

30 Knots



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From the Captain's Log



Since this year is rapidly drawing to a close, this will be the last news from the Captain's log. We have had a very good year! Although the summer was hot and dry, I think it turned out very well. We had fellowship, many patrols, VE stations, QE sessions, and public appearances.

We enjoyed working with Division 31 in shared activities. The Falcon at Springfield was a success, and there was a lot of useful information provided. As soon as Congress passes the Homeland Security Bill, we will be very busy assisting the USCG.

I wish all who have been ill this past summer a very speedy recovery.

As this will be my last Captains log, I would like to thank each one of you for making the past two years good ones for Division 30. I appreciate the kindness and help you have given me. Let us go forward to make the New Year a great one! It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Thank you,

Captain Robert L. Dillard Division 30

VCP Corner



Here we are at the end of the year. A lot of our missions are complete, and some are still in progress.

Our information officer, Vickie Vose, has a lot of information for you in her workshop; so please plan to be there. Even if you are not an IS officer, you should be able to read the IS reports.

With boat shows and many BS&S classes, the start of the year was very good. I am sure all of the new members are being trained through the year. Congratulations on your accomplishments! Keep up the good work! As a part of the "Life Saving" team, it is rewarding to know that you have helped someone.

I want to thank all Division 30 members for making this year a success! Once again we have a challenging year ahead for 2003.

Thanks again.

R.P. Vaughn VCP Division 30

From the Rear Commodore - West



Congratulation to the newly elected officers of Division 30. I am sure that you will provide the needed leadership for your members in Division 30.

I would like to thank all the members in Division 30 for your friendship and hospitality when Bill and I have visited your Division. You are all a fine group of Auxiliarists and are doing a great job. I have been proud to report to the EXCOM of the accomplishments of Division 30.

To the newly elected Flotilla Commanders, I wish you the best of luck in accomplishing all of your goals. The Flotilla's are where it happens and the Flotilla Commander is a very important part of that. Set your goals and get your members committed to accomplishing those goals and you will all be winners.

Thank you for all the great things that you are doing for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Keep up the good work.

De L. Furbee RCO-W

Flotilla 1 - First Kansas City

It's been a good year for Flotilla One! We have qualified two new crew members and completed a couple of patrols. We have qualified new instructors and worked on qualifying new vessel examiners. We have one fully qualified, and three more who need to finish qualification.

We have completed one BS&S Class. We participated in a CME Station with two other Flotillas. Three Members passed the APC exam.

We participated in a Safety Fair at Bayer. We also represented the Coast Guard at 4th of July Services at Pleasant Valley Church in Liberty. These were broadcast on local television. All in all, we have had a productive year!

K. Gene McCallister FC 30-1

Flotilla 4 - Independence

Flotilla 30-4 members were invited to attend the Service of Remembrance and Healing, at the Community of Christ Auditorium (RLDS) in Independence, Mo. on 9-11-2002. Upon entering the Auditorium in uniform, we were asked if we would like to take part in the service along with other uniformed members of the community. We accepted and were part of a bucket brigade. We participated in the passing of water buckets down the aisle to the pulpit. The water was poured into a beautiful fountain! The program was broadcast on the Independence cable channel, and around the world on our church satellite network. We came away with a rewarding experience and humility. The Independence Examiner carried the story and photos of the event, which included a photo of Charmein Dillard in the brigade line.

Division 30 put on a short skit at the conference for Friday "Fun Night". We went as Captain "Clean-water", Queen "Neptune", and a Beachcomber. The theme of our skit was recycling! The Division Captain, Mary Jo Payton, ADSO-MS(PA) and Charmein Dillard SO-SR took part to depict each title.

Bob Dillard DCP 30

Flotilla 6 - First Lake Ozark

Flotilla 30-6 has had an active year with the following being some of the major events.

2002 ACTIVITIES FOR FLOTILLA 30-6

Conducted a 13 Chapter BS&S class for about 40 people (one boy under 17 years old); graduated about 90%.

Gained four members from the graduating students.

Organized a successful Spring Conference that included attendance of QE's for testing those members needing to re-qualify.

Served in an organizing role for an AUXCOM class and examinations for over twenty members of the lake area Flotillas. Will organize a refresher class for those who must take the exam again.

Two members passed APC exams.

One member passed AUXMIN exam.

One member completed AUXOP requirements.

Started an Advanced Coastal Navigation (AUXACN) class with six students from two Flotillas on Sept. 16.

Participated in patrol operations for the Shooters Shootout boat races.

Monthly meetings were all held as scheduled. Summer meetings were held at various locations to extend fellowship and involve all family members and friends.

All members will re-register for the 2003 year.

Jack Williams FC 30-6

Flotilla 7 - St. Joseph

Flotilla 30-7 is enjoying various activities, and looks forward to hosting the Division 30 2003 Change of watch.

David Magee FC and FSO-OP is completing his patrols at Smithville Lake, (Smithville, Mo.)

Dick Gibson FSO-MT and FSO-CC received a 25-year membership certificate.

(Flotilla 7 - St. Joseph continued)

Robert Vaughn VCP, David Magee FC and Sandra Magee FSO-SR and FSO-IS accomplished the nightly aids to navigation at the Amelia Earhart show in Atchison, Ks. All along the Missouri River, from Atchison to Leavenworth, Bridge lights, patons, and aids to navigation were observed.

Vaughn will be attending Auxcom at Longview College starting Sept. 24th to October 29th.

Future goals are:

- Increased membership
- A possible fall BS&S class
- Additional PSA's.

Contacts with the St. Joseph Newspress created a published PE class picture with the instructors and graduates.

The firehouse in St. Joseph, Missouri was stirring with 33 paid firemen. While they were not on call, they took a three-day course (in six lessons). This was a wonderful opportunity to share and promote the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This demonstrated an excellent blend of public service and the public learning together.

Jerry Wilkerson FSO-PE 30-7 led the St. Joseph firemen (who have some previous experience). They have received two rescue boats. Additional instructors were David Magee FC and FSO-OP 30-7, Robert Keller FSO-PA, and Dick Gibson FSO-CC and FSO-MT.

The fall of 2002 has a possibility of the public and firemen attending the P.E. classes at the fire station.

Mary Jo Payton VFC 30-7

Member Training

Member Training is Essential to Survival.

Member training has stepped up in 2002! If in doubt, take a close look at your IS reports. There has been an increase in the qualification of vessel examiners and instructors. The completion of administrative procedure courses and specialty courses has also increased. Hats off to all Instructors, Flotilla Commander's, and Member Training Officers! You have done well

by increasing all categories! Division 30 has helped more kids and boaters! This is a devotion to duty on your part.

There is an increase in re-qualified crew and coxswains! We want to thank Mike Stanley (Division 31) for devotion to duty. Stanley was willing to help by answering the call to the Lake of the Ozarks and Smithville Lake (Smithville, Mo.) Thanks Mike!!

Our Public Affairs department has increased news stories, lecture attendance, radio spots, TV spots and booth days. Thank you for letting the public know who and what we are: "Life Savers of America".

I would like to thank everyone on the MT staff, and every one of our members for all the work you have contributed for 2002.

R.P. Vaughn SO-MT 30

Finance

Please turn in your receipts promptly, including the explanation. I have received some receipts, this year that did not have an explanation. I do not know what they were for or, who ordered the items. This slows down the process! I cannot tell where to deduct them from the budget! Please give me as much information as you can. I have to get approval from the Vice Captain before I pay these bills. I know some bills did not arrive when they were supposed to. We have also had dues (without any information) sent directly to the Director's office. Without this information, we do not realize that we need to ask the District for our part of the dues! We have also had paper work (without a check for dues) sent to the Directors office. This slows the process! They will not process the papers without a check. When in doubt, please ask the Captain or Vice-Captain. Thank you for your patience and understanding this year.

Brenda McCallister SO-FN

The next deadline for submitting articles to 30-Knots is November 25, 2002.

Please send articles to –

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Information Services

2002 looks like a blur, it's gone by so quickly. My work's been cut out for me with the transition to AuxDATA and AuxINFO, but the hardest is behind us and our new data capturing programs are bigger and better than before.

If you'd like to receive my monthly reports via email, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0. You can download it from the National Web Site, Div. 30 Web Site or Adobe's site at <http://www.adobe.com>

AuxINFO is where it's happening! This web site was created in 2001 and is specifically geared toward providing all activities of the CG Auxiliary. This year I'll focus on teaching how to navigate around in AuxINFO, create reports showing all missions and qualifications for each division, each flotilla and individual members. Go to <http://auxdata.uscg.gov> scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on AuxINFO Reports. You'll have the opportunity to participate at the Fall Conference Information Services Workshop. The workshop will be comprehensive, step-by-step and give you the opportunity to ask questions. I encourage all of you to attend and I'll have hand-outs for those that do.

Information Technology in the Coast Guard and Auxiliary has taken a huge jump forward and it's still on the fast track. If you're interested in moving forward with technology, let me know. I'm working with a contact that can provide nice used computers for only the shipping cost.

Thanks all,

Vickie Vose SO-IS

Marine Safety

Beautify Mother Earth

Every flotilla benefits from an FSO-MS. Inform the flotilla and your SO-MS about your MS events. Encourage MS activity within the flotilla. There are many ways to expand your MS activity and these are only a few.

- Visit the newly developed MS web page http://www.geocities.com/dso_ms_8wr/.
- Develop an environmental activity list that is appropriate with your area.
- Visit the Sea Partners Web Page (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/seapart.htm>)

The Jerry Litton Center (Smithville, Mo.) will be presented with three environmental tapes:

- "Stop Exotics - Clean your Boat"
- "Good mate Stewardship of the Waterways"
- "Our Playground, Their World! Tips for Clean Boating".

Our home, planet earth, can enjoy clean water. It can be a safe and beautiful roadway for your vessel.

Pollution problems, litter/debris, fuel and oil are hazards to all living things. Keep the water free of litter, 80 percent pollution is land based.

Report spills to the National Response Center 1-800-424-8802.

Some useful forms that are available are:

- 4044 "How's the Water" Citizen report form.
- 4045 Cleaner Boating Environment
- 8418 Video "Stop Exotics-Clean your Boat"

Thank you for your support! I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Mary Jo Payton SO-MS

Public Affairs

Communication Equals Increased Interest

Division 30 would like to report 1,023 TV spots, 1 radio spot, 140 published articles, 5 civic lectures with 725 persons attending, 5 safety booths with 106 persons attending.

Monthly memos will be sent to the FSO-PA'S with encouraging ideas and inviting them to share ideas that worked in their flotilla. What a wonderful way to encourage and interest the new and experienced FSO-PA.

Information is the staff of life for the PA. Use the multiple communication channels and share the information with the SO-PA and SO-IS.

Meet the press with a prepared script and smile. Making media contacts can be a rewarding experience.

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Using the 5 "W's", who, what, when, where, why and how. Send the necessary PA forms in order to report those interesting, informative and inspiring events to the SO-IS. This is important and beneficial to the Auxiliary.

Thank you very much for your support.

Mary Jo Payton SO-PA 30

On This and That

When the editor of "30 Knots" asked if I would write an article, I couldn't imagine what I could contribute. Although I've been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for several years, I hold no important office. So, after mulling it over in my mind, I did remember the Auxiliary is fast approaching one of their many important functions: The presentation to the public of the Safe Boating classes!

The Boating classes present a perfect time to show that we are committed as a civilian component of the United States Coast Guard. As such, we should remember that old adage "There is no second chance to make a first good impression".

A good first appearance depends to a great extent upon your personal grooming. This is especially true when you are in uniform, whether it is Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, or Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is impossible to know when a person might happen to be in a gathering. Whether it is casual or formal, your impression could lead to being accepted or rejected for an important selection.

There is nothing more important than that of being before the "boating" public. Your uniform should be neat and in a clean condition. For military women (Coast Guard Auxiliary) extreme care in grooming and dress is essential. Hairstyles should touch, but not fall below collar. No hair should fall beneath brim of uniform hat. Nail polish, hair ornaments and jewelry are not acceptable. Coast Guard Auxiliary women may wear earrings if small ball types (silver – Coast Guard Auxiliary). Now I'm approaching a subject that will probably bring some negative rebuttals, but it

would be ideal if each flotilla could decide just which uniform all members will wear. Of course, the Class A uniform is favored for a classroom setting, but lets be realistic. Light blue shirt, long or short sleeves (your choice) with navy trousers are preferred. No navy blue shirts! Save these for patrols! Whatever you have, lets be uniform. Webster's Dictionary tells us: UNI-FORM – dress of a distinctive design or fashion worn by members of a particular group and serving as a means of identification. This is extremely important since the public can become confused.

Preparing for classes: Check all equipment to assure that it is there. If you have consented to teach a class, present a subject that is familiar to you! It takes approximately four hours of preparation to present one hour of lecture. The class, we hope, will have the assignment. Therefore, it shouldn't be necessary to read it to them! After all... you KNOW the subject you are teaching!

(more to come)

Anonymous

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FC 30-1 Gene McCallister (front, far right) represented the Coast Guard again this year in three Patriotic Services held 29 and 30 June at Pleasant Valley Church in Liberty Missouri. One service was broadcast live on a local Kansas City television station and portions were replayed on the evening and night news broadcasts.

Picture taken by Brenda McCallister SO-FN Div 30.



Members of Flotilla's 1, 4 and 7 train as Vessel Examiners at the Little Platte Marina public ramp, Smithville Lake. Debbie Whedbee, James Whedbee, Robert Vaughn VCP, and Gene McCallister FC 30-1. (Left to Right)

Picture taken by Mary Jo Payton VFC 30-7