

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

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Judy Haugh, FC

Operational Missions – Important Tips

At the last meeting, **Ralph Reed**, FSO-OP, shared with us some important safety tips to keep in mind while performing safety and regatta patrols this season. As the hot weather approaches, remember to dress properly, drink plenty of fluids, use sunscreen, stay in the shade as much as possible, leave your rings at home and wear your watch on a belt.

Also, we have a new term to remember: *marine domain awareness*. That means keep your eyes and ears open to any suspicious activity while on patrol.

Security Check Update

At this time the only members who need to submit additional forms (SF-86 and fingerprint cards) are those who are enrolled in the BCQ program. Before a member in that program can be signed off by a QE, DIRAUX must have the abovementioned documents on file. The rest of us are reminded that we are NOT to submit any forms until DIRAUX is ready for them. We will be given plenty of time to finalize our documents before they must be sent in. In the meantime, please continue completing Form SF-86, but don't sign or date it. For those who currently hold security clearances, I recommend that you do the same until DIRAUX notifies you otherwise.

An Exciting Time on the Water

The patrol season began with an exciting event for three of our members. On 1 May, **Jim Welday**, **Sue Crandall** and **Walt**

Discenza were on patrol when they were able to support the rescue operation of two persons in the water as a result of a capsized sailboat about two miles east of Thomas Point Light. A boat passing by spotted the persons in the water and called for assistance because they had difficulty pulling the people out of the water. According to **Walt**, the Coast Guard, DNR, Fire Boat and **Jim's** crew responded to the call. Unfortunately, because the victims had been in the water for some time, both people were suffering from hypothermia.

Member News

Congratulations go out to **Keegan Mills** who recently passed the Air Observer Exam. I believe Keegan is the first FL 16 member to embark on this new area of qualifications. He is also working with the Baltimore City Police to begin an Air Ops program with our flotilla. This program is in the infancy stage right now, but a draft plan is being reviewed by the FC, who will eventually forward it up the chain for approval before it is sent to the Aviation Unit Commander of the Baltimore City Police for his review. This could be an exciting new area of operations for our members, so stay tuned!

And congratulations go to **Patrick Ellis** and **Patrick Hipp** as they graduate on 20 May from college.

Important News

The newly revised Auxiliary Manual is complete and going through the final clearance stages. Final sign off is expected by the end of May, with the manuals being

printed in June. If all goes well, distribution of the new manual could be as early as July. Only those Auxiliarists who submitted the Personal Security Questionnaire to DIRAUX will receive a new manual. To ensure the most cost-efficient distribution process, the Chief DIRAUX is asking that you make sure your mailing address is correct in AUXDATA. If there is an error, it is your responsibility to submit a Change in Member Information form immediately to Kathy Heron, FSO-IS.

In other news, DIRAUX will be “cleaning up the books” on inactive member qualifications. All member qualifications that have been inactive for five years or more will be dropped from the AUXDATA system. That means, if you decided years ago that you did not want to retain your qualification in a specific mission area, and you fell into REYR, that qualification will be deleted from your file. Should you decide that you want to retain the qualification, you must act now to get yourself out of REYR as soon as possible.

Hurricane Season begins 1 June so now is the time to prepare. Our new Emergency Disaster Plan is still be revised, so until it is finalized, approved and distributed, please review last year’s Plan.

National Safe Boating Week

It is upon us, and this year FL 16 will have a PA booth at Fawcetts and a CME station at Sandy Point State Park on 22-23 May. We have enough volunteers to man the PA booth, but we need VEs for the CME station. VEs, please let **Ned Schreier**, FSO-VE, know if you are available. Also, on 26 May, **Jim** and **Judy Haugh** will visit Atholton Elementary School in Columbia and present two 30-minute safe boating sessions to four classes of second graders.

Awards

Unfortunately, we have no awards to announce this month.

Upcoming Events in May

15 May – Currency Maintenance
Exercises/potluck BBQ
15-16 May – PA Booth at J/Ports Marina
20 May – Flotilla 16 Meeting
22-23 May – PA Booth at Fawcetts
22-23 May – CME Station at Sandy Point
State Park

See monthly calendar for other activities

Uniform Items

Keep in mind that we have gently 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.

Also, the 2004 Uniform Procurement Guide is now available on-line or through the FC or FSO-PS. Besides being a catalog for ordering uniform items, the Guide provides valuable tips on how to wear the uniform correctly. Check it out.

2004 Officers and Staff

Officers/Staff:

Judy Haugh, FC
Jim Welday, VFC
Ed Martin, IPFC
Tim Pohmer, FSO-AN
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

Member Training Proctor:

Jim Haugh, 443-259-0942

Patriot Readiness Coordinator:

Art Murray

BCQ Mentors:

Art Murray	Len Klaver
Jim Welday	Ed Martin
Howard Brooks	Anita Murray

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)

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.