



THE CUTTER

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Flotilla 11-2, Twin Cities Metro South, Minnesota
Division 11, 8th Coast Guard District Western Rivers

April 2010

www.8wrdiv11.org/flotilla2/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 3 OPS, IT, VE, PV, 1hr. TCT Workshops 0800-1630
Maplewood Fire Station #3
2001 McMenemy Street
- 5, 8, 12, 19, 20 ACN PE Class 1900-2100
Lehman's Garage, Inc.
- 6 & 8 Boat Crew Academy-Nav Class
- 10 & 24 ABS PE Class 0730-1700
Lehman's Garage, Inc.
- 10 8hr TCT 0800
Maplewood Fire Station #7
1530 County Road C E
- 14 Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg.
- 15 **Flotilla Meeting 1900**
133rd Air Lift
- 28 Division Staff Meeting
- May 3, 4 ATON Workshop 1800-2100
Maplewood Public Words Lunch Rm.
- 8 ABS PE Class 0730-1700
Lehman's Garage Inc.
- 12 Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg.
- 20 **Flotilla Meeting 1900**
133rd Air Lift
- 21, 22 Boat Crew Academy-OPS @ SPYC
22, 23 Boy Scouts

FC UPDATE

I would like to thank all the Flotilla 2 members who volunteered to help at the 2010 District 8WR Spring Symposium. Bravo Zulu for a job well done.

At the Friday business meeting, Lt. Zekus from the St. Paul MSD presented Barry Berg with the Trident Device. Trident Marine Safety Device is awarded in recognition of the knowledge and skills the Auxiliarist has attained in the area of marine safety. The same standard as the U.S. Coast Guard uses to award the device to active duty and reserve members. Well done Barry.

The Coast Guard and District 8WR awards for 2009 were presented at the Saturday night banquet. Flotilla 2 members who received awards are:

Coast Guard Award

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation
Barry Berg, Chuck Woodward, Neil McMillin, Trent Jensen, Steve Putnoki, Bob Heinz

District Awards

Strike Force Award for 100 or more hours in Instruction

Bob Burck, Craig Campbell

Runner Up for Instructor of the Year

Bob Burck

Strike Force Award for 300 or more hours in Operations

Barry Berg, Neil McMillin

The next award was earned by all of the hard working members of Flotilla 2:

Commodore's Award for Outstanding Flotilla in Division 11.

Congratulations to all of you.

Welcome aboard to our newest member Jim West.

Craig Campbell, Flotilla Commander

PUBLIC EDUCATION

INSTRUCTOR PE HOURS THROUGH MARCH 21

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>ABS</u>	<u>NAV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CAMPBELL, CRAIG	9.00	11.00	20.00
FORBY, DAN	9.00	13.50	22.50
JENSEN, TRENT	9.00		9.00
MCMILLIN, NEIL	1.50	4.00	5.50
NELSON, SHIRLEY	9.00		9.00
PETERSON, JOHN		6.50	6.50
STEARNS, REX	2.50		2.50
STOKES, MATTHEW	2.50		2.50
TRUESDELL, WRIGHT		13.50	13.50
WHITTEN, TED	9.00		9.00
TOTALS	51.50	48.50	100.00

So far we have completed three ABS classes with a total of 12 students. We have three more weeks of ACN with one civilian student and two Auxiliarists. We really need to examine whether or not we want to hold an ACN class next year. Hopefully the new AUX-NAV course will be available by then. I did see a demonstration of AUXNAV on "GoToMeeting" on the internet at the spring symposium. It was very well done and of great interest.

There are three ABS classes left on our schedule which are set for April 10 & 24 and May 8.

Dan Forby FSO PE

INFORMATION SERVICES

The email forms site is now showing the **7030** Activity Report-Mission revised as of 03/18/10, so you might want to try using it instead of have to scan a copy and attach it to an email. The 7038 Activity Report-Vessel Examination and the 7046 Activity Report-RBSVP are also available on the site. They are easy to use. When you have finished filling out the 7030 form, just type my email address and your email address separated only by a comma in the red framed box and click on the submit button. With the 7038 and 7046, there are two red framed boxes one for your email and one (recipient's) my email.

All members should be sending in their reports on a monthly basis. Every Sunday they update AUXINFO which you can access without a password. To access AUXINFO go to the district web site (users.monnet.com/district8wr) scroll down the left side and under Resources you will see the link.

Good luck and have fun.

Shirley Nelson FSO-IS

Day on the Alder

Flotilla member Barry Berg, working with LCDR MaryEllen Durley on a USCG academy project in September 2009 were joined by FC Craig Campbell. At that time, LCDR Durley, who is Captain of the USCGC Alder (WLB216), invited them and as many members

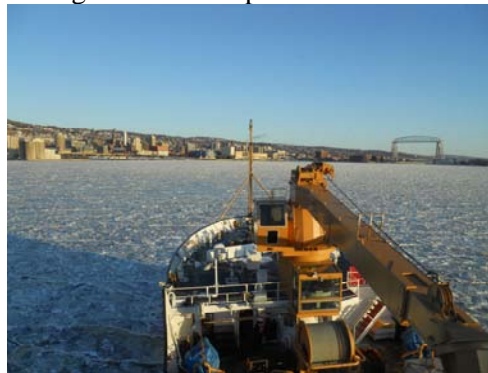


USCGC Alder WLB 216
Photo taken by Trent Jensen

of our flotilla as she had PPEs for to go on a cruise on the Alder. In the beginning of January up to 10 members of our flotilla were invited to go on the last ice breaking

cruise as her personal guests. Unfortunately we only had about 48 hours' notice due to security considerations for ship's movement. Barry Berg, Chad Nordling, and I accepted the invitation and headed to Duluth for an 8 AM departure as LCDR Durley's personal guests to spend a day on the cutter while it broke ice in Duluth Harbor.

The Captain and crew of the Alder were extremely welcoming and accommodating. A highlight was the three of us were invited for both breakfast and lunch aboard as the personal guest of Ms. Durley. I have always wanted to go out on an icebreaker simply because the strength of them impresses me so much.



View of Duluth harbor and lift bridge from the bridge of USCGC Alder
Photo taken by Trent Jensen

This was the first chance I've had and thanks to Ms. Durley and her crew it was one of the best experiences I've had in the Auxiliary, and a lasting memory.

While talking to Ms. Durley, an issue that seems to be a common one was mentioned that the ship could always use more personnel. Due to small budgets, many units are operating without extra staffing to help take pressure off of the unit. If Auxiliarists are willing to dedicate the time to get properly trained and qualified, then follow through dedicating some time after training, the Alder, her captain and crew would be grateful for their help. I

would also say that with a ship such as the Alder, given any chance to work with them would be worthwhile and very rewarding.

Overall the time I have spent in augmentation with the active duty has been very rewarding and enjoyable. The time I spent on the Alder was no exception. I would like to promote augmentation and tell other Auxiliaries that if they have the time it is rewarding to spend it augmenting. On behalf of Barry, Chad, and myself, I would again like to thank LCDR Durley, the Captain and her crew of the Alder for a great experience.

Trent A. Jensen FSO-VE

**NATIONAL IT SCHOOL,
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY**

OR

HOW I BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR

by: Lloyd Fanum

Part 14

On Monday morning, 15 March 2010, the headlines in my home town paper read: "Mission Impossible actor Peter Graves dies at 83".

Peter Graves was a well known movie actor and TV personality. Graves played his most famous TV character from 1967 to 1973 in Mission Impossible.

You will recall in the last two months' articles, I mentioned that I was on a mission, under cover, and I played the theme song from "Mission Impossible" on my tape recorder at IT school. While the other students gave their reports on Boating Skills and Seamanship, I confessed that I was not an instructor.

This led to the instructor handing me the new test papers on "How to Become an Instructor". Upon completion, I turned in my test papers to be corrected.

It was then time for our lunch break from 1200 to 1330.

After lunch, the instructor said he had two announcements. The first one was, "We now have a brand new Coast Guard Auxiliary instructor. Lloyd Fanum has passed his test on how to become an instructor." To my surprise, this caused quite a celebration from the students with hand shakes and pats on the back.

Next the instructor announced that for tonight's graduation party, it was customary to elect a student from the instructor school to be tonight's master of ceremonies. Someone from the back of the room shouted, I nominate Lloyd Fanum as our master of ceremonies for tonight's graduation party. Several students seconded the nomination. A hand vote was taken and I was railroaded as tonight's master of ceremonies.

-----to be continued next month-----



Dan Forby-Apr 9
AnnMarie Broom-Apr 17
Ted Whitten-Apr 23
Wright Truesdell-Apr 27
Dody Preiner-May 9
Steve Jones-May 13
John Ceryes-May 18
Clif Brochman-May 21
John Hepola-May 22

**¿Got Questions?
We'll find the Answers**

Under international and inland rules what do two short blasts mean?

I am turning or intend to turn to port.

Soon all of the hard water will be gone and you will need to get your boat ready for the Operation season



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Suggestions, comments and articles you may have to this publication should be directed to FSO-PB - email to condogulf@aol.com

Please submit articles for the next CUTTER no later than **0900—Wednesday, 28 April 2010.**