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## THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S CORNER

Wendy Kravit, FC

March and April are very busy months for us Auxiliarists in Flotilla 23-01. We are preparing public education classes, ordering 2009 Vessel Examination Forms, putting more finishing touches on our website, dusting off, cleaning up, and checking out our operational facilities, scheduling member training, scheduling patrols, and training, training, training. We are getting ready for another busy boating season on the Bay.

This is also the time of year that those of you who have not been as active in prior years should take a good look around at the opportunities available to you. Basic Crew Qualification training is starting again at the end of March on Monday evenings. We will have an additional training weekend at Curtis Bay with opportunities to take several courses. AuxDirect is a terrific program that enables you to work more closely with the regular Coast Guard. Information on these programs as well as many other activities is available on our Flotilla website at <http://fl05s2301.org> or <http://AnnapolisCGAux.org>. Or, simply contact the Flotilla Staff Officer in charge of the area that interests you and I'm sure that he or she will help you get involved.

We have 3 new members to officially welcome into the Flotilla for 2009: Scott Rine, Tim Cook and Chris Jacoby. There are others that have expressed interest as well, so our numbers continue to grow.

I am looking forward to working with all of you this season.❖

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

- Additional training for FSO-NS and Aids to Navigation Verifiers will be available as part of the new Navigation Systems program (previous Aids to Navigation). To help support these activities, a NS website is being launched.
- The Division Change of Watch will be held Saturday, November 7 2009, 1600-2000 at Renditions Golf Club, Davidsonville, MD.
- New date of compliance of ICS-210 is 01 APR 2010 per final extension granted by the Office of Incident Management & Preparedness.❖

## ANNUAL SECTOR BALTIMORE WORKSHOP

Sector Baltimore held its annual all-day winter workshop on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Southern High School in Harwood, MD. The activity was a total success and provided a great opportunity to brush up on all members' technical knowledge, learn new things, and enjoy the great camaraderie.❖



Jim Welday, FSO-CM, teaching proper radio procedures

## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

April 18/19 – Sector Baltimore Specialty Saturday - Curtis Bay, MD. It will be a “PROCTOR” Saturday with an opportunity to challenge a specialty test. Interested members should contact the flotilla's FSO-MT and provide ASAP their names, email and identification numbers. Deadline: April 1. Details to follow.

April 25 – BCQ - Division 21 - On the Water training and Qualification Sign Offs - At Station Still Pond.

May 2 – BCQ - Division 21 - On the Water training and Qualification Sign Offs - At Station Oxford.❖



## VOLUNTEERS & VE'S NEEDED

The Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival will be held at City Dock in Annapolis on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. The following are needed to help staff this event:

- Volunteers to run the PA booth from 1000 to 1800 on Saturday, and from 1000 to 1700 on Sunday.
- Volunteers to do VEs from 1000 to 1600 on both days. Volunteers should bring their own stickers and paperwork -- a great opportunity to do many VEs.
- Someone to run Coasty on Saturday, from 1000 to 1600. We will have him there -- volunteers will only need to run him.

It should be a rewarding and fun event, so please come on out and join us. Let Wendy Kravit, FC Flotilla 23-1 ([fc@FL05S2301.org](mailto:fc@FL05S2301.org)) know if you are willing to help.

A proper uniform, including appropriate hat, is mandatory for this event since you will be acting as the face of the USCG to the general public. ❖

## SUMMER HEAT ADVISORY AND PROCEDURES

Summer is approaching with its inherent hazards. All members who are involved in any type of outdoor missions such as patrols, VE, PA, etc. need to review, know, understand, observe, and practice the following items related to preventing heat related illnesses:

1. First aid procedures for recognizing and the treatment of hot weather related illnesses
2. Instruct their members on how to prevent heat exhaustion and other heat related illnesses
3. Reinforce the principle learned in TCT concerning constant evaluations of crews fitness
4. Instruct their members in the proper wearing of the "Hot Weather Uniform" as described in [AUXMAN, Chapter 10](#), H.3
5. Reinforce the need for safety on all of our patrols and other missions. ❖

## LAST CHANCE FOR AUX-10 IN FY 2009

USCGAUX What's New  
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[http://www.cgaux.org/members/whats\\_new/announce.php](http://www.cgaux.org/members/whats_new/announce.php)

The Joliett, April class, Miami, May class, and New London, June class are all full, so we have set up one more for Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA., for 26-28 June 2009. If you are able to attend during this time frame, complete a Short Term Training Request, ANSC 7059, have it approved by your Flotilla Commander, who should get it to your Director's Office as soon as possible. ❖

## AUXLAMs Part-B TRACN Yorktown

Date: June 5-7, 2009

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAR 23, 2009

Location: TRACN Yorktown -- Yorktown, Virginia.

Standard Schedule: Classes begin at 1800 Friday and 0800 Saturday / Sunday. Students should expect to be dismissed by 2200 on Friday, 1700 on Saturday and 1530 or 1300 on Sunday.

To register, submit an STTR a7059f (short term training request) form to DIRAUX through your Flotilla Commander and send Susan Lowe, DSO-MT D5SR the following information: name, District, Division, Flotilla, member number, address, email, and phone number. ❖

## USCG MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Edited from *Modernization Background*

<http://www.uscg.mil/modernization/default.asp>

The Coast Guard is simultaneously entrusted with safety, security and stewardship missions. It is unique in our Nation and the world in that it saves lives, protects the environment and defends the homeland. As we face the long-term struggle against radical extremism in a period of persistent conflict, the Coast Guard has been charged with being prepared to conduct operations across a broad spectrum of threats and hazards from the Northern Arabian Gulf, our interior rivers and the increasingly open and accessible Arctic region while simultaneously addressing unprecedented growth in maritime trade and tourism.

Building on their tradition, history and values as well as lessons learned from 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, the Coast Guard has undertaken an internally focused holistic review simultaneously focused on ensuring mission execution and meeting the challenges of today while preparing for the challenges of tomorrow as we confront significant growth in commercial shipping, an expansion in coastal development, new near offshore energy exploration and increasing activity in the Arctic.

The USCG is firmly committed to employing best practices and adapting the way they conduct business to ensure they can effectively and efficiently meet the needs of our Nation. A key ingredient is a command and control structure combined with a mission support organization that is focused on mission execution.

The Coast Guard Modernization program provides the overarching strategy and tools for building on our Service's strengths, while simultaneously capitalizing on today's technologies, ingenuities and efficiencies to equip our workforce with the infrastructure and capabilities to maintain operational excellence and sustainable mission execution far into the 21st century. ❖

## AUXILIARY CHARTERS NEW FLOTILLA

Coast Guard News

22 March 2009

<http://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-auxiliary-charters-new-flotilla-in-saint-john-us-virgin-islands/2009/03/22/>

SAINT JOHN, U.S. Virgin Islands - The Coast Guard Auxiliary chartered a new flotilla on Saint John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Rear Adm. Robert Steve Branham, commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District, joined Delegate to Congress Donna Christiansen for the chartering ceremony for Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16-3.

Saint John native and Coast Guard veteran Cheryl Boynes-Jackson will serve as the interim Flotilla Commander of the unit. The new Flotilla, with 15 charter members, will meet in Cruz Bay and will support Coast Guard missions in the Caribbean.

"The formation of this Flotilla on St. John is an important step in improving boating safety in the islands," said Boynes-Jackson. "We are very excited to have this day finally arrive."

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 16 has Flotillas on St. Thomas and St. Croix, and with the addition of the St. John Flotilla gives the the U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District a presence on each of the main Virgin Islands..

"Our new Flotilla on St. John gives us complete coverage in the Islands," said Duane Minton, Division 16 Commander of St. Croix. "It allows us to work better with our partners in the area, including the British Virgin Islands, to protect boaters who live and visit here." The 16 new members of the St. John Flotilla bring the total number of members in Division 16 to 88

The Coast Guard provides prevention and response to marine safety and rescue operations across the southeast United States and the Caribbean. The Coast Guard Auxiliary augments those efforts through more than 4,300 members in sixteen divisions organized into more than 100 Flotillas.❖

## DSC VHF Radio Tutorial on CD

The DSC VHF Radio online tutorial "Can you Hear Me?" created by BoatUS under a grant from the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop-Breaux) and administered by the USCG is now available on CD. This 7 part tutorial introduces boaters to inland, costal and near offshore marine radio communications. An introduction to Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and Rescue 21, the U.S. Coast Guard's new satellite based Command, Control and Communications system, is included.

Sets of 25 CD's for use in public education or member training classes are available free to USCG Auxiliary Members from

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/brochure/order.asp>

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## RESCUE NEAR POINT LOOKOUT, MD

Chesapeake Bay Magazine

March 2009

The Coast Guard Boat at St. Inigoes, Md., responded to a distress call from Ted Kalandras on December 31 after his boat sank near Point Lookout.

Kalandras notified the Coast Guard by marine band radio at 10:35 a.m. that his 24-foot boat was taking on water. In addition to the rescue boat, the Coast Guard also sent a helicopter out of Atlantic City, N.J. The crew of the rescue boat pulled Kalandras, who was wearing his life jacket, from the water as he clung to the hull of his overturned boat. The air crew then hoisted Kalandras aboard the helicopter and transported him to St. Mary's Hospital.

The Coast Guard praised Kalandras for doing everything right – using his marine radio to send his mayday and location and wearing his life jacket.❖

## Job Opportunity!

1 April 2009

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/cgi-bin/wantads.cgi?read=706> (Edited)

The Personnel department is in need of Branch Chiefs for it's uniform division. These are new positions for Atlantic, Atlantic West, and Pacific. Applicants must have PS (Personnel Services) backgrounds and be exceptional in Uniform and Protocol. Please send your Auxiliary resume and civilian resume for consideration. References and DCO approval are required.❖

## Tourist Drowned in Boating Accident

One tourist from Maryland drowned in a boating accident while traveling in a fishing boat less than a mile from the entrance of the channel leading to the Boca de Cangrejos sector near San Juan, Puerto Rico. Five other persons, including the vessel's captain, his assistant, and 3 of the victim's family members, were rescued by the local police maritime unit.

As the 31 feet Bertram approached the area leading to the channel, an enormous wave pushed the vessel from astern. The boat received the lateral impact of another huge wave almost immediately, capsizing the boat.

None of the individuals onboard were wearing Lifejackets. ❖

## TRACN YORKTOWN UNVEILS NEW BOAT

Fifth District Public Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard  
6 March 2009

<http://www.coastguardd5publicaffairs.com/go/doc/651/259500/d>



YORKTOWN, Va. - Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown unveils its new response boat at the Boat Forces Center Thursday, March 5. The 45-foot response boat will be replacing the 41-foot utility boat that has been in service for more than 30 years. (U.S. Coast Guard photos/PO 2nd Class Nathan Henise). ❖

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## DISCARDED BEACON TRIGGERS FALSE ALARM

U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division  
as of 30 March 2009

<http://www.uscgboating.org/articles/boatingview.aspx?id=96>

**SEATTLE** - The Coast Guard received a distress signal from an Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon, or EPIRB, registered to a boat homeported in Missoula, Mont. Wednesday.

No people were in trouble, but the Coast Guard didn't know that when they first received the signal. However, it wasn't long before they discovered the call was a false alarm.

The owner of the EPIRB had failed to unregister the device when he sold his boat, the 42-foot motor vessel Good Medicine, to a man in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. After a series of phone calls between the Coast Guard District Office in Florida and the broker who sold the boat, it was learned the EPIRB was thrown some time during the week of June 18-24.

EPIRBs are devices intended to save lives by transmitting a signal to rescuers with the position of troubled boaters. When they are improperly disposed of they can cost the Coast Guard valuable time and taxpayers thousands of dollars in resource costs.

The International Maritime Organization and the Coast Guard recommend that unwanted EPIRBs be disposed of by either removing the battery and shipping the unit back to its manufacturer or rendering the unit inoperable by demolishing it. The EPIRB should also be unregistered with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in any case when the unit has been disposed of or transferred to a new owner.

The Coast Guard routinely refers cases involving the non-distress activation of an EPIRB (either as a hoax, through gross negligence, carelessness or improper storage and handling) to the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC can prosecute cases based upon evidence provided by the Coast Guard, and will issue warning letters or notices of apparent liability or fines up to \$10,000.

By following the rules for proper EPIRB disposal, boaters can save themselves a lot of trouble and the Coast Guard an unnecessary trip to the dump. For more information on EPIRBs, please contact NOAA at 1-888-212-7283. ❖

## NOAA'S SHIP TRACKER WEBSITE

The NOAA's Ship Tracker Website shows information about the location, present and past, of NOAA's ships. Ship location and the conditions where the ship was located are maintained for one year on the website at <http://shiptracker.noaa.gov/default.aspx>. ❖

## HAND-HELD SHOWER UPDATE

U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division  
as of 28 March 2009

<http://www.uscgboating.org/articles/boatingview.aspx?id=114>

On August 30, 2007 the Coast Guard issued an advisory to recreational boaters on carbon monoxide hazards caused by using a shower on a boat at the swim platform when the boat's engine or generator set is running. The Coast Guard advised owners and operators of boats not to use hand-held showers at or near the swim platform if either the gasoline-powered propulsion engine(s) and/or generator set are in use. The Coast Guard further advises that the owner should never connect a hand-held shower system to the engine's raw water open cooling system. The Coast Guard is concerned about the serious health risk from carbon monoxide poisoning and seeks to prevent loss of life and personal injury. ❖

## FREE ONLINE MAD MARINER PUBLICATION

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[http://www.cgaux.org/members/whats\\_new/announce.php](http://www.cgaux.org/members/whats_new/announce.php)

The online daily boating magazine and web-based resource for boaters, is offering free one-year subscriptions to Auxiliarists. You get a new feature story every single day, marine news, blogs, forums, boat reviews, video podcasts and more. Go to <http://shopauxiliary.com/>, then click on MembersOnly; log in and click on Mad Mariner. ❖

## SINGLES ON SAILBOATS TRAINING EVENT

Singles on Sailboats [Spring Training Event](#) held on March 14 2009 at Broadneck H.S. was attended by over 350 members. At this year's event, Ed Martin, FSO-MT conducted a training session on "Rules of the Road" and Walt Discenza, FSO-CS conducted a training session on "The Marine Radio - A Mariner's Best Friend." Both training sessions drew a capacity crowd and were well received by those in attendance. Ed and Walt also helped staff a USCG Auxiliary PA Booth that was being staffed by members from a number of different Flotillas in Division 23. ❖

## SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR PATROL



Wendy Kravit, FC, Jim Farrell, FSO-OP, and Braulio Mercader, FSO-PB, patrolled the waters near the U.S. Naval Academy on 28 March in support of the USCG helicopter rescue demonstration at the 2009 Safety at Sea Seminar.

The 2008 U.S. Naval Academy Safety at Sea Seminar, held during 28-29 March, focused on offshore as well as inshore safety issues, and offered poignant programs for cruisers and racing sailors.

Unfortunately, the highly anticipated USCG helicopter rescue demonstration was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. However, the patrol turned out to be a great opportunity to try the complicated dry suits and practice patrol skills in cold weather. ❖



## OUR FLOTILLA'S HISTORY

If you ever worried about fuel issues and your operational facility's readiness, look at the flotilla's situation in 1943:

Flotilla 6, Division 1, Annapolis, Maryland, consists of thirteen members, all of whom own boats. Due to their inability to secure gasoline or even to use the gasoline in their tanks, only two boats of this Flotilla were put in commission this year, one being an auxiliary sail boat owned by Emory C. Rice, 1605, and my boat.

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I put my boat in commission, having received a circular letter from the Coast Guard Auxiliary headquarters asking that boats be put in commission and kept in commission. I have received no gasoline ration of any kind this year.

My boat was put on the railway and painted on the 15th day of May, 1943, and has not been used since - the pleasure ban having gone into effect and it has laid at its mooring ever since.

Endeavoring to keep this boat in commission in accordance with your request, I have had to charge her batteries three times, and have, from time to time, turned the motor over, but the boat itself, has not moved from its mooring. I discovered on Wednesday last, August 4, 1943, that due to the fact that my boat has laid idle for so long, the accumulation of barnacles and moss on her bottom and in her propeller was so great that I could hardly move her from her mooring.

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If the Coast Guard Auxiliary desires that the boats in Flotilla 6, Division 1, Annapolis, Maryland, be put in commission or that those that are in commission be kept in commission so that they may be used if needed, it seems to me that it is important in these waters that sufficient gasoline be allowed the members to move these boats sufficiently to keep their bottoms and propellers from getting fouled, for thought I was under the impression that my boat was in commission and could be used in any emergency or to render any assistance that might be necessary as here we have no Coast Guard Station closer than Baltimore. I found that due to the fouled condition of non-use, my boat was actually thought in commission, of no practical use because she could not have headway or steerage against even a strong tide.

Extract from memorandum, R. Tilghman Brice, III, Secretary, Flotilla 6, Division 1, to Commander G.A. Littlefield, Director, USCGAUX, 5th Naval District, dated August 6, 1943.❖



## BOATING PERSONALITIES

Charles Raymond Hunt, also known as Ray Hunt, was a sailboat designer who made his most significant contribution to the boating world with the perfection and development of the high-dead rise deep-V hull in motorboats. With longitudinal strips to ease planing and prevent water spray, his concept became evident to another boating personality, Dick Bertram. Bertram was so impressed with Hunt and his design that he entered his new deep-V, 31-footer, *Moppie* in the 1960 Miami-Nassau Race. The seas ran 8-12 feet, and winds were steady 30 knots. However, *Moppie* finished the route in record time. Hunt, who also contributed to the design of the famous Boston Whaler, died in 1978 at the age of 70. He never successfully patented the idea and never got rich off it. A private man, he sailed until the end of his days.❖

### 2009 Flotilla Staff Officers

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