



30 KNOTS

*For The Division By the Division
Fall 2007*

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From The Captain

Is it Fall already??? How time flies!! A big thank you to all of the hard workers in our flotillas—it is amazing what has been accomplished in 2007. Those of you who are doing this for the good of the community are to be commended. The education and awareness within the communities we serve is outstanding.

As we start in 2008, please show your enthusiastic support for the new leaders as you have for our team. As the summer winds down, each flotilla has much to complete before Fall—elections, classes, presentations, conferences, etc. Remember to get your missions and hours turned in. It will soon be time for reports will be scanned for awards and recognition. Make sure

you get what you deserve for your hard work

I have enjoyed being your Division Captain and look forward to working with you in the future. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to contact me, anytime.

DCP-Richard Johnson



*Awards presented at Spring Conference
Lake of the Ozarks*

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

Flotilla 30-1 Hard at Work



A deer decided to swim across Smithville Lake on a Saturday afternoon. 30-1 crew members protected her from other boats as she made her way across the lake safely.



Note: The deer observed the no wake zone much better than many of boaters that day!

Public Affairs

Many of the flotillas in our division have been quite active in the public affairs arena during the first half of 2007. This article will highlight some of these activities.

During January, a number of press releases on various topics were distributed by the PA officers in 30-1 and 30-2. In addition, a member of 30-6 was interviewed by radio station KRMS, and also by the Lake Sun Leader concerning Auxiliary activities.

Several more press releases were distributed during February. Members of 30-1 set up a PA booth and attended an open house at Smithville Marine, and also had a PA booth and attended the Mid-America Boat Show at Bartle Hall in Kansas City. Members of 30-2 set up a PA booth and attended the Kansas Sport Boat and Travel Show in Wichita. And, a member of 30-6 was interviewed on radio station KRMS regarding their BS&S class and the Auxiliary.

A member of 30-1 gave a dinner presentation to a meeting of the Modern Woodmen Insurance Company in March. A member of 30-2 spoke to the West Lake Newcomer's Club and was interviewed on a local radio station at the Child's Health Fair.

A member of 30-5 was interviewed on a local radio station in April, and members of 30-4 made an appearance at the new Wal-Mart on Blue Ridge road on April 20th.

May was a very busy month for all of our flotillas. Along with a host of press releases that were distributed that month, and a number of boating safety classes that took place throughout the division, we also had the following:

- The PA officer for 30-1 was interviewed by the Smithville Herald regarding National Safe Boating Week;
- Members of 30-1 conducted Vessel Safety Checks on May 5th at Raintree Lake, on May

12th at Smithville Lake, and, together with members of 30-7, conducted VSC's on May 20th at Lake Contrary Park in St. Joseph;

- Members of 30-2, 30-5 and 30-6 attended the Lake Safety Council meeting which was a joint effort of many Chamber of Commerce, Missouri State Water Patrol, Lake of the Ozarks Watershed Alliance, Police and Fire Departments, Corps of Engineers, etc.
- Members of 30-5 gave a boating safety class at a local school, provided Vessel Safety Checks on the water in Gravois Arms, and also provided VSC's at a West Marine store;
- A member of 30-7 talked to the St. Joseph Optimist Club about that flotilla and the Auxiliary; and,
- A member of 30-7 was on radio station KFEQ on May 14th promoting Safe Boating Week and on May 26th during NSBW discussing boat engines, trailers, etc.

During June, the FC of 30-1 participated in the Sector Upper Mississippi River Area Maritime Security Committee meeting at Cabela's. Vessel Examiners in 30-5 are busy almost every weekend, and do some vessel safety checks during the week as well. Members of 30-5 also set up a PA booth at the Fire Department to distribute information on boating safety.

As you can see from the myriad activities that our members have engaged in during the first half of this year, communicating the boating safety message through various forms of public affairs is a mission that our members actively engage in.

A big thank you to all!!

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A ship with two captains sinks.
Turkish Proverb

New Department & Division Titles

In March of this year a proposal for the realignment and naming of the Marines Safety and Operations Departments was submitted to the NADCO-O.

This involves the transfer of one Division from each Department to the other and the renaming of several others.

Effective immediately the Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Department is the Marine Safety (Prevention) Department. The Commercial Vessel Examination Division is now Vessel Activities Division. The Marine Safety Division is now the Port and Facility Activities Division.

Further changes are possible and will be addressed in upcoming

issues of Safety Lines and posted on this site.

The Department is responsible for the planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support the Coast Guard's Marine Safety and Marine Environmental Protection ("M") Directorate's Programs.

This support includes, but is not limited to, support for marine environmental response assistance, port safety and security inspections, commercial vessel safety and security inspections (UTV, UPV, CFVE and other Foreign and Domestic Vessels) container inspection assistance, mariner licensing/ documentation/course audits, public affairs, area contingency planning, waterways management, MDA/America's Waterways Watch, MISLE support, and environmental education.

*Greg Kester, DC-M
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Members of 30-5 preparing for patrol



***Flotillas 30-1,30-5 and 30-6-completing
requalification training***

30-01 Flotilla Commander's Report

Members of Flotilla 1 have been quite busy with Auxiliary activities during the first half of this year. We have conducted three boating safety courses so far this year; Boating Skills and Seamanship was done in March and April, and the America's Boating Course was done twice in May. In addition, we plan to hold another ABC class in September and October at the Northland Career Center in Platte City.

During a 9-day period in February, members of our flotilla manned a Public Affairs booth on successive weekends during an open house at Smithville Marine, and also manned a public affairs booth at the Mid-America Boat Show at Bartle Hall in Kansas City during the last 4 days of that period.

Members of 30-1 have been doing Vessel Safety Checks near the Little Platte boat ramp at Smithville Lake on the second Saturday of every month since April. In addition, our

members have done Vessel Safety Checks at Raintree Lake and at Lake Contrary Park in St. Joseph.

We have once again been busy patrolling on the lake and rivers. Already this year we have: participated in a Spill Response and Boom Deployment Exercise involving the EPA on the Missouri River; conducted a number of safety patrols involving our two crew trainees on Smithville Lake; conducted patrols during fireworks at KC Riverfest on the Missouri River and at Smithville Lake on July 4th; and, inspected approximately 10 ATON's during two separate river patrols. In addition, our Division Vice Captain represented Division 30 in a mock patrol as part of an OPEX exercise on the Illinois River.

Flotilla 30-1 has a total of 21 members at this time. Two of our newer members are pursuing crew qualification. One has become quite involved in communications and has gotten our flotilla approved for participation in Radio Day on September 29th. Our call sign is Whiskey Zero Zulu (W0Z) and we are one of 24 Coast Guard Auxiliary participants thus far.

Some of the certifications and awards received, and courses passed, by our members during 2007 include:

Aids to Navigation Program;
RBS Program Visitor;
Fingerprint Technician;
Presidential Unit Citations;
Sustained Service Awards;
Operations Program Service;

NAV Rules Re-qualification;
Operations Policy Manual Test;
Public Affairs Policy Course;
Photography Basic Course;
Vessel Examiner Course;
Journalism Basic Course;
Compass Rose;
2500 Club Award;
5000 Club Award;
Publicist Award;
Good Mate Exam;
APC Course; and,
Instructor Course.

Most of the members of our flotilla have a full-time job in addition to volunteering with the Auxiliary. In addition, one member of our flotilla holds a District position as the Rear Commodore – East. Another member is our Division Vice Captain, and still other members of Flotilla 30-1 hold Division Staff Officer positions, including Communication Services, Finance, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Member Training, Operations, and Public Affairs.

As you can see, we have a lot going on up here in Kansas City. The involvement of our members in Auxiliary activities is outstanding!

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*Don't sail out farther than you can row
back.
Danish Proverb*

Water Safety Council Lake of the Ozarks

The Lake-area Flotillas have been attending the meetings of the Water Safety council. A strong focus is being placed on the designated driver of boats and the education and use of lifejackets by children.

A poster/billboard campaign is in place with the slogan

**If your captain is
drunk, you are 10
times as likely to go
down with the ship.
Think before you sink-**

In conjunction with this, Virginia Rice and Linda Vogel of 30-5 are on the education committee. The following article below was written by FC Rice and George Peek. It will be used as the basis for the new program.

PE TIPS AND TRICKS

30-5's youngest CGA members—Benjamin Vogel and Max Vernon--Demonstrating the use of life jackets when on or around water



*CGA Youngest Members
Picture courtesy of very proud grandparents-Carroll & Linda Vogel and Tom & Virginia Rice*

One of the keys to successful boating safety education is to begin early and reinforce the basic safety elements over a period of time. One vehicle that we have for this is early childhood education. Children are required to wear lifejackets, so it is a very small jump to make sure they understand other aspects of boating safety. The Auxiliary has materials available for kindergarten and lower elementary grades, and other materials for upper elementary grades. The Officer Snook series is aimed at the lower grades and focuses on environmental protection and the responsibility we all have to protect the environment and ourselves. Waypoints is aimed at the upper elementary grades, and is a one-hour condensed version of the ABC course. In addition, any of the Good Mate materials could serve as a lead into boating safety and responsibility at the middle and high school levels. The key is to plant the

ideas and then reinforce them over time.

Flotilla 30-5 provides a good model for others to follow. Motivated by the death of a student by drowning several years ago, Dogwood Elementary School in Camdenton, MO asked for a water safety unit for the kindergarten students. There are 11 kindergarten classes, each with approximately 21-22 students. The scene is set as "grandpa's dock," where the students are fishing. Each student is actively involved in a number of "what if" situations. "What would you do if grandpa fell into the water?" "How could you help him?" "How could you call for help?" Everyone gets to wear life jackets and pretend what happens when going in the water. The focus is on how to handle an emergency.

The lesson extends beyond the basic safety elements to include safety and responsibility at the local pool, safe preparation for boating and water activities, and protection of the environment. The Flotilla brings a cooler full of waste and dumps it off the dock into the water. Students are asked to respond to this behavior, and then to realize the effect such dumping has on people and animals. The focus here is being responsible for your own behaviors.

Flotilla members wear their Tropical Blue Long uniforms, which are inherently interesting to the students, but it also allows them to see the Coast Guard Auxiliary as an official and professional group providing boating safety education. This

image will carry over in later years when the topic of boating safety arises, and the Auxiliary will be remembered as the provider of boating safety education.

Flotilla 30-5 will be developing materials for use in third and fourth grades to reinforce and enhance the basic safety education learned in kindergarten. Later, students who want to be solo boaters must pass a boating safety course and be certified by the state. Once again the Auxiliary can provide this education. Flotillas throughout the district should seek out ways to implement similar multi-layer programs.

Virginia Rice, SO-PE, Division 30
George Peek, DSO-PE

Member Training

There have been a number of member training activities that have taken place during the first half of this year. Many of you will recall that there were sessions on IS, Operations (OPS), and Standing Rules at our Change of Watch meeting in January. At Spring Conference there were sessions on Operations/TCT Refresher, AUXDATA/AUXINFO, and Radio Procedures.

We held an all-day TCT training class at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center at Smithville Lake on March 10th. Twenty four (24) members of Division 30 participated in this training session.

At flotilla meetings during the first quarter, training included the Instructor workshop; the annual TCT Refresher workshop; DSAR; Good Mate – Stewardship of the Waterways; Sexual Harassment; Minton Crab; Waterway Watch; new forms; requirements for Operations and Vessel Examiners; pollution and waste; and, e-mail.

Some of the same topics were covered by other flotillas during the second quarter. Additional topics included: Operations workshop; mentoring for boat crew candidates; MDV and VE workshops; training session on the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary – Civil Air Patrol; rain gardens and protective water runoff; West Nile Virus – mosquitoes and birds; uniforms; log books used on patrols; and radio/deck log requirements and summer heat.

As I mentioned in the previous edition of 30 Knots, as Flotilla Commanders and Member Training Officers we need to find out what our members are interested in and help them to acquire that training. When you have boat crew candidates, for example, help them to not only get their time in on the water, but also help to mentor them as they go through the Qualification Guide for Crew Members.

The quality of our organization is a reflection of the quality and expertise of our people, and the more training we can provide to our members, the greater the level of expertise that

they will exhibit as they represent the Auxiliary in various endeavors. Help them to grow and achieve!

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The Second Annual Missouri River 340 Canoe and Kayak Race



July 24-28, 2007

Participants are allowed exactly 100 hours to complete the course. There are nine checkpoints along the route where paddlers are required to sign in and sign out. Cutoff times will be associated with these checkpoints based on the 100 hour pace. Failure to miss two consecutive deadlines is grounds for disqualification. To finish this race in 100 hours is a huge accomplishment. Only 2/3 of the teams were able to do that last year. There are no dams, locks or portages on this stretch of the Missouri. You could, conceivably, finish this race without ever having left your boat. (We don't recommend it.) This doesn't mean that the race is without danger. Any time you put yourself on the water, especially

moving water, you assume a certain amount of risk. The Missouri 340 course is all on Class I water. The current is about 3 mph and there are no rapids. The biggest hazard to paddlers would be motorboats, mostly fisherman, and the occasional towboat pushing barges. In river obstacles would include wing dikes, buoys and bridge pilings.

The morning sunrise was a wonderful prediction of the day ahead. The weather was perfect for the MO 340 River Race. George & Tonya Hurlburt put in at LaBenite around 6:30 am and traveled up stream to Kaw Point, for the start of the race. They provided safety patrol with the group as far as Fort Osage landing at mm 337.0 @ Sibley, MO and then returned to LaBenite around 3:30 pm.

OPS

It's been an active patrol season so far this year. Early warm weather got a few crews out for some hours. It's starting to get HOT and HUMID now. Be sure you are watching your body temperature and water intake. Taking frequent breaks and drinking lots of fluids are the key to avoiding heat related problems. Be safe this summer. We have additional fuel money, because of bad weather in some parts of the country - Division 30 was allocated an increase of \$1000.

As Auxiliarists operating under orders we must remember that we are the "eyes and ears" of the active

duty, to that end if / when we come across something unusual during our patrols, that is not an immediate threat to life or property, we must contact our Operational Command (Sector) for instruction. Premature action or intervention on our part may come with severe liability and / or safety consequences. I remind you – we are not to tow boats without the OPCON's concurrence. Our Operational Control lies with Sector UMR and they have the final word on SAR prosecution. Let the OPCON make the decision as to what action is to be taken, that is their job and they also may be privy to information that the coxswain does not have. Please remember that the safety of our members and facilities is of paramount importance and we must be continuously monitoring and evaluating our risk assessment and following operational policy.

If you are asked by another government agency (federal, state, local, fire dept, etc) to join them on a patrol; you MUST do the following - ask the OGA (Other Gov't Agency) to E-mail or call the request to Mr. Leavell. Please e-mail copy the Division 30 OPS officer, the District 8WR OPS officer, and AUC Chief of Response. The mission will be reportable as a 41, 42, or 43 depending on if the OGA is Fed, State, or Local. See page 6 of the 7030 form. There needs to be as much lead time as possible. When the request is approved, you would be on a legal mission and may wear your uniform. You will have the same protection as any other CG Aux mission.

Hot Weather Uniform Policy - District 8WR's Hot Weather Uniform Policy has been published to the Manuals-Guides webpage. The link to the Policy is located in the 8WR District Guides - Other Documents section in the lower portion of the webpage.

From the OTO Desk -Quarterly news. CWO Douglas Leavell has published his 3rd quarter 2007 news letter. Read the newsletter in MS Word (206 KB) or Adobe Acrobat on the 8WR web site.

POMS and SPAM blockers
We have had numerous members kicked off of POMS due to SPAM Blockers. Anyone on POMS or trying to get access to POMS will require "POMS (at) Statronics.com" be set as a safe sender in their SPAM Blocker. Your particular e-mail system MAY have a separate Junk Mail folder that must be accessed online OR within your e-mail client. You could conceivably receive e-mails in these "Junk Mail" folders, and POMS would consider it delivered and would NOT kick you off. I encourage every Ops member in the system who is not getting regular POMS e-mail (about once or twice a month) to double-check their online e-mail client OR their computer e-mail client (like Outlook). If you ever find a POMS e-mail in one of those folders, you can generally mark them "Not Spam", "Add to Safe Senders List", or something to that effect. If you have an external SPAM-blocking program, check those settings as well.

Operations Directorate Re-Alignment

Effective July 1, 2007, the Operations and Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Departments have realigned to enhance service to the USCG and the recreational boating public. Through a joint effort, these two Departments have aligned themselves along the Sector constructs of Prevention, the M Department, and Response, the O Department. This realignment has resulted in these visible moves: The Aids to Navigation Division has been moved from the O Department to the M Department and retitled Navigation Services Division. The Incident Management Division has moved from the M Department to the O Department. This realignment is endorsed by the National Board and demonstrates again the response to the member's desires for change in some areas.

Request for Waiver to operate beyond 8 hours underway
Here is an example of a request to SECTOR/DIRAUX:
"Pursuant to our phone conversation of 13JUL07 at 1339 I would like to request a waiver to the OPTEMPO for OPFACs 3121103 & 4721111. On 21JUL07 OPFACs 103 and 111 are being requested to support a marine event at UMR 853.2. The Target Aquatennial Fireworks event is commencing at 2130 and securing at 2230. The event takes place approx. 13 miles from the mooring location of the OPFACs, and also requires going through 3 sets of locks. The underway time to the event will take approx. 3 to 3.5 hours depending on lock traffic and the return underway time will be 3.5 to

4.5 hours due to darkness and lock traffic. I would expect to exceed our OPTEMPO by approx. 35%. Please advise. Thank you."

A few items to consider:

- a. Is overnighting (lodging) a possibility?
- b. Are there additional assets or crews who can split the event?
- c. How many hours over OPTEMPO will this event put us (use actual hours or percentage)
- d. If OPTEMPO waiver is required, the parties involved need to notify Sector as soon as this is known, because the process of granting a waiver is time consuming.

West Marine Stores Announce 10% Discount

West Marine has scheduled a 10% retail in-store discount in honor of the USCG Anniversary. The dates of the discount will be August 4-11, 2007. All USCG Auxiliarists, USCG active duty and reservists and US Power Squadron members are eligible for the discount. The discount coupons will be available in the stores.

District 8WR Welcomes new Director of the Auxiliary

Effective July 1, 2007, CDR Todd J. Campbell assumed the position of Director of the Auxiliary over District 8WR. District 8WR welcomes CDR Campbell; we are all looking forward to working with him. View a picture of CDR Campbell on one of the following webpages - DirAux Home Page, DirAux Staff webpage (also contains his telephone number and

e-mail address) or EXCOM webpage.

District Staff Officer - Operations Position Open

The 8WR District has an opening for DSO-OP. The position will be effective 1-1-08. The requirements of this position is that you need to have your coxswain qualification current, be knowledgeable of District Operation policies, be involved in your Division operations, be able assist with the set up, planning and presentation of workshops and training, good knowledge of POMS and AUXDATA and be knowledgeable of e-mail and software programs such as Word and Excel. You will need to be available to attend the District Spring and Fall Conferences and give reports on the operation program. If you are interested in this position, please send your Auxiliary resume to the Chief of Response, Robert Smekta at tsunamiblue@att.net by close of business August 3, 2007.

Grants Handbook Published

The Boating Department has created a Grants Handbook (PDF: 48 KB / 5 pages) for 2007. This short and easy to use document will point members who want to apply for grants in the right direction

New E-Testing Center

The location for taking on-line examinations, both proctored and non-proctored, has changed. Entrance to the Testing Center is now located at <http://ntc.cgaux.org/> Members must have an ID and password to enter the Testing Center. The ID and password can

be quickly acquired by selecting the New User - Get Password link on the entrance webpage. Learn more about the new process by referring to the Member E-Training and AuxOp Proctors web pages.

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." -William Arthur Ward

EPA



Flotilla 30-01 worked with an Auxiliary Flotilla from Sioux City during a rainy day on the Missouri river providing safety/security patrol for the Kansas City EPA office. The EPA office provided training on equipment and procedures for their on-scene coordinators, many of whom had no experience on boats or around the water.



Happy Safe Boating!!