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ON THE COVER:

Stephen Wagner, VFC 11-2, underwent rigorous training a year ago and became qualified to serve as Quartermaster aboard the USCGC Eagle. You can learn more about Steve’s adventures on page 13.
Greetings Shipmates:

THE UNIFORM

When we took the oath of membership at our entrance to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, we were given the privilege of wearing the Coast Guard Auxiliary uniform. Each one of us made a pledge to wear the uniform “Neatly and Correctly.”

The public does not differentiate between active duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, therefore, we all look alike when in uniform. While it is true, we are volunteers. As a matter of pride, however, we should set our goals to attain the same standards as our active duty counter parts.

If you are not sure on how to properly wear the uniform, ask someone who can help you.

The Auxiliary Manual (AUXMAN) states specific options for wearing certain uniforms. However we as members do not have the authority to mix and match or make up new uniform combinations as we might do with civilian clothing.

Once again, if you are not sure, check with your elected leadership whose job it is to know exactly how to wear the proper uniform. It’s always best to ask than to be seen out of uniform.

The bottom line is, wear the uniform proudly and correctly, or don’t wear it at all!

I put this out about three years ago and we are still seeing improper wearing of the uniform. Flotilla Commanders, correct your members. This is part of your job. Don’t turn your back on the problem and think it will get better on its own, it won’t.

Very respectfully,

Ronald Booth
District Commodore

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Pass The Word

Wear It New England campaign link: http://a013.uscgaux.info/Wear_It.htm

First District AUX 75 Commemoration link: http://a013.uscgaux.info/AU75/AU75.htm
The Auxiliary is the largest uniformed volunteer support group any of its country’s military services some 32,000 strong. Always answering the call to duty in performance of its missions, the Coast Guard Auxiliary embraces the Coast Guard Commandant’s core principle which is: Service the Nation, Duty to the people and commitment to excellence.

The Auxiliary of today and tomorrow will find different ways to continue their efforts to educate the future recreational boater and paddle sport enthusiast in water safety through different means as we adjust to our user’s every day changing demands.

We look to continue to create an environmental where our members have the opportunity to receive up-to-date training and support in both their auxiliary rolls as well as their private lives. This is accomplished by making the Auxiliary a more diversified group; by bringing the strength of others to help the future of the organization. Members that we bring in today and tomorrow will someday be the leaders of the Auxiliary in years to come.

The ever-changing dynamics of today’s economy is causing United States Coast Guard to look to us for more nontraditional support. The list continues to grow.

As the auxiliary continues to meet the needs of our country today and tomorrow a stronger, diverse, trained and talented Auxiliary force will allow the organization to be coming fully operationalize, actualize and recognized as the premier volunteer force that is.

Paul McShane, DCOS

DTRAINEs scheduled for 2016

Daniel J Farren Jr, DSO-MT

January 9, 2016 at the Marriott Quincy will have a B&S meeting, Luncheon with a fashion show of uniforms, a dinner with installation of officers and as many training sessions as we can cram into eight break out rooms to include pool training in the morning.

April 1-3, 2016 at the Marriott Newport will be a more traditional DTRAIN with B&S meeting Friday, Luncheon and Dinner on Saturday, training sessions on Saturday and Sunday to include pool training in the morning.
Farewell shipmates!

I can’t begin to describe the fantastic journey I had in visiting all the units in the district. The dedication and commitment that you have displayed towards the Coast Guard is unbelievable. The opportunities to see you in action whether on a HARPAT, MOM, up in Aux Air, conducting VSCs, participating in ceremonies/parades, or stressing recreational boating safety at boat shows has been nothing short of amazing.

I know you will offer the same fellowship to CDR Carissa April as she assumes the watch from me. Some of you already know her, having crossed paths before. She is looking forward to meeting everyone. Please make her feel welcome.

In parting, as I retire from the service, I will always look back with great fondness for my time with the Auxiliary. Not only did I have the privilege to serve with you, but I had the honor of your friendship. I am truly fortunate to have experienced the fellowship that makes it difficult to say ‘Good-bye’.

I thank all of you for your passion and commitment to the Coast Guard. Keep up the great work!

Warms regards.

- LCDR Fred W. Seaton

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**Important Dates**

2016 plans are under way for significant anniversary dates.

- *Boston Light celebrates its 300th Anniversary.*

- *The National Park Service celebrates its 100th Anniversary.*

- *The Boston Harbor Islands National Park celebrates its 20th Anniversary.*

The Auxiliary might be requested to support one of more of these events. Keep watch for more information.

The POC is Jim Healy, ASC Boston.
Greetings:

The summer is in full swing! Although a bit rainy, as of this writing, it’s still been a busy summer for us.

It’s been a busy year thus far, as well, We always keep ourselves busy. We’ve worked hard through the years keeping our message alive and all of us should be proud of The Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and our very own First District, Northern Region.

Earlier, on 5 May 2015, Air Station Cape Cod named their Operations Center after one of our own! Oscar Orringer one of our AuxAir members in Division 12 was honored for his many hours of dedicated service. From 2008 to 2014 Oscar put in over 7000 hours as Operations Duty Officer, handled over 200 Search and Rescue operations and trained 50 or more active duty personnel in the functions of the center. This is a terrific example of how valuable an Auxiliarist can be for the Active Duty side. Bravo Zulu to Mr. Orringer!

We’ve been encouraging the Divisions to work together, and I see it happening. From Vessel Safety Check and Recreational Boating Safety Days, to parade participation, divisions have been reaching out to each other to get the job done. This is what we’re talking about. The credit for this goes to those members who are willing to work with their fellow Auxiliarists to get the word out. The ultimate reward is when we see a drop in boating fatalities which has actually happened over the last few years.

Now, to look ahead a little. As you read this, the election process in the district is underway but, the divisions and flotillas will be in process soon enough. Some of our units are fortunate in that there are members waiting in the wings to take on higher office, while others sometimes need a little more convincing. In the latter situation, it might be easier to look the other way when asked who wants to run for Flotilla Commander or Vice Division Commander. If asked, please give it your best consideration. Many flotillas, for example, hang on by their fingernails each year because there seems to be no members who want to hold office. Many times, a past elected officer steps back in to run again in order to keep the flotilla alive. It can be discouraging when this happens.

It is never too early for flotilla and division leadership, to look down the road to assess what the needs are and work to get members ready to take these positions. There are definite qualifications for each of the elected offices and the sooner you get your members prepared, the less likely you will run into a snag at election time. This is particularly important in the smaller flotillas and divisions as they have less of a pool of candidates to draw from.

As members, please consider elected office. While it does take more of your time, it can be very rewarding and provides you with personal growth. You will also be doing a great service to our organization as a whole.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Charlie Grossimon, DCACT-Central (Boston)
Ray Julian, Division 5 SO-PV

The 3rd annual Division 5 RBS Qualification & Training Workshop was held aboard Coast Guard Station Boston on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The 4-hour workshop crossed trained active Vessel Examiners (VE) and Program Visitors (PV) in boating safety programs to be knowledgeable, proficient and experienced enough to perform vessel safety checks, educate marine dealers and the public in small boat operations. Members participated from six Eastern Massachusetts Divisions covering Newburyport to Falmouth. Workshop Instructors – Robert Amiro, Walter Belushko, Tim Curtin, Charlie Grossimon, Ray Julian, Rex Landreth and Justin Merrifield.

Special presentations by Craig Hall on District NSBW ‘Wear It!’ Campaign and Walter Taylor D1 RBS covered Operation Dry Water and USCG Partners. Event hosted by Division 5 Prevention Department (Dave Otte SO-P).

Attendees of the DIV 5 RBS WORKSHOP 28 March 2015 at Base Boston (left to right)
PAUL MAGLIO, DOUG GRACE, ROBIN YOUNG, ARIS METALLIDIS, WAYNE RICHARDSON, RAY JULIAN, (DSO-PV) REX LANDRETH, DAVE OTTIE, BOB AMIRI (DCC-P), HOWIE ROTHSTEIN, CRAIG HALL, JOE PIKE, WALT TAYLOR, JUST MERRIFIELD, FRANK BIANCO, TIM CURTIN, WALTER BELUSHKO. (Photo by Rick Young)

New Director of the Auxiliary Announced

CDR Carissa C. April is now our new director. CDR April is from New England and is living on Cape Cod. We look forward to working with her!
Air Station Cape Cod Operations Center named after Auxiliarist

On 5 May AIR STA Cape Cod named their operations center after Oscar Orringer, ADSO-AV-AAC. This was in recognition of his service from 2008 through 2014: seven thousand hours as operations duty officer (ODO), prosecution of 200 SAR cases, and training 50 break-in ODOs.

CAPT S.H. Torpey, CO Air Station Cape Cod presents the award.

Plaque mounted at the entrance to the operations center. (Photos by Robin Hobson)
Another great DTRAIN was held at the Sheraton Wakefield in May. DTRAIN’s serve as an excellent way for auxiliarists to renew friendships and meet new members. In addition, members can explore auxiliary missions that they may not be familiar with. Brazo Zulu to all those involved in the planning as they worked extremely hard despite many challenges to ensure we had the May DTRAIN. Although it had to be scaled back, the energy and spirit of the event was not diminished.

Photo courtesy of Imants Ansbergs ADSO-PA/INR
Greetings:

Hope everyone is having a great summer! Thanks to all those who submitted articles and photographs. Thanks also to those that worked hard, despite several challenges, to pull off another great DTRAIN. Once again feel free to send me feedback, ideas, articles and photographs.

- James Gay, DSO-PB

Division 12 Color Performs on Castle Island for Flag Day

Kevin P. Ritchie
Division 12 Color Guard CDR

On Flag Day, Sunday June 14th, the Castle Island Association invited the Division 12 Color Guard back to Fort Independence at Castle Island in South Boston for its annual Flag Day ceremony. President of the Association Bill Spain had contacted the unit in April to make arrangements for the units fourth appearance at the fortress.

Inside the Fort, the unit presented colors for the National Anthem, Taps, and the annual flag burning ceremony. This was a Team Coast Guard event with a unit comprised of members from Flotilla 12-5 and the Base Boston Color Guard unit. Members included Kevin P. Ritchie, Matt Mulvey, GM3 Cassandra Kintzley, and ET3 Eric Pochynok.

The unit has been invited to the annual Veterans Day Ceremony in November and has been invited back to the Flag Day event for next year.

In the photograph are left to right, Kevin P. Ritchie, GM3 Cassandra Kintzley, ET3 Eric Pochynok, Matt Mulvey. (Photo by Daniel P. Ritchie)

2015 Submission Due Dates for Nor’Easter

September 18th, 2015
December 1st 2015

NOTICE: New Requirement for Publications

All publications by flotillas, divisions including the Nor’Easter must insert the wording (example below) after receiving clearance from Richard Keating, ADSO-PB.

"This publication received clearance on 14 August 2015."
D1NR NSBW’s Photo Contest Winner Announced
Worcester, Massachusetts

At the district’s June board and staff meeting in Worcester, Mass., Craig Hall, DCDR 12, chairperson of the D1NR National Safe Boating (NSBW) Committee and Commodore Ronald Booth presented a certificate and gift card to Robert T. Crone, VFC, Flotilla 1-12 for winning the D1NR NSBW’s Photo Contest. The certificate was accepted on behalf of Mr. Crone by Thomas Lambert, VCDR 1.

The entire committee and board congratulated Mr. Crone for his winning photograph taken during NSBW. The winning photograph and information on the Wear It New England Campaign, the district’s year-long safe boating effort is on the district’s website.

The D1NR NSBW Committee is comprised of Craig Hall, DCDR 12 and chairperson, COMO Ronald Booth, co-chairperson, Christopher Scott, DSO-PA, Raymond Julian, DSO-PV, Jan Koleszar, DSO-PE and Stephen McCann, DSO-VE.

(left to right) Craig Hall, DCDR 12 and chairperson, COMO Ronald Booth, co-chairperson and Thomas Lambert, VCDR 1. (Photo credit: Charlie Grossimon, DCAPT-Central.)
Auxiliarist serves as Quartermaster aboard the USCGC Eagle

Stephen Wagner, VFC 11-2, underwent rigorous training a year ago and became qualified to serve as Quartermaster aboard the USCG Cutter Eagle. He is one of only six Auxiliarists in the country to achieve this qualification; they rotate billets during cadet training cruises and augment Gold Side officers providing training. Steve’s area is in coastal and celestial navigation.

Christopher Scott
DSO-PA 1NR

Below Stephen Wagner writes about his experience.

At the time I reported aboard the USCGC EAGLE her PHASE II was commencing. This is when the second half of 1st class and 3rd Class cadets come aboard to complete 6 weeks of “EAGLE summer”. The morning after I reported and before we would get under way training starts with “School of Ship”. “School of Ship” is four 1 hour segments that all 144 or so reporting cadets have to complete. Line handling, Pin rail nomenclature, Safe climbing protocols and then a climb to the Mast “Tops” and down again, called an up and over”. Guests and temporary duty (TDY) are strongly encouraged to attend. These classes, like most aboard, are taught by the permanent crew, Non-rates, Petty Officers, Warrant Officers and Commissioned Officers. This training is accomplished before the noon meal.

With the noon meal done there are weather and navigation briefs are for all crew and cadets on the navigation teams for departing Staten Island. This finishes with a GAR (General Assessment of Risk) where all participate. The navigation teams here consists of visual bearing takers, radar range takers, talkers, recorders, plotters, helmsmen, lookouts, “shipping” evaluators and the OOD. Departing Staten Island and the New York area was uneventful with occasional rain and overcast skies.

Once clear of the Ambrose Pilot EAGLE begins to make sail, with the end product to shut down the Main Diesel Engine (MDE). A suitable tack needs to be determined so the EAGLE heads in a southerly direction. At sunset we are heading South-South East and only the red green and stern lights are energized the MDE has been secured.

The next day training really begins with groups learning the principles of shipboard firefighting and damage-control, sail handling (with progressively more self-sufficiency) and navigation beyond coastal piloting. This takes three days or so to cycle all the cadet groups through all tasks. At this point the Captain initiates a four day “celestial navigation exercise” where all GPS devices are masked and the ship navigates by Dead Reckoning (DR) and celestial Lines Of Positioning (LOPs) creating a LOP, Running fix or Fix. Weather permitting this consists of a morning star fix, two morning sun lines, a Local Apparent Noon line, two afternoon sun lines and evenings star fix. The training officers track progress and accuracy with a comparison of this exercise and GPS. (Continued next page)
Unless the exercise shows a lack of positional awareness by the cadets OR an actual emergency, the exercise continues. In addition all other training continues.

During this EAGLE experienced a squall, this initiates and ALL hands to sail Stations to reduce sail to minimize risk. It also resets our position from a DR to GPS, and an evaluation of the difference. With the passing of the squall we reset sail doused and are back in DR training. Our exercise ends at the entrance to Delaware Bay and reverts back to coastal piloting. Entering the Bay we proceed to an anchorage opposite the C & D canal, it connects Chesapeake Bay with Delaware Bay. During the transit cadets and crew are aloft putting all sails to a harbor furl, tight neat and on top of the yards. Once anchored all hands turn to to “buff the Barque”, polish all brass, A navigational brief is given for the following days afternoon arrival in Philadelphia and the Tall Ships America event.

The last morning underway is full re-polishing and cleaning. The afternoon is all of Politicians and Public Relations. EAGLE embarks about 100 personnel, from the 5th district Admiral, to the Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders. Once moored and the guests disperse the ship begins to prepare for tours the following day. EAGLE gets full dressed and displays are brought up from below by night fall all but a few small details are complete.

Friday all events will begin. Sadly I will miss them as I head north.
**Help Wanted:**
*Time, Enthusiasm and Teamwork Required*

There are several skill sets being sought for on-going mission support in the publication and public affairs area. Because the publication and public affairs roles often overlap these people will work with both district staff as part of a strengthened team.

Contact Jim Gay, DSO-PB and Christopher Scott, DSO-PA through the Auxiliary On-line Directory.

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**Writer**
- Independent research for articles for Nor’Easter
- Ability to interview people for articles
- Ability to draft an article
- Timely submission of article

Additional opportunity:
- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

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**Editing**
- Can provide editing to articles in Nor’Easter
- Assure articles are written using Coast Guard guidelines
- Ability to collaborate during editing process with writers
- Timely completion of editing

Additional opportunity:
- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

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**Publishing**
- Ability to use MS Publisher and Adobe publishing software
- Interest in compiling and organizing layout of Nor’Easter on a quarterly basis

Orientation and training provided.

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**Photography and Videography**
- Provide regular and on-going photography for Nor’Easter and Coast Guard First District
- Assure photos and video comply with Coast Guard guidelines

Additional opportunity:
- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis

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**Social Media**
- Ability to use various social media tools
- Ability to design, manage and coordinate social media messaging for district
- Interest in supporting or offering technical assistance to divisions and flotilla
- Assure that Auxiliary social med comply with Coast Guard guidelines

Additional opportunity:
- Interest in supporting Coast Guard First District Public Affairs effort on a regular or on-call basis
First District Northern Mission Statement

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a component of the United States Coast Guard which is a multi-mission maritime service and one of the Nation’s five Armed Services. The mission of the Auxiliary is to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic interests - in the Nation’s ports and waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security.

Calendar of Events 2015

27-30 AUG National Conference NACON San Antonio, TX

15 SEP EXCOM teleconference Time 1900 Webex

18 SEP Budget Committee Meeting Time 1800 Assabet High, Marlborough, Mass.

18 SEP Pre-meeting for candidates Time 1800 Assabet High, Marlborough, Mass.

18 SEP District Board and Staff Meeting Time 1900 Assabet High, Marlborough, Mass.


18 SEP 4th Quarter Nor’Easter Submission Deadline

See district website for additional details, events, and updates.

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