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From the Captain

Boy how times flies, we're nearing the end of May. We just had a very successful Spring Conference. One might think I was somewhat prejudice if I were to comment on the Conference, so my suggestion is read Brenda's following article.

If you missed it, shame, shame.

What do we have to look forward to?

Now there's no need to remind anyone that one of the busiest and most popular time of the year is approaching - **Summertime.**

Operations, Vessel Examination Sites, Program Visitor visits, in your free time throw in some ABC & B.S.& S. classes, and of course don't forget the 'crowds' and the 'heat'.

**Now that's what we're looking forward to –
Summertime**
Dick Johnson-DCP

From the Vice Captain

We just had a great Division Conference at Lake of the Ozarks! There was food, fellowship, information, education and did I mention food? May I say everyone who

participated did a great job! Our new RCO-E Ron Allen attended and our IPDCO Diane Williams and Bill Williams. Our morning meeting was streamlined and we were able to adopt an updated Policy Guide. A copy was distributed to each FC and new pages will be sent so that they can replace the pages that we added wording to. If anyone is interested in viewing the policy guide the new version will be on the web soon. For those of you who attended the afternoon training we were introduced to information on an updated POMS program by George Hurlburt.

He discussed the new screens you will see while filling our request for patrol orders. Mike Bragg discussed how to fill out 7030 forms and what he needs from you in order to make sure you get credit for your time. Tom Vargo discussed the ICS tests and how to access them on line thru FEMA. He also discussed currency maintenance and making sure the Coxswain you crew for gives you credit and fills out the paperwork for currency maintenance. Afterward we had a round table discussion on recruiting. How, where, when and who we recruit were discussed. Problems were discussed by FC's and worked through. Later in the evening we had a great dinner, raffle, silent auction and live auction. The members of Division 30 recieved many awards including Tonya Hulburt for best scrap book in the District, Flotilla 30-1 recieved best Flotilla in the Division, Division 30 got the Commodor's cup for Vessel Safety Checks and many

more! If you didn't go to this Conference you missed a great one! Please plan to attend the Fall Conference in Kansas City. Plans are underway to make it as great as the Spring Conference! Flotilla 30-1 is hosting this one and I can hardly wait to attend. Congratulations to Flotilla 30-5 for a great conference.

Brenda McCallister VCP

Flotilla 30-01

First Kansas City Flotilla has had a very good start to 2006!

Our members utilized both classroom and on-line training to complete additional courses. Five members have completed Incident Command System Level 100, three have completed level 200, five have completed level 700, and three have completed level 800. One member has completed testing for qualification as a Vessel Examiner and another has passed their Program Visitor Exam.

We have completed teaching America's Boating Course and Boating Skills and Seamanship. We have graduated a total of fifteen students, each of whom now has a strong foundation of boating skills. We have gained a potential new member from one of the classes. We will have another America's Boating Course in May.

We have completed one Vessel Exam station and have a monthly Station scheduled throughout the

summer. Additionally, we participated in a number of public affairs events including “Bartle Full of Boats” and the “Boats Sports and Travel Show” in Kansas City, and the “Lake of the Ozarks Boat Show” in Overland Park, Kansas.

Our Flotilla has the potential for doing great things again this year! We are actively pursuing the Commodore’s Streamer and feel confident that we will make this goal.

I am very proud of our Flotilla. Flotilla One is once again Number One. Our members contribute countless hours to the Auxiliary in addition to working full time jobs. Many of them put in 50-60 hours of work at their “regular” jobs, and then find time to do Patrols, teach classes, participate in Public Affairs, do AuxData entries, and complete Vessel Exams and Program Visits. I believe that Willis Hintz would have been very proud of our Flotilla. They work not for individual recognition, but as a team for the good of the whole flotilla. This is an exceptional group of volunteers and I am honored to be their Commander.

Debi Marlott FC 30-01



Flotilla 30-02

Our 2005 year ended on a positive note as we completed all requirements for the Commodores Honor Streamer. We are once again leading the District in Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program visits (RBSVP), with our Flotilla doing 1626 visits, as of 26 Dec 2005, which is 96% of Division 30’s total, 45% of the District’s total and 3% of the nation’s total. The Flotilla PV’s received a National award from the VE Department for Performance Excellence First Place in PV’s in the Nation. We taught eight (8) multi-lesson public education classes. Member training was held after every meeting. Of our operational members 100% have completed ICS 100, 75% have ICS 200, 25% have ICS 700, and 50% have Good Mate. All of our operational members received the “Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation” from MSO St. Louis. In operations we did nine (9) fireworks patrols and one (1) communications patrol in support of MSO St. Louis. Our FSO-VE C. F. Layton gave us a goal of 220 VSC’s which was double the amount needed for the Commodores Honor Streamer; to date we have 226 VSC’s. Our FSO-PV is maintaining the partner list for the Lake of the Ozarks area with over 230 partners listed. In the Americas Waterway Watch program we have handed out more than 6,000 pieces of literature. In 2005 we had three (3) members disenroll and gained two (2) new members. All in all Laurie Flotilla had an excellent year and the members worked as a synchronized

team, we set goals and then achieved them.

Always remember to wear your uniform proudly and properly,
Carol Lee Prosser,
IPFC

2006 - Now for the future. The Laurie Flotilla members have set many goals including, increasing our VSC and PV production over the previous year and to meet the requirements of the Commodores Honor Streamer for the second (2nd) year in a row. We have eight (8) multi-lesson classes scheduled with several requests for additional classes by organizations and businesses. Our FSO-MT will be having Crew classes this early spring to be ready for the boating season, as well as getting all Laurie Flotilla Members qualified in ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800. We will also be training in the Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) for the billets provided to us by MSO St. Louis.

Michael R. Snively FC 30-02

“Getting What You Want from Auxiliary Information Systems”

Do you know the easiest way to find another member's e-mail address online?

Do you know how to determine how many hours you served or vessels you inspected in past years?

Most members are surprised to learn that the same reports they request from their IS officers are already

available to all Auxiliarists. They're online and you can view them any time, day or night.

How?

There are three web sites that you'll find useful if you're looking for information from Auxdata:

The Auxiliary eDirectory –
<http://www.auxedirectory.org>

The eDirectory web site contains the recorded e-mail addresses, officer positions, and qualifications of every member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. You can search by flotilla, by staff position, by name, or many combinations of information. If you already shop the Auxiliary stores online, you can use the same user ID and password to access the eDirectory. If you don't, the web page provides a link and instructions for activating your account.

AUXINFO –
<http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov>

Auxinfo is actually a public web site that was designed to provide information to all interested persons. The site allows you to see all Coast Guard Auxiliary activity that has been entered in Auxdata since 2001. You can filter by year, by activity, by unit, and even down to the member level. Auxinfo refreshes every Sunday evening, so it's current as of the previous week's entries. If you want to see some examples of reports, check out the pre-formatted examples on the Diraux web site at <http://users.monet.com/district8wr/members/auxinfo>

[_div_rpts.htm](#) . Auxinfo takes a little practice, but there's some good training available at the I-Department web site described next.

The I-Department How To Page --
<http://home.auxidept.org/howto.htm>

The "How To" page has training materials for both sites listed above, as well as for Auxdata. There are 20 individual training articles presented in Powerpoint and in Adobe PDF formats. The articles are comprehensive and are very similar to the training material used for the AUX-10 course where IS officers learn to use the systems. If you're an FSO-IS, you may be interested in the job descriptions listed on the page as well.



Communication Services:

The Division 30 Web Page is
www.cgaux.net.

This web site is designed for a dual purpose, public and members. The public part of the site gives details on our organization, classes, and vessel exam locations. The majority of the site is dedicated to giving the membership the ability to get to useful information that is scattered throughout the Internet.

If your flotilla has a class scheduled, please let me post it on our web. With the new boating law taking effect, there has been an increased interest in our classes.

There are pages on the site set aside for Vessel Exam locations and dates as well as division member training opportunities. If you have any information that you would like to have posted please send me an e-mail with this information.

If your flotilla is interested in creating their own web page, please contact me. There is free space available on the National server to host your site. I will assist you with the process of obtaining space and getting a site created and approved. Once it has been approved, your site will be listed on the national auxiliary web site.

Please make sure that all of your membership has a correct email address in AuxData. If someone's email address has changed, please submit a Change of Member Information Form – 7028 through your FSO-IS to the SO-IS. I would also encourage everyone to activate their eDirectory account at www.auxedirectory.org.

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
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OPS corner:

It's going to be an interesting summer. I have heard predications of up to \$4.00 per gallon at marinas this year. Be conscious of your fuel consumption and get the most for your time and money. You can even consider tying up at a marina or drifting safely for an hour or two on each patrol. Fuels receipts **MUST BE ORIGINALS** and show the detail for total gallons purchased and price per gallon. I will keep an eye on total Div 30 expenses to make sure we can make it thru Labor Day weekend. If it gets really bad, we might have to slow down or limit patrols to conserve our fuel budget and make it last all summer.

I am asking 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 a new form 7028 for Change of Member Information to your IS officer. I know several people have incorrect or out of date information. Your flotilla IS officer can also help with any questions here.

We already have stories in the newspapers about people drowning without life jackets when thrown out of the boat. When you are out on the water and doing VE's on shore this year, really push the life jackets. If the boaters say they are uncomfortable, then ask them to buy a new one. One they will wear. You just can't beat the new inflatable models.

Start off this new 2006 year of patrols the right way; safely and smartly. Don't put yourself, your crew, or your vessel at risk. Watch your 8 hour patrol limits and have a good time on the water.

George Hurlburt-OPS

Member Training 2006

We entered a new year and have some new training materials and courses available for our Auxiliary members. We now have: value-added training; ICS courses required for members engaged in operations; and, updates to the mandatory workshops that many of us participated in during 2005. I will touch on each of these topics.

Value Added Training is new for 2006 and was developed for Auxiliary members looking for supplemental information to aid them in their Auxiliary programs. The three courses are Electronic Communication, Program Management, and, Influencing the Spectator Fleet - A Guide for Fostering Good Relationships with the Public. Value-added courses are:

- ... ★ Quick and easy to complete
- ... ★ Easy to understand
- ... ★ On wide-ranging topics that go beyond our cornerstone programs
- ... ★ A benefit to our members

Value-added courses **do not**:

- ... ★ Require an end of course test
- ... ★ Get recorded in AUXDATA
- ... ★ Contribute to gaining any qualification



The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized, all-hazard incident management concept that allows users to adopt an integrated organizational structure. ICS is now required learning for Auxiliary members engaged in operations. ICS courses 100 and 700 must be taken and successfully completed by June 30, 2006, with ICS courses 200 and 800 required to be completed by September 30, 2006.

Auxiliary members engaged in operations will need to take and pass these four ICS course exams, taken on the FEMA website, over the next several months so that they can get their operational orders approved. Upon completion of the ICS exams, members will need to mail a copy of their course results/certificate to DSO-IS Rudy Stanek with a copy to CWO Mark Helmers.

I distributed copies of the **Final Exam Questions** for each of these four courses to at least one member in each of our flotillas. In addition, I

distributed CD's that contained the ICS texts and study materials. ICS exams are open book and members should go through and determine the answers to the 25-26 questions on whichever course they need to take. After they determine their answers, they will need to go to the FEMA website to enter their answers online.

The following are the e-mail addresses for each of the four ICS courses and tests:

ICS 100 –
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp>

ICS 200 –
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is200.asp>

ICS 700 –
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>

ICS 800 –
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800.asp>



There are four optional workshops for 2006: Vessel Examiner (VE), Program Visitor (PV), Operations (OPS), and Instructor (IT). The following are the links to these workshops.

VE & PV =

<http://safetyseal.net/workshops/2006workshop/>

OPS =

<http://www.auxodept.org/workshoparchives.htm>

IT =

<http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/aids/WS06.htm>

As you may recall, the VE and PV workshop was combined as a single workshop during 2005. There are separate workshops for each of these programs during 2006.

Feel free to contact me at (816) 682-6552 should you have any questions about any of the programs mentioned in this article, or any other member training.

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The year 2005 was great for the Auxiliary in Division 30 and the outlook for 2006 looks just as positive.

The 2006 Directory is out and hopefully to all members by now. If you see a name or address and a phone number that needs to be update relay that info to your FC and he will pass it on to me. We had problems with this year because a change in the format that was used.

It will be fixed for next year . After all corrections are made, I will E-Mail them back to the FC of each Flotilla and the FC will make copies for each of there members to update there Directory.

Also remember to send your article to your FSO-PB so your Flotilla Newsletter can be published in a timely matter. Your articles are important and necessary to make your newsletter informative and interesting. Remember you can submit your articles with pictures as well.

Lets have a great year of fun, fellowship, boating safety.

Carroll Vogel-SO-PB

