equivalent of the 16 hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) used by the surface operations.

Subjects included: Flight Discipline, Normalizing Excellence, Error Producing Conditions, Situational Awareness, Effective Communications and Risk Management. Fourteen students on permissive orders from the First Northern and First Southern flew in to participate in this training.

A Certificate was awarded from the United States Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile Alabama to all participants upon completion of the two day class.



Listening to our instructors



Class takes Break to Stretch



Charles Grossman, Aux. Captain 1NR
Addresses the class



Going over our notes



Carl England DSO-AV, D1NR presents CG Air Station Challenge Coin To Auxiliary National Instructor Donald A. Zinner For Job well done as Fellow National Instructor Byron A. Moe looks on.



Class Photo taken next to Decommissioned Coast Guard Albatross— Air Station Cape Cod

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Two Divisions, four CG Stations, three Canadian forces, over five days:

A Downeast Cruise *Re Dux* . . . "Eh"?

Story by: W. Tom Sawyer Jr. PDCDR 1



Early Monday morning, September 14, 2015, two Auxiliary facilities, *PRIMA DONNA*, coxswained by Steve Makrecky past Division Vice Commander, and a member of Flotilla 15, Belfast, Maine and *GUARDIAN*, coxswained by W. Tom Sawyer, past Division Commander, and a member of Flotilla 12, Dedham, Maine idled out of Belfast Harbor bound for the Canadian border 150 nautical miles away — as they have for the past three years.

Aboard were members from four flotillas and two divisions: Eleanor Sawyer, F-12 in Bangor, Spruce Whited and Steve Mann, F-15 in Belfast, Fred Hermon and Fran McDermitt, F-14 in Southwest Harbor, and Alessandra Turati, Division 2 in Portland, Maine. Additionally, two Active Duty Coast Guardsmen from the Aids to Navigation (ANT) Station in Southwest Harbor joined as Crew.



The patrol would pass through the Areas Of Responsibility (AOR) of four Coast Guard Stations: Rockland, Southwest Harbor, Jonesport and Eastport Maine with Station Jonesport providing: dockage, breakfast, dinner as well as several lunches and some gasoline during the week's patrol.

After the four-hour journey from Belfast to Jonesport, the crews joined Coast Guard crews from Jonesport in 2-boat towing exercises with the station's 47-foot MLB. After dinner, *GUARDIAN* joined the 47-foot MLB for a harrowing night-time exercise including towing and navigating through the notorious "mine fields" of lobster pots so prevalent throughout Downeast Maine while circumnavigating several small islands.

On Tuesday, additional training took place including Jonesport Coast Guard crews.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the two operational facilities and crews once again headed out into the morning's early sunrise to spend the day 45 miles away in Eastport, where they were invited to join Coast Guard crews out of Station Eastport with their 43-foot MLB, two sets of boat crews with the Canadian Coast Guard, a Canadian Navy Helicopter and C-130, one Canadian Coast Guard helicopter, one Canadian Auxiliary facility *SNOOPY* and a Canadian Coast Guard cutter in a Joint Search and Rescue Exercise. The two-day exercise was premised on the crash landing of a small plane with "reports" of one life raft and up to six "survivors" having been received by the station.



Each day, a pre-patrol presentation was held at Coast Guard Station Eastport with roles detailed, radio protocols reviewed, and search areas assigned. During the Exercise, several Canadian Coast Guard personnel donned survival suits and were dropped off around the search area to be "found" by the four search crews, two of which were our Auxiliary Facilities.

During Day One, *GUARDIAN* was dispatched to rescue one survivor who'd sought protection along the rocky shoreline of one of the many islands dotting the Canadian coastline and near the large Deere Island, with *PRIMA DONNA* recovering two "bodies" from the crash site not far away.



On Day Two, we Auxiliarists were invited to observe as the Canadian Air Force parachuted a rescue pump and a rescue swimmer from their C-130; A Canadian Navy helicopter lowered and retrieved a rescue swimmer onto the Canadian Auxiliary facility while underway and a Canadian Coast Guard Helicopter repeated the very same process minutes later.

Fred Herman and Fran McDermitt with unidentified *Canadian Coast Guard* "victim" aboard *GUARDIAN*.

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Afterwards, the two American facilities coordinated our Search and Rescue efforts while using the Canadian Coast Guard cutter, as a communications repeater since we were beyond the reach of our VHF's directly with Station Eastport. Later that day, *GUARDIAN* recovered another "body" while *PRIMA DONNA* found the original life raft being sought, recovered one more "survivor", plus the two remaining "bodies".



During each afternoon, all participants: Canadian Coast Guard crews from as far away as Halifax, Nova Scotia; American Coast Guard crews from Station Eastport and American Auxiliary crews met at Coast Guard Station Eastport for an after-action debrief of the day's Search and Rescue Exercise. American Auxiliary crews were so pleased to be full participants at every stage of the Joint International Search and Rescue Exercise; we "held our own"; and were complimented afterwards.

On Thursday evening, several Auxiliarists were invited to join the Coast Guard crew of one of the 47-foot MLB at Station Jonesport as they undertook a night time boarding exercise; a fascinating and wonderful learning opportunity, albeit in Mustang suits due to the typical chilly September Maine weather.

On Friday, during the return trip from Station Eastport back to Belfast, *GUARDIAN* and *PRIMA DONNA* were again joined by active duty Coast Guard members and verified several Private Aids to Navigation assigned along the return route.

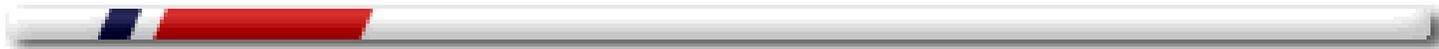


One new issue came up during this year's patrol due to the chilly mornings: Who is authorized to grant waivers for the wearing of Mustang suits for Auxiliarists passing through multiple Coast Guard station Areas Of Responsibility (AOR)? We Auxiliarists requested, and were granted, waivers by the Officer In Charge (OIC) at the Station we initiated that day's patrol with. However, questions were raised by one OIC at the Station we were transiting through when our radio guard was passed along. In the end, we understand that Sector was brought into the discussion and a resolution reached. We strongly suggest that a permanent resolution be put in place regarding multiple Coast Guard Stations dealing with cold weather waiver procedures as Auxiliarists pass through more than one AOR.

This was the fourth Downeast Patrol over the past three years, and each journey has built on the previous efforts. The active duty Coast Guard at stations in Eastport, Jonesport and Southwest Harbor have been able to take full advantage of Auxiliary facilities and crews for their own training. The local Aids To Navigation (ANT) Station has been able to take advantage of qualified Auxiliarists in inspecting and verifying Private Aids to Navigation. The Canadian Coast Guard has discovered a trained and competent ally in their efforts to increase available assets in future Search and Rescue Exercises and real catastrophes. Members of our Auxiliary were able to interact with and learn from Auxiliarists from both different flotilla's and neighboring divisions, as well as Active Duty crews — both American and Canadian.

In the end: two Auxiliary divisions; four Coast Guard Stations and three different Canadian forces branches were able to meet for the first time, to coordinate a complicated Joint International Search and Rescue Exercise over two days, for two Auxiliary facilities and crews to be full participants in all training with the Active Duty Coast Guard . . . and return back to base five days later safe and sound!

A successful Mission all around . . . "eh"!



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 Richard "Dick" Keating, 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 articles



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

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.

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

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

The Finest Hours – The Boston Premier

On 28 January 2016, members of Team Coast Guard were invited to the Boston Premier of The Finest Hours at the Lowes IMAX Theatre in Boston, Mass.

Among the Auxiliary members present were: COMO Eugene Bernstein and Mrs. Joanne Bernstein, Craig Hall DCAPT-C and Mrs. Julie Hall, Matt Mulvey DCDR 12, Mitch Paine IPDCDR 12, Kevin Ritchie VDCR 12 and Mrs. Jean Ritchie, Sterling McClay President of the Past Captains / Commanders Association, and Rex Landreth, DDC-L.

The film was based on the true story of heroism by four Coast Guardsmen from Station Chatham, Mass. On 18 February 1952, a massive nor'easter splits the SS *Pendleton* in two, trapping more than 30 sailors inside the tanker's sinking stern. Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Cluff, Coast Guard Station Chatham, Mass., orders a rescue mission. Coxswain Bernie Webber and crew launch a 26-foot wooden motor life boat.

The rescue of crew of: Webber, Andrew J. Fitzgerald, Richard P. Livese and Ervin E. Mask received the rare Gold Lifesaving Medal, the service's highest decoration for heroism during a rescue operation.

"The story of the bravery of those men was astounding," said Hall. "The introductions and presentation before the film, along with seeing the lone surviving member of the Coast Guard crew, Andy Fitzgerald, was a honor." added Hall.



At the Board and Staff Meeting



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At the Commodore's Banquet



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