

## 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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Well its that time of the year when flotilla elections are held. Any member interested in the office of flotilla commander or Vice Commander should contact the nominating committee. The elections for our flotilla will be held in November 4th, the first Tuesday of the Month. Every one should make an effort to attend and have their voice heard.

The boat crew trainees will be meeting with the QE on October 19th after many months of shore-side and on the water training, good luck to all.

The weather is getting colder and some of our crews still need hours and QE check rides to keep current. If you fall into this category, contact Mike Gabriel ASAP and make arrangements to get your qualifications up to date.

The new required ICS 210 should be coming to our Division soon. This is a four hour class and a must for all coxswains and any one that holds a position of operating under orders.

There have been many improvements to the 73 this year and it still needs work. Maintenance is an endless job so if anyone has time available they should contact Tim Mulherin to get a copy of the work list.

Jack Godfrey, FC

## Flotilla Election To Take Place on November 4th

The November flotilla meeting is an important meeting to attend because of the election process mandated by the Auxiliary Manual. It just so happens that this year, the 4th of November, is also the national election day for local, state and national offices. Because of the co-incidence it is imperative that we have a quorum attending the flotilla meeting.

The nominating committee, comprised of Steve Perrone, Steve Krawczyk and Art Newberg, has selected Timothy Mulherin for the office of flotilla commander and Jeffery Cieplak for the office of vice flotilla commander.

*"The committee looks forward to seeing a good turn out of members for the 04 November 08 election of officers. We are also asking your support for the new bridge that, with our help, will bring about new and progressive ideas and motivation to our long standing as well as newer members of our very active flotilla. In addition we are also asking new members to step up and become more involved with our efforts to support the United States Coast Guard."*

*Stephen Perrone, Arthur Newberg and Stephen Krawczyk*

*Nominating committee 2009*

**Schedule of Activities**

**October**

- 7 Flotilla meetings
- 19 PE registration
- 25 Boat Safety class

**November**

- 4 Flotilla meeting
- Election of new bridge

**December**

- 2 Flotilla meeting
- 3 Division meeting
- 16 Fellowship

**Awards**

**5 Year Award**

- Mary Beth Prendergast
- Matthew Prendergast

**Sustained Service Award**

- Steve Foisey, 4534 hours
- Fred Bietsch, 3105 hours

Jack Godfrey FC and Tim Mulherin look on as Bob Gesullo, DCDR presents Steve Foisey, FSO-PV with the Program Visitor Award from the National Commodore for being in the top one hundred flotillas for the most program visits in 2007.



**Congratulations All!**

**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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**Base & Boat**

**Base**

The committee charged with selecting the new tables and chairs for the training center will meet with the executive committee.

**Boat**

The dewatering pump has been sent out for repairs.

A proposal for a new forward looking sonar has been received and has been tabled until next year.

**Staff Officers**

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|-----------------|--------|
| 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    |

## On-Water Training



### Division-wide

#### Boat Crew Training

Boat crew candidates from flotillas across the division go through on-the-water training aboard the 73 on Monday nights.

The training includes anchoring, man overboard drills, helm time, towing and simple navigation problems.

While underway the trainees practice radio communications and stand watch.

This particular training session included Nick Sidorick as coxswain and Bill Rohland as mentor.

Photo's courtesy of Pat Collins



## Auxiliary Modernization Plan

We were all introduced to the modernization plan a few months ago. The link below is a presentation of the changes that will be made and the logic behind the changes. Welcome to the modern Auxiliary.

[http://www.auxnaco.org/documents/USCG\\_Auxiliary\\_Modernization\\_and\\_transformation-v6-08-FINAL.pdf](http://www.auxnaco.org/documents/USCG_Auxiliary_Modernization_and_transformation-v6-08-FINAL.pdf)

## Training Meeting

FSO-MT Michael Gabriel presented a comprehensive lecture on the resources, available online, for continued member education. The hidden advantage of a paperless economy is the fact that costly paper manuals that were, at times, difficult to obtain are now readily available, in digital format, on the internet to self-starting and motivated individuals.

Starting with on-the-water operations, we were reminded that a member who is not qualified as boat crew can participate as a trainee. By doing so, a member that is contemplating qualification as boat crew can experience, as an observer, actual surface operations. Those that want to continue pursuing boat crew training can find the boat crew manual and operations manuals online.

Members that may be interested in becoming instructor qualified can access instructor training, including the test, online. Once accomplished, participation in a flotilla training or public education exercise can be arranged with the FSO-MT to complete the qualification process.

Vessel Examiner qualification may be obtain online

in the same manner as that for instructor qualification followed up by performing five vessel exams under the supervision of a qualified vessel examiner.

Program Visitor is another qualification that may be obtained online followed by actual visits with a qualified PV.

Members were reminded that the Coast Guard Institute is a wealth of information for self study in a wide range of Coast Guard subjects.

All the specialty subjects are available online for self study. However, testing must be accomplished by a certified proctor.

A member may choose to not take the tests and not become qualified but become knowledgeable in wide range of subjects.

Administrative knowledge may be obtained from the Auxiliary and Flotilla Procedures manuals also available.

The net result of the lecture is the fact that the internet is the gateway to expanding member knowledge of the many Auxiliary activities available to members.

## Resources Available On The Internet

Many of us, regardless of our experience, occasionally find a symbol on a chart that defies definition. The only way to resolve the mystery is to refer to **Chart 1**. All the symbols are cataloged with descriptions. A great place to store Chart 1 is in a laptop computer. In our paperless society and with shelf space at a premium, especially on a boat, just download Chart 1 for easy reference. The following link will provide access to Chart 1.

<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm>

Another great source of information for local knowledge in the Long Island Sound area is the **Coast Pilot..... Vol. 2 Chapters 7 & 8**

Again, with library space in short supply on a boat the laptop again comes in handy. Just download the file from the link below and you have a great source of local knowledge and some interesting reading on those cold winter nights.

<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot.htm>

What yachtsman is not intrigued by **Knots and Marlinspike**? Ever think about creating your own monkey fist and heaving line? The excellent sites listed

here will provide you with hours of entertainment tying knots, splicing and creating marlinspike projects.

[www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com)

<http://www.neropes.com/SplicingGuideChoice.aspx>

[http://www.neropes.com/SPL\\_3StrandEyeSplice.aspx](http://www.neropes.com/SPL_3StrandEyeSplice.aspx)

Have a complete set of up to date nautical charts at your fingertips. Updated regularly to the latest Notice to Mariners, these charts are great for area familiarization. The **Online Chart Viewer** contains all the published government charts. Download the charts, pan and zoom as long as you desire, compare them to the Coast Pilot data and enhance your knowledge of your boating area.

<http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer>

Ever wonder what the early historical charts of New Haven Harbor, or the mouth of the Connecticut river looked like? An interesting website contains a number of historical nautical charts dating back to the mid 1800's. Those with the time available are encouraged to view this site.

[http://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/historicals/historical\\_zoom.asp](http://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/historicals/historical_zoom.asp)



# Sector Long-Island Sound Elected Officers Dinner

Monday, 10-November-2008  
1800-2200  
Anthony's Ocean View  
New Haven, Connecticut

### **MENU**

#### **Reception: 1800-1900**

Open Bar  
Hot & cold hors d'oeuvres

#### **Buffet Dinner: 1900-2200**

Open Bar  
Cold Antipasto Salad Bar  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
Penne ala Vodka  
Chicken Marsala  
Prime Rib  
Baked Stuffed Shrimp  
Mixed Vegetables  
Oven Roasted Red Potatoes  
Assorted Italian Pastries

### **DIRECTIONS**

Anthony's Ocean View  
(203)469-9010  
450 Lighthouse Road  
New Haven, CT 06512

#### **FROM BRIDGEPORT/NEW YORK:**

Take I-95 North. Go over Q-Bridge and get off Exit 50 (Woodward Avenue). Go to second traffic light and take a right onto Townsend Avenue. Follow down 2.5 miles to Lighthouse Road. Take right. Anthony's Ocean View is 0.1 mile on right hand side.

#### **FROM HARTFORD & NORTH:**

Take I-91 South to I-95, New London exit. Get off Exit 50 and follow directions from Bridgeport/New York

#### **FROM BRANFORD & EAST:**

Take I-95 South. Get off Exit 51 (Frontage Road). At 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light, take left onto Townsend Avenue and follow down to Lighthouse Road. Take right. Anthony's Ocean View is 0.1 mile on right hand side.

### **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **RSVP**

Fill out and send with payment (\$35.00 pp) to:

Nick Sidorick, RCO  
2 Francis Dr.  
Wolcott, Ct. 06716  
(203) 441-4139

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) for the Elected Officer's Dinner.  
(Number)

**Make checks payable to "Nick Sidorick"**

**\$35.00 per person, includes open bar, meal, tax and gratuities.**

## Staff Officer Reports

**Aids to Navigation**, John Longobardi, Report not available

**Communications**, Peter Purcell

The flotilla participated in the monthly AUXNET drill.

**Communication Services**, Jeff Cieplak

Minor changes were made to the web site updating PE class dates and adding the Milford Beacon.

**Finance**, Bob Parker

Flotilla is financially healthy. Details available by request.

**Information Services**, Robert Brill

Keep your cards and letters coming. All data received has been entered into the AUXDATA computer.

**Program Visitor**, Steve Foisey

Sept.. 16<sup>th</sup> PV visits were conducted at all ten (10) local marine stores, marinas, & yacht clubs. Distributed the colored PE posters for the Oct.25<sup>th</sup> ABS PE class. Visits were also conducted at Pop's Diner.

**Marine Safety / MDA**, Stephen Perrone

The flotilla needs to complete one more patrol prior to the end of the year.

**Materials**, Stephen Foisey

Ordered & received publications & DVD's for FSO-MT & mailing supplies.

**Member Training**, Michael Gabriel

Boat crew trainees will be meeting with the QE on October 19th.

The AUX Weather class has 13 division-wide students six of which are from the flotilla.

A reminder that ICS 210 is required for coxswains, flotilla officers and air crews.

An AUX navigation class will be starting in January.

Five members need the one hour TCT class.

**Operations**, John Godfrey

Boat crew members with less than the required underway hours are reminded that the boating season is growing short.

Coxswains are reminded to contact the OD at Station New Haven prior to getting underway, reporting anomalies and ending a patrol. Ops normal commu-

nications is made with Sector.

Water temperature is going down and mustangs will be required shortly.

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

**Personal Protective Equipment**, Steve Weiss

Mustangs will be placed onboard the 73.

**Public Affairs**, Arlene Brookes

All announcements mailed out.

**Public Education**, Stephen Perrone

Twenty-five students attended the September boating safety class. The last boating safety class of the year will be held on October 25th. Specialty classes will be held during the week following the boating safety class. A minimum of five students is required due to the driving distance for a number of instructors.

**Publication**, Robert Bowolick

September Milford Beacon published and posted to the flotilla web site.

**Vessel Examiner**, Jeff Cieplak

Vessel exams should continue during the remainder of the boating season.

**Flotilla Commander Remarks**

An Eight hour TCT class is scheduled for October 18th.

Division sponsored kayak class will be held at flotilla 24-02 on October 18th.

Festival of Lights at Lighthouse Park will be held on December 23rd. Contact Malinda Hennen (24-11) to participate.