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# Commodore Robert Weskerna

## 2016: Another Outstanding Year!

Our various Prevention mission records for 2015 proved that year to be our best ever with Public Education (PE) program results off the charts. As the year flipped over to 2016, we realized a five percent net loss in membership and I feared we would miss all those qualified members as we moved into the new year. Looking at our first quarter record, I can see that the loss of those shipmates may have an impact on our results in 2016; however, I'm also seeing a few rays of sunshine in certain programs.

Would you believe that our Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program is up about 40 percent over the first quarter in 2015? You Vessel Examiners have already amassed in one quarter, half the Paddle Craft exams completed in all of 2015. What a start!

Also outstanding so far in 2016, is our Program Visitation (PV) record. All of us involved in this mission have accumulated nearly a 25 percent increase over the same period in 2015. Another fantastic beginning.

With summer upon us and the recreational boaters turning out to the local marinas in numbers, we should be out and about making their boating experience a safe one.

With National Safe Boating Week behind us, let's not forget to promote the year-round Wear It! Campaign.

In 2015 we sent in over 1,000 Meritorious Team Awards for those of you who actively participated in that year's NSBW event. Flotilla Commanders please be on the alert for all your active 2016 participants. We'll be asking for your report of member activity later this year.

The link to our D-Train/Board Meeting 2016 in Orlando is located on the D7 Web page at: <http://www.exhibitservices.net/#!d7-dtrain-2016/c1kme>. Our room rate this year is even lower than it was in 2015, and your instructors are lining up with a very nice selection of classes for your training experience. I suggest you reserve your room early. Once again we'll have a LIVE "Big Band" for your listening and dancing pleasure during Fun Night.

Election season is inevitable and will soon be here. Auxiliary National elections take place in August at the National Conference (NACON) in Phoenix, Arizona, where we will elect a National Commodore, a Vice National Commodore, and three Deputy Na-

tional Commodores. At our D-Train in September, the election cycle continues with a D7 Commodore (elect), a Chief of Staff (DCOS), and three District Captains (DCAPTs). Further, by the time all this is completed, the Coast Guard will have put into place a new Chief of Prevention (dp) and a new Director (dpa) in District 7. We're looking forward to working with these new officers to smooth out our ongoing issues.

Meanwhile, and in spite of all this election hoopla, you and I will be out on the water, on the docks, in the classrooms, etc., doing our many missions. It turns out that in the end, you matter the most to accomplishing what this organization is all about. Ω

*COMO Bob Weskerna, DC07*



### District 7 Board Meeting and Training

**September 22-25, 2016**  
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#### Registration Required

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# Judith Hudson, DCOS

## Write On!!!

When I came into my District 7 Chief of Staff position a year and a half ago, I received 10 or 12 of the flotilla and division newsletters on a regular basis. Because I have an interest in our publications, and let members know my interest, I now receive 46 District 7 newsletters. It is amazing what I learn by reading these newsletters! I love hearing about the success and creativity of new programs; thoughts of elected and appointed leaders; and yes, your concerns too.

During my Auxiliary years, I have talked to more than one unit leader who didn't see the importance of

publications, stating that electronic communications have displaced the need for publications. I never agreed, frequently explained why and asked them to reconsider their position.

The benefits of our publications are bountiful. Newsletters create **visibility**, as they can be sent to community leaders, schools and companies, as well as our members. What a way to spread the word about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Newsletters provide **information**. As none of us participate in every single mission of the Auxiliary, newsletters share information on programs, experiences and the

accomplishments of others. Our editors also provide lots of information, from sources outside the Auxiliary, about the Coast Guard, the maritime community and "how to's" on myriad topics. Newsletters provide such an easy way to learn more.

Newsletters provide **ideas** on things we can do or our units can implement. Our publications are shared with other districts, national leaders and active duty personnel. Each issue creates a history and builds our legacy. We share best practices and achievements which add pride in our organization.

Newsletters provide us with a range of additional **benefits**. They attract attention to where we need to improve. They help us get to know other Auxiliaries. They help clarify policies and procedures. Their Bravo Zulu stories motivate, give us positive publicity, and promote networking opportunities.

Finally, newsletters communicate **goals** at the beginning of the year, and **track progress** as the year unfolds. They provide an excellent source of recognition for many members and increase our morale. They remind us of upcoming events, and what about all those stellar pictures that truly are worth a thousand words! I repeat – the benefits from our newsletters are bountiful!

I used to edit and publish a corporate newsletter, but I have never been on the same level as a Dottie Riley, Mary Patton, Barbara Burchfield, Jay Dalgren, or most of the other very talented editors and writers in this district. I did, however, learn to appreciate the skill, talent, time and effort that it takes to produce a newsletter

So, if your flotilla or division does not currently have a newsletter, why not start one? It is a great way to contribute to the success of your unit. Let me leave you with some tips of the *(Continued on page 6)*



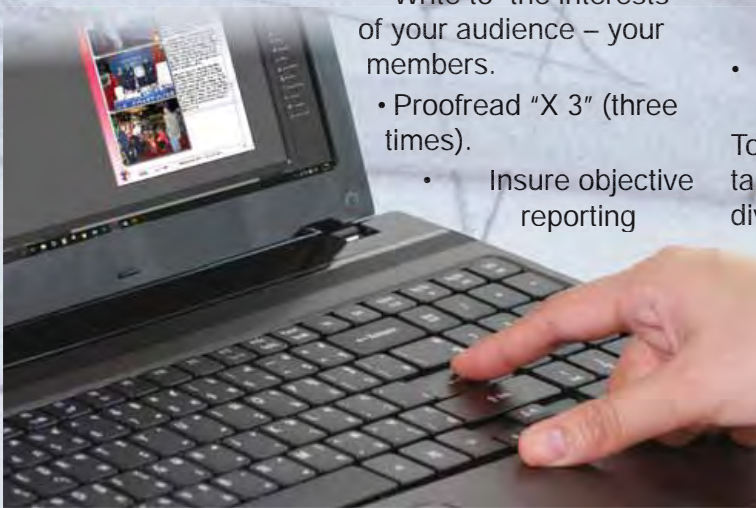


## Judith Hudson, DCOS

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trade:

- Make sure the name and masthead are attention-getting.
- Put the biggest and best news story on the front page – draw readers in.
- Write to the interests of your audience – your members.
- Proofread "X 3" (three times).
- Insure objective reporting



and current news.

- Use at least one graphic per page
- Edit photos and insure that the captions identify people and what the picture is about.
- Write about making a difference in your community and the Coast Guard.
- Write profiles and interview members and Coasties.
- Provide tips and advice for planning and executing missions.
- Communicate changes in event dates, policies, equipment, procedures.

To learn what is happening in surrounding units, contact the publisher or elected leader in those flotillas/divisions and ask to be placed on their newsletter distribution list. And.....

**At your next meeting, give a round of applause to your editor and newsletter staff who are sharing their talents in such a productive and informative way!**

*Judith Hudson, DCOS-7*

## Time to prepare...

As you know, June 1st begins the six-month hurricane season. We have tested Everbridge, our calling trees and the Auxiliary Contingency Support Plan. Fast response teams have been identified, and we know what assistance the Coast Guard may need in case of an emergency.

But- have you prepared yourself and your family for an unknown destructive storm? Please follow these simple steps to prepare for this hurricane season in case you have to evacuate or there is no electricity or water for an extended period of time.

1. Stay Informed. Weather the storm in a safe place. Find and sign up for all relevant text alerts and warnings.
2. Make a Plan. Develop a communications plan for your family. You may not be with your loved ones when disaster strikes, so it is important to discuss how you will communicate and where you will meet. Decide where you will go if forced to evacuate and how you will get there.
3. Build an Emergency Supply Bag. It should contain non-perishable foods, water, medica-

tions, cash, copies of important legal documents and personal identification. If needed, you can then quickly grab the bag and go. Don't forget to prepare one for your pet(s) too.

Resources and more information:

- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) (for a FEMA mobile app = [www.fema.gov/mobile-app](http://www.fema.gov/mobile-app) )
- [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare) (you can add to the address = /mobile-apps )
- [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)
- NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or NWR
- Your local jurisdiction emergency notification systems

Be prepared and stay safe!  
Your District 7 Bridge





## CDR William E. Seward, Director of Auxiliary D7

### Farewell to the Members of District 7

*Note: CDR Seward submitted his parting words to "Breeze" just before his retirement. CDR Xaimara Vicencio-Roldan, our present Director, assumed office July 2.*

To my shipmates of the Seventh Coast Guard District Auxiliary,

On Friday, May 20 2016, I will retire from active duty and relinquish the Directorship to Commander Mara Vicencio-Roldan, a friend and colleague whose commitment to the Auxiliary is absolute. Before I am relieved of my duties and responsibilities, I want to reach out to you one final time as your Director to express my thanks for the inspiring and selfless service you provide to the Seventh Coast Guard District. I feel pride, gratitude, a little sadness and a lot of optimism. Pride reflects on both what has changed and what has remained constant in the 28 years since I completed Officer Candidate School and started my military career. Compared to then, today's Auxiliary is more important to the readiness of our Coast Guard than ever before. Our missions and responsibilities have expanded greatly. The men and women of the Auxiliary are asked to know more and do more.

Today's Auxiliary is inclusive, offering significant opportunities to every person who joins. At the same time, many things have not changed; the immense pride, devotion and willingness to contribute, which was so pronounced then are still flourishing today. I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute my service to yours and to that of those who came before us; we are each bound together, with honor, as one Coast Guard. I credit my successes to you (my shipmates), my staff, my mentors, leaders, and most importantly my precious family (Cary, Alex and Andrew) who supported me every day. These are the people who support and encourage us, who serve as role models, and who help us reach our full potential. I hold in high regard the plankowners of the Auxiliary who opened doors of opportunity and kept them open for others to follow for the past 76 years. And of course, our family members and loved ones are part of the extended Auxiliary family, and enable the work we do. Make sure to thank them often.

The sorrow I feel in departing is made bearable by the high caliber of those assuming the watch. Additionally, I can attest that our Commandant, District

Commander and District Commodore have set a solid course and know they can count on you, our most precious asset.

CDR Mara Vicencio-Roldan is the perfect pick for the unique opportunity to serve as your next DIRAUX. She brings experience, enthusiasm, and determination with her and she is already a collaborative envoy among the District Commander's leadership team with an unbreakable smile.

I'm confident that each of you will continue to perfect the Auxiliary, to keep its best qualities intact, and to make it even more valued by those we serve. I know you will continue to accomplish remarkable things, and I am certain that you will support and guide the next generation of Auxiliarists who will add their service to ours.

In closing, I am thankful for every component of the Coast Guard family: Auxiliary, Active Duty, Reserves, civilians and retirees. Keep folks in the boat, the water out of the boat, "Wear It!" and "Think Auxiliary!"

I stand relieved.

With a heavy heart and sincere appreciation,

*William E. Seward*

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Director of Auxiliary





# Carl D. Motes, District Captain-North

## News From the North

The North Region of District Seven consists of the six divisions located in Coast Guard Sectors Charleston and Jacksonville. A great deal of activity is ongoing as reported below.

Rescue Systems and Survival training (RS&S) of flotilla officers has taken place in Sector Charleston and Sector Jacksonville. All divisions have completed RS&S inventories of their flotillas and final planning meetings with their respective Sector Auxiliary Liaison Officers (AUXLO). This challenge has been met with a commitment to get the job done.

### New ASC Sector Jacksonville Appointed

Maxine Elizabeth "Libby" Rattrie has been appointed as the new Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) for Sector Jacksonville. Libby is the Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 14-7 St. Augustine, Florida, where she also serves as the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) for Marine Safety, Division Staff Officer (SO) for Diversity and Marine Safety, and Assistant District Staff Officer (ADSO) for Marine Safety. Her certifications include the Trident award; Aids Verifier; and Marine Safety specialties as a Life Raft Inspector, Assistant Pollution Investigator and Waterways Management Representative. Welcome Aboard!



**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.—Marine Safety is one of Libby Rattrie's passions. She and other members of Division 14 assisted in finding the first Loggerhead sea turtle nest of the season on Vilano Beach. Photo by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

### "Think Auxiliary" at Sector Jacksonville

Sector Charleston had "Think Auxiliary" signs prepared and placed in the Command Center. I don't

know whether the signs were the cause, but Sector Charleston has begun calling out the Auxiliary for SAR cases. The ASC provided the Sector Command Center with a calling tree with the names of qualified Auxiliarists.

### HUREX Exercise

Following Hurricane Exercise (HUREX) 2016 the divisions in Sector Jacksonville and Sector Charleston had a conference call to discuss what was learned. The District Incident Command System (ICS) Manager, Bill Hanlon, was our guest speaker. It is apparent that if the Incident Management Plan is to be kept up to date and implemented effectively, routine training of Division Commanders (DCDRs), ASCs and Flotilla Commanders (FCs) will be necessary. Additional work is now being directed to identify Auxiliary assets that will reliably be available to assist in case of an emergency. There is considerable confusion by DCDRs and FCs about "TAB A" and getting to the next stage of the GAP Analysis.

### Division Assistance to USCG

Members in Division 10 conduct routine Marine Observation Missions (MOMs) for the Port of Savannah and Port of Brunswick, which together make up the fourth largest container port in the United States. All four flotillas' surface facilities conduct weekly two boat training operations with both USCG Station Brunswick and USCG Auxiliary Station Tybee Island. There are five USCG Watchstanders at Station Brunswick. Several Auxiliarists from Flotilla 10-10, Brunswick, Ga., augment the 45-foot Response Boat-Medium (RBM) crew during day/night helicopter operations for Air Station Savannah. There is one USCG Auxiliary Watchstander at Station Tybee and one qualified and certified USCG Auxiliary boat crew on the Station Tybee's 45-foot Response Boat-Medium (RBM) and 29-foot Response Boat-Small (RBS).

Flotilla 12-8 Charleston, SC, has established a Cut-

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ter Liaison Team to work with USCG Cutter Hamilton from May 19 through Aug. 6 while it is stationed in Charleston for upgrades. Bravo Zulu to Division 12 for responding to the request for Auxiliary assistance so quickly!

On April 15, during the 2016 Charleston Race Week, two Auxiliarists, Bee Moore and Jim Andrews, came to the aid of a distressed vessel while holding station at Circle Number 1 near the Battery Point buoy in Charleston Harbor. Around 12:30, a radio call was received from a race official boat stating its outboard motor was on fire. They responded immediately and found flames coming from the starboard side of the outboard motor. Moore and Andrews took the two people on the distressed vessel onboard and requested a fireboat. Neither of the two people on the distressed vessel was hurt.

Division 4, working through Flotilla 44, Daytona Beach, Florida, is in the initial stages of setting up a University Program with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida. The division has also added two surface facilities, one in Flotilla 41, Palm Coast, Florida and one in Flotilla 48, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Surface patrols on the St. Johns River are expected to increase at the request of Station Ponce de Leon Inlet. Flotilla 43, Lake County, Florida, celebrated its 50th year anniversary with a banquet. It was attended by the Mayor of Eustis and a Lake County Commissioner.

Division 17 conducted a seven-boat towing exercise under the review of USCG Station Port Canaveral, followed by a detailed debriefing, thanks to BM3 J. Dadlani. The exercise was to prepare for regatta patrol with the USCG during the May offshore boat races in Cocoa Beach. During the offshore races, May 15, 2016, an Auxiliary facility came to the assistance of an 18-foot bow rider five miles offshore. The bow rider had lost power, lost its anchor, and drifted 40 yards into the dangerous race lanes. The coxswain and crew of the Auxiliary facility- Donna Miller, Jack Miller, Gil Steinfert and Greg Vasquez, first got life jackets to the two unprepared boaters and then skillfully towed their craft out of the race lanes and safely through the 200 boats at the race. As the seas began to build verging on becoming unsafe for the boaters, the Auxiliary crew towed the disabled craft for five miles back to Jetty Park and safety. No one was injured. ☺



**LAKE MURRAY, Ga.—**While on patrol June 18, 2016, Festus Burchfield was asked to stop by a lakeside party. Never missing an opportunity to promote boating safety, he showed them the safety equipment on his life jacket, explained what it was for and how to use it. Burchfield talked about wearing life jackets and the importance of having a lookout and left them with lollypops, whistles and boating safety messages. Photo by Barbara Burchfield, Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray



**CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. –** Flotilla 15-1 honors member Deborah Thomas for her 35 years of service to the Auxiliary. Thomas came to Crystal River after residing in St. Thomas, USVI for 40 years. In St. Thomas, she served as Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 16-2 and later Division Captain for Division 16. During her time as an Auxiliarist, Thomas was awarded numerous commendations including the Auxiliary Achievement Award, Auxiliary Membership Award, Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, Presidential Unit Citation, and several Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards. Presently, Thomas serves as both Flotilla Staff Officer-Secretary of Records and Communications. Photo by Don Jones





## Paulette R. Parent, District Captain-West

### What Does the EXCOM Do?

There are many reasons why this is asked and I have found that often it is voiced out of frustration or dissatisfaction with the way the Auxiliary is- or is not proceeding. Well, I have been a member of the District 7 Executive Committee (EXCOM) for 1 ½ years now so I think I can answer this question with a fair amount of authority. You might not agree with what I say or you may be enlightened by my words, but either way, you are going to understand just what the EXCOM does.

First and probably most significantly of all is that the District 7 EXCOM's top priority is the concerns and well-being of its members. We are elected by you, our peers, to serve as your representatives. We are not, however, the end all and be all of Coast Guard Auxiliary policy and procedure. There are others up the chain of leadership (COL) who are ultimately responsible for those decisions. We, however, interact directly with those leaders and may often disagree or take them to task on an issue. Sometimes our point is well taken and sometimes it is not. Be assured

we always have our district's goals and concerns as motivation for our interactions.

Of course, there is one factor that supersedes all and that is the U.S.

Coast Guard. As you well know, we are a component of the Coast Guard. Even as volunteers we are under the direction of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and as such, we are obligated to obey their policies and procedures. That is where the District Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) comes into play. This gold side officer interfaces directly with the EXCOM. DIRAUX is the direct link between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. DIRAUX passes along new and changed Coast Guard policies and maintains permanent records. District policies are

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## National Coast Guard Museum Offers Plank Ownership

Plans are now underway to build a National Coast Guard Museum, which aims to respect the past, engage the present and look to the future. Based in New London, Connecticut, the National Coast Guard Museum Association is respecting the past by creating an original plank-owner certificate for its supporters.

Being named a plankowner in the nautical realm means you are part of a ship's original crew, serving during the building process and commissioning, bringing it into active service to the nation. In the olden days, the title of plankowner was literal — it also meant you were entitled to an actual piece of the ship's deck.



**Retired Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Schon Russell works on the plankowner certificate he's creating for the National Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Petty Officer Nick Ameen**

- See more at: <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/national-coast-guard-museum-offers-plank-ownership-schon-russell-wes-pulver-jeff-creighton/#sthash.obPW1eK6.dpuf>





## There's an app for that!

Alex, the first named storm of the 2016 hurricane season has already formed in the Atlantic.

With the hurricane season in mind, here is an app that can help you prepare. Best yet, should disaster strike, the app can help you be found by emergency response teams as well as apply for assistance.

The FEMA app is FREE and available through the Apple app store, Google Play and for Blackberry.

Look for other FREE apps. The Florida Department of Emergency Management also offers an app through Apple and Google Play.



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written and reviewed in this office and are signed by DIRAUX and the District Commodore (DCO). Most importantly, this is from where much of the funding for activities comes. The EXCOM works with DIRAUX in the execution of the budget funded by the Coast Guard.

The EXCOM Bridge is composed of the DCO, the District Chief of Staff (DCOS), three District Captains (DCAPT) and the Immediate Past District Commodore (IPDCO). All are elected except for the IPDCO. In addition, DIRAUX, three Directorates along with several supporting offices such as District Staff Officer-Secretary of Records, District Staff Officer-Legal and District Aides actively participate in EXCOM meetings.

The elected Bridge has the responsibility of communicating with the members of the district through the chain of leadership. The DCO and DCOS pass information to the DCAPTs who in turn pass it on to the Division Commanders (DCDR) in their area of responsibility (AOR). The DCDRs then pass information on to their Flotilla Commanders and ultimately to the flotillas or "deck plate." This COL runs both ways.

The flexibility for dealing with all the areas that the Auxiliary is involved in is partially vested in the Directorates: Response, Prevention and Logistics. Each Directorate has several District Staff Officers (DSO) assisted by Assistant Staff Officers (ADSO). Each

DSO reports directly to their Directorate Chief who report to the District Chief of Staff (DCOS) who in turn reports to the EXCOM. The DSOs are responsible for passing on information down the Chain of Leadership that directly affects their area of responsibility. This, however, this is a two-way street and information is passed up from the flotillas through their Flotilla Staff Officers (FSOs) to the DSOs, the Directorates and ultimately to the EXCOM. Note that all these positions are appointed. In fact, you may be surprised at the number of positions that work at the District level. Click or copy/paste this link to see the District staff: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/staff.php?unit=070>.

Hopefully, this explanation of the district staff and all the areas of responsibility gives you a feel for the tremendous amount of information that passes through the EXCOM. Although very important, this is only a part of what the EXCOM does. Many hours are spent dealing with day-to-day incidents, disciplinary situations, processing awards, promoting goodwill through visits to divisions and flotillas, attending special events hosted by Auxiliary units or the Coast Guard, representing the Auxiliary at various public functions, attending EXCOM meetings either in person or via a Webinar, writing articles for various district publications, travel and, of course, writing reports. Perhaps the most important item that the EXCOM does is respond to questions from the members. Hours are spent on computers or answering phone calls to offer answers to questions that come from all over the district. With 5,600 members in District 7, there is plenty for the EXCOM to do! Ω





# The Second Annual Great Yankeetown "Chili Taste-Off"

By Linda Jones, Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River, Florida

## *Fire in the hole!*

At least that is what it felt like in your throat after eating some of the chili prepared for the Second Annual Great Yankeetown Chili Taste-Off.

USCG Auxiliaries submitted 11 different kinds of chili to their active-duty counterparts to enjoy and to judge. Approximately 35 Coast Guardians and Auxiliaries took part in the annual event.

Master Chief Daniel Pesnell of Sector St. Petersburg; Diane Berman, Division Commander 15; and Andy Render Division Vice Commander 15 were there to help judge and thanked everyone for participating.

Auxiliaries submitted entries in three categories: Chief's Choice, Coasties' Choice and Auxiliaries' Choice. As the chilis arrived, each was labeled with the type and name of the entry. As requested by the "Gold-side," this year's entries included two vegetarian and one chicken chili.

FS1 Keith Kimmons and his trusty Auxiliary food service specialists, Vince Maida of Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River, made sure there were plenty of toppings for the chili including grated cheddar cheese, sour cream and rice.

Several Auxiliaries brought bottled water, chips, dips and delicious desserts. Their maple-bacon cookies topped with maple-bacon frosting and frosted chocolate chip scones were among the favorites rounding out the menu. An anonymous donor provided a container of TUMS, just in case...

The Coasties' Choice award went to Bruce Ristich, Flotilla 15-8 Hernando Beach for his Medium Spicy Chili with Jalapeño Muffins. The Chief's Choice award went to Frank Hof, Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River with "Ain't Your Mama's Chili." Last, but not least, the Auxiliaries' choice award went to Alfonso Diaz DelCastillo with a Columbian chili made by his friend Karina Ghisays.

Coast Guardians and Auxiliaries had a great time sampling the different chilies and enjoying the fellowship. Ω

Bravo Zulu to all who cooked, brought drinks, desserts, or came to taste and judge the chili. Ω



**STATION YANKEETOWN--Coast Guardsmen sample the chili entries before casting their votes during the Second Annual Great Yankeetown Chili Taste-Off competition held March 23, 2016, at USCG Station Yankeetown. Photo by Robert A. Fabich, Sr.**



**STATION YANKEETOWN-- Linda Jones, Division 15 fellowship chairman presents Bruce Ristich, Flotilla 15-8, Hernando Beach an apron, his reward for winning the Coasties' Choice category during the Second Annual Great Yankeetown Chili Taste-Off competition held March 23, 2016, at the USCG Station Yankeetown. Photo by Robert A. Fabich, Sr.**



# Auxiliarist Kitty Nicolai Named AGLCA 2015 Harbor Host of the Year

By Constance O. Irvin, DSO-PA 7



**CAPE CORAL, Fla.—Kitty Nicolai waits on her dock to greet the arrival of “Loopers” piloting a 55-foot Hatteras in the canal approach to her home. Nicolai was named 2015 Harbor Host of the Year by America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association. Photo by Constance O. Irvin, DSO-PA7**

**CAPE CORAL, Fla.**--Those who travel the rivers, channels, ocean and Gulf waters that make up the “Great Loop” have a friend in Kitty Nicolai. She stands on her canal dock in Cape Coral, Florida, dozens of times a year, in all kinds of weather and awaits the arrival of those adventurers who have embarked on a journey that covers over 5,000 miles and takes months or even years to complete. Nicolai offers

them dockage, space in her home to relax and

a landside bedroom complete with all the amenities that one would expect in a five-star hotel.

She even drives them to local markets to get needed supplies for the next leg of their passage. She is an exceptional

host. And, for those reasons, Nicolai was chosen as the 2015 Harbor Host of the Year by members of the prestigious America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association (AGLCA).

This worldwide organization, which has almost 6,000 members, was founded in 1999 with the idea of promoting a safe, enjoyable cruising experience along America’s eastern waterways. Nicolai has hosted members from Australia, Germany, New Zealand, Canada and from various states in America. Fortunately for her guests, Nicolai is not a novice on the water, especially having knowledge of the Western Rivers which can be tricky to navigate.

Nicolai has been a Coast Guard Auxiliarist for over 15 years, first operating as a coxswain on the Mississippi River in District 8WR (Western Rivers) before venturing from St. Louis in her 23-foot boat down

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America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association logo.





## Kitty Nicolai

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the Mississippi, the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway and the Gulf waters to finding her home in Cape Coral. Nicolai has been an Auxiliarist in D7 for about eight years and that mirrors her membership in the AGLCA. She has only completed part of the "Great Loop," but hopes to one day make the entire journey. The "loop" can start anywhere, but once started; the cruisers must do the loop and end up where they started.

According to Nicolai, "People from places like Australia or Germany come here (America) and either buy or lease a boat to make the trip. They take months, sometimes years and even do it over again just because they love the adventure of the "Great Loop." When they complete the journey, they sell the boat and go home."

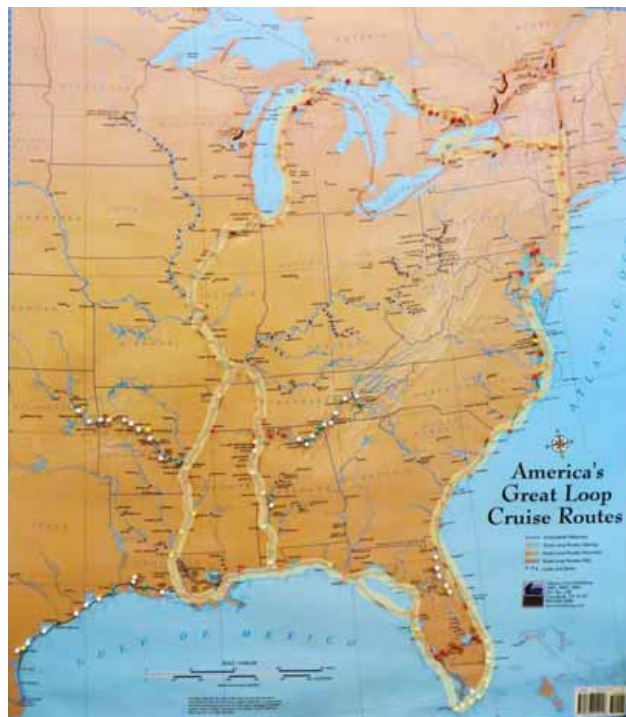
Five years ago, the AGLCA began honoring those people who volunteered to assist "loopers" who passed through their area and offered assistance with safe passage knowledge, local knowledge or dockage. Currently, there are about 170 Harbor Hosts. Nicolai answered the call to be a Harbor Host over three years ago



**CAPE CORAL, Fla.—Kitty Nicolai greets John and Angie Like from Rockwall, Texas, who have completed a year of travel from St. Louis, down the Mississippi River, through the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to Nicolai's dock. John Like said, "We will stay a few days with Kitty and then resume our voyage for perhaps another year until the "Loop" is completed. It's been a great journey." Photo by Constance O. Irvin, DSO-PA**

and immediately set about enlarging her dock area to accommodate "loopers." The largest boat she has docked was a 90' Chris Craft operated by Geoff and Jenny Bradley from Australia. Nicolai said, "They stopped here for several days. It was great fun visiting with them and swapping "war" stories."

For Nicolai, the idea of being of service to the boating public is just a way of life. Nicolai was surprised to be chosen as the 2015 Harbor Host of the Year, but the award was not a surprise to those whom she has served. For her service, she will receive a plaque and a lifetime membership in the AGLCA and undoubtedly, heartfelt appreciation from those who have stopped in their journey to visit with a world class Harbor Host. In Coast Guard terms, Bravo Zulu to Kitty Nicolai. Semper Paratus.Ω



**America's Great Loop extends from the Great Lakes south to the Gulf of Mexico, around the Florida peninsula and north into Canada before closing the loop in the lakes again. Image courtesy Five Star Cruise.**





# Boating Tragedy Leads to Boating Safety Initiatives

By John Quinn, Senior Editor

Many of us remember the tragic loss at sea of two teenage boys last year after they set out from the Jupiter Inlet for a day of fishing in a 19-foot Seacraft. Despite a massive search and rescue operation by the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and law enforcement that covered more than 50,000 square nautical miles over seven days, the 14-year-old boys, Austin and Perry, were never seen again. The belief is that Austin and Perry's boat capsized when a line of squalls moved through while they were out on the water. Their overturned craft was located March 18 of this year off the coast of Bermuda by a Norwegian ship. They were not carrying a Personal Locating Beacon (PLB) or an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB).

Austin's parents, with support from beacon-maker ACR Electronics, responded to this tragedy by establishing the Austin Blu Foundation (<http://austin-blufoundation.org>). In addition to honoring Austin's memory, the objective of the Foundation is to promote boating safety through education, legislation and technology. Austin's parents sincerely hope to spare any other families the heartbreak they have endured.

The Foundation has gotten off to a good start by working with the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that gives boat owners a discount on registration fees to go toward the purchase of a PLB or EPIRB which run approximately \$300 and \$800 respectively. These registration discounts run anywhere from 11.9 percent for the largest boats to 23 percent for the smallest boats. In a statement issued when he signed this bill into law March 25, Governor Rick Scott said, "It is heart-



**The parents of a 14-year-old boy lost while boating responded to the tragedy by creating the Austin Blu Foundation to promote boating safety through education.**



**JUPITER, Florida—Andrea Rutherford, Flotilla 36 Staff Officer-Public Education poses with Carly Black, the mother of one of two boys lost while fishing. The flotilla strives to fulfill the mission of educating all boaters.**

**Below: Flotilla 36 Jupiter graduates of the boating education program. USCG Auxiliary photos**



breaking to consider the grief of a family losing a child, I hope these important safety measures we signed into law today will help ensure that this kind of tragedy never happens again." Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart and Rep. Mary-Lynn Magar, R-Tequesta, who proposed the legislation, also said they hope the law boosts safety.

Not content with legislative action only, the Foundation has partnered with Flotilla 36 Boca Raton, Florida, by agreeing to pay the \$35 tuition for those attending boating safety classes.

With 23 certified instructors, Flotilla 36 has been offering classes for more than two decades. According to Andrea Rutherford, Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Education (FSO-PE), "By taking these classes, all boaters, both brand-new and even experienced boaters, learn information they just can't pick up by being on the water." Rutherford added, "This class has proven successful in providing that information in a one-day format."

This year will give the boating public in Florida an opportunity to take advantage of the Foundation's third objective - life-saving technology. Let's hope that this is not a lost opportunity. Ω





# On Watch

By Carl Motes, DCAPT-North

0715 – “Good morning BM3, do you need a break before I grab a cup of coffee and walk around a bit? Anything scheduled this morning? Oh, a sub escort is underway, but nothing else. Great! I’ll be right back with some coffee.”

It’s an absolutely gorgeous day, the palm trees outside Communication Office, Station Port Canaveral (Comms) are moving just enough to suggest a breeze and the grass is manicured and glossy green. It’s Sunday.

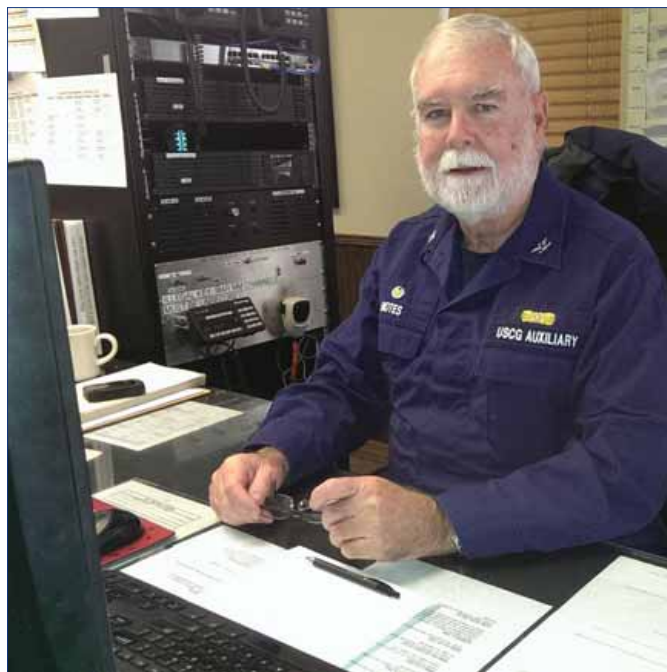
And that’s how it started and continued for most of the day. The Reserves are still present as they conclude their weekend duty/training. As usual, I logged into the computer system and it reminded me that my access card was about to expire. June 1 is the expiration date. What the heck? My familiar screen is gone so I ask the BM3 and he tells me, “The systems guys reconfigured the system a week ago so you’ll have to re-load your old stuff, oh, and we changed the paging system and added four alarms to the panel and removed the SAR alarm.”

I respond, “Nice, anything else I ought to know about?” He replies, “Nope, the sub escorts are up for OPS and Position reports at 10 til.”

0745 – I assume the watch At 10 minutes before the hour. Just as I’m picking up the microphone, I hear “Station Canaveral – Coast Guard 29225 – CG 111.” I respond: “225 – Station – Over.” I hear: “Station, escort complete. 225 and 226 are RTB, over.” I respond: “Roger,” log it and notify the OOD who is actually sitting in Comms with me. This is the practice when a military escort is underway. The communications are short, professional, and to the point. This ain’t no chatty telephone conversation.

A bit of glossary here: RTB is “return to base” and indicates the crew is returning directly to Station Canaveral. “CG 111” is the secure marine radio channel assigned for use by Coast Guard surface and air assets. “29225” is the boat ID and indicates that the boat is a 29 foot Response Boat for shallow water and yes, it can mount a machine gun on the bow.

0755 - Using the new system, I pipe (broadcast on the PA system) first call to colors. I tell an MK2 headed to the Coast Guard Cutter Shrike that he will have to stand by for colors. I then pipe colors at 0800. I let the MK2 in and log colors. The galley is open this weekend so I pipe breakfast at 0800, eat



**STATION PORT CANAVERAL—Carl Motes on watch at the station’s communication room. USCG Auxiliary photo**

breakfast at 0825 and then listen to the radio until 1130 when I pipe lunch.

Most Sundays are fairly quiet but on occasions they present an opportunity to see why we in the Auxiliary need to keep up our Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) activities. The boating public can provide the ‘recreational boating’ part without our help; it’s the ‘safety’ part where we help. In my most recent three watches I have seen recurring safety failures.

1515 - The telephone rings and I answer: “Good afternoon, this is Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral, Auxiliarist Motes here, how can I help you?” I try not to make it one long word.

Then it goes something like this: “Hello Coast Guard, I am on a 17-foot boat on the river and the boat won’t run.” I’ll cut out the next five minutes and just summarize: there are actually five people on this 17-foot boat and no one is wearing a life jacket. Fortunately, no one is sick and the boat is not sinking, so we don’t have an actual distress situation. They have no radio, only a cell phone, so no one else on the water hears them. The boater had no charts, no GPS, and no idea which river (or part of the Atlantic

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Ocean) they were on. Nor could the boater identify which bridges, landmark or boat ramp they could see.

From case to case, the details vary somewhat, but we try to get everyone home safely, sometimes with no further help by the Coast Guard and sometimes by our contacting one of the commercial providers.

***Now, I make two requests of you as you teach boating courses or just interact with the boating public:***

First, tell the public that a cell phone is NOT a reliable means of getting help. No one else can hear the call, thus lessening the chances of a good Samaritan coming to your rescue. The Rescue 21 triangulation systems works with VHF radio signals but not with a cell phone call. Additionally, cell phone calls can be hard to understand when the wind is blowing.

Second, please ask people to put a VHF radio on their boat. Tell them they must then register it with Boat US or the FCC, enter the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number, and connect it to a GPS unit. You'd be surprised how much faster we can help when we know the boater's coordinates on the two rivers and 50 miles of coast line that make up Station Port Canaveral's area of responsibility.

Join us on watch sometime. Ω



**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida—A 45-foot Response Boat Medium from Port Canaveral conducts a safety patrol as a shuttle prepares to launch. USCG photograph**

## Crystal River Manatee Festival

Linda Jones, Fc Flotilla 15-1



**CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla.—Andy Render, Division Vice Commander and member of Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River, discusses the importance of wearing a life jacket while underway with Arlando Madison, Jr. Photo by Robert A. Fabich, Sr.**

**CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. –** Over 10,000 people passed through the admission gates during the Citrus County Manatee Festival this year. Vendors from all over the state and beyond enticed visitors to buy their items. As with all festivals, there are numerous food vendors. Most of these were set up near the water. Stationed next to Kings Bay in Crystal River, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River provided safe boating information, guidance about what to see and where to go while on the local waterways, vessel safety checks, membership information and sign-ups for boating classes. Ralph Altavilla, Flotilla Vice Commander and his wife Lori put together bags of goodies that were handed out to each child who visited the information display with their parents. This annual event is an excellent forum for the flotilla to make contacts with people who aren't aware of the services the Auxiliary provides to the boating public and the community.



# National Safe Boating Week



Submitted by  
NanEllen Fuller

ATLANTA, Ga.—Governor Nathan Deal proclaimed May 21-28, 2016, **GEORGIA SAFE BOATING WEEK** and urged Georgians who boat to “Wear it” and practice safe boating. In addition, he recognized the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for their efforts to ensure the safety of the boating public. Pictured from left: Captain Mike England, DNR; Ed McGill, Auxiliary State Liaison; Major Thomas Barnard, DNR; Governor Nathan Deal; Corporal Brooks Varnell, DNR; NanEllen Fuller, Auxiliary Immediate Past Division Commander; Mary Larsen, Executive Officer, Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron and Roy Crittenden, Auxiliary Division Public Affairs Staff Officer. Photograph Courtesy office of Gov. Nathan Deal



TAMPA, Fla.—Members of USCG Auxiliary Division 7 Tampa Bay and USCG Sector St. Petersburg kicked off National Safe Boating Week May 21 by reading several proclamations from state, county and city officials at Bass Pro Shops in Tampa. From left are Emily Schmidt, Flotilla Vice Commander 79; LT Bryan Andrews, Prevention Department Sector St. Petersburg, USCG; Tony Novellino, Flotilla Commander 78; Donald (Terry) Hershman, Division Vice Commander; Eugene Keller, Division Commander; Gary Mull, Flotilla Commander 75; Franco Ripple, emcee and member of Flotilla 72; Darren Hart, Flotilla Commander 79; Tom Bodi, Flotilla Commander 7-16 and Gilbert Thomas, Flotilla Commander 77. Photo by Dottie Riley

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# Division 6 Dockside and Underway Training

By John Quinn, Senior Editor



The dockside portion of the Division 6 crew training was set up as 'stations'. Photos by Nichole Betterson

**Coral Gables, Florida** – More than 40 Division 6 members, supported by five Auxiliary Facilities (AUX-FAC) and their crews, participated in their dockside and underway training session at Matheeson Hammock Marina Feb. 27. All participants had a great time while building proficiency and camaraderie.

Members arrived early to take care of the setup of the eight dockside training stations. Training began at 9 a.m. sharp with a quick dockside briefing, followed by the specialized training. Glenia Sofia Rios, Flotilla 6-10, conducted a navigation class while Jerome Hyafil, Flotilla 6-10, Alex Tellechea, Flotilla 67, and David Neal, Flotilla 65 provided instruction on lines and knots. They also worked with trainees on the heaving lines. Iris Cohen, Flotilla 61, taught crew first aid. Julianne Bouchard, Flotilla 67, and Ernie Roche, Flotilla 61, instructed the trainees on personal protection gear and the correct way to wear Operation Dress Uniforms (ODU) and the hot weather uniform.

Auxiliarists Ted Tunidore, Julio Garcia, Ed Zaret, Humberto Jahen, and their shipmates from Flotilla 69, Opa Locka set up an impressive Auxiliary Communication display highlighting their flotilla's exceptional communication capabilities. Flotilla 69 also recorded the training exercise with a drone that took both video and still photographs. Arnoldo Perez, Flotilla Commander and Telecommunication Officer of Flotilla 6-11 Miami Beach assisted the Flotilla 69 communication team with instruction on underway radio communication procedures.

During the morning training session, Ed Dickson and Mark Chiappone, explained the Green Amber Red (GAR) model for operations risk assessment and reviewed required Auxiliary facility (AUXFAC) equipment. Dickson and Alex Tellechea then explained

long tow, short tow and alongside tow evolutions.

Throughout the morning David Neal and Carol Moppert assisted at the eight training stations as needed. Always prepared, Carol Moppert provided coffee to ward off the morning chill.

At 1:00 o'clock, the dockside training exercise stopped for lunch and to wrap up before the underway training. This break allowed everyone to celebrate the birthday of the newest member, boat crew trainee Margaret Winsauer. LCDR Michael P. Cortese, was on hand to present Winsauer with a USCG Stamp challenge coin to thank her for her dedication to operational training. Senior member Don Grimsley fielded questions from trainees and signed off their crew training books. Felix Garcia, Division 6 Qualification Examiner (QE) assisted by explaining the crew and coxswain QE process. This phase of the training exercise concluded with Grimsley and Garcia expressing their appreciation and observing that the participants trained as hard as in the old days while embracing newer policies and techniques.

At 1:30 PM, the AUXFAC coxswains briefed trainees, loaded them onto their vessels, and conducted underway training evolutions.

Bravo Zulu and special thanks to Nichole Betterson who captured the entire dockside training and underway evolutions with her camera and to Festus Burchfield, DSO-OP for his detailed report of this successful training operation. Ω

*Editor's note: The Breeze will always do its best to present photographs in their best light. Please remember to send us **high resolution** images either via email **attachments** or through a file transferring site. Low resolution images are fine for web pages or social media but cannot be displayed in a PDF larger than what is shown. Also, **please identify the members in the photos!***





# Unmanned Aerial Systems: Do they have a future in the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

By Dorothy Riley and George Papabeis, Flotilla 74 Brandon

(Reprinted from "Intercom" Spring Issue 2016, newsletter for Division 7 Tampa Bay)



**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**— George Papabeis, a member of Flotilla 74 Brandon, Florida, explains the functions of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) at a presentation at Flotilla 72 in St. Petersburg with MST1 Michael Walker. The presentation conducted Feb. 3, 2016, was attended by members of the Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg, Florida Fish and Wildlife, and other first responding agencies. Because the Auxiliary does not as yet have an official policy regarding UAVs, Papabeis presented as a private citizen at the invitation of the Coast Guard. Photo by Skyla Luckey, Flotilla 72 St. Petersburg

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**—With its strong history of being at the forefront of technology, members of District 7 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are exploring the possibilities of using unmanned remote controlled aerial vehicles to gain access to areas otherwise inaccessible by boat. It was, after all, members of our district who first introduced personal watercraft (PWC) to the Coast Guard and to the Auxiliary, and our members who first introduced PWCs as facilities and helped write the 'Boat Crew Qualification Guide for PWC Operators.'

Be it the fulfillment of our fantasy of flight or the application of problem-solving skills combined with the vision to see greater possibilities, unmanned aerial

systems (UAS) are here to stay. True to our exploratory history, members of District 7 recognize this phenomenon and are examining if- and how these vehicles can serve legitimate functions and missions within the Auxiliary.

Recent technological advances have made unmanned remote controlled aerial vehicles readily available to the public. While many hobbyists buy RTF (ready to fly) aircraft, there is a core of builders that design, fabricate and program their own multirotor aircraft. George Papabeis, a member of Flotilla 74 Brandon, is one of these core builders and

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**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.--**CAPT Gregory Case, former Commander, Sector St. Petersburg, USCG, examines one of George Papabeis' unmanned aerial vehicles at the USCG Reserves 75th Anniversary celebration held Feb. 13, 2016, at Sector. Photo by George Papabeis

**Right: TAMPA, Fla.:** Not even COMO Robert Weskerna can resist the appeal of UAVs as he checks out one of George Papabeis' UAVs after the Division 7 Tampa Bay Awards ceremony April 16, 2016. The Commodore is curious about the possibilities these unmanned aerial vehicles present. Photo by Patricia Prado, SO-PA7

innovators. For six years, he has used unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in aerial photography and has developed waterproof models that can take off and land from the water. Additionally, he teaches four multirotor classes at Tampa Hacker's Space and has applied for a Federal Aviation Administration 333

exemption which will permit him to fly UAVs commercially.

Papabeis is boat crew qualified and in November 2015, accompanied MST1 Michael Walker and MST3 Daniel Bast from Sector St. Petersburg to Egmont Key, and in January 2016 to Caladesi Island State Park. The marine science technicians mission was to conduct area familiarizations of these islands to get a clearer picture of the unique challenges that emergency response teams might face.

During the course of their conversations, Papabeis mentioned UAVs which led to a request for an introduction to their capabilities. Could UAVs fly over areas affected by storms or other disasters not accessible by boat? This led to an introductory presentation Feb. 3 at Sector attended by members of the Coast Guard and local law enforcement agencies.



Papabeis brought several UAVs for attendees to examine and a PowerPoint presentation to outline their capabilities in a classroom setting. The presentation was to include a flight demonstration authorized by

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sector and for this reason, Papabeis did not go in uniform. Unfortunately, the flight demonstration was canceled due to inclement weather. The presentation, however, piqued interest and Papabeis was asked to return June 8 to present a second time.

Multirotor aircraft use three or more propellers to fly the aircraft. The most common configuration is four propellers often called a quad-copter. The drive train consists of brushless electric motors, powered by Lithium batteries (LiPo). The cost and weight of LiPo batteries is rapidly decreasing.

The brain of any UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) is called a flight controller. The sophistication of flight controllers increases in an almost exponential fashion, but the price of the units decrease. UAVs are capable of a variety of functions by augmenting hardware and software.

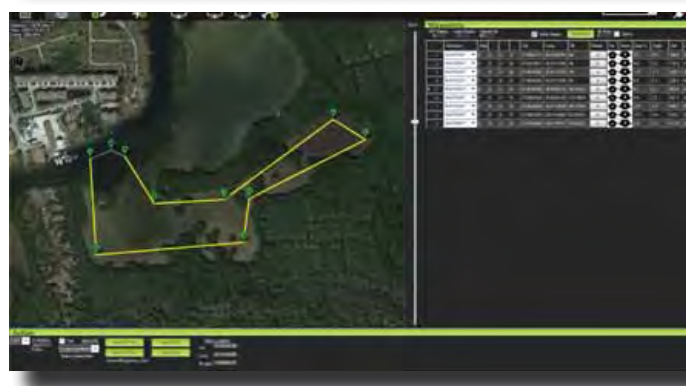
What are some of the possible missions that UAV systems can offer to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary?

1. Takeoff and land from water – several airframes are available that are waterproof and float. These UAVs can be deployed from small boats without the need for a flight deck. The aircraft takes off from the water and lands on the water, minimizing risk to the crew.
2. SAR (search and rescue) – A UAV can approach craft in areas that an Auxiliary facility would be restricted from by shallow waters. It can also gain enough altitude to see behind visual obstructions such as mangroves, buildings or large vessels. A video downlink with a 'Heads Up Display' (HUD) can give the operator immediate feedback such as latitude and longitude, show how many people are onboard the vessel, etc.
3. ATON verification – A UAV can approach aids to navigation that might be impossible for an Auxiliary facility to approach due to shallow water or underwater obstruction.
4. Marine Safety – UAVs can be used to monitor pollution, erosion, boom deployment, water quality and chemical contamination.
5. Infrastructure inspection – Radio towers, smokestacks, lighthouses or ATONs.
6. Public Affairs – dramatic film or photographs, of events, training or locals. Ω

For more information about UAV/UASs go to:

<http://www.theuav.com/>

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/>



**Top: GCS\_HUD Screenshot:** The ground control station (GCS) heads up display (HUD). The standard blue and green background can be replaced with a video feed.

**Bottom: Mangrove Mission Screen Grab:** A waypoint mission that would allow for a waterborne takeoff and landing. The green pin marked "H" is for home, the point from which a hypothetical Auxiliary facility would deploy the unmanned aerial vehicle. The mission would take about six minutes to complete and the operator would monitor the aircraft's video feed in real time, and record video or take photos. This mission would "give eyes" to an area of water otherwise would be invisible to the crew of an Auxiliary facility. Images by George Papabeis, Flotilla 74 Brandon



# "Low Country Boil" - Team Coast Guard Fellowship at Savannah Auxiliary Aviation Safety Workshop

By Robert A. Fabich, Sr., ADSO-AVP



**SAVANNAH -** Chief Jon Horetsi fills a table with traditional Louisiana boil 'fixins'. Beyond the doorway are Chief Greg Kilgore and Auxiliary aviators. The "Low Country Boil" was prepared by active duty Coastguardsmen for the fellowship luncheon served during the Annual Auxiliary Aviation Safety Workshop held at Air Station Savannah April 2, 2016. Photos by Robert A. Fabich, Sr.

**SAVANNAH, Ga.**—The first of four Annual Auxiliary Aviation Safety Workshops in District 7 was held April 1-2, 2016 at USCG Air Station Savannah. The two-day workshop is a time for Auxiliary aviators (AUX-AIR), active duty Coast Guard, partners and trainees to focus on member competencies, new and innovative technology, qualification skills, equipment testing, and planning and procedures.

"I challenge you all to forget about day to day outside distractions and focus on aviation professionalism," said CDR John G. Rivers, commanding officer, Air Station Savannah, during opening remarks. CDR Rivers acknowledged the unique effectiveness of the AUXAIR program as a critical component of mission success supporting the active duty within the stations' area of responsibility. He also presented Ron Sain, Assistant Auxiliary Aviation Coordinator-training, with the Commander's challenge coin for exceptional organization of the workshop.

The active duty and AUXAIR at Savannah Air Station have developed a strong sense of camaraderie, an enduring form of fellowship, one of the corner-

stones of Team Coast Guard. This was evident when off-duty active duty personnel served the AUXAIR workshop attendees a culinary experience called, "Low Country Boil."

A Low Country Boil includes red potatoes, sweet onions, smoked pork sausage, ears of corn, shrimp and seasoning, all cooked in a single pot that will accommodate enough food for the entire crew. This down-home meal provided a tasty backdrop for a fellowship luncheon.

The Coast Guard aviation team that prepared this authentic comfort food included AMTCM Dan Jeffords, CWO Doug Grove, AMTC Greg Kilgore, AETC Charles Bush, AETC Jon Horetsi, AETC Fernando Sanchez and ASTC Joey Gryzenia.

Members of AUXAIR, pilots, co-pilots, crew, observers and trainees are assigned directly to Air Stations. Their side-by-side relationship with active duty Coast Guard is crucial to successfully handling a broad range of operational challenges. This team of active duty and Auxiliary support the same interests, activities, experiences, promote the cause, and are a company of equals and friends. And as evidenced at Air Station Savannah, they also share a love of a good home cooked meal. Truly, Team Coast Guard.Ω





# Florida Enacts Controversial Recreational "Safe" Boating Legislation

By John L. Quinn, Senior Editor

Florida Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 703 into law March 25, 2016. This law, which becomes effective July 1, amends the existing recreational boating safety statute in two ways. First, "careless operation" is now defined to apply primarily to endangering persons outside the vessel, and only applies to endangering persons in the vessel in cases of overloading and excessive speed. Second, once a law enforcement officer determines that a vessel complies with safety equipment carriage and use requirements, the officer will issue a safety inspection decal and may not subsequently stop the vessel for another safety inspection absent "reasonable suspicion" of a safety equipment violation. The statute applies to all state and local law enforcement agencies, but does not apply to the Coast Guard.

In the case of "careless operation," it appears that for passengers, anything goes, as long as it does not involve vessel overloading or excessive speed. This would appear to insulate vessel operators from liability when adults or children ride the bow, gunwales, stern or other areas on the vessel that may pose a threat to safety.

As to safety inspection decals, the statute does not impose any limitation on how long they will be valid. So, once a decal is issued will vessel operators be insulated from further inspections even though safety equipment may degrade or become inoperable?

What prompted these changes to the law? Representative Ritch Workman (R-Melbourne, Flor-

ida) proposed the legislation and has been quoted in the media saying, "Me and my friends get pulled over all the time, and it's never because we're doing something wrong." He has also referred to an incident when he was warned by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) because

his children were sitting on the bow of his boat dangling their feet in the water while underway. He commented about this situation, stating "You've stolen time from my family and nobody has asked you, in my opinion, to be the safety police."

Auxiliarist Bill Griswold, Flotilla 43 Lake County, Florida, is also active with the Florida Boating Advisory Council (BAC) has been following this legislation closely. He reports that the BAC has gone on record expressing to the FWC its "deep disappointment with the passage of HB 703," and its belief that "passenger safety aboard recreational vessels in the state has been compromised..." It remains to be seen how the statute will be implemented beginning July 1 and its effect on boating safety.  $\Omega$



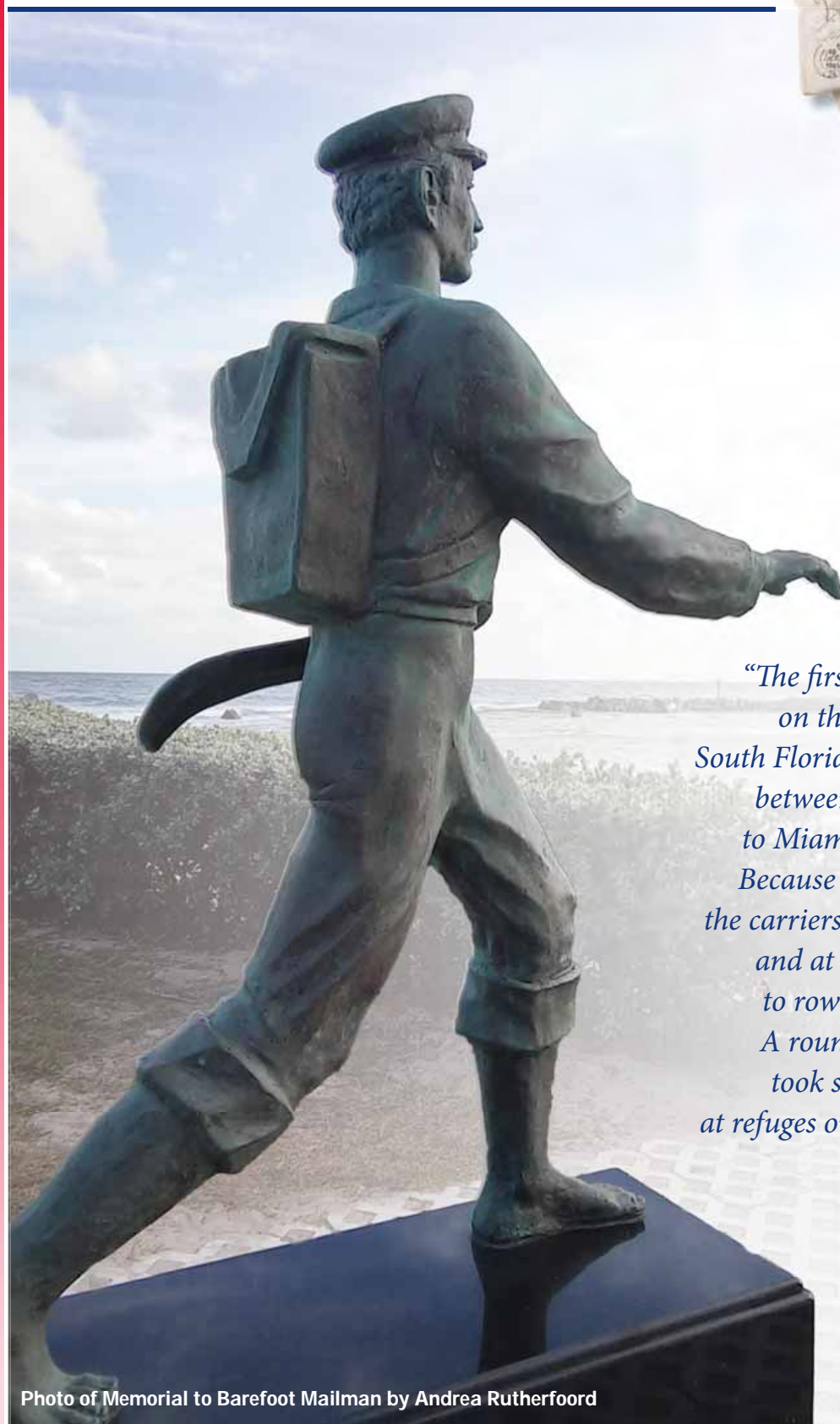
**Although legal in Florida as of July 1, bow riding is a violation of federal safe boating laws. Many times a person falling from the bow will go under the boat and get hit by the rotating blades of the propeller rather than simply slip off to the side. Photograph from Flotilla 33 Kilmarnock, Virginia at: [http://a0540303.cgaux-online.com/081510\\_bow\\_riding\\_alert.htm](http://a0540303.cgaux-online.com/081510_bow_riding_alert.htm)**

**Below: The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) decal is not included in the safety inspection decal list cited in House Bill 703 but our VSC continues to be critical to our recreational boating safety mission and an opportunity to share boating safety information with Florida boaters.**



# Division 3 Auxiliarists Assist Scouts with Annual Barefoot Mailman Hike

By Andrea Rutherfoord, SO-PA, D3



*“The first U.S. Mail Carriers on the eastern coast of South Florida began delivering mail between West Palm Beach to Miami in the early 1880s. Because there were no roads, the carriers had to walk the beach, and at the inlets, they had to row themselves across. A round trip of 136 miles took six days with stops at refuges overnight along the way.”*

Photo of Memorial to Barefoot Mailman by Andrea Rutherfoord





**FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida-Jan. 30, 2016—** Here they come! The first of more than 340 Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, scout leaders and parents arrive at Sails Marina in Fort Lauderdale ready to be ferried to Station Fort Lauderdale by Coast Guard and Auxiliary vessels. They follow in the footsteps of the first letter carriers who delivered mail on foot along the South Florida shoreline and rowed across the inlet to deliver mail. The Barefoot Mailman is an annual scouting event and scouts come from other parts of the country to participate. Photo by Bert J. Barnette, Flotilla 32 Fort Lauderdale



Jeffrey Barnes, member of Flotilla 38 Plantation passes the lines as his vessel prepares to unload passengers; Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, their parents and leaders at Station with coxswain Anthony Anastasio from Flotilla 32 Ft. Lauderdale at the helm. Every year, Coast Guard and Auxiliary vessels ferry the scouts from Sails Marina in Ft. Lauderdale to Station Fort Lauderdale as part of the scout's annual Barefoot Mailman Hike in honor of the first letter carriers who trekked on foot along the Atlantic shoreline in Southern Florida to deliver mail. Photograph by Andrea Rutherford, SO-PA3



Michael Sokasits, a member of Flotilla 11-6 Nauset, Massachusetts, District 1 North who winters in south Florida, keeps a close watch as a Coast Guard vessel approaches, and with his back to camera, David Cox, Flotilla 38 Plantation, prepares to take the bow lines. Photograph by Andrea Rutherford, SO-PA3



## Barefoot Mailman Hike

By Andrea Rutherford, SO-PA Division 3

On a balmy Saturday morning in Broward County, Florida, while most teenagers were sunning in the surf or sleeping until noon, over 340 intrepid Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their parents and leaders were up at dawn preparing to complete a 35-mile hike along the Atlantic coastline. This annual hike, conducted Jan. 30, 2016, was in its the 51st year and commemorated the route of the Barefoot Mailman of the 1800s who walked the same shoreline route weekly delivering mail.

The Scouts, 12 years and older came from all over south Florida and some from as far away as Pennsylvania. The Scouts, dressed in uniforms and carrying full packs with all their supplies for the two-day event, started the hike at Pompano Beach pier and ended with a ceremonial troop flag parade at Collins Park on Miami Beach. The hike included an overnight campout, and at the final stop, the Scouts received their Hiking Merit Badge as well as the

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## Barefoot Mailman

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Barefoot Mailman patch.

The bright spot in the first day for many of the hikers was being transported across Hillsboro Inlet on Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary facilities. While the letter carriers had to row small boats to cross the inlet, the Scouts could put down their packs, don a life jacket, and enjoy a 10-minute boat-ride – cool breeze, mild temperatures and they were all smiles.

Over 35 Auxiliarists from Division 3 flotillas participated in the event. An Auxiliarist radio watchstander at Station Ft. Lauderdale coordinated the vessels. Two 45-foot Response Boat-Medium from Station Fort Lauderdale and five Auxiliary facilities from Division 3 provided the transportation. On the docks at either end; Sails Marina and Station Fort Lauderdale, another 20 Auxiliarists handled lines and packs to assist the vessels and hikers.

**Who was the “barefoot mailman”?** The first U.S. mail carriers on the eastern coast of South Florida began delivering mail between West Palm Beach to Miami in the early 1880s. Because there were no roads, the carriers had to walk the beach, and at the inlets, they had to row themselves across. A round trip of 136 miles took six days, with stops at refuges overnight along the way. Walking barefoot on the beach with canvas mailbags (instead of conventional cowhide) was easier and more comfortable for the carriers.

One of the earliest carriers, James “Ed” Hamilton, disappeared on his route in 1887, and he was suspected of drowning while trying to swim the Hillsboro Inlet to recover his rowboat – someone had used it and left it on the other side. His body was never recovered. The 8-foot tall commemorative statue at the Hillsboro Lighthouse was constructed in his memory. By 1892, county roads were being paved, and the mail carriers traveled on the roads.



Preparation for the commemorative hike takes months. The Scouts (who unlike the letter carriers wore sneakers or heavy hiking boots), had to complete 5, 10, and 20-mile hikes to qualify for the 35-mile hike. In the early years of the annual hike, the Scouts were bussed or driven in cars around the inlet at Fort Lauderdale.

About 15 years ago, the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary began ferrying the hikers by boat through scenic Port Everglades, past towering cruise ships and freighters, both to keep more in the tradition of the event, as well as to keep the hikers closer to the beach and able to resume their hike as quickly as possible. And so new traditions are added to the old while the spirit of the Barefoot Mailman continues to teach the Scouts how to set and achieve difficult goals. Ω



*Center photo by Bert J. Barnette, Flotilla 32 Fort Lauderdale*







Illustration by Dottie Riley

## Diversity: The New Staff Position Really Isn't New At All.

By Bill Giers, ADSO-DV D7

Everyone should be familiar with the Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.

### Honor

Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our personal actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust, to the US Coast Guard, and each other.

### Respect

We value our diverse work force. We treat each other with fairness, dignity, and compassion. We encourage individual opportunity and growth. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team. No one is excluded.

### Devotion to Duty

We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our organizational goals. We exist to serve. We serve with pride. We serve by inclusion of all ideas, suggestions, and individuals.

These traditional values are the foundation upon which the Coast Guard endeavors to operate and are the very core components of diversity.

**Diversity** is the uniqueness of all individuals which

encompasses different personal attributes, values, and organizational roles. Each has its own value and importance.

**Diversity Management** is the process of creating and maintaining a positive environment where the differences of all personnel are recognized, understood, and valued, so that all can reach their full potential and maximize their contributions to the Coast Guard. It is a component of good leadership.

In plain language, that means bullies, exclusion, and disrespectful and bigoted actions are not welcome in the Silver or Gold sides. They never have been and never will be considered acceptable behavior. **Every** member is responsible for maintaining an atmosphere where every other member has the opportunity to reach their highest potential through mentorship, teamwork, and acceptance. Simply stated, it is Team Coordination Training and basic leadership principles put to work in everyday actions.

***A diversity issue IS NOT a civil rights issue, nor is it an equal opportunity or affirmative action issue.***

Diversity is about acknowledging differences and adapting practices to create an inclusive environment in which diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued. It is about understanding the individual differences among our members that arise from a broad range of backgrounds and lifestyles.



It is also about recognizing the value of using those different perspectives and ideas to enhance the quality and success of our mission.

Our diversity is shaped by a variety of characteristics including age, ethnicity, gender, disability, language, religious beliefs, life stages, education, career, sexual orientation, personality, geographic origins, family composition, and marital status. Additionally, diversity means accepting, welcoming and valuing the differences inherent in every individual and recognizing the contribution that a diverse membership can make to our organizational effectiveness and operational performance. Our differences give each of us a different perspective and that can mean a different approach to solving problems and accomplishing our missions more effectively.

### NACO Diversity Statement

*"It is the policy of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to ensure that all citizens, regardless of race, gender, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age, religion, or physical or mental disability have an equal opportunity to become a member of this organization. People from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests are welcome and encouraged to join the Auxiliary to work side by side with us as we serve the boating public."*

*"The fundamental action imperative of diversity is to create an environment, which fosters an appreciation of the values, skills, and abilities of each individual member. Members are responsible to each other for promoting an inclusive atmosphere of acceptance and respect, for demonstrating a commitment to fair and equal opportunity, and for moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating our different backgrounds. We are committed to enjoying a diverse and inclusive membership. We all understand that diversity is not a problem to be solved, but that it is an asset to be developed." ~*

*USCG Auxiliary National Commodore*



To sum up the Auxiliary diversity policy in a single sentence:

***Everyone is treated fairly and equally.***

Isn't that what anyone would want? The same chance to participate, to share different perspectives and ideas, and to make the Auxiliary better. Make it happen. Encourage it. Live it. Be the example.

How can I be involved? If any member has an interest in the diversity mission (fairness to all) or suggestions, please contact your Flotilla Staff Officer-Diversity. Ω



<https://www.facebook.com/CGAUXDiversity>





# New York City to Clearwater, Florida: *Old Friends Reunite Decades Later.*

By Joe Perez, Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater. Submitted by Charles Lambeth, Flotilla Commander 11-3 Madeira Beach

*The story of three flotillas and old friends who still put service before self.*

Louis Miosi, a member of Flotilla 11-3 Madeira Beach has worked at Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater several days a week, for many years. Miosi teaches active duty Coast Guard and Auxiliary members fork lift operations, fuel truck driving and certifies instructors in these specializations to train others.

Recently while training Mark Perni, an Auxiliarist from Flotilla 17-10 Osceola (near Orlando) as a fork-lift operator, 'Talking Lou' realized that his student may know another member and friend of his. Miosi called Joe Perez from Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater over to meet Dr. Perni and the two men quickly realized that they were old friends who once worked together as paramedics in New York City decades ago.

## Doctor on a Mission

Joe Perez writes about his friend, Mark Perni

United Service Organization (USO) Chairman-elect Mark Perni is a pediatric trauma surgeon and Auxiliarist who worked his way up starting as a paramedic on the mean streets of New York City during the heights of the drug wars and AIDS epidemic.

Doctor Perni looks back on his career while working in NYC as a paramedic in the 80s, "It was unlike any time in our history; drugs and gangs were rampant.

"At the time, 'U.S. News and World Reports' described areas of New York as "Killing Zones" within the United States."



**CLEARWATER AIR STATION--Dr. Mark Perni takes a ride aboard an HC-130 Hercules aircraft. Photo by Bill Scholz.**

Dr. Perni spoke about routinely treating stabblings, multiple shootings, patients who were machine gunned, going into crack and heroin houses for overdoses, doing mouth to mouth on babies and sometimes delivering them.

Dr. Perni keeps 'walking the talk' and emphasizes the need for cross training in other disciplines as he completes a forklift course with the United States Coast Guard. After he receives his USCG license as a forklift operator and instructor trainer, he will bring these skills back to the USO to enable them to load and unload precious live-saving cargo.

We are lucky to have Dr. Perni at the Clearwater Air Station; he is a true measure of outstanding qualities and achievement.Ω

*Original article appeared in "Chip Log" July 2016, newsletter for Division 11, Karen Miller, editor.*



## From the Editor



First, a few housekeeping issues. The "Breeze" is not a one-person show. Every issue needs a team. Besides me, the "Breeze" team includes John Quinn, Senior Editor; Mary Patton, Assistant District Staff Officer-Publications (ADSO-PB)-West; Jonathan Buie, ADSO-PB-North and Arthur Slepian, ADSO-PB-East. Karen Miller carries no official title but we can-

not possibly publish without her! She is our final proofreader. You can meet our entire "Breeze" team here: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/Nlirh/> (Note: this is not a video. You must scroll through the stream of images.)

Now that you have met them, how does all of this work?

Send all of your "Breeze" submissions to John Quinn (copy me). He is one of the best word-smiths in our district and will shape your words into clear sentences and paragraphs. Trust me! He fixes mine!

Staff Officers- send copies of your division monthly reports to the Assistant District Staff Officers for your area of responsibility listed above. You may use whatever report format your division prefers.

Every publications officer, both at flotilla and division levels, should also include the Assistant District Staff Officers (and me) when distributing their newsletter. Our ADSOs may catch an article or story that should be published in the "Breeze" for the entire district to enjoy.

We need your submissions to best showcase the members of D7 and their many varied activities. Tell other divisions what your members are doing, and don't forget-other districts see our periodical as well. Every article; every photograph in the BREEZE goes out to the whole of the Auxiliary as well as many Coast Guard officers. The "Breeze" is your opportunity to crow!

*Is your division represented in the "Breeze?"*

Dottie Riley, DSO-PB 7

## Submission Guidelines

Send articles in text documents, preferably Word®. Don't worry about not being a great writer. We will shape your words into clear sentences. Just make sure you provide complete information: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW (this was done) or WHY (it is significant). Preferred maximum length: 750 words.

Send high-resolution photographs with complete caption information. (Same info as above.) Be sure to include the photographer's name. Never embed photos in an email or document. Always send as attachments. Please send us the unedited, uncropped images. Cropped photos limit the placement of photos on the page.

Deadlines for each issue: May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15, 2016. While these are the deadlines, we encourage you to submit as soon as the event is past and you have written the article. It gives us time to get any additional information required and to edit when necessary.

Articles and stories of interest are always welcome. Great photographs with complete captions can tell a story as effectively as an article. Besides acknowledging our member's efforts, a newsletter can serve as a great recruiting tool. Be sure that your unit's activities appear on these pages so that a prospective member will say, "I want to be a part of that!"

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histories, etc. in digital format to the  
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# Use Social Media to Help Spread the Boating Safely Message

## Auxiliary Social Media

Auxiliary social media pages are a good source of information and ideas as well as a great way to spread the recreational boating safely message and recruit new members. But...yes, there is a caveat... to help spread the boating safely message you must do three things:

1. **LIKE** the page so that its posts appear in your newsfeed.
2. **LIKE** posts that appeal to you, and
3. **SHARE** these posts on your page so that your friends can see these messages.

Everyone has their own newsfeed so your friends do not see the contents of yours unless you **SHARE** on your timeline.

Spreading the word is not all that difficult.  
**LIKE** and **SHARE**!



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While you are online, check out all of the new features on the District 7 Web page. Between the links on the sidebar and the ones within the table, it could not be any easier to find what you need!

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