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June 13, 2009 USCGA Boating Class, Ken Wilde Instructor – Packed House!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25: Night in Venice, Ocean City
August 12: Division 8 Meeting
FL85, Civic Center, Brigantine
August 13: Flotilla 81 Picnic
Log Cabin, Margate
August 19 & 20th: AC Air Show
September 9: Division 8 Meeting
FL86, Cold Spring Church, Cape May
September 10: Flotilla 81 Meeting
Stainton Senior Center, Ocean City
September 11-13: 5NR Fall
Conference, Philadelphia
October 14: Division 8 Meeting,
Stainton Senior Center, Ocean City
October 15: Flotilla 81 Meeting, OC

FROM THE BRIDGE

Commanders Report:

It has been a busy time since the last publication. We have been working on crew training and re-qualifications. Three trainees qualified this spring as crewmen, and David Latta returned from Arizona as crew qualified. Bob Babezki, James Earle and John Bodin joined the ranks along with Dave. We are now in the process of qualifying Gloria Grumbein, Edward Henne, Dave Houghton and David Wilson as crew members. Our current re-qualifications are Ken Wilde in the spring with Ruth Keck, Terri Pierce and Janet Richardson this summer. The new crew qualifications and re-qualifications all have taken place at the "SHACK " in Cape May with QE Bruce long and Dan Hartman.

The committee of Howard Phillips, Harry Norcross, Ken Wilde, David Wilson and Alan Wood reviewed the Standing Rules, revised and updated the rules this June. The revisions were approved at the July 9th 2009 meeting by unanimous vote

of those present which constituted a quorum of the membership. The new version must be approved by Division, Auxiliary Legal dept., District Commodore and Director of Auxiliary to be come official. Once they become official each member will receive a copy of the new Standing Rules.

The new Auxiliary Helo Operations program started this spring under the direction of Lt. Jason Ingram and Auxiliary Liaison Walter Alsegg. It has been training and operational in cooperation with Air Station Atlantic City. This is a joint effort of Station AC. Air Station AC. and the Division 8 teams now under direction and coordination of Harry Norcross FSO Ops 81 for the Division 8 Auxiliary personnel. I would like to thank Harry for picking up the load of Auxiliary Liaison to Station Atlantic City and Station (Small) Great Egg along with Night in Venice, the Air shows and the Helo operations program. In his spare time I have asked him to participate in two boat

training for our new crew members he has never said no. Credit must be given to FSO-VE Charles Wilkinson for his leadership in Vessel Safety checks this year. Charles and his associate Bob Babezki have been leading the charge this season with several inspection stations and many sign offs. As of this time we have 200 inspections completed. This is a result of leaders like Charles, Bob and John Bodin who are only held back by a shortage of materials to do more. As of this time I do not have individual numbers for VE and every one has contributed. "YOU HAVE ALL DONE VERY WELL".

As of the July distribution of paperwork to the Division SO IS by Howard Phillips FSO IS, this Flotilla has contributed 4,436.0 hours of volunteer service to the United States Coast Guard in the 1st half of 2009. These hours are accomplished by about 35 dedicated and active members of this Flotilla. Thank you for all of your service.

Flotilla 81 wishes Lt. Jason

Ingram, Tonya his wife and his children health and happiness in Yorktown, Virginia as he takes on his new assignment. We can not express enough our admiration for his leadership, superior support of the Auxiliary and friendship during his command at Station Atlantic City. May you have a safe journey and smooth sailing in your future years.

Henry A. Wood FC 81

Wait a Minute, Here Are the Awards

As usual, Flotilla Members received numerous awards and commendations at the April, May, and June Flotilla meetings. Here are the awards, straight from the minutes:

April, 2009

Robert Babezki – Valued Service award for outstanding contribution to 2008 Vessel Safety Check program

John Bodin - Certificate for completion of course requirements of Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental program

Walter Alsegg – Operations Service Award plaque

At the District meeting Marilyn Hughes received an Education Award and Alan Wood received an Operations Award.

May, 2009

John Bodin – Certificate of completion of Administrative Procedures Course (APC) of US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Richard Sorokin – was awarded the Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Award for service from 10/21/2005 to 3/31/2009

June, 2009

John Bodin - Certificate of Advancement – Vessel Examiner, Certificate of Advancement – US Recreational Boating Specialist, Certification – Boat Crew Member

Robert Babezki - Certification – Boat Crew Member

James Earle - Certification – Boat Crew Member



Jim Earle receiving Crew Award 6/11/09



John Boden received Crew Member, Vessel Examiner & US Recreational Boating Specialist Awards, 6/11/09



Bob Babezki receiving Crew Award 6/11/09

Special Award

On May 29, 2009, Walter Alsegg received a very prestigious award from Lieutenant Ingram. Walt was honored with the USCG Auxiliary Achievement Award during a ceremony at the USCG Station Atlantic City. Walt received the award for his work as a liaison to the station for the past 3 years. (see picture next page.)



Walt Alsegg received the USCGA Achievement Award from Lt. Ingram @ GC Station Atlantic City. Pictured are Walt, Lt. Ingram and Walt's wife, Lyn

Happy Birthday USCGA

The following Press Release was sent by Thomas Nunes, Deputy Chief, Public Affairs Department, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

I thought it would be appropriate to include some excerpts here. We are part of a really grand organization, doing important work, and carrying out a great tradition of service.

Coast Guard Auxiliary is 70 Years Old

Washington -Seventy years ago on June 23, 1939, Congress chartered the Coast Guard Auxiliary authorizing the Coast Guard to use civilian volunteers to promote boating safety on the nation's waterways. On its 70th anniversary the Auxiliary, "America's Volunteer Guardians", continues the long tradition of helping protect boaters and all Americans.

Nationwide 30,000 Auxiliarists assist in safe guarding our harbors and provide boating education and free Vessel Safety Checks to recreational boaters. Since 1996 Congress

has authorized the Auxiliary to provide much needed support for most Coast Guard missions.

Over the decade, Auxiliary members:

- Saved 5,083 lives, assisted 141,980 people and saved \$1,460, 055, 940 in property
- Taught boating safety to 1,678,946 people with 980,000 hours of classroom work.
- Conducted 1,170,535 Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) over 579,000 hours
- Made over 418,000 visits Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits spending more than 279,000 mission hours
- Served 4,297,312 hours underway on safety patrols
- Verified 138,867 private aids to navigation
- Examined over 10,223 Commercial Fishing Vessels
- Provided 2,358,200 hours directly supporting the Coast Guard
- Served 44,417,850 hours

Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen recognizing the Auxiliary stated "...As the finest all-volunteer organization in our Nation, I consider each of you an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without your selfless devotion to duty..."

Fred's Lighthouses

It is hard to find your way around Ocean City when a big fog settles over the island. But, Fred Ruddick may have the answer. He is an avid *lighthouse* collector. Early this summer, our intrepid photo journalist Dick Keast stopped by Fred's place to get some pictures of the collection. Here are just

a few of the many lighthouses he has on hand. Dick says that Fred has a whole room full of USCGA memorabilia as well.



Fred Ruddick with his some of his lighthouse collection



Fred Ruddick's collection – Miah Maull Shoal



Fred Ruddick's collection - Ship John Shoal



Fred Ruddick's collection – Brandywine Shoal

Where's Walt-O?

Walt and Lyn Alegg are on the road again. In the tradition of Churchill, Stanely and Matt Lauer, they are sending out periodic updates. At last report, the couple had driven their RV across the border to Canada, and enjoyed the Calgary Stampede. As Walt puts it, the Stampede is like a giant state fair.

In Calgary, everyone dresses Western, so let's not be surprised if Walt gets caught out of uniform on patrols when he returns. What will FC Woods say when Walt patrols the GE Inlet with a cowboy hat? Are those boots safe on the deck of your Grady White Walt?

Their next stop is Dawson's Creek, Alaska, where they will join up with other adventurers for a caravan. Watch out for those wild animals!

United in Service

Flotilla 8-1's "Bodin Rating" got a giant boost, as Holly Bodin was sworn in this month. Holly is, of course, the wife of our FSO-OP John Bodin.



Holly Bodin Inducted 7/9/09

We have not run a list of new members in some time here in the Pelorus, so let's make sure we recognize and welcome our shipmates who joined in the last year.

Edward Henne - Mar 08
Maryann Blumer - Apr 08
Gloria Grumbein - Apr 08
David Latta - Sep 08

Donald Dunleavy - Jan 09
Justin Smith - Jan 09
Holly Bodin - Apr 09
Ronald Reichenbach (transfer)

Release Forms

Robert Babezki, FSO-CS requests that all Flotilla members submit Release Forms so that we may put your photos on our website, and in our newsletter. (Of course, if you do not wish to have

your handsome/beautiful face in our publications, please let us know.) If we do not have a release form on file, and if you have not notified us that you do not want your picture in our publications, we will simply substitute photos of famous celebrities, with your name underneath the picture in the caption. While at first, this may not seem too bad, please be advised that the only celebrity photo we have on hand is of Lassie.

Photo Gallery



Howard Phillips teaching boating safety class 6/13/09



Howard Phillips teaching 6/13/09 – class was so large it required an extra table!

(The following information is taken from www.ussny.org, the official website of the USS NEW YORK commissioning.)

Look for the Navy's newest amphibious warship USS NEW YORK (LPD 21) to grace the Manhattan skyline as she eases

into a Hudson River berth prior to her commissioning on November 7, 2009.

With seven and a half tons of Twin Towers steel welded into her bow, this 21st-century stealth ship will take a piece of New York with her wherever she goes. Her motto, 'Strength Forged through Sacrifice: Never Forget' pledges an undying commitment to freedom's defense.

The traditional order, 'Man your ship and bring her to life!' to USS NEW YORK's first skipper -- Commander Curt Jones, USN -- will convert the vessel, officers, crew and components of LPD 21 into a fully integrated, ready-for-duty warmaking machine.

