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Flotilla's Support 2007 EAA

Many Division 04 flotillas lent their support to the 2007 Experimental Aircraft Association



Bob Doepel (04-03) at the helm of the Two Rivers 23' facility during a towing exercise on Lake Winnebago.

Airventure, July 22-29. Flotillas from Two Rivers, Sheboygan, the Division and District Staff, and personnel from Division 05 worked throughout the week to ensure the seaplanes could land and take off safely.

In addition to safety and familiarization patrols, members conducted towing exercises, provided Vessel Safety Checks and performed a variety of right is the Two Rivers boat conducting a towing ex-



ercise on Lake Winnebago. (story continues on page 4).

CG Station Sheboygan's Longest Serving Crewmember Departs With Honor - *Semper Fi - Semper Paratus*

Photo and Article by David Given, FSO/PE 04-04. It didn't matter who you were, he was always there to greet you. Whether you were the pizza delivery boy, the UPS man, or one of the crew reporting for duty, you got the same cold, wet nose and wagging tail. Some of us, he knew, carried 'treats' in our pockets and his approach would quicken when he saw us. For over 14 years, Mayday welcomed the coasties as they arrived to start their tour of duty and he was there to bid them farewell when they moved to their next assignment. He served under several station chiefs with the same level of devotion to duty and obedience. He loved almost everyone (except perhaps for one admiral who left with a bandaged hand) and received the same from all who knew him. In days past, he loved to accompany the crew on patrols in Lake Michigan. Like most retrievers, he loved the water and often went for a swim. When the vet diagnosed him



with epilepsy, his sea tours ended and he was relegated to shore duty. Mayday marched in parades with the crew and spectators would call his name. Everyone knew him. Once he went AWOL, straying through the gate. When he returned, Captain's Mast was held and he was reduced in rank. He held 'rank' and wore the device on his collar! As the years passed, his gait slowed, arthritis restricted his movements and sapped his strength. Toward the end, he couldn't hear or climb stairs any longer. The departing station O-in-C could not bring himself to have an old friend 'put down' and that sad duty fell to the new O-in-C, BMC Evans. In mid-July, Mayday 'crossed the bar'. Following cremation, his remains were interred on the station grounds and a tree planted in his honor. Mayday exemplified Honor, Respect, and Devotion to duty. He was our friend and shipmate. **Chief Petty Officer Mayday: 1983-2007.**

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From The Captain's Desk

It doesn't seem possible, but the boating season is winding down. However that does not mean it is time to relaxing or turning our attention to the winter training we have planned. We still need to be doing Vessel Safety Checks, PA events and PE classes. Thomas Jefferson said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty." It also seems apropos for boating safety—we can never relax our standards or allow our

focus to drift. Stay vigilant, stay involved and stay visible on the docks and to the boating public.

The SO-IS recently told me that he had received 64 pages of incorrect and obsolete forms from members and IS officers. I sent a message to the flotilla commanders indicating that this needs to be corrected now, before the 30 day limit takes effect and we loose the time and hours that our members worked so hard to get. I would like to see us get control of this situation as soon as possible.



*A wet sheet
and a flowing
sea,
A wind that
follows fast,
And fills the
white and rus-
tling sail,
And bends the
gallant mast*

Allan Cunningham

9TH DISTRICT WESTERN REGION FALL CONFERENCE—NOVEMBER 1st-3rd IN SCHAUMBERG, IL

The 2007 U.S. CGAUX 9th District Western Region Fall Conference will be held in Schaumburg, IL November 1-3. If you have not attended a conference in the past, you have missed a good deal of training and a lot of fun. There is still time to register and make your reservations. You should have received the reservation request and announcement in the mail. If you inadvertently threw it away, contact your Flotilla Commander. The Uniform of the day for Friday & Saturday is Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue Long, or appropriate civilian attire. The

uniform for the Banquet & formal Dinner is Winter Mess Dress, Dinner Dress Blue, or appropriate civilian attire. The schedule is:

Friday, November 2, 2007

0800	Convene 9WR Brd Mtg	Salon A-E
0800	ICS 100	O'Hare Room
0930	Coffee Break	Foyer
1000	ICS 700	O'Hare Room
1130	LUNCH	NO HOST
1300	Customs Border Protection	
	Reconvene 9WR Brd Mtg	Salon A-E
1300	Registration	Foyer
1300	ICS 200	O'Hare
1500	ICS 800	
1900-2300	Hospitality Event	(Oh Yeah!)

Saturday, November 3, 2007

730	Registration	Foyer
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Station Two Rivers Change of Command



On Friday, July 20th, Captain Bruce Jones, Commander, Sector Lake Michigan, officiated at the Change of Command for the O-in-C of Coast Guard Station Two Rivers, WI. BMC John Davis took the reigns of command from BMCS Timothy (Bruce) Lee (on the left in the photo) in an outdoor ceremony. Senior Chief Lee is leaving Two Rivers to begin his duties as the Sector Lake Michigan Command Senior Chief.

At right, BMCS Timothy (Bruce) Lee passes command as O-in-C of Coast Guard Station Two Rivers to BMC John Davis as Capt Jones, Commander, Sector Lake Michigan observes.



News from Around The Division

Flotilla 02 – Lee Bahcall FC – We completed a DNR class with 35 students at Sportsman's Warehouse in DePere. Six prospective members waiting for favorable PSI and two more are in the wings filling out the paperwork. We are working with two additional folks who may be interested in joining as well. For the 4th of July we were short of facilities but long in spirit and the day went fairly quickly with only four cases (1 electrical, 1 mechanical, 1 dead battery and a false May-day). The Auxiliary handled the first three and the last fell to the

Gold side. We also had members at "A Big Splash for Kids Safety" at the NEW Zoo on July 25 promoting lifejacket safety to kids and their parents. The date for the Flotilla Change of Watch is Saturday, December 15, 2007 at Eagle's Nest Supper Club. **Flotilla -03 – Bruce Fuhrmann FC** The Flotilla parked cars at the Iola Car Show, and earned the Flotilla approximately \$1,000. Discussed plans for the Fox River Safety event on Saturday July 21. Discussion of plans for EAA and informed the Flotilla that

they will be receiving a 23 foot Safe Boat from Station Two Rivers at the competition of EAA. Bruce Fuhrman gave an update on the status of the Flotilla's boat. Discussion followed with the need to re-title the boat to make it Flotilla ownership.

Flotilla 04 – Jim Eichelberger FC On June 2nd the flotilla conducted their first ABC course at Gander Mountain. Eighteen participants, including 12 youth between 11 and 18 years of age, completed the training. Mark Duff, the VFC, and Carolyn Williams conducted first Lets Go Sailing Course with six partici-

pants at the CG Station in Sheboygan. We provided facilities and crews in support of Senior PGA Tournament at Whistling Straits July 2 – July 8. One of 04's facilities was called upon to provide assistance to a disabled craft on July 8. We conducted VSC Blitz's June 16 & 17; and July 14 & 15 at Sheboygan Boat Ramp. **Flotilla 05 – John Rusch FC** On the water Boat crew training continued throughout the summer. In June, the flotilla participated in numerous safety patrols on Lake Winnebago were held for Fond du Lac Walleye Weekend. Other ac-

tivities included Vessel inspections at marinas in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. During July, the Flotilla welcomed a new unofficial member – Hal Lexow – who recently received his AP Auxiliary number. Some scheduled on the water training and two ATON patrols had to be canceled due to poor weather conditions on Lake Michigan. Members attended the Change of Command ceremony at Station Two rivers and bid farewell to top BMCS Lee and welcomed BMC Davis. The Flotilla committed to safety patrols for five days on Lake Winnebago for

EAA's 2007 Air Adventure.

Flotilla 06 – Ray Kostiuik FC Five VE Blitzes held each Saturday in the month of June, and the first and second Saturdays in July. We held an ABC Boating course June 9 at Crossroads facility Sturgeon Bay, 32 adults and 7 youth took the course, all passed. We had seven instructors involved with Harold Schwartz coordinating and lead instructor. Another one-day ABC course is scheduled for August 25 at the Youth Center in Algoma. A third class is sched-

uled for September with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps at the Crossroads in Sturgeon Bay. The flotilla website received National Recognition and Approval in June. The site received 14,681 hits in June. Five additional pages and twenty links were added. **Flotilla 07 – Valerie Hallam FC** On June 04, we conducted a GPS and Depth Finder class. **Flotilla 08 – John Davies FC** – Workshops com-

pleted included: Operations, TCT, Instructor and VE, which were conducted at Station Washington Island on May 19. Station Washington Island opened on May 21, 2007. Training is scheduled for every Wednesday thru the season. DNR Boating safety Classes were conducted July 10, 12, 17, 19 with 15 students – 11 passed. All of our assigned ATON inspections have been

completed. **Flotilla 09 – Raymond Smit FC-** During the period of 12 Mar to 16 May - 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 (continued on middle of page 5)

Members Man Booth At Ducks Unlimited

*This above all else,
To thine own self be true,
And it must follow,
As the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.*

*Shakespeare:
Hamlet I. iii*

*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 creation and of the sea...*

The Ninth Annual Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival, August 24, 25 and 26, attracted more than 60,000 outdoor enthusiasts of all ages to the EAA Convention Grounds in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The event was filled with hands-on activities, seminars, demonstrations and exhibitions of industry-related products. Auxiliarists from the Green Bay (04-02), Neenah/Menasha (04-03), and Marinette-Menominee (04-07) flotillas manned a public education booth



Peter Peregrine stands ready to talk to people about life jackets and boating safety at the CG Aux Booth at the 2007 Ducks Unlimited event on the EAA Grounds



where more than 1200 individual contacts were made, and over 400 copies of the Federal Regulations were distributed. Members handed out many other pamphlets, and more importantly, the message "Wear Your Life Jacket" was clearly conveyed. The members answered numerous questions about life jackets, the Rules of the Nautical Road, and equipment requirements. They also fielded an surprising number of questions about 6-pack licenses.

The photos on the front page and this page are courtesy of David Given, SO-PA. Gordon



Jaworski, DCO 09WR conducts a vessel safety check in the photo above. The Commodore has participated

in EAA for the last several years. In the picture below, George Bores (05-06) mans the radio in the communica-



tions trailer. Clear, unambiguous communications helped

keep the facilities and members safe during the operations on Lake Winnebago. In the photo below, members of the Two Rivers unit prepare their boat for the day's patrol. Completing a checklist at the dock can prevent embarrassment on the water.....



NOVEMBER SCUTTLEBUTT TO BE FINAL EDITION & YEAR IN REVIEW

For the last two years, it has been my privilege to publish and distribute the Division Newsletter. During that time many FSO/PB had provided stories, pictures and suggestions that, I hope, have been both interesting and useful to the members. I especially want to thank David Given, SO/PA, who provided many excellent photographs and insights into events I could

not personally attend; Ray Kostiuk, FC-06 (Sturgeon Bay) who sent me numerous articles and photos; Tom House (Washington Island), & Micki Butry (04-02), who faithfully sent me their monthly newsletters; and Harold Schwartz (Sturgeon Bay) who gave me access to their online newsletter. All of their exceptional contributions have been sincerely appreci-

ated.
The November edition of Scuttlebutt will be my last as I am unable to serve as SO/PB next year. If you have pictures, articles, or some highlight your flotilla achieved, please take the opportunity to submit them by November 25th. I would like the final edition to be something memorable. Please submit all articles or pictures electronically if possible, or mail them to me at the address shown on the last page of this edition. Thanks,
Jim Eichelberger, SO/PB

Bits & Pieces: Things Auxiliarists Need to Know

CHDIRAUX Announces New Website Location, Discontinuation of Old Website

As mentioned several months ago, the existing CHDIRAUX site www.cgaux.info will be shutting down soon (5 OCT 07). The new website is located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>. All Auxiliarists and Auxiliary webmasters should make the following changes immediately: Substitute www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx for www.cgaux.info/g_ocx or www.cgaux.info/g_pcx in your favorites/bookmarks Change all links that end in .html or .htm

to .asp. There have been some minor changes (pages dropped and a few added) that may make more sense to the Webmasters, so they should take a look at the new site before they blindly make changes. On 5 October 2007, any link that still points to [ww.cgaux.info](http://www.cgaux.info) should be automatically redirected to the new site, but eventually they may end up with an error page.

Latest News from Aux the Boating Department

Applications are now available for the BoatU.S. Foundation's Boating Safety Grant Program.

A total of \$50,000 is available to small nonprofit organizations and groups around the country to fund projects that promote safe boating practices. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2007. Grantees can receive up to \$4,000 each to fund innovative projects addressing boating safety issues specific to their local waterways. Grant guidelines, information, and applications are available at BoatUS.com/Foundation. The grants will be awarded in late January 2008. <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/apply.htm> **BS&S**

13th Edition: PowerPoint Slides and Instructor Guides Available

The E Department has the new PowerPoint slides for the 13th edition of the BS&S text available for download at <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/courses/bss.htm>. Chapters can be downloaded individually or in one large ZIP file http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/courses/bss/BSS_13th_ed/BSS_ALL.zip which includes the Instructor Guides. Users without the full version of PowerPoint can download [Microsoft Office PowerPoint Viewer 2007](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en). Microsoft Office PowerPoint Viewer 2007 lets you view full-featured presentations created in PowerPoint 97 and later versions. <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en>. **Summer Edition of Navigator**—The summer edition of *Navigator* magazine is now available online at [http://](http://www.auxadept.org/navigator/2007SUMMER.pdf)

www.auxadept.org/navigator/2007SUMMER.pdf or go to <http://www.auxadept.org/navigator/> and click on the cover. This is a large (2 MB) file, which may take awhile to download, depending upon your internet connection. The hard copies should be arriving in your mailbox sometime between now and the next six weeks, depending upon your local Post Office.

Around the Division—continued from page 3

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.

Semper Paratus

9TH DISTRICT WESTERN REGION FALL CONFERENCE—NOV 1-3 IN SCHAUMBERG

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0800	Opening Session	Salon A-E
	CG Presentation Invasive Species	
0900	Coastie Operator Training	Schaumburg Rm
0930	Coffee Break	Foyer
1145	Awards Luncheon	Garden Marquis
1315-1445	Operations	
1500-1630	(repeated)	Salon E
1315-1445	Testing (by apptmt only)	Midway
1315-1445	Info Sytms/Various Forms	Salon A-B
1315-1445	Shop AUX.COM	Salon C-D

1315-1445	Public Education	O'Hare
1330-1530	Photo ID and Fingerprinting	Oakbrook
1500-1630	Uniforms & Military Etiquette	Salon A-B
1500-1630	Public Affairs	O'Hare
1645	Staff Workshops:	
	Aids to Navigation	Salon A
	Member Training	Salon C
	Finance	Salon C

1900-2300 COMMODORES BANQUET & BALL

On Friday evening, Division 7 will be hosting the Hospitality suite. To make room reservations at the Marriott in Schaumburg, call 1-847-240-0100 or the toll free number 1-866-614-8396.

DEDICATED AUXILIARIST AWARD

Here is an opportunity to recognize that Auxiliarist in your unit who consistently goes the extra mile. Perhaps you are so used to this person saying yet every time they are asked to provide their time or facility, that you have forgotten how special they are. The dedicated Auxiliarist award is a traveling award presented to a member of Division 4 who is always ready to assist with Auxiliary Projects or Flotilla events. He /she are always behind the scenes and pays attention to detail. Diligent performance of duty – the nominee does not need to be operational to receive this award. He/she demonstrates commitment to the Unit by supporting Unit missions. The nomina-

tions are made by the Flotilla commanders.

The award is presented at the Division change of Watch each year. It is passed on by the previous winner. Award nominations can be sent to last year's recipient: Tony Perez or to Flotilla Commander of 04-01, Paul Holland. Please include a short statement with the nomination, it will assist in choosing the 2006 Auxiliarist and assist with the presentation. **The nomination deadline is Wednesday November 1.**

Just a reminder that the Division Change of Watch and Award Ceremony is Saturday November 11. The awardee does not need to be present at the dinner, but it would be nice. FC's can accept and present it

Tiny Tots Marina - A Hit at Island Fair

Tom House (FSO/PB 04-08) - Flotilla 040-08 presented the Tiny Tots Marina program at the (Washington) Island Fair on August 18th. Twenty-three children and their parents participated in the program. All the children who participated received a certificate with their name on it as well as whistles and coloring books. This year, the flotilla had two new remote controlled boats (110' Island Class USCG Cutters) which they purchased with funds from BoatUS Foundation grant. The boats were very popular with the kids and operated almost flawlessly. Judging from all the positive comments the members received, the 'kids' of all ages enjoyed the remote controlled boats.

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