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Tiny Tots Marina at Washington Island Fair

By Tom House (FC-04) On August 19th Washington Island Auxiliary personnel transformed the Island Recreation Center pool into a "marina" during the Island Fair when the Coast Guard Auxiliary presented the Tiny Tots Marina event. The program is designed to promote the use of life jackets by children. The kids who attended the event (all of whom were accompanied by their parents), donned life jackets and were given the opportunity to operate radio controlled boats. Parents were asked to bring the children's life jackets if at all possible, both to get the kids used to wearing their own PFD's and because the auxiliary had a limited

number of sizes. In addition to promoting PFD use, the program teaches life

preserver safety. Parents assisted their children in putting on their life jackets, thereby involving the family in life preserver safety. During the event Auxiliary members discussed different aspects of boating safety to reinforce the lesson. Each child who participated received a Certificate of Accomplishment. "We are very excited about this event, and hope to see a lot children wearing life vests and having fun." said Tom House, Flotilla Commander.



Above, Tyler and Cole Dvorak operating R/C boat. Dick Donnelly, VFC-08 is in the background. Below, PA booth at Washington Island Fair; left to right, Leona Borchers, Tom House, John Davies.



New National Bridge Elected

The newly elected national bridge for 2007 is as follows:

- NACO:** Steve Budar (Currently NAVCO)
- NAVCO:** Nick Kerigan (current ARCO(E))
- ARCO(E):** Peter Fernandez (DCO D7)
- ARCO(W):** Jim Vass (Currently DCO 8CR)
- ARCO(P):** Lois Conrado (Currently DCO 11SR)

Auxiliary Dive Program Update

Over the past several months, questions regarding the "Coast Guard Auxiliary Dive Program" have been raised by many Auxiliarists throughout our organization. This program is now in the final stages of development.

The Auxiliary Dive Program is a highly structured pilot-program, which will be very closely monitored by the Coast Guard. It is not meant

for every district. The plan is to implement it in districts only where the Coast Guard identifies a need and requests our assistance.

The Dive Program is a nationally based program. An Auxiliary Dive Program Manager (ADPM) has been appointed to the Department of Operations staff as the *(continued on page 5)*



Roy Hundt
9WR DCP-04

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters: These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

Psalms 107:23-24



From the Captain's Desk

From the NACO's messages to the Auxiliary throughout the past year we know that balance between the RBS mission and operational support was a priority goal. Yet, as I checked AUXDATA for VE & PV completion comparisons of JAN 01 through AUG 16, 2005 to that of JAN 01 through AUG 16, 2006, my review revealed some disquieting trends within our District and Division. As a district we fell well short of the desired re-balancing be-

tween RBS Missions & CG Operations Support Missions.

Vessel Safety Checks were down 25%, even though we have more qualified Vessel Examiners, Public Education courses offered were down more than 100 sessions even though we had more qualified Instructors. We conducted 128 fewer members training sessions and reported 328 fewer MT hours. Only in the area of Public affairs did our hours remain on a

par with the previous year. One bright spot occurred in the area of RBS Program Partner visits where the number of visits increased from 1444 last year, to 1917 this year.

In the Operations area, Auxiliarists conducted 150 fewer Safety Patrols, reporting 1300 less than the previous year. Marine Environmental Protection reports were up over 100 missions and 225 hours, while CG OPS Support showed an increase 196 missions, which accounted for additional 2790 hours.

With all that said, I'd suggest you look at your divi-

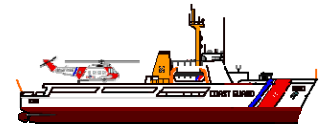
sions to see where it fits in to the balance, that is going to be my next step, but as to what can be done about the unbalance, I have no answers.

We can all look with pride on these accomplishments, but also with the realization that we have not achieved

that essential balance our Chain of Leadership and Management set before us. In our desire to support the operations have we compromised our primary RBS missions?

I urge each flotilla commander to examine your plans for the coming year

with a view toward working to reverse the trend. We must support operations to meet the demands, but let us not do so at the expense of our Recreational Boating Safety missions.



Sheboygan Flotilla Provides Boating Safety Information at the Sheboygan County Fair

Several members of Flotilla 04 (Sheboygan) worked at met and talked with members of the public at the Sheboygan County Fair, Aug 31-Sep 4, 2006. In addition to handing out RBS literature, the Auxiliarists received numerous inquiries about the CG Academy and about membership in and the mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some people simply said "Thank You." Manning a booth at a county fair can be tiring and very time

consuming, but can bring rich rewards in terms of educating the public and creating that essential Coast Guard Auxiliary presence in the boating public's consciousness.

Roy and Linda Hundt, John and Marilyn Wagner, Ray

Rank, Lloyd Sargent, Mark Duff, Bob Heiser, and Jim Eichelberger all participated in the five day event.



John Wagner (FSO-PA, FL-04) talks to a fair attendee about the different types of PFD's available the requirements for their proper wear.

News from Around The Division

Green Bay Tall Ships Festival: 43,000 final number through the gate. 15,000 on the bridge or in the river observing the boats. Sunday morning storm caused many vendors to leave early. Well received.

EAA: Ten facilities came to Lake Winnebago and conducted patrols – One facility from the Sheboygan Flotilla, a couple from Division 05, Division 09, and Division 04. The regular Coast Guard Boats conducted 80 (plus) boardings. No reported incidents. Everything went well

with no problems. The PA Booth on the event grounds was manned throughout the event. A Coast Guard helicopter with crew from Cape Cod came - had helped with hurricanes. Recruited four potential candidates for the Academy.

04-01 Fond du Lac (Holland): Flotilla mtg. held on 07/27/06. Members participated in on-water navigational training and navigational aid recognition practice. Next meeting 08/24/06.

04-02 Green Bay (Butry): Received paperwork for new mem-

ber. One new VE bringing total to 18. Currently 120 VE's completed. Thanks to flotillas 08 and 04 for help with the Tall Ships. Had pizza party to celebrate CG Birthday. Currently 36 cases. Continuing to work on crew/coxswain/ watchstanders training.

04 - 03 Neenah (Hopfensperger): Operational schedule extended through September. Training on Thursday evenings (1700-2000). Two Rivers will be onset for next training on 08/17/06. Flotilla picnic on 09/14/06 in conjunction

with September Flotilla meeting. 36 cases so far this year.

04-04 Sheboygan (Rosenwald) Three members attended Maritime Heritage Days in Port Washington. Four members attended Tall Ships event in Green Bay. A founding member, Harry Meyer, Jr., recently passed away.

Had several members participate in the EAA. Safety Days at the Mall in Sheboygan - Booth. (8-12-06) Last blitz of the season. (08-05-06 and 08-06-06)

04-05 Two Rivers (Krcma): Patrol for Dragon Boat races.

Next Flotilla meeting 08/22/06. New member enrolling.

04-06 Sturgeon Bay (Kostiuk): Two safety patrols. One new VE examiner. Several members of MS office and Mobile Bay went on a chart salmon fishing outing twice with Flotilla 06 members. Flotilla attended the USCG Unit Picnic celebrating USCG Foundation day on 08/05/06. Committee appointment for COW Dinner to be held on the 2nd week in December. 2 members underwent surgery - both doing well.

04-07 Marinette (Hallam, VFC):

VE on 07/26/06 - 5 exams done. Boat crew training 08/17/06 - next training on 08/24/06 in Escanaba. New member, retired CG Captain. Next Flotilla meeting on 09/11/06.

04-08 Washington Island (House): Flotilla mtg. held on 08/01/06. DNR class finished on 07/20/06 - 9 students successfully complete course. Dick Donnelly attended IS seminar at Kaukauna on 07/21/06. He is now online with AUXDATA. Will conduct a Tiny Tots Marina event as

well as information booth at the Island Fair on 08/19/06.

04-09 Bay de Noc/Escanaba (Smit): Training for boat electronics w/2 DVD presentations - 16 persons attended. Coast Guard Cutter Biscayne Bay held COW at Escanaba. Assisted with arrangements for event and reception that followed. OTO Mark Stevens visited Escanaba to inspect CG247-129. Conducted a QE

Board together with our Aux AQ and qualified two members as crew for our Flotilla. Also attended Flotilla meeting and discussed patrol training drills. Continuing multiple training and safety patrols. One false alarm of a boat fire at sunset.

From the District Commodore: During the debrief of the Operations training recently an item of concern was

raised. It was stated that some facility inspection worksheets were being rubber stamped without giving the facility a full and proper inspection. The Commodore wants to remind all VE's that "full facility inspections must be carried out per policy." Coxswain Qualifications: The ICS 100 and 700 courses are required for new coxswain and crew candidates before certification will be issued.

Ice Operations Halted for Auxiliarists

From the District Commo-dore: District 9 Director of the Auxiliary, LCDR Karl Willis, recently notified Commodore Jaworski that according to the previous Chief of Response, Capt. Paul Preusse, all Coast Guard personnel operating on the ice must first be qualified to rescue our own - on the ice. This directive includes Auxiliarists.

The only known Certification is a course currently being taught at Coast Guard Ice Capabilities Center of

Excellence (ICCE) at Station Saginaw River and is currently only recommended for



active duty personnel.

This is the most arduous

mission the Coast Guard performs and is extremely strenuous and hazardous therefore is not recommended for Auxiliarists.

As a result, all Auxiliary ice operations are hereby canceled effective immediately.

This includes any in-house training exercises that may have been considered. Failure to comply with this directive puts the Auxiliarist at risk and they would be operating outside of their Assignment to Duty.



*Eternal Father,
Strong to save,
Whose arm hath
bound the restless
wave,
Who bid'st the
mighty 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*



EAA PATCOM Final Report

Mike Hopfensperger (FC-03)-

This year the Experimental Aircraft Association Airventure 2006 was held Monday July 24th thru Sunday July 30th. We conducted operations from 9:00am-8:00pm all seven days, including manning the recruiting booth on the EAA grounds in building A from 9am to 5pm all seven days. All of this was accomplished with the help of Regulars and Auxiliarists from many different districts. We had 31 personnel from 9th Western, 7 from 1SR, and 5 from the 5th District. There were an estimated 850,000 visitors to the EAA during the week.

This year Coast Guard personnel from Station Two Rivers conducted over 80 boardings, handled three cases, and terminated one sailboat's voyage. They also provided great support to the Auxiliary patrols while enforcing the Safety Zone at the Seaplane Base.

This year, Auxiliarist from outside our district provided the primary manning at the recruiting booth. Even though no active duty recruiter served in the booth, the auxiliary received excellent support from the Milwaukee recruiting office. They supplied many give away items, videos, and displays.

The patrols went well with only one facility sustaining prop damage. We had nine auxiliary facilities and one regular safeboat from Station Two Rivers. The auxiliary handled three cases during the week. There were no incidents involving seaplanes this year

BMCS LEE, Station Two Rivers, coordinated the patrol orders for all the Auxiliarists, set-up and arranged for fuel in kind at the Pioneer Marina. Sector Lake Michigan provided us with a van for transportation, and radio & antenna equipment. District 9 helped to support us

by funding four dorm rooms used by some of the out of town auxiliary members while they are here. We helped to provide several off-duty CG regulars with MWR rides and passes into the EAA along with numerous family members.

We were fortunate to have a Coast Guard Helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod along with its crew on display on the EAA Grounds. They gave several talks about their Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans experience. They had a large influence on some of the EAA visitors who had been through the disaster personally.

Two persons named in this report deserve special mention: Auxiliarist Claude Hribal and Commander Nona Smith (ret, July 31, 2006). Claude, who is Mr. EAA for the Auxiliary, received the Auxiliary Achievement Award which was presented at Claude's home by Commodore Jaworski (095WR) along with Deputy Commander, Sector Lake (continued center of page 5)

9WR Store Closes Permanently –New Procedures Disseminated

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MEMBERS

The 9th WR District Stores has closed. The following options are available for you to purchase uniform items, public education items, or USCGAUX miscellanea. The District Stores Program provides three (3) methods by which members may make their purchases.

1. **FAX OPTIONS:** Members may use the AUXCEN Order Form that is available on the District Stores website:

Go to the National Auxiliary website: <http://nws.cgaux.org/>

On the right side of the page see MEMBERS QUICK LINKS

Click on SHOP AUXILIARY

To sign in use your EMPLID (7 digit member number). The password is the same as your E-DIRECTORY PASSWORD. If you don't have an e-directory password or have forgotten it click on E-DIRECTORY and set up a password. Once you sign in at Shop Auxiliary with your member number and a password click on the AUXCEN Logo above the words District Store. You then

will be at a page with several shopping options. If you choose the CGAUXA you will need to print the order form and fax it in.

2. **ONLINE OPTIONS:** On that same page, if you hit, *Shop Auxiliary*, a map appears that shows the Districts with a Store in light green. Dark green colored districts do not have an on-line District Store. The District 7 store is an easy one to order from. To go directly there go to: <http://cgaux7.org/d7store/shop.asp>.

Multiple options are available.

3. **MAIL OPTIONS:** Uniform *(continued below left)*

(store closing continued) items may be ordered through the various vendors listed in the Uniform Procurement Guide. Members may sign on to: http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/publications/misc/UNIFORM_PROC_GUIDE-2005-FINAL_COPY.pdf to purchase items, or download the PDF file and either call in the order or send via mail or fax.

4. **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Public education items may be ordered by your SO-MA from: http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/publications/misc/dcatjan-06.pdf

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Michigan CDR Sean Murtagh and was signed by Chief Director of Auxiliary Capt. Barry Smith. It is the reporting officer's understanding that this award was hand carried by the National Commodore in Washington to be signed by DIRAUX and overnight shipped to Oshkosh so it could be presented during the EAA. The award recognized Claude's outstanding service to the Auxiliary involving coordination of the EAA from Nov. 2000

to Sept. 2006.

Commander Nona Smith, assigned to Atlantic Area Headquarters, helped to arrange for the helo to be at the EAA. She also coordinated with the recruiter to ensure enough supplies were on hand for the booth and was ready to step in when it looked like we might not have a display back drop. Her help was sincerely appreciated.

Dive Program
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Branch Chief -Operations Surface Diving (BC-OSD). The

ADPM is the Auxiliary diving expert and is responsible for overall program administration.

There will be minimal local structure and there is no intent to develop a "district staff officer" position for the program. The Dive Program will be organized in dive teams, each team having a partnership with an active duty dive team. The active duty dive team will provide oversight for the Auxiliary dive team and will

assist in risk assessment for dive missions. Currently, the approved missions for Auxiliary divers are as follows:

- Underwater ship's husbandry including hull inspections, hull cleaning (no power tools) and removal of fouled objects from running gear.
- Search and recovery, excluding salvage operations.
- Aids to navigation, limited to underwater inspection of aids

and moorings that does not involve the use of lift bags.

There is a very rigorous selection process. It is expected that relatively few Auxiliarists will be qualified in the dive program. Because of the recent tragic deaths of two Coast Guard divers, and because we are still waiting for program approval by the new CGHQ Dive Program Manager, the information above is only the current vision of the Auxiliary program.

**MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY CHERTOFF:
9/11 FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Today marks the five-year anniversary of an unparalleled tragedy in our Nation's history. On September 11, 2001, thousands of people—men, women, and children of all backgrounds and faiths—perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. In the midst of great tragedy, we saw tremendous bravery and sacrifice reflected in the many first responders who gave their own lives to save others and in heroic passengers on the hijacked flights.

9/11 remains a defining moment for many of us and for our Nation. Out of the tragic events of that day grew our resolve to

protect our homeland against further terrorist attacks.

Since 9/11, fighting the war on terrorism and advancing freedom has become the great calling of our generation. For more than three years, the employees of the Department of Homeland Security have answered this call with steadfast determination and commitment. We have learned many lessons in this short amount of time and have taken many actions to strengthen our security and protect U.S. citizens. Our goal is to prevent attacks, reduce our vulnerabilities, and enhance our ability to respond.

The recent terrorist plot to destroy multiple commercial airlin-

ers over the Atlantic Ocean reminds us of the ongoing terrorist threat and the ruthless nature of our enemy. The terrorists have not stopped plotting against us, and we must not let our guard down. We will continue to adapt and strengthen the security layers we have put in place. We will not yield in these vital efforts.

On this day, the fifth anniversary of 9/11, we remember those who perished in those terrible incidents. We go forward in their memory, determined never to relent in serving American citizens by securing our homeland.

I sincerely appreciate your continued dedication, and I value your support as together we accomplish our critical mission.

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