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SENIOR PGA PARTOL DUTY INCLUDES BOATER ASSISTANCE

On Sunday, July 8th, a routine presence patrol at the Senior PGA tournament became a boater assistance mission. While patrolling the waters off the shoreline of Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wisconsin, the Coast Guard Station Sheboygan received a

The crew included the boat owner and boat crew trainee Bob Ternes, Dave Johnsen (FC 05-17) and Charlie Hill (05-17) from the Waukesha Flotilla served as crew members and David Given (04-04)



Crew of the R & R, (from left to right) Charlie Hill, David Given, Bob Ternes and Dave Johnsen.



The crew of the R & R crew keeps a close watch on the towline to the distressed vessel Karma during the five mile tow to Sheboygan .

distress call from the 'Karma', a 26 foot vessel. After fishing for a time, they could not restart their engines and requested assistance. The Auxiliary Facility 'R & R' (Bob Ternes 04-04 owner) got the call to render assistance.

served as Coxswain. After arriving on scene, the team talked with the boater, then passed him the towing line. The R & R took the Karma under tow in 4 foot seas. They towed the Karma back to the Sheboygan Harbor, where they took the Karma alongside and completed towing the disabled vessel to the boat ramps. The boat owner had made some calls while being towed and had new batteries waiting for him on the pier. Once the Karma was safely tied up at the boat ramp, the



The Karma as she prepares to tie up alongside the R & R in the calm waters of the Sheboygan Harbor.

R & R returned to duty off Whistling Straits. Bravo Zulu to all involved for a safe evolution.

Vessel Safety Checks Could Win You a Spot on the Eagle



Length: 295'; Beam: 39' 1"; Draft: 17' 6" full load Displacement: 1,784 tons full load.

The Eagle is a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail. It is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services. It was commissioned in 1936 by the German Navy. As a prize of WWII it was re-commissioned on 15 May 1946 by the U.S.

Coast Guard. Do you want to be part of her crew for a week? There is a way this could happen. If you'd like more information, talk to your FSO/VE—they should be aware of the contest. For every 25 VSC's you report you have one more chance to be selected.

From The Captain's Desk

We are at the height of the recreational boating season. As you can see from the pages of Scuttlebutt, all of our flotillas are actively engaged in Public Education, Public Affairs Events, Vessel Safety Checks, Dealer Visits, operational patrols, and member training. In the next month we have the EAA, the Great Outdoor Festival (Ducks Unlimited) and a wide variety of local events, such as the July 21st Safety Days/Open House jointly sponsored by Coast Guard



Station Sheboygan and the Sheboygan Yacht Club. I encourage all flotilla commander and their members to continue the current pace and make the most of this boating season.

Remember that the Chain of Leadership exists to assist members. Each level has a well defined responsibilities. Circumventing the chain takes away any possibility of resolving a problem at the lowest possible level. In addition, it can create unnecessary work for those whose time is better spent on more urgent tasks.

I am encouraged at the number of prospective members in the pipeline. The processing time for new members can be frustrating, but the goal is worth the effort. Stay vigilant in your efforts to promote safe boating. Remember review your members qualifications now to identify those members who require a QE check ride in 2007 – these are the members who last had their QE check rides in 2002 and 2003. Members who believe they are ready for their currency rides will ask their flotilla leadership to complete the form (Annex G) and send it to the Area QE Coordinator to assign a QE.

*My soul is full
of longing
For the secret
of the Sea,
And the heart of
the great ocean
Sends a thrill-
ing pulse
through me.*

*Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow*

CG OFFERS SAFE BOATING TIPS FOR SUMMER

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is urging all boaters to use extra caution while boating during the upcoming July 4th holiday. The 4th of July, along with Memorial Day and Labor Day, typically account for more than one third of all boating related accidents and fatalities. In light of the dangers, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering seven tips to stay safe while boating during this busy summer holiday: **Always wear a life jacket:** Accidents happen quickly, and often there isn't time to put on a life jacket once an accident has happened. Statistics consistently show that 80 percent of those who perished in boating accidents were not wearing life jackets. **Make sure your boat is properly equipped and that required equipment is functioning properly:** Make sure your navigation lights work so you

can be seen. Better yet, request a free Vessel Safety Check (www.vesselsafetycheck.org) to make sure your boat has all the legally required and recommended equipment onboard. **Be prepared for emergencies:** Take the time to familiarize your crew with basic emergency procedures, and show them how to contact authorities for help via marine radio or cell phone. If you boat in an area that requires flares, make sure they are up to date, but **never** use flares as a form of fireworks. Doing so constitutes a false distress call, which is a class D felony, punishable by up to six years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines, plus the cost associated with the false distress. **Boating and Alcohol do not mix:** Boaters are also reminded of the dangers of drinking and boating. Along with decreasing

the operator's ability to make good judgments, the consumption of alcohol also negatively affects the ability of passengers to respond in the case of an emergency on the water. The effects of the sun, wind, waves and a boat's motion in the water can add to an operator's impairment. Intoxicated boaters can face both federal and state charges with penalties of up to one year in prison and up to \$100,000 in fines. **File a Float Plan with a friend:** A float plan for a boater is similar to a flight plan for a pilot. It lists who is going, where you're going, what the boat looks like, and when you expect to be back. Don't file this with the Coast Guard; rather, share it with a friend who will be staying ashore, and instruct them what to in the event that they don't hear from you within



News from Around The Division

Flotilla 01 – Wayne Risvold FC

During our 4/25/07, monthly meeting the Presidential Unit Citation was given to all members present and eligible. Authorization to send \$50 to the USCG mutual assistance fund on behalf of 4-1 was made to our FSO-FN Cyril Bertram. We have scheduled 3 Vessel Safety Checks all to be held 8am -noon-beginning 6/2/07 at Lakeside Park West, Fond du Lac ;the 2nd at the Yacht Club 6/23/07 ; the 3rd at Fisherman's Road on 7/14/07. The dates for our next

DNR Youth Class are 5/15, 17, 22, 24, and finishing on the 29th. Andrew Burkhart has transferred to our flotilla from 4-4, Sheboygan. We have two prospective new members on line. The Div Captain, Len Van Denack, attended our meeting and brought everyone up to date on Div matters. We voted to change our May meeting from 5/23 to Fri. 5/30/07 for a navigation refresher class to accommodate Bruce Fuhrmann, the instructor. We are hoping that at least four gradu-

ates of the recent BS&S course who expressed interest to attend will elect to join our flotilla. **Flotilla 02 – Lee Bahcall FC** - Finished the second BS&S class of seven students. Have plans for a DNR class at Sportsman's warehouse in June. Weekly member training started on Monday evenings. Completed pryoo shoot in May. Personnel services officer continues to have meetings with potential new members. Currently have six waiting for paperwork to complete processing. Assembling a team for ISAR 2007.

Flotilla 04 – Jim Eichelberger FC

Thirteen flotilla members participated in the Change of Command at CG Station Sheboygan on 25 April. One member and two member spouses cooked the food for the CoC. BMC Marcus Evans relieved BMC Michael Snyder as O-in-C of CG Station Sheboygan. Eight people completed the Navigation portion of the BS&S class offered two weeks following the completion of BS&S. Facilities from Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Port Washington and Two Rivers participated in Rocks for Schools on May 5, along

with the 25 footer from CG Station Sheboygan. First VSC Blitz was conducted May 19 & 20 at the Sheboygan Boat Ramp. We have an ABC class scheduled at Gander Mountain in Sheboygan on June 2. Crew training is continuing every Tuesday night: we have arranged to work with the station boats and our own facilities beginning Tuesday night, May 22 to complete the on-water portions of the boat crew training requirements. BMC Evans has asked the members to participate in a sponsor program for his new people coming onboard. Each

new CG person will have his CG sponsor and an auxiliary sponsor. We have a sailing class (LGS) scheduled for mid-June. **Flotilla 05 – John Rusch FC** - March – BS&S class completed. Training continued with one new member and one prospective member. Monthly meeting was held on 27MAR07. April – One prospective member, Brittany Dimmick received her Auxiliary number. Training continued with new members. Work on the Auxiliary facility began in preparation for the boating

season. ATON officer attended ATON Workshop at Station Green Bay. May – Training continues with new members. Paperwork submitted for prospective member. Work on the facility continued. Three members provided the Auxiliary facility for Station Two Rivers for their Law enforcement training. Three members and the Auxiliary facility participated in Rocket for Schools launch. Training sched-

ule for May and June was set up and coordinated with Senior Chief Lee at Station Two Rivers. Monthly Flotilla meeting was scheduled for 22May07. Flotilla members are working on ideas for gaining new flotilla membership. VE Blitz scheduled for June at various locations. **Flotilla 06 – Ray Kostiuk FC** - Two members were BQ (qualified). Members attended the Winter Confer-

ence in Milwaukee. The Flotillas web site is up and running (<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

Three members attended the VE / PV class in Appleton on 24MAR07. Flotilla meeting was held on 02APR07. Hosted the continued on page 4)

*O Captain! my
Captain! our fear-
ful trip is done,
The ship has
weather'd every
rack, the prize we
sought is won,
The port is near,
the bells I hear,
the people all ex-
ulting,
While follow eyes
the steady keel,
the vessel grim and
daring;*

Walt Whitman

*Beneath thundering
ocean wave
Out of the reach of
mariners graves
A living testimony
swims in majesty
once the rulers of
the sea
A whale song rings
from beneath the
ocean
A song of praise and
true devotion
To the God of crea-
tion and of the
sea...*

Two Flotillas Achieves Great Success Teaching Their First ABC Courses—Sturgeon Bay & Sheboygan

Sturgeon Bay: On Saturday June 9 Flotilla 095-04-06 successfully introduced AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (ABC) to 37 students in Sturgeon Bay, WI. The students came from diverse areas such as Oneida, Neenah, Oshkosh, Milwaukee, and Illinois as well as from Door and Kewaunee Counties to attend this one day 8 hour-7 lesson class. At mid day the students received a box lunch. At the conclusion all 29 adults and 9 youths successfully

passed the course examination and were presented with certificates and wallet cards. Randall Styx, Frank Pammer, William Porter, Steve Uglinica, Ray Kostiuik, and lead instructor Harold Schwartz (from the Sturgeon Bay Flotilla) taught the course. At the request of several interested people, the ABC TEAM will be teaching the course again in the near future. The flotilla has been contacted by U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps to present the same course in mid

to late August. It will also be open to non-SEA CADETS ...space permitting. For further information contact Harold Schwartz via email at h_o_schwartz@charter.net or phone at 920-743-8132.

Sheboygan: On June 2nd, the Instructors of the Sheboygan flotilla, Lloyd Sargent, Mark Duff, David Given, John Wagner, Mae Cuellar, and Jim Eichelberger taught the ABC course to an a group of 18 eager students (continue at bottom of page)

From Around the Division (continued from pg 3)

TCT class at the M&M Yacht Club on 21APR07. Two members attended the ATON class at Station Green Bay on 28APR07. 12May07 PV qualifications completed. 15May07 toured the Marine Patrol Boat for the Menominee Sheriff Dept., followed by monthly meeting. On 17May07 we attended the Maritime Safety & Security meeting with the possibility of patrol at the Waterfront Festi-

val in August. On 24May07 we hosted Weather over Water Program presented by a NOAA meteorologist Marquette for all interested Auxiliary members. Have one new prospective new member. **Flotilla 08 – John Davies FC** - The March Flotilla meeting held on March 6. F 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 sched-

ule of events for 2007 was discussed and revised, and will be mailed out to members during March. **Flotilla 09 – Raymond Smit FC** - Flotilla meetings for April and May were held the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 0900 at the Delta County Airport. During the period of 12 Mar to 16May - Ops conducted two safety patrols and two patrols on support of ANT Green Bay in seasonal check of Minneapolis Shoal and Escanaba lights. Two crew candidates are in final process for crew training. Flotilla members were called out to provide communication support of Delta County SAR organizations for an ice rescue incident. One person retrieved. Ten VSC's have been conducted and a VSC blitz is planned in support of National Safe Boating Week, for the Saturday proceeding Memorial Day. The ABC Boating Safety Course is being held 17 and 24 MAY. Members staffed the booth at the Escanaba Boat Show. Distributed literature and recruited VSC's and boating class attendees.

Sheboygan ABC Course

the audience, made up of five adults and 13 youth at Gander Mountain in Sheboygan. Gander Mountain did all the advertising and provided gifts certificates for the students with the highest scores on the final exam. The flotilla presented the manager of Gander Mountain a certificate of appreciation.



Flotilla 095-04-04 instructors, (from left) John Wagner, Mark Duff, Gander Mountain store manager, Linda Hundt (who did not instruct but presented the award) and Dave Given.

Bits & Pieces: Things Auxiliarists Need to Know

Division Change of Watch is Saturday November 10, 2007 in Sturgeon Bay, hosted by Flotilla's 06 & 08. Time and place to be announced at the next Division Meeting. **ISAR** – This will be the last year for the ISAR competition. 2007 ISAR will be held in Toronto Canada, September 28-30. To replace it will be NSAR (National Search and Rescue) to be held in different sites each year. **Assignment to duty and Chain of Leadership** – reminder to have members notifying the leadership when they are going out to do VE or RBS visits so members are covered. –

Send someone an email (even yourself) letting them know your intentions (RBS, VE, Etc.) to make sure someone knows where you are going. It will leave a paper trail if something happens. Also be aware of going to private home to do VE's (especially the female members) don't go alone, you do not always know the intentions of the person asking for the VE. Always make sure someone know where you are going. Do not go alone. **Coast Guard Days:** 28 JULY to 04 August in Grand Haven,

MI. To volunteer or for information Please call (616) 850-2527. **"Keeping Your Boat Afloat"**, ANSC 3004A is now available at the Auxiliary National Supply Center. This pamphlet contains key information on the VSC program plus other important safety tips for recreational boaters. **NMMA Certification Safety Labels**—In the event of a boater inquiry, two (2) new safety labels are required to be placed on all new boats manufactured in the United States. They are: *Prop Helm Label* (NW 207-07) - "Rotating propeller may cause

serious injury or death. Shut off engine when near persons in the water.", and *Prop Transom Label* (NW 208-07) - "Rotating propeller may cause serious injury or death. Do not approach or use ladder when engine is running." Both labels are available from the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). <http://www.nmma.org/certification/publications/decals.asp> **Change in POMS** As of July 15, an Auxiliary POMS Administrator cannot approve their own 5132 for reimbursement.

Volunteers Needed for 23-29 July EAA

On Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, there is need for Auxiliarists to man the recruiting booth at the EAA. Typically members man the booth for about half the day, and visit the airshow the other half. There is a particular need for Sunday, when the booth needs to be taken down. Hours are 9-5 both days (with a bit more on Sunday for dismantling the booth). If you are interested in serving as part of the Surface Operations: Coxswains, Boat crews,

Communications Watch Standers & Operational facilities to provide Security and Safety Patrols for the Seaplane Base on Lake Winnebago call Peter Peregrine. Vessel Examiners are also needed. For those who may need lodging, accommodations will be available at the University of Wisconsin's Oshkosh Campus. 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: hopye51@new.rr.com. You may also contact Peter Peregrine at peter.peregrine@lawrence.edu if you can volunteer. Whether you can participate for the entire week, or for just a single day, your help will be appreciated. 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.



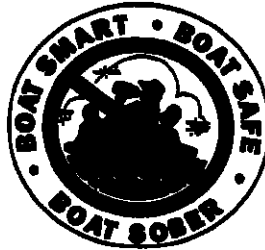
At left, Dave Given (04-04) (on the ground) prepares to tow his facility in the Sheboygan Memorial Day Parade. Mae Cuellar and Bob Ternes, also of 04-04, are in the boat.

Seven RBS Safety Tips (continued from page 2)

a reasonable time of when you expect to return home. Visit <http://floatplancentral.org> for a complete plan along with instructions. **Keep a sharp lookout for other boats, the weather, or anything that is unusual.** The Coast Guard asks the public to be more aware of their surroundings, including carefully watching the weather, celebrating responsibly and understanding the hazards of boating under the influence of alcohol and misusing emergency flares as fireworks. Report any emergencies to local authorities by calling 911 or VHF-FM channel 16. Any suspicious activity that might involve terrorism should be reported to America's Waterway Watch at 1-877-24-

WATCH. **Practice the 3 Cs – caution, courtesy, and common sense:** use caution, especially in close quarter maneuvering situations with other boats. In such situations, slow speeds re better Be courteous to your fellow boaters, and use common sense. Don't cut people off at the launch ramp, and never light fireworks from your boat!

By following these seven simple tips, you could save your life or the life of your passengers.



Great Outdoor Festival

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 23, 24, and 25 we need Auxiliarists to man the booth at the Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors festival (held on the EAA grounds in Oshkosh, WI). The event includes a variety of activities - rock climbing, shooting, canoeing, fishing, driving SUVs, archery, dog training, and more - guarantee participants a lively time. A full complement of youth activities are also offered, including a fishing pond, air rifle marksmanship, dog handling clinics and firearm safety training. Members can man the booth half the day and experience the festival the other half. Hours are noon to 6 Friday, 9-6 Saturday, and 9-5 Sunday (with, again, a bit more Sunday for dismantling the booth).

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