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A. ALL HANDS - Commandant's Change of Command

Admiral Thad Allen

Guardians, later today, I will be relieved as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard by Admiral Robert Papp. It has been an honor to serve as your Commandant for the past four years and I am confident in Admiral Papp's ability to lead the Service during a period of tremendous changes, challenges, and opportunities. The value of the U.S. Coast Guard has never been greater than it is today and it is the men and women of our great Service who truly make it all possible.

After the Change of Command ceremony, I will continue to serve as the National Incident Commander for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill for some period of time but I wanted to take this final opportunity to thank you for your tremendous commitment, dedication, and courage over the past four years.

When I became the Commandant in 2006, I issued a number of orders that I thought were necessary to meet the challenges we faced then and set the conditions for future success. With your help we have accomplished a great deal. We transformed our acquisition process, enhanced our marine safety capability and capacity, created a new and more effective support structure for our Reserve Forces, stood up the Force Readiness Command and Deployable Operations Group, created the Maritime Enforcement Rating, and transformed our maintenance and logistics processes. At the same time we met operational challenges in piracy off the Horn of Africa, the tsunami in America Samoa, the earthquake in Haiti, and more recently the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. We accomplished all of that without losing focus on our broader mission set. We continued to interdict drugs and made major strides to eliminate the use of self propelled semi-submersibles. We deployed wireless biometric capability to significantly reduce illegal alien migration. At the same time we saved countless lives.

In the last six years, we have also strengthened our relationships within the Department of Homeland Security. Through the completion of the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, we helped mature the Department and build the Nation's homeland security enterprise.

In the process we enhanced our ties to the Department of Defense. We held unprecedented staff talks with the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army Corps of Engineers



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and the National Guard Bureau. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and I cosigned "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower" and Naval Operating Concepts. We forged stronger bonds with our interagency partners in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Maritime Administration, Drug Enforcement Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and the Department of the Interior. Finally, we strengthened our international ties with our hemispheric partners and through the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum and North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum. Together, we raised the visibility of Coast Guard missions to our external stakeholders and our international partners.

The common thread connecting each of these of initiatives and actions, and my overarching goal as Commandant, was for the Coast Guard to become more change-centric. to sense changes in our operational environment and have the courage to make course corrections before problems overwhelm us or we have terms dictated to us externally. To do that we must become more diverse, adapt to new technologies, and embrace social media as well. I believe we have become more change-centric and a learning organization that capitalizes on lessons learned. Nowhere has this been more evident than in our responses to the devastating earthquake in Haiti and in our leading role to the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The world has seen the value of the U.S. Coast Guard in action. We protect, defend, and save America's maritime interests wherever they are at stake - that is the legacy you have left for our future Guardians to embrace.

In spite of our operational successes, challenges remain. Our operations are not risk free and we have known the pain at the loss of shipmates from USCGC HEALY, MSST Anchorage, CG 6505, and CG 1705. Our promise to them is to prevent future accidents and insure we create the safest possible environment for our personnel. The Coast Guard will meet future challenges because of our multi-mission nature, bias for action, and the incredible talent and dedication of our people. As we look to the future, I encourage each of you to be insatiably curious, to be life-long learners, to look after your shipmates, and, finally, to seize every chance to apply your leadership skills, talent, and competencies when the opportunity presents itself.

I am incredibly proud of all our active duty members, reservists, civilians and Auxiliarists. No matter how fiercely the winds of change swirl around us, our people stabilize the Service. You are America's Maritime Guardians and your country needs you now more than ever. It has been my extraordinary honor to have been your Commandant and I am excited to see where you will take the organization in the future. Fair winds.



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B. Meet The New Leadership Team

Christopher Lagan

This morning's change of command marked the completion of the Coast Guard's transition to a new leadership team which will guide the service over the next four years. And, while much of the talk over the coming days and weeks will be about "Admiral Papp's Coast Guard" we wanted to introduce you to the woman and the men who will help Admiral Papp steady the course and fulfill his vision of the Coast Guard.

Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard – The new Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard brings 35 years of experience to bear to her new job. As second in command and Chief Operating Officer, Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara is charged with executing the Commandant's strategic intent and managing internal organizational governance.

Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard – A 28-year career in the Coast Guard has prepared Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Michael Leavitt to execute his duties. He will serve as the most senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and report directly to the Commandant of the Coast Guard as a personal advisor and assistant in matters affecting the enlisted members of the Coast Guard, both active and reserve, and their families.

Master Chief Mark Allen, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force – As the fifth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force, Master Chief Mark Allen will draw upon 33-years of service in reporting directly to the Commandant of the Coast Guard as a principal advisor and advocate for the men and woman of the Coast Guard Reserve.

"I am proud to serve alongside this exceptionally talented group of leaders," said, Admiral Papp. "They are all very experienced professionals who have been tried and tested in the field."

The leadership team will draw on nearly a century of combined experience to advise the Commandant of the Coast Guard on policy that impact everything from how we do business to how we treat the families of service members.

Please join us in welcoming the new leadership team aboard and wishing them success as they take the Coast Guard forward over the next four years.



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C. Change of Command: Commandant of the Coast Guard Christopher Lagan



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Admirals Allen and Papp listen to the National Anthem during the Coast Guard change of Command. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Bender)

In a time-honored change of command ceremony presided over by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Robert J. Papp assumed command as the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard. Admiral Papp's relief of Admiral Thad Allen marks the conclusion of the transition to a new leadership team for the Coast Guard over the next four years.

"I am honored to serve as the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard," said Admiral Papp. "When I assumed the duties from Admiral Thad Allen at noon today, it concluded a series of key rotations and marked the setting of a new watch to lead our service."

Papp is expected to be a much more traditional type of commandant than the "unexpected admiral" who preceded him in Admiral Allen, but his respect for his predecessor was clearly on display.

"Admiral Allen is a true public servant and visionary, I thank him for his service," said Papp.

Papp assumes command at a challenging time for the Coast Guard. The service continues to respond to the worst environmental disaster in decades as oil continues to pour into the Gulf of Mexico. The Coast Guard is also facing potential cuts to its budget and workforce in the years ahead.



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Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano presides as Adm. Robert J. Papp Jr., relieves Adm. Thad W. Allen as Coast Guard Commandant during the Coast Guard. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Kip Wadlow)

As for Admiral Allen, in a somewhat unprecedented move, Napolitano has asked him to stay on as the National Incident Commander responding to the Gulf oil spill. The combination of Allen's credibility in the region following Hurricane Katrina and his familiarity with the response he has overseen for the past month likely proved deciding factors in the decision. Admiral Allen made it clear, however, that the presence of two four-star Coast Guard admirals should not raise questions as to the leadership of the Coast Guard.

"I have the utmost confidence in Admiral Papp's and Admiral Brice-O'Hara's ability to lead the Coast Guard during a period of tremendous changes, challenges and opportunities," said Admiral Allen. "The new leadership team is well equipped to continue to elevate the value of the U.S. Coast Guard to America and the global maritime community."

The change-of-watch ceremony is a time-honored event preserved by rich heritage of naval tradition. It is a formal custom that is designed to strengthen the respect of authority, which is vital to any military organization. The climax of the ceremony is reached when both members read their orders, face one another, salute and transfer responsibility of the command. This also provides the entire command with the knowledge that the member directed by proper authority is taking command and is an opportunity to witness this transfer of responsibility.



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D. Admiral Robert Papp: 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard
 Christopher Lagan



Admiral Robert J. Papp assumed command of the United States Coast Guard in a change of command ceremony teeming with naval tradition. Upon relieving Admiral Thad Allen of his command, the new commandant wasted no time in sharing his vision of the Coast Guard’s future through a video message to the men and women of the service.

“We will set a course that: Steadies the Service, Honors our Profession, Strengthens our Partnerships, and Respects our Shipmates.”

Admiral Papp’s promise to steady the service comes at a time of great uncertainty for many throughout the Coast Guard. His reputation as a man who both demands nothing short of the very best from and equally looks out for his shipmates is well-known.

“We have the honor and privilege of performing meaningful work that is essential to the long term safety and security of our country. I know you are capable of heroic and extraordinary deeds, but I will not ask you to do more than our resources allow. At the



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same time, we must do our absolute best with what we have to sustain mission excellence. We owe it to our country and our Shipmates. I expect nothing better. You should accept nothing less.”

Papp proudly holds the distinction of being the fleet’s Gold Ancient Mariner as the services longest serving cutterman in the officer ranks. This ceremonial title may not mean much to those outside the service, but it provides those under Papp’s command with a sense of confidence that their leader is in fact a man whose desk may be in Washington, D.C. but whose heart is underway with the men and women who go out and perform the Coast Guard’s missions everyday.

“Over the last two years I figuratively, and literally, made a round of the ship by visiting and talking with thousands of shipmates, and I listened to them. I have heard loud and clear that you remain committed to mission excellence, but you need the resources – the ships, aircraft, boats, communications systems & shore infrastructure, to keep up with increasingly challenging missions in the unforgiving maritime environment.”

A 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, Papp has commanded four of the six cutters upon which he has served – Red Beech, Papaw, Forward, and the training barque Eagle. He served as the commander of a task unit during Operation Able Manner augmented U.S. Navy forces during Operation Uphold Democracy off the coast of Haiti in 1994. As a flag officer, Admiral Papp most recently served as Atlantic Area Commander following on tours as Chief of Staff, Ninth District Commander, and Director of Reserve and Training.

E. Change of Watch: Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard

Christopher Lagan

Admiral Thad Allen presided over the final change of watch ceremony preceding tomorrow’s Commandant Change of Command. During today’s change of watch, Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O’Hara relieved Vice Admiral David Pekoske as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O’Hara is known for her grace under pressure, intelligence and dedication to the Coast Guard. What many may not know is that the woman who will now serve as the second highest ranking officer in the Coast Guard fully intended on a career as a social worker



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<p>Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard (U.S. Coast Guard photo)</p>	<p>Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara inspects the honor guard during a change of command ceremony in 2005. (USCG photo by PA3 John D. Miller.)</p>

Back in 1974, fresh out of Goucher College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, she started her career as a social worker where she worked with juveniles in the court system. Shortly into that career she decided the job simply didn't enable her to make enough of a difference.

In 1975, she attended Officer Candidate School and received her commission in the Coast Guard. This time period was ground breaking for women in the Coast Guard as they had just started letting women into the officer corps in 1973. Brice-O'Hara is no stranger to changes in the Coast Guard, she was a pioneer, working in units that had never included female service members before.

"What I have found is that you demonstrate your capabilities, you perform well, you work hard and then everyone sees that you are a vital component and that you can all live together," Brice-O'Hara said about being at units that had not had women assigned to them before.

Vice Admiral Brice-O'Hara has served from coast to coast, from Alaska to Washington D.C. As the Commander of 14th District in Honolulu, her area of responsibility covered
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12 million square miles of ocean, including Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Japan and Singapore. While the district might be the largest geographic area of responsibility in the Coast Guard, it has the smallest work force. At a time when the Coast Guard is facing a plethora of changes, and being asked to do more every day, Brice-O'Hara's experience in getting the mission done with limited resources will be beneficial to the service.

"The men and women who serve in the Coast Guard have immeasurable courage to face the types of missions that we endure, their fortitude is admirable. We go out in the kinds of conditions that no one else will go out in." Brice-O'Hara said during a visit to South Korea aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Rush in 2006 on a mission to engage in an exchange of ideas and techniques with other coast guards operating in the region.

Brice-O'Hara once again found herself in the position of an ambassador for women during that deployment, as almost no other member country in the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum has a woman in such a notable position, or in any form of command. It was an inspirational visit, not just for the women on the CGC Rush, but for all women she encountered on that trip.

"VADM Brice-O'Hara is an outstanding leader who brings to the job superlative expertise and commitment," said Vice Admiral David Pekoske, who Brice-O'Hara relieved as vice commandant, in an all-hands e-mail. "The transition of senior leadership offers the organization the opportunity for healthy change and improvement. I encourage you to embrace the change and provide VADM Brice-O'Hara the same remarkable support that you provided to me."

Brice-O'Hara most recently served as the Deputy Commandant for Operations, where she had the chance to see the vast scope of what the Coast Guard faces today, and she is an officer that is greatly experienced in facing change in our service.

"Our motto, Semper Paratus, serves as a constant reminder that we must retain a 'bias for action,' always prepared to go into harm's way in the service of others."

F. Change of Watch: Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Christopher Lagan

Earlier today, Admiral Thad Allen presided over the second of three change of watch ceremonies that will culminate in the Commandant Change of Command ceremony as the Coast Guard bids welcome to a new leadership team.



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Master Chief Petty Officer Skip Bowen is relieved by Master Chief Petty Officer Michael Leavitt as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard as Admiral Thad Allen presides over the Change of Watch. (U.S. Coast Guard photo)

During today's Change of Watch, Master Chief Michael Leavitt relieved Master Chief Skip Bowen as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG). The MCPOCG is the most senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and reports directly to the Commandant of the Coast Guard as a personal advisor and assistant in matters affecting the enlisted members of the Coast Guard, both active and reserve, and their families.

"Master Chief Leavitt has demonstrated his commitment to our core values by his outstanding performance during a 28-year Coast Guard career," said Vice Admiral David Pecoske in an all-hands message to the men and women of the Coast Guard. "Based on his professional knowledge, commitment to the entire workforce, and dedication to the service, he will be a great addition to the Coast Guard senior leadership team."

Upon relieving the watch, MCPO Leavitt became the eleventh MCPO-CG in Coast Guard history. MCPO Bowen had held the position since 2006.

"I thank Master Chief Bowen for his 32-years of exceptional military service to the Coast Guard and the nation," VADM Pecoske continued in his message. "Throughout his tenure, he elevated the core values of the service to new heights in the eyes of our external stakeholders. As a leader, he epitomized the Guardian Ethos."

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G. Setting The Watch

ADM Robert Papp

Shipmates, I am honored to serve as the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard. When I assumed the duties from Admiral Thad Allen at noon today, it concluded a series of key rotations and marked the setting of a new watch to lead our service.

Serving with me on this watch are Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant, Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and Master Chief Mark Allen, Master Chief Petty Officer of Reserve Forces. Each assumed their duties over the past ten days. They are all very experienced professionals who have been tried and tested in the field. We are also joined by Vice Admiral Robert Parker, Commander, Atlantic Area, Vice Admiral Manson Brown, Commander Pacific Area, Vice Admiral John Currier, Chief-of-Staff and Future Deputy Commandant of Mission Support and Rear Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations. I am proud to serve alongside this exceptionally talented group of leaders.

My watch will be guided by the following vision for our service:

We are defined by our missions, people and heritage. We will selflessly serve our country and perform our duties in a manner that secures the trust and confidence of mariners and citizens alike. We will set a course that steadies the service, honors our profession, strengthens our partnerships and respects our shipmates.

This vision will be achieved by the incoming watch through clear focus on select projects and initiatives currently under way in our service. Instead of creating new tasking, we intend to emphasize vital initiatives, leverage teams that are in place now and move these efforts forward to completion. I will provide more specifics in the coming weeks.

I often use the term Shipmate. You need to know that this is a team of endearment for me that represents a common bond across the entire Coast Guard family and all mission



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communities. There is no higher compliment in my opinion than being called a Shipmate and no better goal than being a good one.

Admiral Allen will continue his service as the National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill managing the overall federal response. I am glad he accepted this last assignment as it will enable me to focus on the Coast Guard's response, and serving you as Commandant of the Coast Guard. Admiral Allen is a true public servant and visionary, I thank him for his service.

I encourage all Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, auxiliary, families and retirees to bookmark and initiate RSS feed from the senior leadership web page at www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership. We intend to use this location during our watch to post information and address subjects that are important to our service.

All standing orders remain in effect, set the watch and carry out the routine of the day.

H. Guardian of the Week: Admiral Thad Allen

Christopher Lagan

Admiral Thad Allen often refers to himself as “the unlikely Admiral.” Equal parts Mike Ditka (Allen was a linebacker for the Coast Guard Academy Bears) and Scotty from Star Trek (his M.I.T. intellect and passion for technology are well known), Allen appears more at home wearing working blues in the midst of a crisis than in service-dress blues on Capitol Hill testifying before Congress. Yet, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, it was Admiral Allen’s no-nonsense attitude and willingness to tackle the tough issues that justified both the stars on his shoulder and made him the obvious choice to be the 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard.

“He performed magnificently in a crisis,” Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told USA Today with respect to Allen’s handling of Hurricane Katrina. “Nobody could have done it better.”

The son of retired chief petty officer Clyde Allen, Admiral Allen’s ascension to the highest position in the Coast Guard could hardly have been foreseen when Ensign Thad Allen graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1971 but it makes sense when you look back on his career. Over 39 years of service, Allen has held nine operational commands at sea and ashore conducting missions to support America’s maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship interests. Along the way, he found the time to earn two graduate degrees – Master of Public Administration from the George Washington University and Master of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of



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Technology. He is a respected member of the international policy community and a regular at gatherings of the International Maritime Organization.



Allen talks with two New Orleans evacuees in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. (Photo by Greg Henshall / FEMA)



This portrait of Admiral Thad Allen, 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard, will hang in Coast Guard headquarters alongside those of his predecessors. Note the map of New Orleans on the wall and the Chief's cover on the sidetable commemorating Allen's role in the response to Hurricane Katrina and honoring his father's service to the Coast Guard. The portrait was painted by artist Michele Rushworth. (U.S. Coast Guard illustration).

“He’s just one of those guys,” said former Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral James Loy in a recent New York Times interview. “If the challenge is to take the hill, you get behind him and take the hill.”

Admiral Allen’s time as Commandant of the Coast Guard will be remembered for a fundamental shift in the way the Coast Guard does business and the way the world views the United States Coast Guard. Allen’s top priorities upon taking the job were to see through the replacement of the Coast Guard’s aging fleet to carry out an organizational modernization to better support operators on the front lines and to fulfill his vision of the service as a small, multi-purpose agency prepared to protect America’s maritime interests wherever they were at stake. This declaration of purpose was accompanied by a bold move to take back control of the development of the Coast Guard’s new fleet from

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defense contractors. Allen's vision resulted in the closest working relationship between the Coast Guard and Navy since World War II and a leading role for the service in the battle against international piracy and terrorism.

"I have spent my entire life in the United States Coast Guard. I was born while my enlisted father, a Seaman on the deck force, was underway on a Coast Guard cutter. In 1967, I traded my dependent's ID card for an active duty card when I entered the United States Coast Guard Academy. I have seen life from the junior enlisted ranks as a dependent, and I have been lucky enough to advance through the organization as an active duty officer." – Vice Admiral Thad Allen during his confirmation hearing to become the 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard



U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen, who is serving as the National Incident Commander, and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, brief President Barack Obama about the situation along the Gulf Coast following the BP oil spill, at the Coast Guard Venice Center, Venice, La., Sunday, May 2, 2010. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

While the policies Allen has put in place will impact the Coast Guard for years to come, his final months in service may be what the public most remembers. The Coast Guard's swift response to the January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti resulted in hundreds, if not thousands, of lives being saved. And, Admiral Allen's appointment as National Incident Commander for the BP Oil Spill response in the Gulf of Mexico will determine the future of one of America's most significant waterways – perhaps for decades.

However, for those who have served with him, they will remember the mentor and teacher who used challenging times to offer lessons in "bureaucratic judo" and advanced applied civics. They will also remember the example who left it all on the field after having told a group of junior officers in the early 2000s, if you are going to be a flag officer, you better know what you want to do with it.

It is for all of these reasons and for four decades of service that we honor Admiral Thad Allen as our Guardian of the Week on the day that he is relieved as Commandant of the Coast Guard. Fair winds and following seas Admiral.

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I. **SPRING/SUMMER TRAFFIC AND RECREATIONAL OFF-DUTY SAFETY**

RADM Mark J. Tedesco, Director Of Health, Safety And Work-Life

1. Spring time has arrived, summer is right around the corner and many have already began planning and executing traditional outdoor activities. As we crank up our fun dials and dust off the grills, boats, jet skis, motorcycles, etc., guardians must remember that many of these activities have risks.
2. Analysis of traffic and recreational off-duty mishap reports shows that a high percentage involved the misuse of alcohol. Additional causal factors include not wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and lack of knowledge and skill needed to safely operate a boat, motorcycle or an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), or misjudging ones ability to swim in open waters. Mishaps, with the exception of those caused by factors outside our control, can be minimized or avoided if individuals would take the time to learn the risks, train for efficiency and wear proper PPE when indicated.
3. In an effort to reduce these needless mishaps, The Office Of Safety And Environmental Health, Division Of Shore Safety COMDT (CG-1132), and the Health, Safety, And Work-Life Support Activity (HSWL SUPACT) have developed the following list of resources to which guardians can refer when planning their spring and summer activities:
 - a. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg113/cg1132/default.asp> - Division of Shore Safety (CG-1132).
 - b. <http://cgweb.mlca.uscg.mil/kdiv/ksehomepage.htm> - Health, Safety And Work-Life Support Activity (HSWL SUPACT).
 - c. <http://www.safeboatingamerica.com> - Boating Safety.
 - d. <http://www.stormfax.com/safeswim.htm> - Ocean Swimming Safety Tips
 - e. <http://www.beeresponsible.com> - Anheuser Busch Responsible Drinking Campaign.
4. Resource links listed above are just a few of the many available on the internet. When planning a recreational activity, take the time to educate yourself, take a training class if available, and never conduct high risk activities, such as driving a boat or jet ski or swimming, alone or after consuming alcohol. Be the guardian, help others make the right choice. By applying simple risk management principles, guardians can enjoy their recreational activities in a safe and responsible manner.

J. **E10 Fuel Might Deliver a Knock Out Blow to Boaters**

Phillip Bailey , Public Affairs Officer

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Fuel systems and gas rules have changed – Precautions are necessary when you use E10 and look out when E15 comes onboard.

Ethanol is alcohol and will attract/absorb water into gas resulting in phase separation of fuel. Alcohol will separate from gas and settle to the bottom of the tank bringing all the water with it. The pickup pipe for the engine is in the bottom of the tank and your engine might suck up water into the engine possibly causing severe damage.

Due to the instability of gas containing alcohol, shelf life is less than 3 months. Many boaters leave fuel in their tanks for long periods of time.

E10 loaded gas will not keep in a boat's fuel tank. Many boaters leave their boats for extended periods of time. Most marine fuel tanks are vented to the outside. If your fuel tank absorbs moisture from the body of water you keep it on it will most likely phase separate.

Fuel vents on boat gas tanks allow humidity to enter fuel tanks. You should not block this vent because it is needed. By keeping the tank full you might limit the amount of moisture from humidity entering the tank.

Fuel efficiency might drop by 2 – 40% to compensate for this low efficiency. Choose an octane level above 90. Don't put fuel additives into boat tanks. Most contain alcohol. Be aware of what type of fuel you put in your boat. Install a water separator of at least 10 microns. Follow maintenance schedules very carefully. Older engines will have a hard time handling ethanol. Marinas do not have to follow the same rules in labeling E10 as service stations in their pumps.

Some symptoms of bad gas or high alcohol level include: Stalling, hesitation, smoke from exhaust, clogged fuel filters and carburetors, damage to fuel pumps and pistons, disintegration and dissolving of engine parts especially rubber and plastic, drying out of parts especially hoses, disintegration of fiberglass fuel tanks, corrosion of aluminum fuel tanks. When fuel tanks corrode inside, the fuel mixes with the dissolved tank and enters the fuel system.

Find out what your state fuel labeling laws are by going to:

http://www.fuel-testers.com/state_guide_ethanol_laws.html

Check your owner's manual for fuel recommendations.

K. Tracking Auxiliary Support Of Deepwater Horizon Response
CHDIRAUX - CG-5421



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1. The scope of the Deepwater Horizon response effort in the Gulf of Mexico calls for a more accurate means by which the Coast Guard can capture Auxiliary activities in support of it. Therefore, a new entry, "Deepwater Horizon," has been added in AUXDATA to the List of Values for the "Operation" field.
2. Auxiliarists who perform activities in support of the Deepwater Horizon response are requested to add the words, "Deepwater Horizon" in the Remarks section of their ANSC-7029 and ANSC-7030 forms when they report such activities. This applies for any type of activity that is reported in support of this response effort (e.g. - Patrols, CG Operation Support, CG Administrative Support, Travel, Preparation, etc.). This will help Flotilla and Division Staff Officers for Information Services (FSO-IS/SO-IS) ensure that such activities are properly annotated in AUXDATA.
3. Auxiliary consideration and support of this effort are greatly appreciated.

L. Deepwater Horizon Response

The Coast Guard is not currently hiring contractors for Deepwater Horizon response. BP continues to handle all contracting requirements and is the first point of contact for interested vendors. The BP phone number is (281) 366-5511. BP's e-mail address is HorizonSupport@oegllc.com.

In the event that the Coast Guard must award a contract to provide response support, active Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) contracts will be our first sources. Interested vendors should consider contacting these BOA contractors to inquire about possible sub-contracting opportunities.

The Coast Guard's industry point of contact (for Deepwater Horizon contracting questions /issues) is Ms. Pamela Barker, Pamela.Barker@uscg.mil, or phone 757-628-4123. Prospective vendors may send Ms. Barker an e-mail along with a copy of their capabilities statement, listing of equipment or capabilities they have in the Gulf area, or abilities to mobilize and provide support. In the event that the Coast Guard does have a need to hire contractors, she will then already have the vendors' information on file.