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BRAVO ZULU!



ANNAPOLIS, MD – As Flotilla 23-1 Commander Ed Martin looks on, Walt Discenza (FSO-CS) receives the Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal from Division 23 Commander Dan McConnell. Walt received the prestigious award for his countless hours of public affairs, public education, vessel examinations, dealer visitations, and for setting up and maintaining the flotilla's award-winning website. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Caryl P. Weiss (SO-PA, 5SR-23; FSO-PA, 23-01).

LIFE JACKETS SAVES LIVES IN COLD WATER TOO

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WASHINGTON- The best way to survive an accidental cold water immersion is to wear a life jacket. It will help keep the head above water in the event of an accidental immersion. It will also keep the victim afloat. If unable to rescue themselves, a life jacket can provide some thermal protection against the onset of hypothermia, and keep the swimmer afloat until help arrives.

When the temperature of water is below 50 F significant physiological responses occur, including the possibility of death. The causes of death may include cardiac arrest, deep body (core) cooling resulting in unconsciousness, and circulatory collapse, all of which could end in drowning.

When rescuing a cold water victim beware of post rescue collapse (up to several hours after) by assisting the victim to become dry and warm. Keep him or her still until medical treatment arrives.❖

CHANGE OF WATCH

By Caryl P. Weiss, SO-PA, 5SR-23; FSO-PA, 23-01

Division 23 Change of Watch was held on January 8, 2011 at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville, MD. About 65 members and guests attended. At the head table were DIRAUX CDR Stephen Whitehead (5th Coast Guard District), Sector Baltimore's CAPT Mark O'Malley and his spouse, Col. George Johnson, of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Police, Ms. Anne Rogers, of the DNR's safe boating program, and others.

The new Division Commander and Vice Commander, Dan McConnell and Marge Voith, respectively, were sworn in, as well as all of the Division staff officers.

LT David Lewald of Sector Baltimore, skipper of CGC James Rankin, gave a riveting multi-media presentation about the Rankin's role in the cleanup in the Gulf of Mexico following the oil spill last summer.❖



DAVIDSONVILLE, MD – While Commodore Bob Birrane looks on, CAPT Mark O'Malley of Coast Guard Sector Baltimore swears in the new Division Vice Commander Marge Voith and Division Commander Dan McConnell. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Caryl P. Weiss (SO-PA, 5SR-23; FSO-PA, 23-01).

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FLOTILLA AWARDS - FEBRUARY

- Auxiliary Achievement Award 2009-10
Walt Discenza
- Auxiliary Operations (AUXOPS)
Wendy Norwitz and Ron Price.

Congratulations! ❖

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- AUXLAMs – Part B – March 25-27
REGISTRATION DEADLINE – February 28
TRACN Yorktown – Yorktown, VA.
- AUXSCE – March 2 – 26 – TISCOM Ward
Room – Monday and Wednesday evenings.
- Sector Baltimore Workshops – March 5,
Southern High School, Harwood, MD.
- Advanced Skills Weekend(s) – April 1-3 and
April 8-10 – USCG Training Center (TRACEN)
Yorktown, VA.
- The deadline for registration for the Advanced
Skills Weekend scheduled for April 1-3 and 8-
10 has been moved ahead to 5 March.
- This year's Small Passenger Vessel Industry
Day will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at
the Rod & Reel Restaurant, located at 4165
Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD
20732. The event is open to all maritime
professionals in the operating area of Sector
Baltimore. The conference is designed as an
informal exchange between vessel operators,
other marine professionals, and the U.S. Coast
Guard. Presentations will address both local
and national issues that impact your day-to-
day operations. The event will commence at
0800 and will continue until approximately
1230. ❖

BOWIE BAYSOX CG APPRECIATION GAME

By Caryl P. Weiss, SO-PA, 5SR-23; FSO-PA, 23-01

The Bowie Baysox Coast Guard appreciation game will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 1905.

Members interested are encouraged to contact our FSO-PA (Caryl P. Weiss) as soon as possible to ensure seating accommodations.

Seats will be \$7 instead of the usual \$14 for Auxiliarists and their family members. ❖

PADDLEFEST 2011

By Caryl P. Weiss, SO-PA, 5SR-23; FSO-PA, 23-01

The Annapolis Maritime Museum will host PaddleFest 2011 on March 26 (Saturday), from 1000 to 1500 at the museum's premises as part of the Four Rivers' Maryland Day Celebration. Event offerings will include information on the latest in watercraft, equipment, water safety, federal and state boating laws, new Paddle Safe course and local water trials, including the Museum's self-guided kayak tour. Pick-up free Paddle Smart decal, drop-off outdated flares, and see a U.S. Coast Guard 25' Rigid Inflatable Boat and Flare demonstrations.

Paddlecraft owners are encouraged to bring their vessels with lifejackets & all required equipment to the activity. Upon successfully passing the inspection, the distinctive VSC decal will be awarded. More information about the required equipment is available at <http://www.AnnapolisCGAux.org>.

Exhibitors will include the US Coast Guard/Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police (Boating Safety Division), West Marine, Backyard Boats, Spring River Kayak Rentals, and the American Canoe Association. ❖

BOATING ACCIDENTS IN FLORIDA

A 14-year-old girl in Florida had a leg amputated after it got caught in a boat's propeller during the month of February.

Per witness accounts, the victim and some friends ran out to meet the 22-footer runabout. As the boat hovered in shallow water, the victim tried to climb into the boat, but a wave threw her against the propeller, which cut one of her legs.

During the same month and also in Florida, two teenagers died when the runabout vessel piloted by the father of one of the victims collided with a low hanging tree that was growing out of the water. Both individuals were riding on the bow section of the small vessel and suffered fatal head and torso injuries. ❖

INSPECT FLAME ARRESTERS TO SAVE LIVES

Edited from USCG Boating Safety Circular 80

<http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/pdf/recalls/BSC80.pdf#flame>

Most boaters driving gasoline powered inboard boats know that there is something on top of the carburetor. They probably think it's to keep bugs, loose clothing and other airborne objects from being sucked into the engine. Those who are more knowledgeable may know it is a backfire flame arrester, but don't know how important it is. Some might even think about taking it off to "let the engine breathe" better and increase

speed, even one-tenth of a mile per hour.

Backfire flame arresters serve a very important safety function. All gasoline engines with carburetors tend to vent fuel vapor after shutdown. If shut down from high speed, they are hot and will boil off some of the fuel into the float bowl. This vapor goes into the engine compartment and will linger for a while unless taken out by the ventilator blower.

On a boat, flames spouting out of the carburetor from an engine backfire or an electrical spark can ignite that vapor. The flame arrester is designed to cool and quench the flame front by forcing it to pass between some closely spaced metal elements that act as a heat sink.

Damaged flame arresters should be kept in their appropriate place, inspected and replaced when damaged.❖

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY TO PROVIDE SHORE SIDE AND UNDERWAY TRAINING FOR SEA CADETS AND SEA SCOUTS

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<http://bdept.cgaux.org/index.php>

Coast Guard Auxiliary members are now authorized to provide shore side and underway training to Sea Cadets & Sea Scouts, under a program that is an outgrowth of the Auxiliary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), and its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The type of training to be provided includes standard Auxiliary boat crew and coxswain skill training that is already a part of Sea Cadet and Sea Scout training programs. This includes activities such as preparing the vessel to get underway, docking, operating the vessel, anchoring, and safety drills.

The training will be provided by Auxiliary boat crew, selected for their ability to mentor boat crew and coxswain trainees, many having prior experience working with youth or younger trainees through the Coast Guard Auxiliary or other youth-serving organizations. Sea Scouts and Sea Cadets will be provided with the same personal protective equipment as Auxiliarists, including appropriate life jackets.

Each local Coast Guard district will determine how this program is implemented within its area of responsibility. For more information, contact your local Coast Guard Auxiliary representatives at www.cgaux.org/units.php.❖

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