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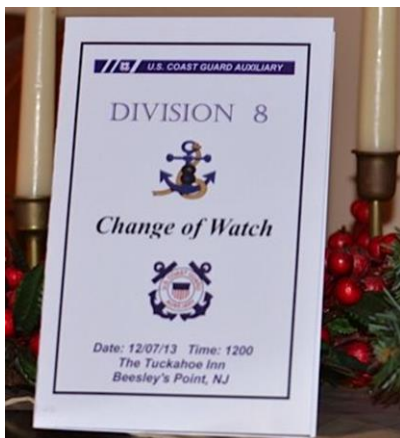
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WELCOME
PROGRESSIVE
ATLANTIC CITY
BOAT SHOW



SETTING UP THE USCG/USCG AUXILIARY DISPLAY



Division 8 Change of Watch



Santa's Comin' To Town

**“COAST GUARD
MOMS in NEED”**

**NOAA CHARTS
WILL NOT BE
PRINTED
AFTER APRIL '14.**

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From The Fo'c's'l (*folk-sel*):

My Problem With “India”

“You learn to snow ski in the summer and you learn to swim in the winter.” That statement is from a skiing training manual published by the Eastern Division of Professional Ski Instructors of America (E-PSIA). Adjusted for our purposes, it might say that you learn to be a more knowledgeable Auxiliarist during the winter.

Always fascinated by on-air communications and for no reason other than personal interest, last winter I decided to learn the phonetic (military) alphabet. At first I practiced the letters in alphabetical order but that got boring quickly. In conversation with Vince Kipp, longtime Flotilla 8-3 BSC instructor and fellow coxswain, he suggested that while driving I recite the letters on the license plates of other cars.

Several months later, he asked how I was coming along with the alphabet. “Not a problem”, I proudly answered. To my surprise, he then asked me to spell his name using that alphabet. My mind clicked into military mode and proudly I began with “Vince” and then the pro-words, “I spell.” I followed that with “Victor.” Uh-oh. I could not recall the phonetic equivalent of the letter “I”. “India,” came Vince’s voice from the phone.

Examination of the problem revealed that the letter “I” rarely appears on vehicle license plates. To remedy that problem I now recite “India” whenever I see the numeral “one”, I have improved my newly attained military skill. Isn’t it a shame that all problems cannot be fixed that easily? Of course, the one drawback is that I must continue practicing or the skill will erode. You know, “What you don’t use, you lose.”

Depending on your personal interests, learning/training can be complex or simple. It might involve committing to season long private or group lessons and/or travelling to attend various classroom sessions. Or it might simply mean taking advantage of a training session on your home computer or doing physical things in your home or neighborhood. Or even both of the above, complex and simple. Either way, it’s worth the effort.

If you have any individual or group training/learning experiences that you would like to share with fellow members, please send them to me for publication in a future issue.

Looking forward to an “offseason” with lots of learning/training opportunities.

Howard Friedman, SO-PB

Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo	Foxtrot	Golf	Hotel	
India	Juliet	Kilo	Lima	Mike	November	Oscar	Papa	Quebec
Romeo	Sierra	Tango	Uniform	Victor	Whiskey	X-Ray	Yankee	Zulu

A Rare Opportunity For 5NR Multi-Divisional Member Interaction

While providing traditional Auxiliary services to the recreational boating public, the Atlantic City Indoor Power Boat Show provides a rare opportunity for interested members to share information and stories with members of different divisions within our District (5NR) and a chance to obtain productive ideas to present to their “home” flotillas. Of course, seeing the many new marine products and improvements, the entertainment displays, and attending mechanical and fishing instructional seminars are also benefits of “working” the Show.

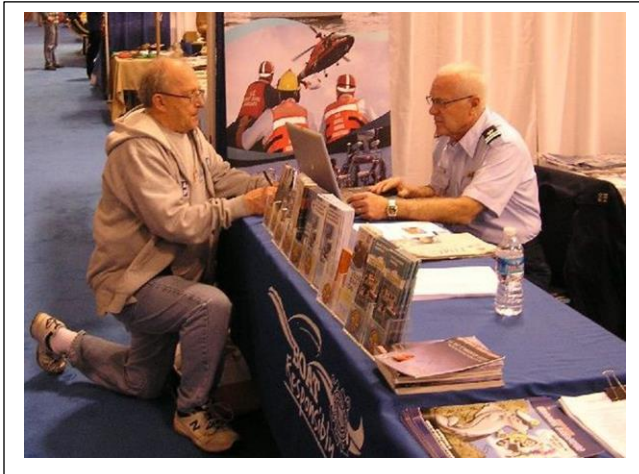
This year, twenty five (25) members of Division 8 were among the ninety six (96) members from eight other 5NR divisions that manned the USCG Auxiliary booth from Wednesday, February 5 to Sunday, February 9.

Organized by Bob Babezki (8-1), the Auxiliary display was overseen by five daily booth captains: Frank Stewart (13-7), Tom Nyman (8-5), Bill Hartley (8-3), Joe Smith (7-11) and Babezki. Members representing six qualifications (HR, PA, PE, PV, OP, VE) were present during most of the 3.5 hour shifts so that any type of boating question could be directed to a member who possessed the appropriate knowledge.

Photos by Howard Friedman (8-3) & Lou Hahn (8-6)



The AC Boat Show - 5NR Multi-Divisional Member Interaction (cont'd)



DIVISION 8 CHANGE OF WATCH – December 7, 2013

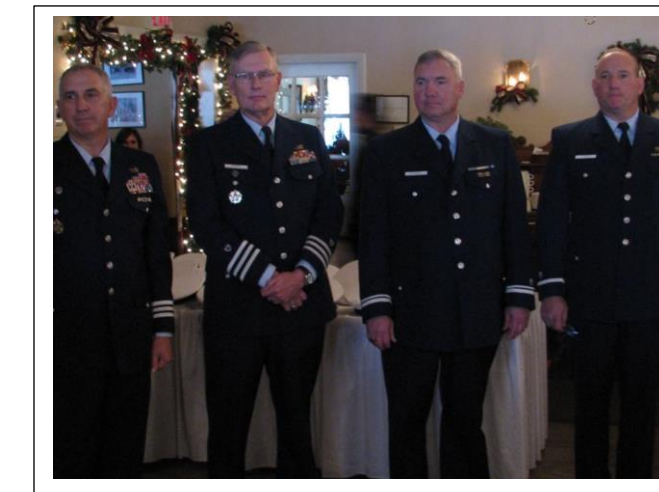
Organized by: Past Division Commander Dan Hartman (8-2) and Past Division Captain Marilyn Hughes (8-1)
Photos by: Caroline Baker (8-4), Howard Friedman (8-3), Lou Hahn (8-6), Marie Librizzi (8-5),
Ernie Phillips (8-4), and John Tredennick (8-2)

The annual Division Change of Watch affords members and their partners the opportunity to spend a pleasurable afternoon enjoying the company of fellow Division 8 members and officers along with invited District 5NR officers. Also, in attendance are invited Gold Side (USCG) officers representing Diraux, Sector Delaware Bay, TRACEN Cape May, Station Atlantic City, and Station Cape May.

After everyone was seated, Carol Hartman read the traditional dedication of the Missing Comrades Table. Following a delicious lunch, the ceremony, MC'd by Jim Kight (8-6), began with the swearing in of Bill Holmes and Richard Weiss for their second term as Division 8 Commander and Vice-Commander, respectively. After the "new" Bridge administered the oaths of office to the six flotilla bridges (FCs and VFCs) and to the members of the Division 8 Staff, many awards, both from the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard, were presented to various members both for demonstrating exemplary service and for achieving coxswain qualifications. Of particular note was the presentation by the Coast Guard to the Auxiliarists who served as coxswains and crew during the first Cape (May) Circumnavigation Challenge (a 15.1 mile swim) on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013.



DIVISION 8 CHANGE OF WATCH (cont'd)



“OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE WAS DREARY,”

Photos by Rob Baker, Howard Friedman, and Ernie Phillips

But inside the Station it was cheery”. Bing Crosby had nothing to do with all the smiles of the children of the officers and enlisted personnel of USCG Station Atlantic City (NJ) who were there attending the Seventh Annual Christmas Party hosted by Flotilla 84 (Absecon Island).

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, FC Tom Klein, Rob Baker, Larry McGinnis (Santa), Debbie McGinnis (Santa’s helper), FC-Elect John Percy, Ernie Phillips, Paul Rudolph, and Neil Wannan assisted the Station CO, Lt. Cmdr. C.K. Moore, and the other parents as their kids took turns sitting on Santa’s lap and then unwrapped their presents.



Vice Flotilla Commander 85 - Eileen Harrigan by Gil Finkelstein (8-5)

Former coastguardsman Eileen Harrigan gets airborne with the crew of CG HH6517 for AOR flight. Eileen is responsible for the scheduling of the helos and helo boat crew as well as crew on the helo-op boat team out of USCG Station Atlantic City and a member of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 85 in Brigantine, NJ.

Eileen is passionate in bringing new life to the Auxiliary. She wants to see the CG recognize the Auxiliary as highly trained, active and viable members of their team. To accomplish this goal we need active liaison with the gold side and on going co-training at CG Station Atlantic City. Station Atlantic City is short handed and needs our help. Watch Standers are urgently needed to monitor the radios and phones. They will train any auxiliariest for the job and make them part of the CG Station team. Anyone interested in helping out at the Station which encompasses everything from doing clerical work to using a paint brush, contact Eileen or the Station Executive Petty Officer, Joshua Marzi. The Station phone number is 344-6594.

Eileen is also devoted to a program **Coast Guard Moms in Need.**, a Facebook group of all volunteers, raises money to pay for travel expenses for other moms to attend graduation from boot camp.

Eileen, who is active in the USCG Moms Facebook group, her daughter's graduation ceremony was a moving experience, and she thought that every proud mom should be able to see her child make that rite of passage, regardless of money.

There are approximately 48 boot camp graduation ceremonies a year. It stands to reason that there are moms out there who want to attend, but think they can't due to financial constraints. "No mom should miss graduation because of funds.

After people enlist in the Coast Guard, endure a grueling eight weeks of boot camp, and come out on the other side a full-fledged member of the service, they are treated to a graduation ceremony in Cape May, NJ, marking their transformation from a citizen to a defender of the homeland.

The USCG Moms are very successful at raising money, but have a hard time finding moms who need their help. Over the past year, since the group first formed, the Coast Guard Moms have sent 11 mothers to graduation in Cape May. The USCG Moms raise money through their Facebook page, selling bracelets and key chains, "We want to help more moms," Eileen said.

Besides sending moms to graduation, the USCG Moms serve as an unofficial support group where new Coast Guard mothers can ask questions and find people who have gone through the process of their child joining the service. For more information: visit the US Coast Guard Mom In Need Facebook page...<https://www.facebook.com/ourmominneed>.



Copied from Flotilla 8-6's newsletter, "In The Lee of The Longboat."

Editor: John Lomonaco

Wreaths across America 2013

On December 14th Flotilla 86 reprised its participation in the National Wreaths across America. For those unfamiliar with the program they see that every December a wreath is placed on every grave in Arlington National cemetery and other veteran cemeteries throughout the United States. Here are some photos from that day; the photo featured on the cover of this issue is also from this event. Photos by Lou Hahn



Lois Grimes is leading off the Ceremony.



Jim Kight is reading off the Organizations as they present their wreaths.



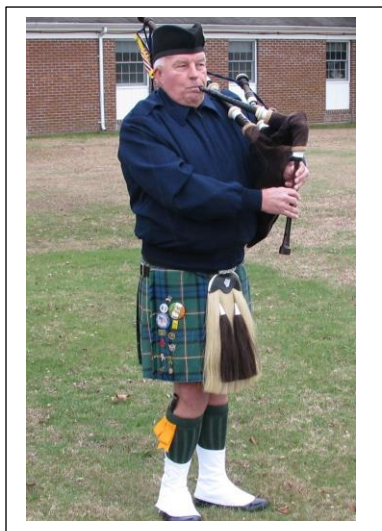
Sue Wiggins is placing our wreath to honor the Coast Guard.



Members of Flotilla 86 saluting as "Taps" is played to complete the ceremony.

Wreaths across America 2013 (cont'd)

Below is the newsletter's cover photo and additional photos also taken by Lou Hahn, FC (2014).



“Net Control” For Emergency Radio Drills

“Net Control” is the radio call sign of the person who runs the Emergency Net Radio Drills for the USCG Auxiliary. In Division 8, that person is Stan Friedman (8-5). Once a month, Stan, our SO-CM and the ADSO-CM, actually runs three Auxiliary radio nets – a Very High Frequency (VHF) net for Division 8 and two High Frequency (HF) nets, one for Districts 5NR and 5SR and the other for the East Coast (Maine to Florida, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico).

To accomplish these tasks, Stan’s sets require elaborate exterior antennas. Attached to the roof of his house is an antenna with both a vertical (VHF) & horizontal (HF) component. Mounted to his shed is a 42 foot high HF antenna.

For his continuing service and his efforts that resulted in the purchase, installation, and frequent maintenance of our division’s new VHF repeater in Ocean City, NJ, Stan was presented the prestigious "2013 Division Commander's Award" at the Division 8 Change of Watch.



Veterans Day School Celebration

Report by Paul Rudolph (8-4) Photos by Paula Stryker

On Nov.21, 2013, Paul Rudolph (8-4) was invited to attend "Salute to our Veterans" at the Whitman Elementary School, Washington Township by teacher Paula Stryker. Over 100 veterans from all branches of the military enjoyed a breakfast hosted by the teachers and an hour long program that honored all the vets with songs and "thank you for your service" presentations. Paul represented both the US Navy and US Coast Guard.

Afterwards, the vets, in groups of 4 - 5, went to the classrooms and answered questions asked by the children.



THE END

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ONE FINAL THOUGHT (TO HELP YOUR BRAIN GET INTO A NAUTICAL FRAME OF MIND)



Assuming that the boat in the above photo is in the channel of the inlet, is it going out into the ocean or is it returning from the sea? (In CG lingo, is it “outbound” or “inbound”?)