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Don't forget Spring Conference!!

U S Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 30, 8th Western Rivers Region Division Captain Gene McCallister

Another Year Begins! Bumper and I are hoping for great things. We're already starting with several new Coxswain's, Crew, Instructors and Examiners from several flotillas; already an improvement from last year. The Marine Safety Officer has requested more activity on the Missouri River this year. We will try to meet this challenge. Today, Division 30 has a new role in Homeland Security and training for this will begin soon.

As we all look forward to Public Education classes, Boat Shows, Operations, Public Affairs and Member Training please work with each other. Our goal should be to help each member no matter which flotilla he is a member of to succeed and flourish. In doing this we ultimately help ourselves and one another to become better Auxiliarists. New members need to be mentored so they will become well trained, attain experience and most important of all to be able to recruit others who have the same goals. As you plan your year don't forget to include other flotilla's in your training. Sometimes it is only a matter of asking them to join your training in order to make a new friend. Remember fellowship is just as important as the training. The better you know your fellow auxiliarist the better you will be able to work together in an emergency situation. Please remember we are the examples to the public. As they say you only get one chance to make a good first impression. Make ours one of experience, confidence, accessibility and pride. Make yourself accessible to the public so they will not be afraid to ask questions. That may be your first step to recruiting that person. Always wear your uniform with pride.

Respectfully, Gene McCallister DCP-30, 8WR

Division Vice Captain

If you missed it - you missed a good one...

Thank you one and all for making Change of Watch a successful event , and to Host Flotilla 30-04 for doing an excellent job.

Congratulations to the newly elected and the re-elected Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Vice Commanders.... I'm sure you're looking forward to an exciting and eventful year..... Good luck to you all.....

Welcome aboard to the following members who have graciously consented to take on the added responsibilities as a Division Staff Officer;

Mike Bragg, SO-IS

Tom Vargo, SO-MT

George Hurlburt, SO-OP

A special "Thanks" to Linda Vogel who has agreed to take on the additional duties of SO-PB (30 Knots) along with her tasks as SO-SR.

To those Division Staff Officers who have stepped down this year, thank you, your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated..

Remember 30 Knots cannot survive without your support. Staff Officers and Flotilla Commanders submit those reports.If there are any ways that the DCP and I can assist you, please feel free to call upon us at your convenience..

Always follow the Chain of Communication and Leadership.

Respectfully, Richard A. Johnson VCP-30,
8WR

P.S. To Bert & Ernie wherever you are, a very Special Thanks"

Flotilla 30-01

Looking back, Flotilla 30-1 had a very good 2004!

We gained one new member. In addition, we qualified one coxswain, three crew, four vessel examiners, one program visitor, one Fingerprint Technician and two instructors. At this time one half of our flotilla is Instructor qualified, operationally qualified, and qualified as Vessel Examiners.

Our members utilized both classroom and on-line training to complete additional courses. One member completed the Auxiliary Seamanship course. Two completed the Administrative Procedures Course. Five completed the Team Coordination Training Course. One completed the Good Mate Course, and one completed the Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection course.

Our Boating Skills and Seamanship class graduated eighteen students, each of whom now have a strong foundation of boating skills.

Working with local flotillas, we completed three Vessel Exam stations, assisted with the Lewis and Clark events and worked several

Patrols throughout the summer.

Additionally, we participated in numerous Member training sessions, three parades and a number of other public affairs events.

Looking forward to 2005, our Flotilla has the potential for doing great things again this year!

At Spring Conference Brenda McCallister was given the Willis Hintz award. Congratulations Brenda!

Torance Fisher has been given an award for 2 years of service to the Auxiliary. Thank you Torance!

We have three new members recruited, one new coxswain, and one member currently completing the requirements for Program Visitor and Instructor.

We have a number of members who are working on coxswain, crew, instructor and other qualifications.

Seven members of our Flotilla took part in a Member Training day at the Litton Center. Mike Bragg, a member of Flotilla 1, did an outstanding job of training on both ICS 100 and the Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. Due to the level of training, three of our members took and easily passed both of the on-line tests for these classes.

We helped with two boat shows, one in January and one in February.

They were both very successful. We were able to sign up many people for our PE classes. We have two classes

scheduled, and our BS&S class is currently full. Our Vessel Examination Stations have been scheduled as well as our Patrols on Smithville Lake.

2005 is shaping up to be a busy year!

We are all ready to get started!

Respectfully, Debi Marlott 30-01, 8WR

Flotilla 30-02

The year 2004 was a successful year for the flotilla in area's proving once again the strength of our members. The flotilla hit the year 2005 with their feet moving by setting up the Spring Boating Classes, Vessel Safety Check Days, Recreational Program Visitor and a new goal of adding 30% more to the now 154 stops and planning for the North American Safe Boating Week in May.

As of 14 Feb 2005 Laurie Flotilla has 147 hrs Admin; 31 hrs Member Training; 107 RBS visits; 218 hrs Public Affairs; 8 hrs Public Education; and 6 hrs Recruiting Assistance. The Flotilla Vice Commander, S. Venis, and myself thank the members for their diligent work for the USCG Auxiliary and Laurie Flotilla 30-02.

Always remember to wear your uniform proudly and properly,
Respectfully, C. L. Prosser FC, 30-02, 8WR

Flotilla 30-04

Flotilla 04 joined with several other local Flotilla's (1--7--& 13) this Summer in a TCT training class. We also worked the 2004 Boat Shows with success, gaining enough interested boaters to take some of our Spring Boating Classes. We also had a good response for our Patrols & VE Stations at Smithville Lake during the Summer season. We also did some MDV training Classes at Smithville Lake during the boating season. In late Summer, early Fall we had a MARSEC Training Session at the McCallister's in Holt, Mo. and it was put on by DIRAUX. Cmdr. Roundy & Lt. Cmdr. Jill Driskus from MSO St. Louis, Mo. conducted the session. It was quite informative, and gave everyone an opportunity to become involved.

We had our Public Education -- Boating Classes in April and May . We had two sessions. Our 1st session was more productive than our 2nd, however all in all we probably had 15 students, and that was not too bad for our Flotilla.

At the beginning of the 2004 calendar year we changed our meeting location from Ryan's Steakhouse to the US Army Reserve Bldg. at 11101 Independence Ave. Independence, Mo It offered us many more possibilities. Shortly after our change of location, the Army Reserve invited

us to attend a Deployment Ceremony at the Truman Library. Several of their Units were being deployed to the Middle East . We had 7 or 8 of our members in attendance at that ceremony and it was quite a patriotic ceremony enjoyed by all in attendance.

In October we had five units in the Independence Annual Halloween Parade. Joining us were some members from Flotilla's 1-- 7--& 13 . Everyone met at the Dillard's for chili after the event. It was a beautiful day for the Parade and everyone had a splendid time. Our public relations with the Independence community has always been very well accepted and has been helpful in the promotion of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

On December the 4th we had our yearly Christmas Party at the " Community Of Christ " church 1021 West College St. in Independence. Robert & Luella Dillard were responsible for obtaining their church for our event. A great time was had by all, and we were honored by guests from some of the local Flotilla's.

We welcomed into our Flotilla a new member, that of Bruce Perkins. He is also a former veteran of the Coast Guard and we are very pleased to have his knowledge and experience.

In November we learned the sad news of Michelle Hood's (a Flotilla member) mother passing away. Due to situations at home of a personal

nature Michelle felt it necessary to resign her position as Finance Officer. We congratulate her on a job well done and appreciate the great job that she has done for the past several years. She plans to continue on with us but cannot serve in any Officers capacity, at least for the present time.

Bruce Perkins is now filling in for Michelle and is now our new Finance Officer. We thank him for accepting that position on such a short notice. We have also recruited two new prospective members to our Flotilla, that of Joseph C. Waters and his daughter Joy A. Waters. Their paperwork in at District and awaiting their membership clearance. Joseph is a boat builder, and owns a business on Noland Rd. in Independence, across from the Indep. Police Station. We are anxiously awaiting their security clearance.

We are looking forward to a great New Year with the anticipation of growth in many areas. My hopes for everyone in Division 30 is for a banner year.

Respectfully, Lyle Wright- FC 30-04, WR8

Flotilla 30-05

In January we gave a boating class with 13 in attendance and had 100% graduate. The second class was given in March to the Northwest Fire

Department with 22 in attendance—again, all 22 passed.

22 May, 2004-Ramp Day at PVA #3 Osage Beach, MOBoating inspections and had 8 in attendance

29 May, 2004-Had a VE Station at one of 4 Conservation ramps with 7 attendees.

Had two patrols totalling 36 hours.

19 June, 2004-Had VE Stations at #3 Conservation ramp with 5 in attendance

28 June, 2004-Had VE Stations at #2 Conservation ramp with 8 in attendance

17 July , 2004-Had VE stations at G&G Marina Gas Dock with 4 in attendance

17, 18, & 19 September Had a booth at Hillbilly Fair in Laurie, MO—All members from the flotilla helped man the booth.

25 September, 2004 - Had boating safety class for the youth at Anchorage Marina Docks in Gravois Mills—We had 5 in attendance and 4 passed.

As you can see we had a very busy year. Hope that 2005 is even more busy than the last.

Respectfully, Bob Spruell – FC-30-05,8WR

Flotilla 30-7

Our activities this year included member training, vessel safety checks, increased operational patrols and VE's combined with a constant membership drive continuing in 2005.

Another popular activity is having the Pony Express award for all to achieve.

January 14th-16th is the St., Joseph, Missouri boat show at the St., Joseph Civic Arena.

We are offering , ABC (American Boating Course) a 4 week, 8 hour course. Classes will start February 3rd, and continuing the 9th,17th and 24th. Location is Hillyard Technical School, 3430 Faraon St., St. Joseph, Missouri, 7-9 P.M..

Year 2004 had 30-7 retiring 2 members disenrolling 5 members.

We enjoyed working with the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The 2004 Pony express awards will be presented to:

The most VSC 'S

Roger Fenn 7

Mary Jo Payton 7

Operation Hours

David Magee 84

Sandra Magee 70

Membership 99 Hours

Mary Jo Payton 1,460

Public Education

David Magee 16

October 30th 30-7 participated in the Halloween parade at Independence, Missouri.

November 9th a cold weather PFD suit was donated to the St. Joseph, Missouri National Military Heritage Museum.

November 11th, 30-7 was present in a Veterans Day parade in St. Joseph, Missouri with various military units available.

Respectfully, Mary Jo Payton FC 30-07, 8WR



Communication Services

The Division 30 Web Page is www.cgaux.net. As soon as your flotilla has a Public Education class schedule for 2005, please send the information to cgauxnet@hotmail.com. With the new boating law taking effect, there should be an increased interest in our classes. If your flotilla is doing a VE station, or having a special training class, let the rest of the membership be aware of your schedule so that we can work together on these activities.

I currently have pages for VE's, Member Training, and PE Classes.

If your flotilla is interested in creating their own web page, please contact me. There are certain rules to follow. Once it has been

approved, your site will be listed on the national auxiliary web site. If you have any comments or suggestions for the web page, please let me know. I want to make the site beneficial to everyone, member and public alike.

Debi Marlott SO-CS

Marine Safety

Keeping the MS Information Flowing
A great source for MS information is the Division 30 Web page
<http://www.cgaux.net/>.

The 8WR Marsec Pilot Program is ever present on the Division 30 web page.

This program is available to assist the Coast Guard.

Trident, is the ultimate goal in MS contacting the Coast Guard Auxiliary National Web Page you will find the needed information (webPage address).

Division 30 has and can make a difference in the MS program. FSO-MS'S, your flotilla talents with their interest and ability. Make those flotilla meetings an environmental oriented training session for a member training session.

February 5th, there will be two training sessions on ICS100 AND 200 at the Jerry Litton Center, Smithville, Missouri. Contact Mike

Bragg m.bragg@kc.rr.com SO-IS 30
or Tom Vargo tvargo@kc.rr.com SO-
MT 30 if you can attend.

Division 30 membership participation :

Goodmate Course	4
ICS 100	11
ICS 200	5

Mary Jo Payton SO-MS

Member Training

Within division 30, we have begun preparation for various member training during 2005. As you may know, all Auxiliary instructors are required to complete a new **Instructors workshop** to maintain their instructor qualification, whether they are teaching in the public education arena or only in member training. In addition, there is a new **Operations workshop** that is required for Auxiliary members participating in surface operations and marine safety programs as part of the Auxiliary's Operation Patriot Readiness.

Tom Rice of Flotilla 30-5 will be leading these workshops on February 12th for members at and around the Lake of the Ozarks.

Also for members at the Lake, Ernie Venis of Flotilla 30-2 will be leading the workshops on February 19th at the Bank of Versailles, Greenview Branch.

Mike McCallister and George Hurlburt of Flotilla 30-1 will be leading these

workshops at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center at Smithville Lake on March 19th for our members in Kansas City and the surrounding area. If necessary, we'll do make-up sessions at a later date in the spring.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, we surveyed the various flotilla commanders and solicited feedback on topics that their members were interested in receiving training on. As a result of their feedback, we are planning to do training on several different topics this year. In fact, George Hurlburt of 30-1 has already presented a training session on **First Aid** at the Change of Watch conference in January, which was one of the most requested topics mentioned in response to the survey. We have scheduled additional training on the following topics as a result of the survey:

Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection;

Incident Command System 100;

and,

Incident Command System 200.

Training for the first two topics is scheduled to take place at the Litton Center in Smithville on Saturday, February 5th and will be led by Mike Bragg. He will also lead the ICS 200 training which is scheduled for March 19th at the Litton Center. Mike will also present these three training sessions in the near future at a

location that is more convenient for our members at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Finally, we hope to be able to present additional member training that is of interest to a large number of our members during the second half of this year, and are looking at possibly the Good Mate course and CPR training, to name just two.
Tom Vargo SO-MT

Operations

I recently attended an OPS class in St Louis with Mark Helmers and other District 8WR SO-OP officers. It was good to meet the people behind the names I see all the time. The city of St Louis had a Mardi Gras celebration going on the same weekend and it was quite a chore to get some sleep in the evenings at the hotel. But I did pick up some good information on POMS and AUXDATA during our class. Mark says we will be getting our 2005 budget allocation dollars soon for Div 30. It looks like we are going to have three mandatory workshops this year for those members in Operations, RBS-PV &/or VE, and Instructors. These workshops should be attended and entered into AUXDATA by May 31st.

I encourage everyone to use the new 7003 form (Rev 01-05) for Vessel

Facility Inspection and Offer for Use this year. It has a new Section VIII which replaces the old "Operation of Facility by a Non-owner" letter. There are also new fields for entering Latitude and Longitude of your vessel's home port. This will help populate a national database showing the concentration of facilities around the US. If your vessel appearance or vessel data has changed significantly, please include a new Operational Vessel Facility Data Sheet (with a photo) to the Director when you submit form 7003. Same on form 7008 for PWC.

There are two new mandatory fields on the CG-5132, Gallons of Fuel (used) and Underway Hours. Fill them out when your patrol is done. Reminder – you should have a printed copy of your approved orders with you at all times on patrol.

Ask crew and coxswains to be sure their information in AUXDATA is current, up-to-date, and correct. Phone numbers and working email addresses are important. Turn in the new form 7028 for Change of Member Information to your IS officer. I know several people have incorrect information out there. Your flotilla IS officer can also help with any questions here.

In an effort to stretch our 2005 Div 30 Operations Budget, the Directors' office has asked that all reimbursement requests for trailering

costs be pre-approved. I know this hits us in the pocketbooks, but it may be offset a little by the new SAMA reimbursement money we will receive for maintenance costs.

We need more PWC operators. I encourage members with PWC to step up and get involved with this new program.

George Hurlburt, SO-OP

Public Affairs

Multi-Media's Create a Chain of Communication

Media's, newspapers and promotions .Auxiliary flotilla members in increased numbers can create a thriving communication channel.

2005, increasing those Public Affairs functions and press releases by at least 20 %.

This can start with in your flotilla. Using all your media contacts and making more as the year progresses. Flotilla contacts are waiting to be used giving the members the rewarding feeling of achievement.

Make your plan and work it. Using the National Safe Boating Week (NSWB) May 21-27, campaign website posted with your events

www.safeboatingcampaign.org., keeps the NSBW message ever present.

Using the Division 30 Web page for information and encouraging

Those computer inquires to e-mail and flotilla commanders furnishing the vital

information on the meeting place and interest of the new member.

January 4th thru the 9th is the Kansas City Boat show. Reaching out at local and Division boat shows can say what we represent and offer. A membership display is present at the St. Joseph, Missouri National Heritage Museum.

View

([http://www.auxpa.org/research/USCG AUX-PA.swf](http://www.auxpa.org/research/USCG_AUX-PA.swf)) to view a Flash presentation for some ideas on how to turn a local story into a national story.

Members with an interesting story to tell that may be of interest to a national audience can go to <http://www.auxpa.org/dept/story.php> . While this service should not be used for purely local stories (such as Flotilla election results, individual awards, Change of Watch notices, meeting class, VSC station notices, etc.), we certainly encourage the FSO-PA to approach their local media outlets with these types of stories.

Mary Jo Payton SO-PA

Vessel Inspections

We started the year off 10 April, 2004 with a Vessel Safety Check Class with the guidance of Division 30's SO-VE

Bob Spruell and Division 31 SO-MT Dave Chaffee as instructors. They had

a very successful 12 hour class. They had 10 attend and complete the class with 90% or above. They also had 3 US Power Squadrons who passed the class with 92%.

Our new 2005 VE stickers are here. Hope all FC's have their stickers. Also, FSO-VE's should have their stickers ordered.

Our VE's did a great job this last year. HOPE YOU HAVE A BETTER ONE IN 2005.

Bob Spruell, SO-VE

Publications

Thanks to everyone who sent in articles for the Spring 30 Knots. As Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff Officers it is your responsibility to communicate to not only the Division but to the Flotilla level. One of the most important ways we can do this is with a noteworthy Division newsletter. While reading each of the articles, I was amazed at how much each flotilla has accomplished in the previous year and the important information conveyed in the additional articles.

The intent is to publish this 2-3 times per year; however, it has been a challenge to get some of the data needed to put this together. Remember—this is not a “job” just for your publication officers, this is a commitment by each and every one of you to carry out your role in the CGA and get the word out!!

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is something for all of us to be proud of and be proud of our successes!!

See you at Spring Conference--
Linda Vogel SO-PB

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