

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

8 March 2004
Judy Haugh, FC

FL 16 is Getting Ready for the Boating Season

It's only March, but the boating season will soon be upon us. **Ralph Reed**, FSO-OP, has been diligently working on getting the crew and coxswains, as well as the operational facilities, ready. Mandatory requirements this year include the usual Operations Workshop, TCT class, and annual currency maintenance exercises. The Operations workshop was offered at the Northern Area workshop on 28 February and many of our members attended the workshop that day. If you were not able to do so, you have one more opportunity. Division 1 will offer the workshop on 3 April at Barry Hall, Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, commencing at 0830.

The TCT class will be held on 10 April at Barry Hall, Curtis Bay, commencing at 0830. Those members who must take this class to remain operational qualified have been notified.

And the annual currency maintenance exercises will be held on 15 May at Howard and Pat Brooks' residence. It will be followed by a potluck BBQ and all are welcome to come (including guests). A flyer will be distributed with the details.

Security Check Update

Communications about the required fingerprint cards and SF-86 forms continue to come in. As stated at the Northern Area Workshop, this process is expected to take at least three years, so we are being asked to be patient as the Director's office works out the schedule on when members from Division 1

will be required to submit the forms. Many questions have arisen from our members, and the FC has scheduled the past Division Captain, Janet Rembe, to attend our March meeting so she can update us on the latest information and answer your questions. Janet has been appointed Division 1's liaison for getting these required documents submitted to the Director's office. She is the one who can give you the most accurate and up-to-the-minute information on what's happening. You are encouraged to attend the March meeting so you can be better informed about the security clearance process.

Flotilla Activities

Plans are underway for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) which is scheduled for 22-28 May. FL 16 will have a PA booth at Fawcetts and a CME station at Sandy Point State Park on 22-23 May. During the week (Monday-Friday), we want to visit five elementary schools in the Annapolis area to present a 20-30 "class" on safe boating practices. You don't have to be instructor qualified to do this. It will be strictly a PA event. The NSBW Committee is putting together an outline of information to share with the children and we hope to have handouts as well. If you are interested in assisting with one of these presentations, please let the FC know as soon as possible. Also, on Saturday, 22 May, we will kick off our Flotilla activities with a social event. Jane Shey, FSO-PA, has offered her residence for a potluck BBQ for all participants in the NSBW activities. This will give us a chance to 1) have fun, and 2) discuss any last minute details about what we will be doing that week. I invite you to

join us in making this year's National Safe Boating Week a true safe boating campaign!

Member News

It is with deep sadness to report that **Bob Lewis** passed away on 23 February after suffering a heart attack. Bob earned his ten year membership service award in December. As an Auxiliarist, he was active in the VE program. Bob was laid to rest on 5 March at Maryland Veterans Cemetery after a brief ceremony. Members from FL 16 attended the ceremony.

Also, **Richard Greenbank** is now in Chesapeake Hospice and is not expected to live much longer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

And for some good news. Our two vacant staff positions (Web Communications and Vessel Examinations) have been filled. **Walt Discenza**, one of our newer members, volunteered to take on the FSO-CS position. **Ned Schreier**, a veteran in the VE department, volunteered to take the FSO-VE position. Both members will be sworn in during the March meeting. Many thanks, Walt and Ned, for stepping forward and taking on these very important offices.

Accessing AUXINFO

We have mentioned several times that all members can access their information via AUXINFO. This is an excellent tool to review the status of your qualifications and mission activities. However, it is not easy to manipulate. So, on 13 March, commencing at 0830 at Barry Hall, the Division Information Services Officer will hold a training session to ALL members on how to access AUXINFO. You are encouraged to attend to find out the "how tos" on accessing your information. The session will last as long as needed, so if you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday, why not use that time to learn something new.

Other News

Disaster Emergency Plan – In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, the 2003 plan has been updated and copies of only those pages with changes will be distributed to all members at the next meeting. Also, in preparation for an emergency, the FC will initiate the calling tree in the next few weeks. Please update your Disaster Plan with the revised pages and review it.

2004 Division Roster – copies of the Division Roster will be distributed at the next meeting. You will notice that hand written corrections were made to some members' information. Those corrections have been submitted to the SO-IS so that AUXDATA can be updated. If your information is incorrect, PLEASE complete the Change of Member Information form and submit it to **Kathy Heron**, FSO-IS.

Upcoming Events

18 March – Flotilla 16 Meeting
14 April – Northern Area Members' Dinner at the Naval Academy's Officers' Club

Uniform Items

Keep in mind that we have used uniform clothing and accessories that are available to any one in our flotilla at NO CHARGE. These items are stored in the locker at Station Annapolis and Al Sushko, FSO-MA, knows the combination. If you are looking for something specific, please see Al before or after each meeting.

2004 Officers/Staff/Special Appointments/Committees

Officers/Staff:
Judy Haugh, FC
Jim Welday, VFC
Ed Martin, IPFC
Tim Pohmer, FSO-AN

Officers/Staff: (continued)

Tracy Kramer, FSO-CC
Jim Welday, FSO-CM
Walt Discenza, FSO-CS
Don Llewellyn, FSO-FN
Kathy Heron, FSO-IS
Al Sushko, FSO-MA
Keegan Mills, FSO-MS
Ed Martin, FSO-MT
Russ Dreyfus, FSO-MV
Ralph Reed, FSO-OP
Jane Shey, FSO-PA
Judy Haugh, FSO-PB
Carl Smith, FSO-PE
Anita Murray, FSO-PS
Jim Haugh, FSO-SR
Ned Schreier, FSO-VE

Contributions to the Newsletter

Articles, news clips, and photos are welcome for incorporation into the monthly newsletter. Please send to Judy Haugh, FC (and FSO-PB), by the last day of each month.

Member Training Proctor:

Jim Haugh, 443-259-0942

Patriot Readiness Coordinator:

Art Murray

BCO Mentors:

Art Murray	Len Klaver
Jim Welday	Ed Martin
Howard Brooks	

Audit Committee:

Howard Brooks	Jane Shey
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National Safe Boating Week Committee:

Judy Haugh	Jane Shey
Ralph Reed	Ed Martin
Howard Brooks	

Social Committee:

Patricia Brooks	Patrick Hipp
Carol Anderson	Patrick Ellis

Flotilla Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, commencing at 1930, at Station Annapolis (uniform is Tropical Blue Long or Auxiliary Blazer)
