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Division 10

Flotilla Commander
&
Staff Officer's Reports

February 2009 Meeting
Time: 1000

Front Porch Restaurant
1100 WEST BROAD STREET
Elizabethtown NC

Uniform: Tropical Blue¹

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of Guests
Adoption of Minutes
Division Commander's Remarks
Flotilla Commanders' Reports
Division Vice Commander's Remarks
Division Staff Officers' Reports
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn

¹ USCG Uniform Board 43 renamed "*Tropical Blue Long*" to "*Tropical Blue*", authorized the AUXOP cloth device on AUX ODU, and renamed the "Service Dress Blue Bravo" to "Service Dress Blue"
<http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/ALCOAST07409.txt>

DIRECTIONS:

FLOTILLA 10-01 & 10-06 Take 74-76 West, break off to right at NC 87 toward Riegelwood. Proceed on 87 until you see 87 Business on right. Take this right, road becomes Broad ST. Proceed until you see restaurant on right (apx 3 miles).

Flotilla 10-05 Take 87 all the way following above directions when you get close to Etown. Alternate: 211 to Clarkton, 701 to Etown, thence left on Broad St to Restaurant.

Flotilla 10-08 You may wish to go to Whiteville, thence 701 to Etown and follow above directions.

Flotilla 10-09 Take your choice: All of the above, or take 210 to 53 to White Lake, then 701 to Etown, Turn right on Broad St. in Etown, Restaurant .7 miles on right.

Alternate: Turn left when you get to NC 11 then right on 87, follow above directions when you get to 87 Business.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS

10-01(Lou Ashe)

Flotilla Status:

Currently, Flotilla 10-01 has 38 members listed in AUXDATA. In the past year we disenrolled 4 members, added 4 new members and one transfer member. For 2009, all Flotilla Staff Officer positions have been filled.

Training:

- **Public Education Classes** – The first BS&S class for 2008 began January 12th and will continue through the early part of March. A second BS&S class will be offered in September. Six ABC classes are scheduled for 2009, the first beginning in April. A Weekend Navigator class scheduled to begin on March 16, 2009.
- **Boat Crew Training** – The schedule for classroom training to achieve crew and coxswain qualification has been set by our FSO-MT. Classroom sessions for as many as 8 new coxswains will be held every Tuesday evening at CG Station Wrightsville Beach beginning February 24th and continuing through the end of March. Crew training classes will follow in March for 6-8 members prior to beginning on-the-water training.

Activities:

- **Public Affairs** – At the Cape Fear Museum on February 12, 2009.
- Members of the Flotilla participated in the dedication of the DIL 1, a Motor Surfboat that served aboard the USCGC Diligence in 1967. Auxiliarist Ed Anderson researched the information for the plaque and Auxiliarist Carl Robinson built the plaque pedestal. (See attached picture).
- **National Safe Boating Week** - The flotilla is planning numerous PA & VE events in support of National Safe Boating Week.
- **Communications** – Station Middle Sound continues to be operational and actively involved with the monthly radio signal checks.
- **Operations** - Operations Planning is scheduled for the last week in February with a goal to be on the water at the end of March or early April.

10-03 (J.D. Lockamy)

10-05 (Bert Felton)

10-05 now has 101 members with 2 potential new members. We anticipate a relocation and a disenrollment. All FSO positions have been filled.

We now have four (4) qualified Auxiliary Communications Watchstanders at Station Oak Island, and four (4) Auxiliary Watchstanders at MSU Wilmington.

We are starting a BS&S course on 19 February which will run two nights per week until early April.

Our new FSO-MT Davis Smith is preparing for an AUX specialty course this spring.

Nancy Hahn, FSO-VE, is underway with planning for Safe Boating Week and has a crew working with her on beefing up our Boating Safety Week activities.

We have three (3) Coxswains who will lose qualification in March—need ICS-210.

Two 10-05 members (Felton and Edman) attended the District 5SR Conference held in Chesapeake VA in February.

Preparations are underway for Safety Day / Open House at Sta. Oak Island to be held 9 May Sat. AUX 10-05 will be supporting the Station in several ways for this community event.

(note: the Division site has a link to the Expo announcement. The artwork is outstanding and was done by FSO-OP Ed Collado. Ed)

10-06 (Mike George)

10-07 (Bill Owen)

10-08 (Dean Berkey)

Flotilla 10-08 has been busy since our last report. Several flotilla members continue the flotilla's support of Station Oak Island and enjoy the opportunity to maintain the station as well as train with the Coast Guard, and give station tours to the public which ended October 1st for calendar year 2008 and will resume April 1, 2009.

Station Oak Island will host an open house May 9 and we will participate that day and also hope to hold two food drives before that date to help the station reach its goal of 200 pounds of non-perishable food for the needy.

Flotilla 10-08 lost two long-time members within the last six months to cancer related complications. Both members were very active in PE & VE. Both were former flotilla commanders. Their service records were admired by all.

Flotilla 10-08 is planning to offer an ABS class March 2, 3, 5, & 6, and we are also planning to offer a BS&S class sometime this fall. The flotilla was

surveyed and found that five members had an ID that was ready to expire or had already expired and we have sent the necessary paper work and pictures to 5SR for renewal.

Our flotilla will continue to do more outreach via marina visits, vessel examinations, etc. to enhance public awareness of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

10-09 (Allen Padgett)

1. Flotilla meeting moved for Feb to Surf City Community Center. Meeting Attended by the DVCDR. Next monthly meeting will be back at the Harbor Village Yacht Club.
2. BS&S class started Jan 27, 2009.
3. ABS class to begin 07 April, 2009.
4. Staff officer Planning Session held 18 Feb, 2009.
5. Mahlon Rose, a former FC of 10-09 (1994-1996), passed away in Falling Waters, WV.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

CM (Jim Arlart)

CS (Dan Meigs)

Flotilla 10-01 has launched their new site; congratulations to Allen Latham.
Flotilla 10-07 has begun work on their new site; congratulations to Dixon Marsh.

If any Division Staff Officer has additions to make to the Division site, please let me know.

Generally, the Division site is for internal AUX matters while the Flotilla sites are much more oriented toward being the "public" face of the Auxiliary.

FN (Harry Otterbein)

Separate Report submitted.

IS (Bob Dennis)

- 1. Meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars.**
 - a. None

2. Activities, Projects, or Events

- a. AUXDATA input training was completed under the supervision of Bill Case.
- b. Read/write capabilities for AUXDATA was granted and verified.
- c. Supplies and postage stamps were ordered and received.
- d. All AUXDATA documents submitted to me have been processed and returned to each FSO-IS.
- e. Will continue to process the next month's activity and if any assistance is needed, I contact Bill Case.

3. Requests for assistance by the Division Captain

- a. None

MA (John Maloney)

Official postage stamps and various size mailing envelopes can be ordered through FSO-MA.

Members are reminded that ANSC discourages our maintaining unnecessary inventories of supplies and encourages us to order when needed only. Therefore members are to anticipate as much as possible longer term specific needs and order through their FSO-MA at least two and preferably three weeks in advance. Supplies ordered from ANSC can be shipped by ANSC directly to the end user.

MS (Barry Hood)

1. In January, SO-MS Barry Hood requested a follow-up meeting to the December 2008 planning meeting that was held with MSU Wilmington and AUX members. AUX liaison MST1 Shane Adkins of MSU Wilmington passed this request up the chain of command. SO-MS Hood will continue to follow up on scheduling a meeting.

2. Priority training currently being offered by MSU Wilmington is Assistant Pollution Investigator. Members are needed who live in the greater Wrightsville Beach/Ogden area to complete this training and act as first responders to pollution incidents. Interested members are asked to contact MST1 Adkins and then email SO-MS Hood with results.

3. Other MSU Wilmington long-term needs for missions and training, including points of contact are listed below. This information was provided on 12-18-08 via email by LT Chris Vargo of MSU Wilmington:

- Oversight of cargo transfer monitors - personnel are needed to continue to entet transfer monitors and coordinate crews, and if available, to conduct thr monitor. MSTC Mann is the POC for this and can further explain.
- Harbor patrols - personnel are needed to refine the harbor patrol program so that we work more efficiently and track where we've been, what to look for coordinate with transfer monitors, coordinate with Auxiliary patrols, etc. MSTC Mann is the POC for this.

- Port State vessel screenings - a second set of eyes is needed on all Port State/ISPS arrivals and screenings. MST1 Adkins is the POC for PSC/ISPS.
- Domestic Small Passenger Vessel (SPV) Assistant - assistance is needed managing the small passenger vessel fleet, inspections, paperwork, and workshops that are planned for Jan. and Feb. CWO Feuerbach is the POC for SPVs.
- Towing Vessel Exams (UTVs) - Mr. Jameson and Mr. Etheridge have provided an exceptional level of service by examining UTVs. This service needs to continue and a couple more examiners need to be trained. This is a priority since UTVs are getting much attention. CWO Feuerbach and LT Vargo are the POCs for UTVs.
- Facility Safety Assistance – facility safety needs to be continuously refined for safety oversight to keep up with changing regulations and the many requests received from facilities to amend facility response plans. GM1 King is the POC for facilities.

LT Vargo indicated that he would accept resumes from AUX members who wanted to submit their desires and experience.

4. AUX MSU liaison MST1 Adkins is being transferred to another duty station in May, so a new MSU Wilmington liaison will be assigned. We will be starting over working on consistent communications and good PR with the MSU. SO-MS Hood will inform everyone of changes as they occur and will work to make the transition with the new AUX liaison as seamless and effective as possible.

5. FSOs-MS from all Division 10 flotillas have been notified by SO-MS Hood of current MS training and other MS issues via email.

MT (Paul Dowty)

NS (Lois Dowty)

I attended the District Meeting on 14Feb09 in Chesapeake, VA & met with our new DSO-NS Ben Chappell and ADSO-NS Danny Collins (North Carolina). The AN program is now part of the Marine Safety Department and called Navigation Systems.

1. The AV program will have a lot of changes in 2009. There will be a short update course for all AV personnel in Yorktown and locally for those who cannot attend the AV Yorktown Course. We have been requested to respond with the Names, Member numbers, and Flotilla numbers by

February 26 of those AV personnel who want to continue in the AV program (No one is in REYR at this time). This means that they plan on being active.

This memo was sent to all Flotillas & I have only received a response from 10-07, 10-08, & 10-09 thus far. (7 members) We currently have 36 AVs. 10-01 has 4; 10-03 has 0; 10-05 has 15; 10-06 has 10; 10-07 has 1 and 10-09 has 3. We have approximately 65 PATONS & will be asked to check on these as usual. There is no current list for PATON verifications.

2. We have also been asked to send comments to NOAA regarding changes to the 77-5 form for Small Craft Charts. They suggest you comment as private citizens & not as members of the Auxiliary. This memo with the email & phone number was sent to the FSOs.
3. I have a list of 7 members who would like to become AVs and will be in touch regarding a potential class.

OP (Andy Cardwell)

- 1- Records from Dan Meigs-SO-OP previous 2008 have been transferred to Andy Cardwell – SO-OP for 2009
- 2- POMS have been successfully downloaded to my home computer system.
- 3- An introduction and contact list for myself has been sent to all Division 10 FSO-OP's
- 4- I am the process of reviewing information regarding my position as SO-OP

Goals for 2009:

I will maintain support for Division 10 FSO-OP's and Divisional Staff.

March/April 2009 hopefully an AUXPATROL class will be offered for Division 10. During May/June 2009 I would like to plan a SAR Exercise class at Station Wrightsville Beach or Station Oak Island as our Division had in 2007/2008.

We will continue to support water operations which include; Safety Patrols, Training Patrols, PATON Patrols and other operations as requested by US Coast Guard in our division.

PA (Jim Belluche)

The Star-News held their annual Conscience Fair on Feb 7, 2009 at the north campus of the CGCC. This even featured 40 representatives of non-profits who give to the greater Wilmington Community.

I set up a Coast Guard Auxiliary booth with handouts, pictures and information about the Auxiliary and the flotillas in the Div 10 area. My wife, Jane, assisted me from 10 AM to 3 PM. Over 450 people attended the Fair during this time, plus about 80 folks manning other booths. In all we collected 20 names of people who had an interest either in PE Courses or joining the Auxiliary - mostly the latter.

The names and contact information were sent to the various flotilla FSO-MS personnel. This event should be on our list of must visit next year. I was told that they had 40 more names for booths that did not make the cutoff date. Next year it will be expanded to handle 75-80.

PB (Jim Belluche)

The Division newsletter *Forward Lookout* was published on Feb 8th and distributed to each FSO-PA with instructions to forward to members of their respective flotillas.

The next edition will be published in early April. As always, we are constantly looking for articles, news, pix, or any interesting idea or tid bits.

PE (Donna Sauer)
PS (Sherrill Chrisco)
PV (Jerry Lockamy)
SR (Linda Lockamy)
VE (Keith Wilson)

In process of contacting Flotilla VE's - 2 heard from, 1 email returned. Both have decals.

10-06 has one member studying to pass VE exam.

100 whistles have been ordered from eBay- other flotillas are encouraged to do same or something similar.