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Rockets for Schools Involves Facilities from Sheboygan, Port Washington, Two Rivers, Milwaukee and the 25' Boat from CG Station Sheboygan

On Saturday, May 5th, Auxiliarists from Sheboygan, Port Washington, Two Rivers, and Milwaukee joined the active duty Coast Guard personnel, representatives of the Sheboygan Fire Department and several other organizations to support the annual 'Rockets for Schools' event. Sixth through 12th grade students from several states launched scale model rockets with scientific

experiments onboard while working beside industry professionals. The first rocket fired met with stronger than anticipated winds. Instead of landing in the lake, to be recovered by one of the auxiliary facilities, the rocket casing parachuted to earth near 8th and Pennsylvania in Sheboygan. After a second launch landed near a Sheboygan Bank, the onsite officials changed the trajectory to ensure safe 'lake' landings. Some of the highlights for the students included:



The Milwaukee facility, at the loading platform, and the Two Rivers facility offload spent rocket casings.



Standing at the blue rail are Mae Cuellar (04-04) and BMC Evans, OIC of CG Station Sheboygan. Two Sheboygan firemen stand in the center of the loading platform, while Mark Duff (VFC-04) looks on.



The 25' boat from CG Station Sheboygan patrols the river during the Rockets for



Herb Olson Flotilla 04-06 (Sturgeon Bay) with his NAVY issue WWII PFD to compare it with USCG PFD used today. Which one would you prefer?



- Educational program on rocketry
- Participation in student launches
- Teaming with other students from several states
- Working with professionals in the field
- And last, but not least, a ride on one of the Auxiliary facilities. The event involved units from both Division 04 and 05.
- A Visit from an Astronaut

From the Captain's Desk

At the May Division meeting the FC's reported a wide range of activities planned for the remainder of May and June. Planning has already begun for the annual EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh (see the story on page 5) for which many resources will be needed. As our members get busier there is natural tendency to "let the paperwork slide", but I ask you to emphasize to the members how important it is that they submit their time on the appropriate form. I urge all VE's to strive to complete a minimum of 25 VSC's this year. It is a lofty but achievable goal. As a Division, we do some fantastic things, let's make certain we record our hours.

It barely seems possible that the boating season is here. Next week, May 19-25, is National Safe Boating Week. (see the article on page 6) I hope your flotillas have taken the opportunity to get the word out to your local boating communities about all the resources, classes and safe boating materials that are available to them.

Flotilla 04-04 has already had their first major event of the season, with the "Rockets for Schools" event at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. Facilities from Port Washington, Milwaukee and Two Rivers joined Flotilla 04's facility and the CG Station Sheboygan boats to ensure the success of the event. (see the article on page 1). I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone that our facilities and our members have to set the standard for the public. We have to do it better and safer than anyone else.



His heart was encompassed in oak and triple brass who first committed a fragile bark to the raging sea.

Horace

Flotilla 04-06 To Present ABC Course in Sturgeon Bay

Flotilla 04-06 is planning to present ABC (America's Boating Course) in two sessions at the Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay on Saturday, June 9th, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. A box lunch will provide the break between the 7 lessons. This program will be the first time the ABC course is to be given in the Northeast Wisconsin area. Registration will be limited to 100 applicants. The course will be taught by a combination of five certified IT's and three to be qualified members as Instructors. The pictured Planning Committee from left to right are: Harold Schwartz, Steve Uglinica, Frank Pammer, Ray Kostiuk, Bill Porter and Phil Good.



New Members Join Sturgeon Bay Flotilla

Flotilla 04-06 welcomed two new members to its compliment: The Rev. Randall Styx, Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church of Valmy and Nicholas Mann, of Sturgeon Bay. Roy Hundt, DCP-04 at the time, administered the oath of office, following the dinner and Change of Command ceremonies at the English Inn, Fish Creek December 8. The Reverend Styx, an Auxiliarist prior to his entering the ministry, plans on becoming certified as an Instructor for Sailing Boating Skills and Safety in the Coast Guard Auxiliary: a new but well needed addition to the Flotilla's public education boating



safety program. Nicholas Mann (in the photo below) is awaiting for his ap-

pointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy, in New London Connecticut: a highly competitive appointment based solely on the personal academic achievements and demonstrated leadership qualities of 250 chosen appointees selected out of 4000 plus applicants.



News from Around The Division

Flotilla 01 – Wayne Risvold FC

Flotilla 04-01 began its BS&S course 2/19/07 7-9pm at the Fond du Lac Yacht Club with 17 students signed up. We were able to use all of our current course books (which would be expired for next year) and thanks to Flotilla 04-03, who sold us six of their course books, each student had the necessary study guide. Our net was \$250 deposited from this activity. Our monthly meeting was held on 2/21/07. We are focusing effort to encourage the BS&S students

during class to consider joining the USCGA, including recruitment posters placed around the classroom. One of our members completed the IS-700 certification and questioned how it is acknowledged into AUXDATA. The answer is through the 9th Western Website to ADSO-IS (MS) Gerald Hussin.

At our 3/21/07 monthly meeting at the Yacht Club we are having speakers from the Winnebago Lakes Council scheduled to give a presentation on the ecological health of Winnebago and

adjoining lakes. After the presentation, they may request volunteers to help collect data (thru Secchi Disk water monitoring) for a science program to evaluate, educate, protect, and improve our waterways. An invitation is extended especially to all flotilla members that are on these waterways to attend this meeting at the Fond du Lac Yacht Club 7pm 3/21/07. For directions call Wayne @920-921-7770.

Flotilla 02 – Lee Bahcall FC

Fifteen Students took and passed the final exam of the first BS&S class. In March,

we started a second BS&S class with seven students. We have two State boating classes scheduled for this spring one in April and one in June. Holding a workshop day at the station to for all of the information about VE, IS and other program information out to the members. Personnel Services team is holding a new member meeting at the station of March 28, Weekly member training starts on Monday April 2. We completed three PA events: the Super Bowl of Safety, the WBAY Boat Show, and the NEW Fishing Show.

Flotilla 04 – Jim Eichelberger FC

Nine Flotilla members passed the AUXCOM course. BMC Snyder – OIC CG Station Sheboygan, extended a formal invitation to the Flotilla for the Change of Watch Ceremony on April 27, 2007

We were asked to give a boating safety presentation to an after school-fishing club. It is a group of K-5 students at Longfellow Elementary in Sheboygan. Many of the kids would probably be considered "at risk". Held Flotilla training on PPE on Tuesday March 6, BM3 Bryan Kuhn did the presentation. Four Flotilla mem-

bers staffed a display booth at the Fisherman's swap meet in Sheboygan Falls. Eight members of the Flotilla attended the 095WR Winter Conference in Milwaukee. Two presented a class on VE and Facility inspections. Two attended the Flotilla Commanders Academy. Two members were presented with personal awards (one for PA and the other for the second most active member in the District). The Flotilla also garnered two awards. We conducted a TCT class at Station Sheboygan on Saturday

March 17 at 0800. Seven members attended. Taught a BS&S class at the Sheboygan YMCA starting on March 7th and continuing through April 25th. Nine Students completed the course; with two possibly interested in membership. We held a PA event at Gander Mountain in Sheboygan. Five flotilla members will present the ABC Course at Gander Mountain in Sheboygan during May.

Flotilla 05 – John Rusch FC

January – Since the last Division, meeting training continued with two prospective members. Training also continued on the AUXPAT course. Monthly meeting was held on 23JAN 07. In February, one prospective member received his Aux number, while another resubmitted the paperwork due to wrong finger print cards. Training continued with new

members as well as AUXPAT courses. Members taught a DNR Boating Safety Class. In March we conducted training with new members. We conducted the BS&S course at Station Two Rivers. TCT is scheduled for Station Two Rivers for 24MAR07. **Flotilla 06 – Ray Kostiuik FC** Two members were BQ. Members attended the Winter Conference in Milwaukee. The Flotillas' web site is up (continued on bottom of page 4)

Vessel Safety Check Mega Weeks May 19 through July 8



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary & United States Power Squadrons® are jointly sponsoring Vessel Safety Check Mega Weeks. The intent of this event is to focus attention on the Vessel Safety Check Program through the participation of CG Auxiliary flotillas, USPS squadrons and various partnering organizations including marine retailers, marinas and yacht clubs.

Time Frame and Locations Beginning with National Safe Boating Week, this event ends after the busy 4th of

July weekend. During this seven week (eight weekends) time frame a focused and concentrated effort will be organized to perform VSCs at ramps, marinas, yacht clubs and other locations throughout your community.

Planning and Advertising Efforts The planning phase for local events should begin as soon as practical. Flotillas and Squadrons should contact their local partnering businesses to solicit their participation in supporting the event by either sponsor-

ing a VSC station or helping to advertise the event. Printed lists of VSC station dates and sites should be made available to the partners/ sponsors for distribution to the boating public. The retail partners should be encouraged to publicize not only the event but also any equipment discount program they offer to encourage obtaining a VSC. In addition, the Flotillas and Squadrons should mount a coordinated public affairs effort in their local media and should actively promote the event dur-

*I remember the
black wharves and
the slips,
And the sea tides
tossing free,
And Spanish sailors
with bearded lips,
And the beauty and
mystery of the ships,
And the magic of
the sea.*

*Longfellow: My Lost
youth*



ing National Safe Boating Week. Local CG Auxiliary flotillas and USPS squadrons are encouraged to coordinate and/or combine their efforts to eliminate duplication at the local level.

Key to For Success By careful planning and commitment of resources, the 2007 VSC Mega Weeks will be successful. Establish a "Performance Team" to plan the local event: Program Visitors, PE Instructors, Public Affairs specialists, and Vessel Examiners. Engage ALL of your vessel ex-

aminers in the planning effort to insure their commitment to the event. And be sure to recruit and qualify vessel examiner trainees.

Promote Our Other Boating Safety Programs

While doing VSCs be sure to promote our public education courses, maritime domain awareness, and organizational membership. The Marina/Yacht Club Safe Boater program has a template for engaging all of these activities. Consult with your RBS-Program Visitor for details of the program.

tor. **Flotilla 08 – John Davies FC** – The March Flotilla meeting was held on March 6. Division dues were paid during February. Robb Carr has agreed to become the new FSO-FN, replacing John Mahoney. No date has been specified for the change over of duties. The Flotilla schedule of events for 2007 was discussed and revised, and will be mailed out to members during March.

Flotilla 09 – Raymond Smit FC-

The Flotilla met each month of the quarter on the second Thursday at the Delta County Airport. VFC Paul Bissell presided at the meetings due to the FC being at his winter residence in Florida. Meetings included member training and flotilla business. We held a TCT workshop which 12 members attended. Other training included: Red Cross CPR certification and recertification, 8 members attended; SAR overview for all ops per-

From Around the Division (continued from pg 3)

<http://coastguardaux.org>) there were 14,000 hits on the site in one month with the average time on each page of 4 minutes and 23 seconds. **Flotilla 07 – Valerie Hallam FC** Flotilla meeting was held on March 5, 2007. VE training is scheduled for March 15, 2007. Three members will be attending the VE/PV class in Appleton on March 24. One member passed the PV test. Other training continues for Instruc-

sonnel; VFC Paul Bissell attended District QE training in February. USCGC Mackinaw docked at Escanaba in February. Flotilla members arranged for docking space and met the ship. The flotilla was proud to have VFC Bissell recognized for service to the Coast Guard during presentation of the Auxiliary Achievement Medal, presented by Commander John Little of the Mackinaw. Flotilla members are staffing a booth at the local boat show in March. Currently efforts are being made to do spring preparation of boats for readiness when the ice goes out.

Bits & Pieces: Things Auxiliarists Need to Know

AUXDATA and AUXINFO PowerPoint Slides Available - Do you have trouble navigating AUXDATA and AUXINFO? A new PowerPoint presentation, created by the Department of Information Technology, is now available on the Member Training page of the National Training Department. Scroll down the page and look under "Value-added Training". This document is an excellent resource for every member. <http://www.auxtdept.org/Members.htm>

Crossing the Bar- The National Commodore announces with regret the death of Commodore Charles S. Greanoff,

Past District Commodore – D9E, Past National Commodore 1958-59. Read COMO Greanoff's obituary in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, paying tribute to his life of service. See the notice on the National Commodore's website for information on condolences and remembrances. <http://www.cleveland.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/news/1175848244321660.xml&coll=2>

IT Course On-Line & Paper-Based Exams Availability - With the introduction of the new "Instructor Develop-

ment Course" (IDC) in January 2007, a new standard was established for instructor training in the Auxiliary. Recognizing there were members involved and needing to complete the old "Instructor Training" (IT) course, those members will still have the IT exam on-line and in ANSC until 1 May 2007. At that point, new members starting instructor training must use the "Instructor Development Course". Members currently taking the IT course are advised to complete their coursework and take the exam prior to 1 May 2007 to become qualified in

the program. <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/idc.htm>

ABC Shortage Alleviated The Auxiliary Center has received the America's Boating Course (Stock #10060) books and CDs. All pending orders are shipping in the next few days. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the temporary delay in receiving the materials.

Marine Safety Department Reorganized: As of 1 July, 2007, the Departments of Operations and Marine Safety will proceed with the first steps in a reorganization process. This process is intended to align the

departments more closely with the active duty organization and to move towards a joint "Prevention" and "Response" configuration as detailed in the Proposal for Alignment of March 4, 2007.

On July 1, the following will be implemented:

1. The Marine Safety Department will be re-titled the Marine Safety (Prevention) Department
2. The Operations Department will be re-titled the Operations (Response) Department
3. The Aids to Navigation Division, its duties and incumbent

personnel will be transferred from Response to Prevention.

The Incident Management Division, its duties and incumbent personnel will be transferred from Prevention to Response.

Guidance Concerning Proper Wear of the ODU: In accordance with section 10.H.4. of the Auxiliary Manual ("Operational Dress Uniform"); The basic riggers belt described in the ALCOAST may be worn as an optional item on the ODU; Metal Auxiliary accessories remain authorized for wear past July 15, 2007 if embroidered versions do not exist. As embroidered versions are developed and made available through the Auxiliary Center, they will become mandatory.

EAA AirVenture Scheduled for 23-29 July in Oshkosh, WI

AHOY! This year's EAA AirVenture is just around the corner. Auxiliarists and facilities are needed for nearly all aspects of the event. Surface Operations personnel needed include Coxswains, Boat crews, Communications Watch Standers & Operational facilities to provide Security and Safety Patrols for the Sea-

plane Base on Lake Winnebago. Vessel Examiners are also needed. For those who may need lodging, accommodations will be available at the University of Wisconsin's Oshkosh Campus. Air Operations personnel are needed in the USCG Air & Surface Recruiting Booth to provide expertise about the Auxiliary Air Operations Program. For more

information, interested personnel should contact Mike Hopfensperger, ADSO-CM at (H) (920) 830-2983, © (920) 277-3844, or you may email him at: hoppye51@new.rr.com

If you have not participated in previous years take the opportunity this year to become part of one of the premier events in our Division.

National Safe Boating Week 19-25 May

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, along with numerous other boating organizations, is recognizing the beginning of the 2007 boating season with **National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25**. In 2004 of the 676 recreational boating fatalities 90% of those victims were not wearing their life jackets. Life jackets are now lighter, less obtrusive and more attractive than ever before. The new inflatable life jackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) allows you the mobility and flexibility that you need when boating, fishing, paddling or hunting and are much cooler in the warmer weather. There are many different varieties of inflatable jackets ranging from

those that inflate instantly when you hit the water to those that are manually inflated. All are designed to be more comfortable and wearable than the traditional life jacket. Accidents can happen at an alarming speed anyplace or anytime you are on the water. Although many boaters stow life jackets on their boat, very few choose to wear them. There just isn't time to grab a life jacket and put it on properly before you are in the water. If you are faced with a strong current or unfavorable weather conditions you will not only have trouble making sure you are safe and secure in your life jacket, but you will be unable to help your friends, relatives, children or passengers

that have accompanied you in your boat. This year during **National Safe Boating Week**, and throughout the boating season The Coast Guard Auxiliary urges you to remember to practice safe and responsible boating. Today, over 13 million boats traverse our waterways, yet 65% of the boaters have never taken a boating safety course, according to Coast Guard statistics. Public boater education is emphasized during the campaign because boating education saves lives and property. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers the basic America's Boating Course to the more advanced navigation and GPS courses. By practicing these simple steps you can save your life as well as the lives of the people boating with you.

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