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9WR Winter Conference 2006 Provides Direction

Over the weekend of February 3-5, several hundred Auxiliarists from the 9th Western District gathered in Schaumburg, IL to participate in various training sessions and receive direction and encouragement from the District and National leaders. Commodore Gene Seibert provided the keynote address. He began by recommending all Auxiliarists review the updated Business Plan for 2006-2007 as it outlines many of the programs and concepts he intended to address. In essence, there are four 'strategic focus areas.



Members from around the District prepare to hear both the Active Duty and Auxiliary leaders deliver their remarks.

These focus areas are:

- 1) Balance and Blend our missions and resources;
- 2) Revitalize and reemphasize the importance of the RBS mission;



District 9WR Commodore Jaworski (left) and NACO Gene Seibert (center, seated) prepare remarks for the keynote session at the Winter Conference 2006.

- 3) Continue to emphasize Recruitment and Retention; and
- 4) Strategic Planning.

In 2005 the focus was on transforming from strictly maritime safety to both security and safety. He went on to say that in 2006, we find that we do not yet have a perfect equilibrium. We must balance our resources against the most pressing demands. Operations and direct Coast Guard support are both important missions. He then posed the question, "With all the competing demand, why should we continue to emphasize the RBS mission? In answer to his own question, he pointed out that RBS brings revenue to the Auxiliary; it keeps our presence in the boating community; and perhaps most impor-

tantly—it saves lives. With these things in mind, he stressed that "We must continue to let out members know that the CG values both the RBS and security mission areas." All Auxiliary units need to work with their active units to find this 'right balance.' We need to sustain our momentum, to identify and communicate our priorities at every level, and to develop contingency plans at all levels to handle potential events. In closing, Commodore Seibert asked those present to "Remember to put the member first, because without them We can to nothing."



Michael Hopfensperger, FC03 and Rick Rosenwald, FC04 (above) share a few ideas at the Awards luncheon, at which both flotillas received several awards.

Acronyms in this issue:
 NACO—National Commodore
 PV—Program Visitor
 PA—Public Affairs
 PB—Publications
 RBS—Recreational Boating Safety
 VE—Vessel Examiner



Roy Hundt, 9WR DCP-04 enjoying a few minutes of fellowship at the 9WR Winter Conference 2006 Awards Luncheon.

From the DCP's Desk

Winter is still hanging on, but spring and the new boating season is just around the corner. With that in mind we need to heed what the NACO talked about at the Winter Conference and work at balancing of our two primary missions: Recreational Boating Safety, and Operational Support. We must use our limited resources in the most effective, efficient means possible. At times one area may receive more emphasis

based on the situation, but we must always continue to consciously strive for that essential balance. Our chain of leadership and management, our country, and our active duty counterparts are relying on us to find and maintain that balance.

While there is no magic formula, or single 'fix', we can begin by working to recruit and train additional Vessel Examiners (VEs) and Program Visitors

(PVs) for 2006. We need more PVs in order to expand our role in promoting the Safe Boating message to the public. I can see four potential methods, all of which are within our grasp, to increase our RBS PV force. First, we need to have our current VEs become PV qualified. With their knowledge, training and experience, they are already over half way to qualifying as PVs. Second, we need to have current FSO-VEs and FSO-PVs promoting the program and recruiting current and new members who would be *(continued at bottom of page)*

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country"

John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address January 20, 1961



Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Event Planned for July in Oshkosh

The annual EAA Airventure is scheduled for Monday, July 24th-Sunday, July 30th in Oshkosh, WI. USCG Auxiliary personnel are needed throughout the event in the following missions: Air Operations Personnel in the USCG Air & Surface Recruiting booth to provide expertise about the Auxiliary Air Operations Program; Surface Operations personnel including boat crews, communications watch stan-

ders & operational facilities to provide Security and Safety patrols on Lake Winnebago, and Vessel Examiners. Lodging accommodations will be available at the University of Wisconsin's Oshkosh Campus. Mike Hopfensperger, ADSO-CM, and FC of Flotilla 03 (Neenah), who is asking for as many volunteers to work the event as possible. Flotilla Commanders can contact Mike with the names

and contact information for their members who would like to support this national event. The crowds will number in the tens of thousands and there are many opportunities to serve. FC's can get more information directly from Mike.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

DCP Comments Continued

willing to participate. Third, we need to involve the remainder of the RBSP Team in the VE & PV programs. Finally, we need to have our OPS qualified members (Coxswains & Boat Crews) spreading the gospel of boating safety at the marinas, on

the docks and boat ramps. I can think of no more effective means to contact the boating public than at the water's edge.

Your efforts in the past to promote RBS have been very effective and are sincerely appreciated, but now I am

asking you to take a new challenge; the re-balancing the auxiliary's two main missions. We equal to this challenge. RBS saves lives while Operational Support keeps our harbors and waterways safe. Let us make balance one of our goals for 2006.

In My View by Ray Kostink FC03

Over the past year we have been called upon to adapt to changes or modifications to longstanding operational and supportive procedures related to the mutual goals of the Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard. Becoming an integral part of the Department of Homeland Security, made it necessary for the U.S. Coast Guard to expand and introduce new procedures and to add more comprehensive duties to insure the safety of our harbors, ports, bridges and waterways.

In the face of current national and international terrorist activities changes were absolutely needed to ward off any actual or perceived nautical danger or activity related to recreational or commercial boating.

Though at times received reluctantly, these changes must be made, especially when the common good and safety of the nation are at stake. With change comes the desire for a clear and unambiguous definition of new rulings or procedures. Traditionally, legal governing bodies have been reluctant to define regulations so strictly that no room for interpretation is available to those charged with implementing those policies. Still, we sometimes have a tendency to want the new rules 'chiseled in stone'. When they are not, we are tempted to

complain or long for the 'way we've always done it.' Perhaps we are simply unable or unwilling, to accept a new way of doing things. We may be tempted to become critical of new missions, procedures, or forms.

Change is difficult, but in keeping with the best traditions of the Auxiliary, I believe our attitude should be, 'to carry out the duties and obligations as our chain of leadership and management directs to the best of our abilities with the understanding that all regulations or forms are intended to increase efficiency, promote the common good, and ensure the safety of the public, the Auxiliary and the active duty personnel. Whether we hold an elected Auxiliary office, an appointed position, or are volunteering in any other capacity, we must be prepared to adapt and to honor our oath as Auxiliarists.

Rescue 21

Rescue 21, also known as the National Distress Response system Modernization Project, began in FY03 and is scheduled for completion in September 2006. Its core function is to provide reliable two-way communications between shore Stations, vessels, and vehicles in then costal maritime environment. The system will provide coverage out to 20 nautical miles sea-

ward of the territorial sea baseline of the contiguous U.S. coast, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and Gulf of Alaska costal zone. Coverage also includes the Great Lakes, navigable waters of the Intracoastal Waterway System and the Western Rivers. Capabilities of the Rescue 21 system include:

- Communications Coverage
- Position localization
- Digital Selective Calling
- Automatic asset tracking

- Recordable Communications
- Data Communications

The Rescue 21 system will reduce response time by providing effective communications for maritime distress and rescue coordination. Rescue 21 will also assist the Coast Guard in enforcing laws, preventing terrorism and security threats, and reducing damage to the marine environment. Rescue 21 is the future of Coast Guard communications.

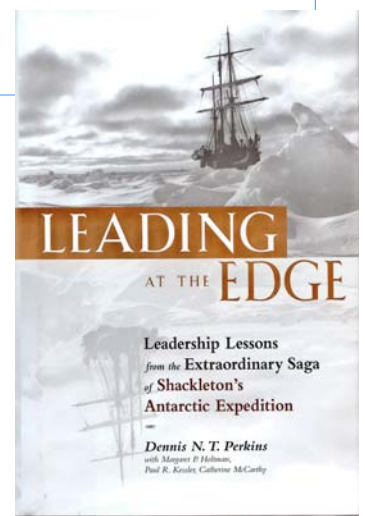
From the Commandant's Reading List

Leading at the Edge: Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition by Dennis N.T. Perkins

A long title for an exceptional book. This book examines the saga of the intrepid explorer Ernest Shackleton. In 1914, Shackleton and his crew set out to cross the unexplored Antarctic Continent. It is at once, one of the greatest survival stories of all time

and one of the most extraordinary leadership sagas imaginable. In the two years between the time they set out and their ultimate rescue, they endured unimaginable hardships including the loss of their ship in the ice and two remarkable sea voyages that demonstrate courage and leadership. Many expeditions floundered under similar conditions. The differ-

ence was Shackleton's leadership. He forged his people into a team, kept them focused and provided them with hope. *Leading at the Edge* is the first book to translate this remarkable story through the lens of business to reveal 10 lessons on what it takes to be a great leader. This book is for anyone who is interested in being an effective leader.



PE Classes Offered around the Division



Mark Duff and John Wagner of Flotilla 04 work on navigation training with BM3 Bryan Cawvey at CG Station Sheboygan.

*Eternal Father,
Strong to save,
Whose arm hath
bound the restless
wave,
Who bid'st the
might Ocean deep
Its own appointed
limits keep; O hear
us when we cry to
thee for those in
peril on the sea.*

*From
The Hymn of the U.S Navy*



Some of the locations where PE courses are currently being offered, or are planned in the near future include:

Flotilla 4-1

FC Paul Holland

BS&S, Monday nights from Feb. 20th.

DNR class starts April 11th, 2006. Will be held at Fond du Lac Yacht Club.

Flotilla 4-2

FC Michele Butry

BS&S Class 3/14-5/9

1830 -2100 Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green

Bay

DNR Class 5 wks.

4/4—5/12 Tuesday evenings, 1800-2030, and April 6th - May 4th. on

Thursday evenings 1800-2030 at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay.

If you need further information about the above classes, please contact Roger VanCalster FSO-PE, (920)434-1877

Flotilla 4-4

FC Rick Rosenwald

BS&S Class 3/8—4/26 start time 1900

Location: 1807 Erie Ave., Sheboygan. For more information, contact David Given (920) 457-7348

Flotilla 4-5

FC Gregory Krcma

DNR Class start 06-02-06

Two Rivers High School

Contact; William Ernst

(920) 793-3079

Flotilla 4-6

FC Raymond Kostiuik

BS&S Class to start Feb.

02, 2006, Location is:

Gibraltar High School

Contact; Donna Russel

920-868-2489.

Tall Ships Coming to Green Bay

If you have ever been awed by the sight of tall ships, sails filled with the power of the wind, and the smell of the sea, then the **Baylake Tall Ship Festival** is for you. The festival is being held 21-27 July 2006, at Leicht Memorial Park in Downtown Green Bay. A U.S Navy ship, The Pride of Baltimore II will join many



other vessels as part of the celebration. Mark your calendars and plan to attend - more details as they become available. The best source of information is Michele Butry, FC02. Watch the May issue of Scuttlebutt for a complete update of the events. This is an event worth taking the family and the camera to.

Good to Know Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Wisconsin, children ages 12-15 who want to operate a power boat or personal water craft (PWC) must have completed a state-approved boating safety course.

- Thirty-three states re-

- quire all power boat operators to complete a boating safety course (Wisconsin is considering joining them).

- Many boat insurance companies offer discounts to boaters who successfully complete a

boating safety course.

- Boaters who complete a boating safety course are more confident in their boating skills and find boating more enjoyable.

APRIL 2006 is New Member Month

Flotilla 04-02 (Green Bay) Receives Recognition

Division Four members and flotillas garnered numerous awards at the Winter Conference. Leading the pack was Flotilla 02 (Green Bay-Michele Butry, FC) with the following **flotilla awards:**

- 1st place - Most Active Flotilla
 - 1st place - Coast Guard Support
 - 3rd place - Public Education
 - 4th place - Member Training
 - 4th place - RBS Program Visitor
- Flotilla 02 members received

the following **individual awards:**

- PE - Instructor 2nd Place, Roger VanCalster;
- PE - Aide: 2nd Place, David Robishaw
- 3rd Place, Michele Butry
- 3rd Place, William Sutter
- 5th Place, Len Van Denack
- 6th Place, Brian Pigeon
- Member Training Instructor: 4th Place, Michele Butry
- RBS Program Visitor:

3rd Place, Len Van Denack
Coast Guard Support:
1st Place, Len Van Denack
2nd Place, William Sutter
3rd Place, Michele Butry
4th Place, Brian Pigeon
Most Active Member:
3rd Place, Michele Butry.
Bravo Zulu to Flotilla 02 and all their members for a job well done and recognition well earned. Green Bay continues to epitomize the spirit of vol-

A house divided against itself can not stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved-I do not expect the house to fall-but I do expect that it will cease to be divided.

*Abraham Lincoln
1858*

Know the Signs of a Stroke: Save a Life

During a BBQ a lady stumbled and took a little fall – she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics). Though she appeared a bit shaken up, she went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. A few hours later, her husband called to tell everyone that his wife had died of a stroke shortly after leaving

the BBQ. Recognizing the signs of a stroke can save a life. Neurologists believe that if they can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can often reverse the effects of a stroke. Getting a stroke victim to medical attention within that golden three hours is critical.

Stroke symptoms can be difficult to identify. Unfortu-

nately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE. *(continued below left)*

2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. Widespread knowledge and use of these procedures could result in prompt recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a stroke and could prevent brain damage.

Division 04 Flotilla & Member Awards

Roy Hundt, DCP and member of Flotilla 04 (Sheboygan) received the Sixth Place award for Public Affairs at the Winter Conference. Several Division 04 Flotillas earned recognition for their support to all of the CG Auxiliary's mission areas. These included: Public Affairs, 6th Place, Flotilla 04 RAP/AIM, 5th Place, Flotilla 04. Though they were not all members of Division 04, first place finishers in every category are shown below:

Coxswain - Arthur Remus 7-2
Crew: Rick Polad 7-11
PE Instructor: William Strauss 2-12
PE Aide: Rosanne Turow 2-12
MT Instructor: Dave Homan 5-1
VE: Salvatore Scifo 5-6
RBS Prog Visitor: Kathleen Chappelle
PE: John van Goethem 3-5
CG Support: Len Van Denack 4-2
RAP/AIM William Edwards 2-12
Most Active Mbr Jeremiah Coughlin 7-2

**WINTER
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(Above from right) CDR Nelson, Rick Rosenwald, Gene Seibert, Jeremiah Coughlin, Ed Baran, Larry van Goethem, and Bill Strauss (at the Podium).

(Below) Roy (DCP) and Linda (SO-SR) Hundt at the Awards Luncheon.



Rick Rosenwald, FC04, and Dave Given (SO-PA) share a break between sessions.

Mark your calendars. The 9WR Fall Conference is scheduled for October 2006 in Schaumburg, IL.



(Above) Jim Eichelberger FL04 and Tom House (FL08) at the Sunday session of the Flotilla Commanders Academy
(Below from left) Linda Croy, Ed Baran, Rick Rosenwald, Gene Seibert (NACO), and one unidentified FC post for photos.



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