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Flotilla Meetings

First Tuesday of month
19:00 Training
20:00 Business
Milford Training Center



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From The Bridge



It appears that with the opening day ceremonies at the Milford Yacht Club past us that the pleasure boating season has begun; albeit, working on the water—with the 50 degree mornings—sometimes I wonder. For our on-water operations we are out of Mustangs with the water temperatures just tipping the 60 degree mark, and the 73 has been out regularly as we are still conducting crew training on Thursday nights, so come

and polish your skills. If you are one of the many that are due for a QE check ride this year contact FSO-MT Mike Gabriel early to schedule this. We still have many opportunities open for crew to get underway, and hopefully the coxswains can find extra time to fill in some gaps on the schedule for safety patrols; contact FSO-OPS Jack Godfrey to schedule some time on the water; it was wonderful last night.

At 0730 on 7 May, the 73 was tasked by the OINC Station New Haven with a SAR case looking for a capsized boat in New Haven Harbor with 02 POB. By 0800 the 73 was U/W with 05 POB. Conditions were anything but optimal, with visibilities reduced to less than 100 feet at times. This was a week day, and to get the 73 underway so quickly shows the dedication and professionalism that makes us a true multiplying force of Team Coast Guard. I would like to thank the rest of the crew: Coxswain Jack Godfrey, Steve Weiss, Walter Case, and Bill Rohland for a job well done.

The Division Change of Watch was held in May; our District Commodore Steve Ackerman, District Chief of Staff Hal Marshall, Captain Dan Ronan from Sector LIS, Commander Elizabeth Young, and Chief Shawn Brule continued on page 2

Milford Yacht Club Pyrotechnic Workshop



On the evening of May 26, a small group of Milford Yacht Club members gathered on the beach near the entrance to Milford Harbor for a hands on pyrotechnic safety workshop organized by Flotilla Commander and MYC Dock Master Tim Mulherin.

The workshop started with a briefing by Mulherin on the types of distress signals available to the recreational boater.

Starting with the advantages of using VHF-FM marine radio and Rescue 21 to contact the Coast Guard rather than a cell phone was described. The use of a cell phone as a backup to VHF-FM was also addressed along with the caution of contacting the

Coast Guard directly rather than using the 911 emergency number.

Once on the beach, after notifying Sector Long Island Sound of the continued on page 3



Schedule of Activities

June

- 2 Flotilla meeting
- 3 Division meeting
- 14 PE registration
- 20 About Boating Safety
- 23-24-25 Chart, Nav & GPS

July

- 7 Flotilla meeting
- 8 Division meeting
- 12 PE registration
- 18 About Boating Safety

August

- 4 Flotilla meeting
- 5 Division meeting
- 16 PE registration
- 22 About Boating Safety
- 25-26-27 Chart, Nav & GPS

From The Bridge, cont

were in attendance, making a great opportunity for the attendees to meet, and get to know the people that run our organization. 24-3 had a good showing, and I thank our members who joined me in this fun evening of fellowship, and made the event very successful.

Bob Bowolick and Steve Foisey have been working diligently on our upcoming 70 anniversary open house/ PA event for the Oyster Fest weekend. There will be many stations to man, and we will need a lot of extra help that day, so please mark your calendars now; more to come.

Chief Shawn Brule is leaving Station New Haven to run the Boston ATON group, and is being relieved by Chief Boatswain's Mate Ralph Kugel. Chief Kugel has had much experience with the Auxiliary in the past. We met at the Division meeting, and it is evident that our close rapport with Station New Haven will continue.

Welcome back to Steve Hughes, who looked great after a little hiatus at the hospital. My crew class alumni Mike Nowlan who has been lurking about recently... sometimes the bad economy has its bright spots, allowing Mike a few hours away from the office. Last, but not least, our returning prospective members: David Alexander, Gregory Gordon, Joseph Godbout, Mark Feola, Larry Henderson, and Mike Rosella who have been keeping FSO-PS Pat Collins very busy at the aft table. If she keeps up this pace we may have to add that second floor for her office and secretary.

See you on the water,
Timothy Mulherin

Division 24 Boat Basin <http://a01424.uscgaux.info>

1st District SR Over the Bow <http://www.d1south.org/StaffPages/OTB.php>

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Base & Boat

Base

Plans are underway to clean and paint the galley. Contact Peter Purcell to assist.

Boat

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John Longobardi	FSO AN
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Steve Perrone	FSO-DA
Bob Parker	FSO FN
Bob Brill	FSO IS
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Steve Weiss	PPE

Milford Yacht Club Pyrotechnic Workshop, cont.

pyrotechnic workshop, the group lead by John Godfrey IPFC, and Steve Weiss received safety instructions on the proper way to ignite and handle the pyrotechnics.



Everyone had an opportunity to ignite a number of hand held flares and smoke signals that were out of date by a number of years thus demonstrating that flares will still work given proper care against moisture.

Next on the agenda were the various types of aerial flares with safety instructions and climatic conditions to consider prior to ignition. The advantages and dis-



advantages of the personal pencil flare, Skyblazer pocket flare, 12 and 25 gauge meteor aerial flares were discussed prior to firing.

An important comparison between the standard and SOLAS quality hand held flare was made showing the difference in intensity and length of burn time. The differences between the 12 & 25 gage aerial flare and the SOLAS rocket flare was also demonstrated clearly showing the significant difference in altitude and burn time.

Participants from the yacht club included Fady Khairallah, Robert Farnum, John Tuozzoli, Jay Goebel, Lou Roberts, Stu Wright and Barbara Pico.

Lou Roberts, skipper of Windsong II, participated in three Newport to Bermuda and two Marion to Bermuda races and who is currently preparing for his third one commented "it was a rare opportunity to use pyrotechnics in a simulated environment with very good tips and techniques from the Auxiliary".

The location of the exercise at the waters edge and the light wind provided an excellent opportunity for participants to gage the effects of climatic conditions on ignition and residue from the pyrotechnics.



Milford Yacht Club Opening Day

Following a long tradition that spans the entire history of the flotilla, flotilla members Tim Mulherin FC, John Godfrey IPFC, Jaclyn Godfrey and Steve Weiss participated in the Opening Day ceremony of the Milford Yacht Club by providing an honor guard.



Rape Crisis Center Event

The flotilla along with other community and governmental organizations participated in the annual event organized by the Rape Crisis Center.

Station New Haven provided a small boat and crew consisting of: BM2 Nick Nunnaly, BM1 Brian Hibbs, MK3 Chris Slapp, BM3 Ashley Lachance and Sn Phillip Johansen

The 73 was available for viewing while the crew consisting of Jack Godfrey, Jackie Godfrey, Steve Weiss, Tom Leiner, Tim Mulherin and John Longobardi answered questions



Boat Crew



Boat crew trainee Bryan Evans handles a dock line under the watchful eye of Jaclyn Godfrey during a recent training exercise.

West Marine Safe Boating Day

Steve Weiss, Bob Bowolick and Steve Foisey were on hand for the Milford West Marine's Safe Boating Day on May 16th.

Organized by Steve Foisey FSO-PV and West Marine management, the flotilla was on hand to answer questions and provide the latest information to inquiring customers.

The majority of the questions were related to safety equipment requirements followed by Connecticut Boating certificates, registration and validation decals.

Contact information was passed on to a number of store patrons inquiring about making arrangements for vessel safety checks.

