

## Flotilla 24-3 1st SR



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John Godfrey, Commander

Timothy Mulherin, Vice Commander

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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



On October 19th a QE check ride was held for Patricia Collins, Andrew Mortensen and Steve Weiss all performed as expected and passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all. The next weekend the 73 was used for a division-wide crew check ride with Art Newberg as the coxswain and four trainees all passed. The training for all of these crews started in the fall of 07 with shore side training and in the spring the on the water tasks. To all involved in this I would like to say Thank You. The crews that we train today will be the future of this Flotilla and the CG Auxiliary.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, we will be having our Christmas party at 7 Seas in Milford 1900 hrs. This is for all 24-03 members so come and lets kick off the holidays together. This is for members only hope to see you there.

To all, this will be my last message from this bridge. I want to take this opportunity to thank Tim, all my staff, and to the rest of the members of 24-03. This year had its ups and downs but at years end we are still afloat and solvent. I would like to have completed another term as your commander but, I felt I do not have the time to put in to do the job in the way it needs to be done. As Flotilla Commander of 24-03 more is expected to be the best.

To the new bridge I wish you the best of luck and smooth sailing.

John A. Godfrey, FC

## 2009 Bridge Elected

Timothy Mulherin elected to the office of Flotilla Commander and Jeffery Cieplak to the office of Vice Flotilla Commander during the November flotilla meeting. The oath of office was administered by Robert Gesullo, DCDR.

The new bridge will now go into a huddle to select a staff and plan out the direction and activities the flotilla will take during 2009.

## Congratulations Mates!



### Schedule of Activities

#### November

- 4 Flotilla meeting
- Election of new bridge

#### December

- 2 Flotilla meeting
- Fellowship
- 3 Division meeting

## Boat Basin

For news and activities within the Division read the Division newsletter, Boat Basin, on-line at; <http://a01424.uscgaux.info>

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### Awards



Left, Bob Parker receives his second Sustained Service Award (1555 hrs)



Right, Steve Foisey receives the Annual Service Performance Award for VE/MDV



### New Member Takes The Oath

Kenneth Jalbert took the oath of office and is the newest member of the flotilla.

Welcome Aboard Mate!

### Base & Boat

**Base** Folding chairs with padded cloth seats were selected to replace the existing chairs that are nearing the end of their useful life.

**Boat** No activity

### Staff Officers

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

## FSO-AN Report

### Discrepancies – Federal Aids:

- Connecticut River Range A Rear Light LT EXT.
- Connecticut River Light 35 TMK MISSING (top mark).

Connecticut River Light 53 LT EXT.

### Discrepancies – Federal Aids Corrected:

- Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Watching Properly.

Clinton Harbor Channel Buoy #8 Watching Properly.

### Discrepancies – Private Aids:

- Clinton Harbor Channel Buoy #12, 14, and 16 OFF STA (off station).

Clinton Harbor Channel Buoy #13 – missing.

### Discrepancies – Private Aids Corrected:

None to report in our AOR.

### Dredging:

None to report in our AOR.

### Bridges:

- New Haven Harbor – Quinnipiac River – **Emergency Steel Repairs and Test Borings** – Emergency steel repairs to the I-95 Bridge, mile 0.1, across Quinnipiac River is in progress through November 30, 2008. A 40ft. by 130ft. barge will be positioned at the Anchor Pier 1 for the floor beam and stringer repairs. Test borings are being performed IVO the I-95. A 30ft. by 90ft. barge will be used at Tower Pier 2, Tower Pier 3 and Anchor Pier 4 through October 31, 2008. An 80ft. by 120ft. crane barge and a 40ft. by 90ft. material barge will be used for east and west pile driving and steel erection from November 17, 2008 through April 16, 2009. All barge operations will be outside the navigation channel. Mariners are advised to transit the area with caution and reduce wake.
- New Haven Harbor – Quinnipiac River – **Bridge Inspection** – Bridge Inspection to the I-95 Bridge, mile 0.1, across Quinnipiac River will be conducted from November 2, 2008 through November 25, 2008 between 0900 and 1700, daily. Contractor will utilize an under bridge inspection unit for the bridge inspection. Mariners requiring full vertical clearance can contact the contractor via marine radio VHF 13/16. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

New Haven Harbor – Mill River – **Bridge Rehabilitation/Channel Closure** – Rehabilitation of the Chapel Street Bridge at mile 0.4 across Mill River will commence on October 13, 2008 and continue through October 27, 2008. There will be no obstructions in the channel. The bridge will be inoperable through October 25, 2008 during construction. In addition, the Captain of the Port of Long Island Sound has authorized a channel closure of the Mill River from October 13, 2008 through October 25, 2008. Mariners are advised to plan accordingly. \*\*This still shows active on the latest LNM.

### General:

Nothing to report in our AOR.

## Staff Officer Reports

**Aids to Navigation**, John Longobardi, See page 3

**Communications**, Peter Purcell, Report not available

**Communication Services**, Jeff Cieplak, Updated flotilla web site

**Finance**, Bob Parker

Flotilla is financially healthy. Details available by request.

**Information Services**, Robert Brill, Report not available

**Program Visitor**, Steve Foisey

Looking forward to distributing the new 2009 PE schedules prior to the Thanksgiving holiday to all 10 of our Marine businesses & Pops diner.

Thru Sept. 08 we have completed & reported, via the 7046 form, 90 PV visits to our 10 local marine businesses.

**Marine Safety / MDA**, Stephen Perrone

One patrol planned prior to the end of the year.

**Materials**, Stephen Foisey

Ordered & received various publications for FSO-MT & mailing supplies.

Publication 3010, "Boating Fun" books; continue to remain out of stock. Third order placed sent on 10/27.

**Member Training**, Michael Gabriel, Report not available.

**Operations**, John Godfrey, No activity

**Personnel Services**, Pat Collins, No report

**Personal Protective Equipment**, Steve Weiss

All protective equipment onboard and up to date.

**Public Affairs**, Arlene Brookes, No report

**Public Education**, Stephen Perrone, The education season has been completed. Planning continues for 2009.

**Publication**, Robert Bowolick, October Milford Beacon posted to the flotilla web site.

**Vessel Examiner**, Jeff Cieplak, VE season is behind us. Members are reminded to submit outstanding paperwork.



**Five gentlemen from Station New Haven attend the November meeting.**

BM2 Kody Kee, SN Kristian Hernandez, BM3 Joshua Sheppard, BM2 Peter Sciambra, MK1 Sammy Smutz