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Flotilla 04 Change of Watch

More than 40 Auxiliary members, active duty staff from CG Station Sheboygan, their spouses and other invited guests gathered at the Elks Club in Sheboygan for the Flotilla 04 Change of Watch on January 21st.

Dick Runde, RCO District 9WR, provided the keynote address and performed the swearing-in duties for Rick Rosenwald, FC, and Andrew Burkart, VFC, who began their second year in their respective positions.

The evening began with a social hour during which all the guests shared a few memories and some hopes for the future.

Chief Petty Officer (BMC) Mike Snyder, OIC of CG Station Sheboygan, offered some in-



Rick Rosenwald (FC) and Andy Burkart (VFC) stand ready to take the oath of office as Len VanDenack (DCP-04) reviews the responsibilities they will undertake in their respective positions as Dick Runde, RCO—9WR looks on.

sights concerning the working relationship between the Active Duty and Auxiliary. In addition to the RCO and his wife, the following people were seated at the head table: for the event were: BMC Snyder's wife, BM1

Steve Courtier, and his spouse, along with Roy Hundt (DCP) and Linda Hundt. The food and fellowship were excellent and in keeping with the best traditions of the CG Auxiliary.

Winter Conference 2006 Provides Learning and Networking Opportunities

Several members of Flotilla 04 attended the Winter Conference in Schaumburg, IL over the February 03-05 weekend. The agenda included numerous learning and networking opportunities. Roy

& Linda Hundt, Rick Rosenwald, Lloyd Sargent, Dave Givens, and Jim Eichelberger all attended the event.

In addition to seminars on Communications, First Aid, the new for-

mat for many Training Classes, and Marlin-spike skills, attendees had met the NACO, Gene Siebert, and Carol Argola, Chief of Staff. The NACO provided (continued next page)



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *NACO Emphasizes RBS mission and 'balancing' competing demands*
- *Boat crew Qualification training offered bimonthly on Saturdays at the CG Station Sheboygan*
- *Pyrotechnics, What's all the fuss about?*
- *EAA Event Planned for July 2006*



**Winter Conference
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insights on the Auxiliary’s goals for 2006, and on balancing the increasing, competing demands on the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary since September 11th, 2001.

Commodore Seibert recommended all Auxiliarists review the updated Business Plan for 2006-2007 as it outlines many of the programs and concepts he intended to address. In essence, there are four ‘strategic focus areas. These are: 1) Balance and Blend our missions and resources; 2) Revitalize and reemphasize the importance of the RBS mission; 3) Continue to emphasize Recruitment and Retention; and 4) Strategic Planning. In 2005 the focus was on transforming from strictly maritime safety to both security and safety. He went on to say that in 2006, we find that we do not yet have a perfect equilibrium. We must balance our resources

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National Commo Gene Seibert

against the most pressing demands. Operations and direct Coast Guard support are both important missions. He then posed the question, “With all the competing demand, why should we continue to emphasize the RBS mission? In answer to his own question, he pointed out that RBS brings revenue to the

Rick Rosenwald, FC, and Dave Given, FSO-MA (and photographer for the Conference share a few minutes between presentations at the Marriott in Schaumburg, IL.



Auxiliary; it keeps our presence in the boating community; and perhaps most importantly—it saves lives. With these things in mind, he stressed that “We must continue to let out members know that the CG values both the RBS and security mission areas.” All Auxil-

ary units need to work with their active units to find this ‘right balance.’ We need to sustain our momentum, to identify and communicate our priorities at every level, and to develop contingency plans at all levels to handle potential events. In closing, Commodore Seibert asked those present to “Remember to put the member first, because without them We can to nothing.”

HAND IN HAND...



... TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BOATING PUBLIC

Boat Crew Qualification Training Offered

Members of Flotilla 04 have at least four opportunities a month to participate in Boat crew training classes. Working together, Mark Duff, FC-CS, John Wagner, FC-PA and Andy Burkart, VFC, coordinated with Chief and BM3 Cawvey at CG Station Sheboygan to offer boat crew qualification training classes to assist the auxiliary members. Classes are being offered in all boat crew related areas. The goal is to learn and get signed off,

those things that can be done dockside so that when the weather permits the trainees will be ready to concentrate on those items that must be accomplished on the water. Training is offered on Tuesday nights, and on every other Saturday morning from 0900-1200. The training is for everyone and makes a great refresher for those who area already boat crew qualified.

BM3 Brian Cawvey (left) works with John Wagner (center) and Mark Duff (right) on Navigation training during one of the Saturday morning training sessions at CG Station Sheboygan.



Bits-n-Pieces: Things Auxiliarists Need to Know

Pyrotechnics –What’s all the fuss about? Recently various emails have been sent regarding the use of flares in PE demonstrations and for Auxiliary training. The most up to date clarification available at the date of this publication came from CRD Brad Nelson, DIRAUX, 9th Coast Guard District. In essence: Active Duty personnel can shoot flares for PE classes, but must use current flares. Auxiliary personnel can shoot flares for training other Aux members, but not for the public. If the flares are expired, there is no liability coverage should an accident occur. No one, either active duty or auxiliary, is to collect flares from the public. Finally, when

shooting flares, the local CG command should be notified so that a Comms broadcast can be issued to alert the boating public.

2005 Workshops and REYR Status—05/06

In 2005, completion of the Instructor (IT) Vessel Examiner (VE) and Operations (OPS) workshops were required for currency maintenance in their respective programs. In 2006 none of these workshops are required for currency maintenance. Auxiliarists who where



placed in Re-Year (REYR) status at the start of 2006 because they did not complete the workshop that was required in 2005 must complete the 2006 workshop in order to get out of REYR status and re-gain their currency in 2006. Completion of online versions of the workshops is acceptable to meet this requirement. For all Auxiliarists who maintained their program currency through 2005, the 2006 workshops are optional.

Opportunities for Participation

In February: There will be a Swap Meet at Southside Alliance Church in Sheboygan Falls, on Cty A, south of the Home Depot where the Auxiliary has been invited to have a table with boating safety information. Interested members should see John Wagner for details.

In March: Great Lakes Marine, near Grafton, WI, is holding

Open Houses in March and April. Those who would like to participate in these Program Visitation events can contact flotilla members Roy Hundt (DCP) or John Wagner (FSO-PE) for details.

In March & April: BS&S class is being offered on Wed. nights starting Mar. 8th and ending on Apr 26th. See Dave Given for more information.

Two New Members Join Flotilla 04 in January

Mr. Ray Rank attended the January meeting and has applied for membership in the Auxiliary. Ms. Carolyn William, is applying for transfer from her previous flotilla in Florida to Flotilla 04. If you have not yet met our newest members, please take the time to introduce yourself to them at the next meeting and make them feel welcome.

Flotilla 04 Sets Goals for 2006

Before going on a sea voyage, the prudent navigator will set the course, identify waypoints, check weather conditions, and a host of other planning chores that will help ensure success. Goals serve the same function in an organization. It is difficult to know when you’ve arrived at your destination, if you don’t know what that destination is. In order to help chart our course in 2006, the Flotilla 04 members, at the January 2006 meeting) held a brain-storming session to identify and set our goals for 2006. Out of

that session the following goals have been established for this year:

1. Complete a minimum of 250 Vessel examinations.
2. Ensure at least three new VE get qualified.
3. Complete a minimum of 70 Program Visitations
4. Ensure all those members who desire to get boat crew qualified have the opportunity to do so.
5. Complete at least 400 hours of PE during 60 PE events.
6. Participation in RFO’s.
7. All members pay dues by the October 30th cutoff date.
8. Improve fellowship by planning and conducting at least three social events in 2006.
9. Full member participation in the EAA event in July 2006.
10. Recruit at least two new members this year while retaining and involving all current members.
11. Encourage all members to wear their uniforms to all meetings—and ensure we wear the uniform properly and with pride.

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Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Event Planned for July

The annual EAA Airventure is scheduled for Monday, July 24th-Sunday, July 30th in Oshkosh, WI. USCG Aux personnel are needed throughout the event in the following missions: Air Operations Personnel in the USCG Air & Surface Recruiting booth to provide expertise about the Auxiliary Air Operations Program; Surface Operations personnel including boat crews, communications watch standers & operational facilities to provide Security and Safety patrols on Lake Winnebago, and Vessel Examiners. Lodging accommodations will be available at the University of Wisconsin's Oshkosh Campus. Members of Flotilla 04 who would like to participate need to work through the Flotilla to coordinate with the contact person for the event; Mike Hopfensperger, ADSO-CM. Additional information will be available at the March, April and May flotilla meetings. Our goal is full participation!

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