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January 14, February 11,
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OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

February 4-8 Atlantic City
International Power Boat Show

PUBLIC EDUCATION (PE)

March 07, April 18, May 9, June
13, September 19, October 17

FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDERS REPORT

2008 was a very good year for Flotilla 8-1. We are now moving forward as a team to achieve new goals in 2009.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Flotilla 81 Meetings 2009, Senior Center

- January 15 Flotilla 81 Meeting
- February 12 Flotilla 81 Meeting
- March 12 Flotilla 81 Meeting
- April 9 Flotilla 81 Meeting
- May 14 Flotilla 81 Meeting
- June 11 Flotilla 81 Meeting

Special thanks to James Earle our Host and Howard Phillips our Master of Ceremonies for a wonderful evening at the Change of Watch. Richard Keast was our Auxiliarist of the year. Howard Phillips received the Flotilla Commanders award. The Flotilla Staff officers were sworn in by District Captain Bruce Long. Three new staff officers were appointed, Mary Grant, Charles Wilkinson and William Quain. Joseph Skutlin was recognized for the Division Commanders Award, which was presented to his wife Linda Skutlin as Joe was still in Texas with FEMA. Walter Alsegg is the Division Auxiliarist of the Year 2008. Lt. Jason Ingram presented Richard Keast an American Flag Award from Station Atlantic City for his many years of outstanding service to the Auxiliary. Each member of the Public Education staff received certificates of appreciation from Division Commander, FSO PE Marilyn Hughes. Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Walter Alsegg made Flotilla presentations to Lt. Jason Ingram, BM1 Brian Milcetch and BM1 Anthony Taibi from Coast Guard Station Atlantic City.

Your Commander's tirade in May about paperwork resulted in a very good year in Auxdata, although I know that a few hours and credits fell through the cracks in the system. Your quote for 2009: "The job or mission is not done until the paperwork is completed and reported."

Your Auxdata reported hours and missions for 2008:

1. Over 6,200 Volunteer hours
2. 11 Public Education Classes
3. 250 Students received Boating Safety Certificates
4. 95 Instructor and Support hours
5. 101 Marine Dealer Visits
6. 193 Vessel Safety Checks
7. 39 Public Affairs hours
8. Operations
 - A. 43 Patrols with 224 Facility underway hours
 - B. 675.5 underway coxswain and crew hours
 - C. All coxswain and crew re-qualified for 2009
 - D. 3 New Coxswains
 - E. 1 New Crewman
 - F. Four members gave 280 hours direct operational & administrative Watch Standing at Stations Atlantic City and Tracent Cape May.

I want to thank each member for the time and contributions to the Auxiliary in 2008 and look forward to bigger and better results in 2009. Thank you for the turn out for our Change Of Watch, I believe it was the largest in recent memory.

Henry A. Wood FC 8-1

Change of Watch, 2008-09

As FC Wood mentioned in his Commander's Report, a record crowd attended the ceremony, observed the swearing in of a new slate of Flotilla Officers, and applauded fellow Auxiliarists as they received both Flotilla and Division Honors and Awards. Top recognition went to Dick Keast, honored as Flotilla 8-1 "Auxiliarist of the Year". Special mention went to

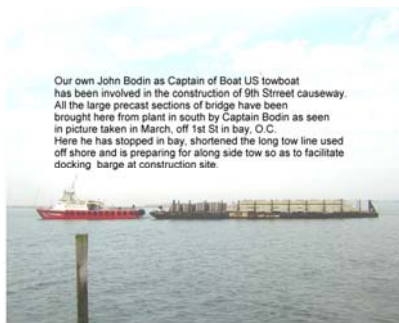
Walt Alsegg, who had been named Division "Auxiliarist of the Year" at an earlier ceremony. (Read a list of Awards & Honors and a list of new officers later in this newsletter.)



Auxiliarist Dick Keast receives his award.

John Bodin Builds A Bridge

Our own John Bodin, as Captain of the Boat US, has been involved in the construction of the 9th Street Causeway. All of the large pre-cast sections of bridge have been brought here from a plant in the south by Captain Bodin, as seen in this picture, taken off the 1st Street Bay in O.C. Here, he has stopped in the bay to shorten the long tow line used off shore, and is preparing for along-side tow so as to facilitate docking the barge at the construction site.



Our own John Bodin as Captain of Boat US towboat has been involved in the construction of 9th Street causeway. All the large precast sections of bridge have been brought here from plant in south by Captain Bodin as seen in picture taken in March, off 1st St in bay, O.C. Here he has stopped in bay, shortened the long tow line used off shore and is preparing for along side tow so as to facilitate docking barge at construction site.

Awards and Recognition At The Change of Watch

The following Awards and Recognition Certificates were given at the Change of Watch at the Crab Trap Restaurant in December

1. AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR
RICHARD KEAST
2. COMMANDERS AWARD
HOWARD PHILLIPS
3. DIVISION AWARD
JOSEPH SKUTLIN

GOLD SIDE

1. LETTER OF APPRECIATION
BM1 ANTHONY TAIBI
2. Letter of Appreciation
BM1 BRIAN MILCETICH
3. LETTER OF COMMENDATION
LT. JASON INGRAM

Special Award

LT. INGRAM PRESENTATION OF STATION FLAG TO RICHARD KEAST

INSTRUCTOR AWARDS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

MARILYN HUGHES
JAMES EARLE
ALAN WOOD
WALTER ALSEGG
RICHARD KEAST
RICHARD SOROKIN
BILL QUAIN
DAVID WILSON
AMANDA QUAIN
HOWARD PHILLIPS

TEACHING AIDS AWARDS

TERRIE PIERCE
GLORIA GRUMBINE

Division Award
Auxiliarist of the Year
Walter Alsegg

A View From The Blue

At the Change of Watch, I heard an interesting comment made from a Division Staff Officer. The Division Officer heard that we had three young members of the Flotilla. Her comment “Make sure you keep those younger members busy, and give them something to do, or they will just join the USCGA so it looks good on their college applications, and not participate.” (This is an approximation of the comments.) As the father of one of those young Auxiliarists, I might have taken exception to that statement. (My daughter received both her Instructor Qualifications, and an Award from the Division).

However, the Officer has a good point – for all of us. Everyone needs to get involved. Look around you at the next Flotilla meeting. Why not pair up with one of your shipmates to “get busy” and help out with a project.

In keeping with this theme, I will try to identify Auxiliarists who are doing something extra, something that does not require special training or qualifications.

Bonnie Bonner – Flotilla Snack Officer?



Bonnie (next to Division Commander Marilyn Hughes at Change of Watch) goes to work as soon as FC Woods brings down the gavel on the monthly Flotilla Meeting. Rumor has it that Bonnie serves a hot meal after the Division meeting too.

After FC Woods “straightened us out” for not filling out our service forms, Bonnie’s macaroni and cheese was great comfort food for each of us. And, during the long Ocean City winter, there is nothing like a great snack to send us on our way. I give Bonnie’s treats a four-star rating.

This January, Bonnie is being challenged to a “Snack Throw Down” not by Bobbie Flay, but by our two newest Auxiliarists. All members are asked to let the television cameramen have unhampered access to the kitchen area.

Let’s all take a lesson from Bonnie. Get busy and pitch in. Stay tuned to this column for more examples of

great shipmates who make a difference.

Dick Keast Named “Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year” at COW

It is not a stretch to say that Dick Keast is a USCGA legend. He first served the Auxiliary by patrolling the waters of the Delaware River during the early days of WWII. Dick, and his father, would work all day, then sail out of the Delaware Yacht Club. They must have done a pretty good job, because we were never invaded on their stretch of the river.

Dick Keast rejoined the USCGA in February 1964. He will receive his 45-year pin in February of this year. He has offered to buy dinner for all the other 45-year veterans of our Flotilla after the February meeting.

Consider this list of Dick Keast’s accomplishments and service, and it is quickly apparent why he was named “Auxiliarist of the Year”.

Division Staff Officer – 16 years total
Aids to Navigation
Communications
Operations

Flotilla Staff Officer – 3 years elected Officer
Flotilla Vice Commander
Flotilla Commander

27 years appointed Officer
Communications
Aids to Navigation
Operations
Publications

Dick is still very active, teaching sections of the Boating Safely

Course, and he is the official photographer of the Flotilla.

On a personal note, I must say that I could not publish this newsletter without Dick’s tireless help. Like most of our shipmates at the Change of Watch, I was stunned to learn of the sheer volume of Dick Keast’s contributions. And, I wholeheartedly agree with Flotilla Commander Wood that Dick’s Award “is long overdo”.

Congratulations to you Dick, and a heartfelt “Well Done”.

Atlantic City International Power Boat Show

The Atlantic City Boat Show is almost upon us, and Flotilla 8-1 needs volunteers to man the exhibit booth there. The dates are February 4 – 8. Other Flotillas in the Division will also be represented.

This is a great opportunity for ANY member to serve Team Coast Guard. We interact with the public, hand out safety information, entertain the kids with “Coastie” our interactive mascot, and stand side-by-side with members of the Coast Guard. The Boat Show is also a great recruiting opportunity for both our Boating Safety Courses, and for new USCGA shipmates.

Your time and help is appreciated. Why not sign up for a shift of three or four hours?

New Officers for 2009

Flotilla Commander:	Henry Alan Wood
Vice-Flotilla Commander:	Kenneth Wilde
Appointed Officers	
Aids to Navigation (FSO-AN):	John Bodin
Communication (FSO-CM):	Jim Earle
Communication Services (FSO-CS):	Robert Babezki
Finance (FSO-FN):	David Wilson
Information Systems (FSO-IS):	Howard Phillips
Materials (FSO-MA):	Beatrice Bonner
Marine Sciences (FSO-MS):	Ruth Keck
Member Training (FSO-MT):	Richard Sorokin
Marine Visitor (FSO-PV):	Joseph Skutlin
Operations (FSO-OP):	Walter V. Alsegg
Public Affairs (FSO-PA):	Terri Pierce
Public Education (FSO-PE):	Marilyn Hughes
Publications	Bill Quain

(FSO-PB):	
Personnel Services (FSO-PS):	Beverly Ryan
Secretary / Records (FSO-SR):	Mary Grant
Vessel Examination (FSO-VE):	Charles Wilkins

Start the New Year With a Laugh

(Note: FSO PB Quain received this via email, from another Auxiliarist. We think it is true, but if not, it is close to the truth. Be sure to read #8, as it pertains to the Boating Safely Course.)

TOP 8 "Could they be that crazy?" STORIES OF 2008

1. *WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?*
AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.
2. *HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS.*
Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, " Please

- come out and give yourself up.”
3. *WHAT WAS PLAN B???*
An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
 4. *THE GETAWAY!*
A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
 5. *Did I Say THAT???*
Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot", the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"
 6. *ARE WE COMMUNICATING?*
A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart". "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"
 7. *NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!*
In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.
 8. *THE GRAND FINALE!!!*
Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks new to boating were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER... THIS IS TRUE...Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

For Your Information

Editor's Note: Each issue, I will run an article from a Flotilla member that provides interesting, useful, and practical information for Auxiliaries. This article is by Richard Sorokin, FSO-MT

Hulls

The shape of a boat's hull has changed greatly over the years. The first boats that were man powered were all displacement hull. They sat in the water, displacing the water and floated. They were slow, and the shape of the hull made little difference. Then along came sails and wind power. The boats began to move faster and the shape of the hull became more important. The shapes of hulls today are even more modified because of motor power and faster speeds.

Large vessels are usually still displacement hulls. Their bows are sharper and they have a porpoise like projection on the bow. This is quite recent and really makes a difference in the size of their wake. Remember the bigger the wake the more energy is wasted.

When we get down to smaller vessels we see more variation in hull design. Deep VEE bows are for cutting through the surf and flat sterns for planing. With a flat bottom at the stern a boat can power up so that the water pressure raises the boat out of the water causing less drag by the water and a higher speed with less energy used. Almost all small boats have planing hulls.

Motor catamarans with their double hulls use displacement type hulls. The twin hulls form an air pocket under the boat that gives it a lift and cushions the ride.

Most large sail boats are displacement hulls. Smaller dinghy types do have planing hulls. Sunfish, Lasers, G.P.14's, Lightnings, all have planing hulls, and there are many more.

A Hobbie Cat has a very different hull. Hobbie was a west coast surf boarder, who wanted a boat that could run up onto the beach. All sailboats up to that time had center boards to prevent side drift. With a center board you cannot ride up on the beach. If you look at a Hobbie's hull you'll see the outer side is flat and the inside shape is round. This replaces the center board and you can ride it right up the beach.

When talking about hull shape sharp chines are often discussed. Row boats have sharp chines. The side goes straight down and makes a sharp angle with the bottom. Soft chines are a more rounded bottom.

Another hull shape is the skeg keel. Motor boats often have skeg keels. They are use full to dampen roll.

The America's Cup races are all about hull design. The ultimate speed of a sailing hull is around the square root of its length. A 25 foot sailboat can go about 5 knots, 49 footer around 7 knots and so on.

The complete formula is very complicated but the square root puts you in the ball park. The longer the water line, the faster it can go.

The Photo Gallery



Linda Skutlin accepts a Division Award for her husband, Joe Skutlin



John Ryan (of Towboat US) and Patty Kearney



Lieutenant Ingram, BM1 Milcetch, and BM1 Taibi receive letters at COW



Marilyn Hughes receives a Public Education Award



Howard Phillips presides as EMCEE.



FSO-OP Walter Alegg with Lieutenant Ingram, Station AC



Appetizers at the COW



Attendees enjoying the COW