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Captain's Corner

*Bill Harris
DCP*

Welcome to our first 2007 issue of the Division 11 newsletter, *SHORELINES*. We hope you find it interesting and informative. It will continue to grow with your participation in the form of comments and articles. Please let us know what you want to see when you open the next issue.

The 8th Western Rivers Spring Conference March 16th and 17th was the big news this quarter. The DoubleTree Hotel was a wonderful venue for our activities. Division 1 did an outstanding job of hosting our gathering in Colorado Springs Colorado. They provided a nice hospitality room and a special Friday Fun Night at the Flying W Ranch. Of course it didn't compare with the Fall Conference we hosted in Rochester last year. Division 11 was well represented with 10 members attending. For me, the activities began Thursday the 15th with a DCP/VCP Academy from 0800 until 1700. The topics covered a lot of ground including; The DCP Role, Discipline, Conflict Resolution, Policies, Procedures, the Chain of Leadership and Responsibility, Roberts Rules, AUXDATA, Orders, Protocol, Delegation, Goals, Respect and Diversity. As always, there were lessons to be learned and the presentations were outstanding.

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Commodore Diane Williams

Thank You Como Williams...

On March 1, at the age of 57, District Commodore Diane Williams "Crossed the Bar," at her home in Kingston, OK.

Diane joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1989. All she knew about boats was that they floated. Diane quickly progressed upward as a Flotilla Commander, Coxswain, Division Captain (she skipped Vice), then Vice Commodore and in 2003 became the first female District Commodore for this region. Offices she held include, 01-02 VCO 8WR 03-04, DCO 8WR, 05-06 IPDCO.

She also served as BC-BSI (Branch Chief, Boating, State Liaison, Interior) in the Boating Department from 1997-2000. She was on National Staff this year as Division Chief of Leadership Training.

As RCO-S, she was responsible for developing the first Policy Manual for the newly formed 8WR (merged from the former 2NR and 2WR).

Como Williams will be missed by many. We are fortunate for what she gave to the Auxiliary.

I would also like to welcome members to the first edition of the 2007 Division 11 Newsletter. The publisher has reminded me this first edition will have its flaws and expects with time, there will be many improvements. She is asking for submissions of articles of interest to our membership. Each edition will spotlight a number of staff positions.

There will also be a highlight from each flotilla, from division meeting minutes. Suggestions, corrections, comments are appreciated. Contact Rosie at r.hollenbach@wildblue.net or call her at 715-386-0565

Rick Hollenbach

Vices Voice

*Rick Hollenbach
VCP*



Week-end Navigator To Replace ACN

The National Department of Training is working to replace the *Advanced Coastal Navigation* text and introduce a new AuxNav course. Work began a couple of months ago to replace *Advanced Coastal Navigation* text with a new text – *The Weekend Navigator* by Robert J. Sweet. *The Weekend Navigator* text has a greater focus on electronic navigation. We are now working to create Student Study Guides, Instructor Guides, additional information on "charting basics", charting problems and on-line and paper-based test question databanks. The new text and course should be available in the late fall of 2007.

A young man who wants to see the world signs on to a steamship to be trained as a helmsman. He masters the classroom instruction, then starts his practical training on the wheel of the vessel. In his first lesson, the mate gives him a heading, and the young fellow holds to it. Then the mate orders, "Come starboard."

Pleased at knowing immediately which way starboard is, the young man leaves the helm and walks over to his instructor.

The mate has an incredulous look on his face as the helm swings freely. Then, rather gently considering the circumstance, he asks politely, "Could you bring the ship with you?"



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Dennis Sando

The following is the schedule for Vessel Safety Check Days, as of Mar 30, 2007.

While we would like as many examiners as possible at these locations on these days, it's equally important that everyone gets out doing exams whenever and wherever you can.

If you are already a qualified examiner, please work with those in your flotilla who aren't. They can help with handling the forms so you can concentrate on the exam. At the same time, they're learning the job.

If you aren't already an examiner, bug someone who is, and volunteer to help. Vessel Safety Checks are probably the most valuable one-on-one program we have! We know that we have certainly saved many lives uncovering dangerously unsafe conditions in the boats we examine. Be a part of this very important program!

Thanks in advance for all your hard work this year! Contact me at dsando@comcast.net.

Date	Location
12 May	St. Paul Yacht Club
19 May	King's Cove
27 May	Miss Croix Yacht Harbor
2 June	St. Paul Yacht Club
9 June	Port of Sunnyside
16 June	Bayport Marina
23 June	Willie's Hidden Harbor
14,15 July	Castaways
14,15 July	River Heights
14,15 July	Twin City Marina
21,22 July	Afton Marina
21,22 July	Afton City Dock
21,22 July	Windmill Marina
28 July	Hub's Landing
29 July	Watergate Marina

Division Staff Highlights

*Denny Sando SO-VE
Matt Stokes SO-MS*



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Matthew Stokes

A Flotilla Staff Officer recently asked me what my goals were for this year and what his priorities should be. I picked some of the important missions that I see as priorities in the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection area.

M Missions for 2007

America's Waterway Watch: Distribute materials, Helm sticker, brochure and wallet card. I would suggest distributing materials to the PA, PE, PV and VE folks in your flotilla. I also would encourage you to build a rapport with the local fueling facilities in your AOR. I have a great DVD that reenacts actual scenarios that shows that AWW works (I would be happy to show at a flotilla meeting).

Exotic Species: This mission is being handled by the DNR (Minnesota and Wisconsin); we will need to find our proper role regarding this issue. It does not make sense for us to re-invent the wheel; I am hoping to figure out how to help with present efforts and fill holes as needed.

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Operations Workshop held March 10.

Captain's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

Thursday evening the Division Captains Meeting convened at 1900 and continued to 2245. There were issues to be discussed including; the District Officers Policy Guide, a Records Retention Policy, the District Contingency Plan, a Business Plan, and an E-mail Policy. Additionally, we reviewed the Standing Rules for District, Divisions and Flotillas, and the Annual Unit Officers Report

The District Board meeting convened at 0830 on Friday with the posting of colors by a sharp group of CAP Cadets. The parade of state flags followed with FC Neil McMillin presenting the Minnesota Flag. The meeting continued with introductions, reports from administrative staff, sector coordinators, the Commodores report, RCO area reports, DIRAUX/OTO update, SLMR update, SUMR update, old business and new business. We also heard a National AUX Update from NACOS COMO Warren McAdams. We had a presentation from CDR Campbell, DIRAUX for 8th Coastal and who will become DIRAUX for our district in July.

Saturday was workshop day. Sessions covered the spectrum including training in IT, VE, PE, AUXINFO, IIMS, Recruiting, the RBS program and PPE. There were informational sessions such as OTO Update, RCO Q&A, Operational Resource Management and Operational Readiness. The DCP's also received training on the new BARD program. This is the Coast Guards Boating Accident Reporting Database. When fully deployed, DCP's will be able to access up-to-date boating accident information and allow them to format and filter data to their AOR

The spring conference is when we recognize accomplishments of all Auxiliarists in the 8th Western Rivers Region. Over 700 individual awards were presented throughout the weekend. A complete list of awardees will be posted on the District Member Website early in May. I am pleased to report that many Division 11 members were recognized in two Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Medals. They were for the Discover Boating tour and participating in the many 2006 Marine Events. The Outstanding Flotilla Award for Division 11 went to Flotilla 11-01. I will have visited each flotilla to present the awards to members by the end of April.

Bill Harris

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Marine Safety...

Stop the Drops: Another great way to build a working relationship with the fueling facilities. It is important to point out that we are there for education and not Law Enforcement or regulatory efforts; this will allow you to see exactly what they are doing and they won't feel the need to withhold information. All of these businesses are to have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan with their respective state agencies (MNPCA and WIDNR). The holes in those plans that I have witnessed are the incidental spills that occur during fueling, i.e. overfills and drops overboard. I see the importance of training gas-dock employees the proper techniques available to keep fuel out of the water.

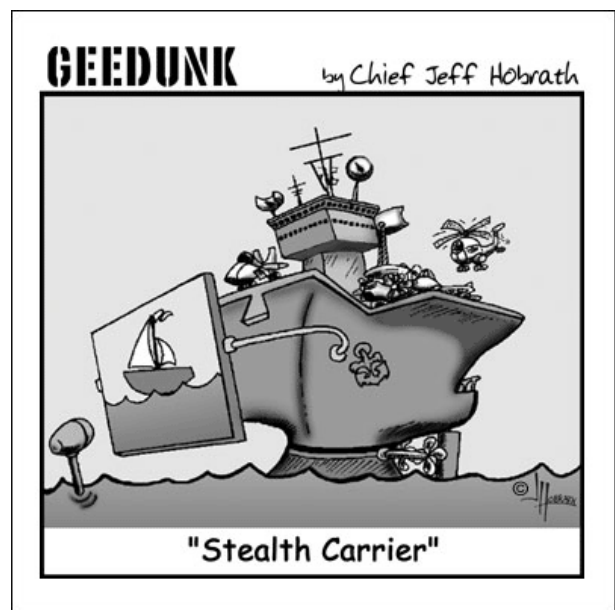
Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD): This one is new to me and I feel that it is best approached by letting people know not to discharge directly to the river. I have heard general complaints of marina neighbors knowing that someone doesn't seem to pump-out as often as they should. There is literature that is available for distribution; the best outlet may be the gas docks.

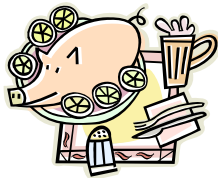
Immediate needs: Find out your fellow Flotilla Staff Officers plans and what M Department oriented literature they have and need. We can get that ordered and have that to you as soon as possible.

Overall Goal: I want the Marine Safety and Environmental department to get the message out to the general public regarding the above issues and be seen as a functional force. I think that you will be able to achieve much through working with your fellow Staff Officers and forging relationships with Marine retailers in your AOR.

In closing; it is important to fill out your paperwork to let those up the chain that we are active, responsible and effective. I am here to help you attain these and other goals; contact me and I will be happy to help.

Matt Stokes.





Division Pig Roast

Mark your calendars!
Saturday August 11
Watch for Future Announcements

Meeting Highlights

- PPE supplies are in. A 538 form must be signed for equipment received. DCP Harris asked each flotilla to come up with a "wish list"
- New ODU's are coming out in the near future.
- A new LCD projector has been purchased.
- There are changes to the re-qualification process for Coxswain and Crew in 2007. It has changed to a 3-year check ride with a QE. There is an increase from 8 hours to 12 hours the minimum hours per year to maintain your qualifications. The QE ride must be booked in advance thru the FC and it is not a mentoring session. OTO Leavell has indicated he may want check rides done by another division or the OTO himself. The QE mission is a Coast Guard program, not the Auxiliary.
- Anyone needed to do the PFD swim should contact Flotilla 11-02 as they will be conducting one at the St. Thomas pool this spring.
- The DCP recommends members check out "Added Value Training." More info regarding this training is available on the AUX web sites.
- A "SAIL AWAY" fellowship event is in the planning. This would be a division wide boating get together.
- Flotilla 1 had an awards banquet recognizing the efforts within their group.
- Flotilla 2 has been active in PA including the Minneapolis Boat Show and the Great Lakes Shipwreck and Diving Show with an Auxiliary information booth.
- Flotilla 4 has nine recruits lined up and entertained them at their March "Corned Beef and Cabbage," meeting.
- Flotilla 5 has some potential recruits and is working on expanding member training.
- Flotilla 7 also has prospective new members and there are plans for FC Furman's air facility, being on static display in St. Cloud Air Festival.
- Flotilla 8 has new members is very actively pursuing member training.

April-July Division Calendar

11	APR	DIVISION 11 MEETING	DCP
17	APR	FLOTILLA 11-05 MEETING	FC 11-05
18	APR	FLOTILLA 11-01 MEETING	FC 11-01
18	APR	FLOTILLA 11-07 MEETING	FC 11-07
18	APR	FLOTILLA 11-08 MEETING	FC 11-08
19	APR	FLOTILLA 11-02 MEETING	FC 11-02
19	APR	FLOTILLA 11-04 MEETING	FC 11-04
21	APR	ATON VERIFIER TRAINING	SO-AN, -MT
9	MAY	DIVISION 11 MEETING	DCP
12	MAY	VE DAY ST PAUL Y C	SO-VE
15	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-05 MEETING	FC 11-05
16	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-01 MEETING	FC 11-01
16	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-07 MEETING	FC 11-07
16	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-08 MEETING	FC 11-08
17	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-02 MEETING	FC 11-02
17	MAY	FLOTILLA 11-04 MEETING	FC 11-04
19	MAY	VE DAY KINGS COVE	SO-VE
27	MAY	VE DAY MISS CROIX	SO-VE
2	JUN	VE DAY ST PAUL Y C	SO-VE
9	JUN	VE DAY SUNNYSIDE	SO-VE
9	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-02 OPTEX	FC 11-02
13	JUN	DIVISION 11 MEETING	DCP
16	JUN	VE DAY BAYPORT	SO-VE
19	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-05 MEETING	FC 11-05
20	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-01 MEETING	FC 11-01
20	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-07 MEETING	FC 11-07
20	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-08 MEETING	FC 11-08
21	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-02 MEETING	FC 11-02
21	JUN	FLOTILLA 11-04 MEETING	FC 11-04
23	JUN	VE DAY WILLIES HARBOR	SO-VE
30	JUN	DIV 11 OPTEX	SO-OP, -MT
11	JUL	DIVISION 11 MEETING	
14	JUL	VE DAY CASTAWAYS	SO-VE
14	JUL	VE DAY TWIN CITY MARINA	SO-VE
15	JUL	VE DAY CASTAWAYS	SO-VE
15	JUL	VE DAY TWIN CITY MARINA	SO-VE
17	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-05 MEETING	FC 11-05
18	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-01 MEETING	FC 11-01
18	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-07 MEETING	FC 11-07
18	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-08 MEETING	FC 11-08
19	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-02 MEETING	FC 11-02
19	JUL	FLOTILLA 11-04 MEETING	FC 11-04
21	JUL	VE DAY AFTON	SO-VE
21	JUL	VE DAY AFTON CITY DOCK	SO-VE
21	JUL	VE DAY WINDMILL	SO-VE
22	JUL	VE DAY AFTON	SO-VE
22	JUL	VE DAY AFTON CITY DOCK	SO-VE
22	JUL	VE DAY WINDMILL	SO-VE
28	JUL	VE DAY HUBS LANDING	SO-VE
29	JUL	VE DAY WATERGATE	SO-VE