

## Flotilla 24-3 1st SR



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### Flotilla Meetings

First Tuesday of month  
19:00 Training

20:00 Business  
Milford Training Center



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## Secretary's Report, April Flotilla Meeting

The training session was pre-empted by the Division Vice Commander's presentation of the Emergency Response plan to the flotilla. While the plan has been in place for a number of years, it is a living document and is constantly being modified to reflect the latest information and how it relates to the Incident Command System.

The most important element in any plan is the human element, people. Consequently, in order for the plan to be viable, member participants must maintain their qualifications, be willing participants and be available when required.

The business portion of the meeting followed the standard agenda and covered a number of coming events that were presented by the commander followed by staff reports and the presentation of awards. Details of the meeting may be found in the minutes.

The meeting was well attended by the bridge, ten staff, ten members and three guests. Members not in attendance are reminded to read the minutes to keep informed.

There will be a special training meeting at 19:00 on Tuesday, April 21st for all members associated with operations.

**The flotilla Change of Watch will be held in conjunction with the division Change of Watch. Flyers have been distributed.**

## The Busy Season

We are well into April and the busy season for the Auxiliary is just starting to pick up speed. The District Awards Conference is behind us with the Division and Flotillas achieving honors. Paddle Smart 2009 has been kicked off and the vessel safety check decals are in. Public education classes have been scheduled and we are getting ready for the Operations Seminar and crew sign-ups.

The cold weather is slowly being displaced by a warming trend but the boat crews will remain in Mustangs for a number of weeks. All these things are indications that our busy season has started.

May promises to be a busy month with vessel exams as area boaters make ready for a new season. It's the time for VEs in REYR to make up for last years holiday.

Boat crew candidates will be heading out on boats to

learn the on-the-water tasks while qualified crew start to acquire those need hours to remain qualified.

Public affairs events will start to take place with the first events at West Marine and the Milford Yacht Club on May 16th.

Work at the base will start with renovations to the kitchen, repairs to the logo's on the building and replacement of the public education sign. And of course there is the boat. The 73 will have to be hauled for maintenance before we get to far into the season.

There is a significant amount of work to be accomplished when all is accounted for. So dust off the ODUs, press the tropical blue long, shine the shoes and boots because as Commodore Ackerman stated at the conference.....*"The Auxiliary is not a spectator sport"*

### Schedule of Activities

#### April

- 7 Flotilla meeting
- 8 Division meeting
- 19 PE registration
- 21 Ops Seminar, TCT, BC
- 25 About Boating Safety
- 28-29-30 Chart, NAV, GPS

#### May

- 5 Flotilla meeting
- 6 Division meeting
- 10 PE registration
- 13 Change of Watch
- 16 About Boating Safety
- West Marine PA Event

### Food

A suggestion was made to resurrect an old tradition of having food prepared and available before or between the training and business meetings.

In years past, flotilla members would prepare and partake in some delectable delights before and after the meeting. These epicurious delights made an impression on the older members and are still talked about as "the good old days".

There was a time when the flotilla members had pot luck suppers on a regular basis prior to meetings or on holidays. Changing times bring changes to social behavior. Back then the flotilla was both an avocation and a social event

and both fed off each other.

Today, busy personal schedules, extended work hours and a diet conscious populace has moved away from breaking bread with fellow members.

Drop an e-mail to the editor with your thoughts on the subject of food and if you have a suggestion for what may be served, include that also.

All responses will be sent to Jack Godfrey who has taken the lead on this and who also remembers from his teen years the great social aspects of these events.

### Awards

CG Meritorious Team Commendation for 2008 Operation Paddle Smart:

Timothy Mulherin

District Publication Award, 2nd Place

District Public Education Award, 2nd Place

Boat Crew Certificates: Pat Collins, Andrew Mortensen, Steve Weiss

## Boat Basin

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<http://a01424.uscgaux.info>

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### Base & Boat

**Base** No activity

Plans are underway to paint and clean the galley. Contact Jack Godfrey to assist.

**Boat** No activity

One of the spotlights has been damaged and will be sent back to the manufacturer for overhaul. A switch guard will be installed to prevent future damage.

### Staff Officers

John Longobardi	FSO AN
Peter Purcell	FSO CM
Jeff Cieplak	FSO CS
Steve Perrone	FSO-DA
Bob Parker	FSO FN
Bob Brill	FSO IS
Steve Foisey	FSO MA
Steve Perrone	FSO-MS
Mike Gabriel	FSO MT
Pending	FSO PA
Bob Bowolick	FSO PB
Steve Perrone	FSO PE
John Godfrey	FSO OP
Bob Bowolick	FSO SR
Steve Krawczyk	FSO VE
Steve Foisey	FSO PV
Pat Collins	FSO-PS
Steve Weiss	PPE

## USCG Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade



Photo's Courtesy of Pat Collins

## Member Training

Michael Gabriel, Flotilla Staff Officer—Member Training will be conducting a special training night the third Tuesday in April for the one hour TCT refresher, the operations seminar and boat crew sign-up for the upcoming boating season.

All members are invited to attend. While the training session is oriented towards on-the-water operations, all members will benefit by attending.

## March Flotilla Meeting

Pre-meeting conversation and fellowship at the March flotilla meeting.

The Members start to wander in an hour before the scheduled start time of the meeting to socialize, discuss auxiliary activities and enjoy the fellowship that comes with being involved in a common pursuit.

The tangible result of these social gatherings are the many good ideas that come to the table during the business meeting.



## District Awards Conference Dinner

Division 24 Bridge seated with other dignitaries at the formal Awards Conference dinner

Quiz: What is the "official name" of the uniform the Bridge are wearing?



Members representing Flotillas 24-01, 24-02, 24-03 and 24-04

Awards Conference photos courtesy of Anthony Lorenc official photographer for the conference.

The first of many trips to collect awards.

Quiz answer: Dinner Dress Blue

