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Division 10

Flotilla Commander
&
Staff Officer's Reports

15 August 2009 Meeting
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Wrightsville Beach NC*

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AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of Guests
Adoption of Minutes
Division Commander's Remarks
Flotilla Commanders' 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>

FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORTS

10-01(Lou Ashley)

1. **Flotilla Status** For the period from 20 June to 15 August 2009, Flotilla 10-01 reports "Operations Normal". Dynamic, but normal.

- At the outset I wish to recognize some Division 10 members that have gone the extra mile in support of Flotilla 10-01 this year. Special thanks go to Bob Dennis, SO-IS, Dan Meigs, SO-CS and Warren Edmond.

2. Activities:

Personnel Services:

- The membership is as always dynamic. One member, Adam Dillon, has resigned and another member, Chip Jones, has submitted a request to resign for personnel reasons. On the plus side, we have 5 individuals that have shown interest in joining the Flotilla.

Public Education;

-Completed four ABC classes over this summer and graduated 57 students. In light of the new North Carolina boating law we have taken the initiative to laminate the small 'course completion' cards for the graduates of the boating safety course.

- Members Barry Hood and Jim Arlart have qualified as instructors. Three other members are in the process of completing their qualifications

Member Training;

- Crew and Coxswain Training Academies for several members of our Flotilla and one Auxiliarist from the division. Two CX candidates have had a successful QE.
- Several flotilla members have been actively pursuing training goals in vessel safety, marine safety, PE instructor, program visitor and other specialty course qualifications

Vessel Safety;

- With 5 new qualifications to date, the flotilla has 16 VE qualified members to the roster and has conducted over 247 vessel safety checks to date.
- One new member has completed his qualifications requirements and is currently being processed.

Communications;

– Radio Middle Sound has been used as the Net Control site for monthly division radio net drills.

- Our flotilla CM activity has been primarily in support of Division SARCON and AUXSAR activities.

– Our FSO-OP and FSO-CM are looking to conduct SARCON and AUXSAR training in the future.

Marine Safety;

- Lou Ashley was awarded the Marine Safety Training Ribbon.

-- Pollution Investigators

- - Commander Dereck Dostie and Chief Petty Officer Harry Hueston of MSU Wilmington awarded Al Latham the Assistant Pollution Investigator (AUX-ED) qualification certificate at the 21 Jul 09-flotilla meeting.

- - Jim Arlart has also completed the AUX-ED qualification and successfully passed the review board. We await his certificate for presentation.

Operations;

- OPFAC 25721 is no longer available for use as a facility. Paperwork has been submitted to remove the vessel from POMS.

– Two members, Jim Arlart and Andy Cardwell, have successfully passed their QEs and are patiently awaiting their entry in to AUXDTA and POMS. When POMS is updated the readiness posture of the flotilla will be 4 CX and 4 facilities.

- – We are planning another QE session in the last week in September to re-certify two Coxswains and one or two crewman.
- - We further anticipate a QE request in October for first time CX & CB candidates.

Program Visitors;

- Visits continue, on a regular basis, to the program partners and our 5 special displays throughout the area.

– Member Charles Deslaurier has been reinstated as a program visitor and is supporting the FSO-PV efforts.

Publications;

- The next issue of the Flotilla newsletter “the Pilot” is currently in editing and should be available before the end of the month.

Communications Services;

- The flotilla web site continues to be a work in progress.

10-03 (J.D. Lockamy)

1. **Recent Activities, Projects, or Events.** Eight members have received their certificates for the AUXSEA specialty course. Three members have been removed from REYR as Vessel Examiners. One member has completed the requirements for and has been certified as a Vessel Examiner. The help provided in this area by Gene and Elma Belflowers of 10-07 is greatly appreciated. Two members just completed the second day of TCT in anticipation of becoming Watch Standers.
2. **Upcoming Activities, Projects, or Events.** A Vessel Examination event is to be held at Sharon Harris to get the new VE and those who just got out of REYR current for this year. FTCC has just released the dates for a BS&S class. This class starts in mid September.
3. **Flotilla Membership.** Membership is currently at sixteen members.

10-05 (Bert Felton)

The FSO-PE Bender has an additional ABS class at St. James. The requested classes at Sunny Point have been completed—the Security Chief had his law enforcement personnel take the course

FSO-MT Smith is considering another specialty class in Sept or Oct.

Nancy Hahn, FSO-VE, has completed several VE emphasis days at different marinas. We were able to make a request for more VE stickers through our local Power Squadron.

The FC and VFC has been working on scheduling training for members who need re-quals or initial quals in cooperation with other FSOs. Our first group of four candidates has been submitted to the NC QE coordinator. All affected members have been working on training and we will continue to make requests through the QEC in late August and September. The FSO-OP is working diligently to arrange two boat support for the QE visits.

Responding specifically to the 10-05 list sent by the DCDR, 1 member has already relocated, 6 members will not be pursuing re-qualification, and 10 members (2 CX, 8 CRW) will be scheduling a visit with the QE over the next 6 – 8 weeks. Other trainees will moving forward and will request a QE visit as needed

Nancy Hahn has been awarded USCG certification as crew on the 25' Safe Boat. Congratulations are also due for her work with Station Oak Island regarding recent preparation for the RFO at the station.

BMCS John Sesta departed and BMCS Newman Cantrell arrived during the Change of Watch held at the Station Oak Island on 7 August. Flotilla 10-05 attended Quarters on 5 August to thank Senior Chief Sesta for his support of the Auxiliary.

10-06 (Gus Dahl)

Major growing activity is our involvement with MOM patrols in support of MSU . At least two dedicated patrols were carried out up the Cape Fear River and reports, as requested by MSU, were issued to MSU . Initial CG evaluation and response has been extremely positive, Currently this effort is being carried out primarily on a 'trial ' basis by Flotilla 10-06, but if indications of early results can be considered predictive, there stands a very good chance more such MSU support will grows into a significant segment of area Auxiliary activity.

As you probably know the NC Government is now requiring boating safety classes for new boaters under the age of 26 (?). This will expand the demand for the efforts of all instructors, and require more creative ideas in attracting the younger generation into Auxiliary classes instead of competitive and commercial programs which will quickly appear on the scene. This new law could be wisely exploited as rich territory for the recruitment of younger candidates for the Auxiliary, particularly here in the Wilmington area where we have an abundance of potential candidates in attendance at UNCW and CFCC..

I do have some concerns on motivating the membership. Recent Membership meetings have failed to bring out significant numbers of members, suggesting a trend of declining interest in Auxiliary activity. I ask the FC's of the other Flotillas if they are experiencing similar issues and do they have advice or suggestions on appropriate actions that might re-ignite renewed interest in participation among the less active members.

I would remind all that we have an Advanced Skills Weekend coming up in Tracen again this year in early October, and while I strongly recommend every member attempt all possible to participate in the programs , if for no other reason them to have to opportunity to be totally immersed in the Team Coast Guard World for a couple of days. The respect and value shown to us Auxiliary by the regular Coast Guard personnel is itself a powerful stimulant for self motivation and sustained interest in our efforts to support the CG.

In line with my first comments about supporting MSU, I would highly recommend that members with a possible interest in potential participation attend the ASW and take the "Initial Introduction to Marine Safety (IIMS) course, to acquire as solid 'learnings

platform; upon which to build additional knowledge and skills critical to the support of the Marine Safety Function.

In recent months Flotilla 10-06 has been working with the MSU folks to support them with new roles of responsibility . This looks to be an exciting potential expansion of our previous traditional functions, requiring more efforts on the part of our Coxswains and Crews when out on authorized patrols. Initial efforts focus on training Flotilla members as Assistant Pollution Investigators, though actual qualification is not required.

We will all be reporting on commercial ship traffic and any situation which appears unusual or out of place, as well as possible incidents of oil or chemical pollution.,

Previously I distributed a report that Coxswain Joe Truelove issued as a result of one such patrol, and the CG were duly impressed with it's thoroughness and content.

The new MSU chief responsible for coordination with us, Harry Hueston, visited our membership meeting this past week to get to know us and hopes to also stop in at this weekends Division 10 meeting .

For those who may have an interest in exploring further involvement with MSU, I recommend you consider attending the Advanced Skills Weekend in TRACEN the first weekend in October and take the "Initial Introduction to Marine Safety (IIMS) course that runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

If you have an questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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 began April 1st and will continue every Wednesday until October 1st.

Station Oak Island had a Change of Watch last Friday and four members of Flotilla 10-08 attended.

Flotilla 10-08 has a new facility and will begin patrols within the next week or so.

Flotilla 10-08 is planning to offer a BS&S class sometime this fall. We have replaced our laptop computer for public education and have both the ABS and BS&S slides loaded on it.

Flotilla 10-08 has completed the work to get an on-shore marine radio operational which is intended to assist USCG vessels in the Little River area with their communications with Station Oak Island and Station Georgetown. The radio will be used in the radio drill scheduled for August 19th. 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)

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

CM (Jim Arlart)

CS (Dan Meigs)

A Division-wide *Training Management Report* (TMR) has been posted to the Division site. The TMR now includes a summary of underway hours and other mission measures. The password for this TMR is the same password as the Division Directory and has been sent separately to your FSO-CS.

CX and CR *underway hours* for 2009, from POMs, are posted, current as of 14 AUG.

A link to an AUX-wide *Qualification Guide* has been added. This Guide contains all the requirements for most AUX qualifications as well as links to related sites.

FN (Harry Otterbein)

Separate Report submitted.

IS (Bob Dennis)

1. Meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, presented and/or attended
 - a. None
2. Activities, Projects, or Events
 - a. All Auxdata documents submitted to date have been processed and returned to each FSO-IS person in a timely manner.
 - b. All flotilla documents appear to be current.

- c. Auxdata document volume is starting to increase as the boating season is in full swing.
- 3 . District suggested that we use a form which will contain multiple entries for the same mission codes per month. Following is the email explaining the process. All FSO-IS were sent the e-mail and suggested to implement the process with a few chosen individuals and solicit comments.

MA (John Maloney)

Routine activities for period; stationary and stamps ordered and delivered to various SOs.

Pouches for wear with inflatable Live Jackets delivered and will be distributed (with proper receipt forms) to FCs at 6/20/09 Division meeting.

MS (Barry Hood)

1. Chief Petty Officer Harry Hueston has replaced Warrant Officer Todd Mann as the new AUX liaison for MSU Wilmington. Chief Hueston indicated that there will be more training opportunities for the AUX after he completes orientation in his new position, and after the busy summer boating season. His telephone number is 910-772-2216 and his email address is Harry.B.Hueston@uscg.mil.
2. The Assistant Pollution Investigator (AUX-ED) course that began at MSU Wilmington on 03 Apr 09 is coming to a close. Any further requests for this qualification should be directed to SO-MS Barry Hood, and will be coordinated with Chief Harry Hueston of MSU Wilmington. Thanks to all AUX members who participated.
3. Solicitations are now being made for future Marine Safety training requests. Please make your requests to SO-MS Barry Hood via email. FSOs-MS will be notified of any training opportunities that are offered by MSU Wilmington for this fall and winter.
4. FSOs-MS from all Division 10 flotillas have been notified of current MS issues via email.

Flotilla 10-01

1. Lou Ashey was awarded the Marine Safety Training Ribbon, which was presented to him by SO-MS Barry Hood at the 19 May 09 flotilla meeting. Congratulations!

2. Al Latham was awarded the Assistant Pollution Investigator (AUX-ED) qualification certificate by Commander Dereck Dostie and Chief Petty Officer Harry Hueston of MSU Wilmington at the 21 Jul 09 flotilla meeting. Jim Arlart has also completed the AUX-ED qualification. Congratulations to both!

Flotilla 10-03 No report.

Flotilla 10-05 No report.

Flotilla 10-06 Nothing to report at this time.

Flotilla 10-07 No report.

Flotilla 10-08 No report.

Flotilla 10-09 No report.

MT (Paul Dowty)

NS (Lois Dowty)

1. I attended COCs at Station Wrightsville Beach and Station Oak Island
2. I met with Chief Chris Groom, CGC Bayberry, to try & resolve NS problems occurring the last 2 years. (PATONS were not being fixed, but were reported) As it turns out, the paperwork was never entered by the previous Chief and his staff. Chief Groom has requested that we have someone from the Auxiliary be trained in the ATONIS System to input ATON/PATON verifications & discrepancies into the CG computer. The meeting consisted of Chief Groom, Lois Dowty, Paul Dowty, Ron Hurley, Garland Lowe, & Floyd McLeroy. As yet, WE DO NOT HAVE THAT PERSON.
3. In the meeting we were also able to present our concerns & Chief Groom sent them to District to LT Doreen McCarthy. These concerns were as follows:
 1. After a Private aid verification is completed who contacts the owner if there is a discrepancy?
 2. How does a civilian apply to install a private aid to navigation?
 3. What is the proper form to use to conduct private aid verifications?
 4. Where do I mail the Private aid verification forms once they have been entered into ATONIS?
 5. If a Private aid is found in our AOR and it is not in the Light List what is the proper procedure to have it removed?

He has not heard back as yet. The Aux also sent these concerns to District & we have not heard back as yet.

4. Chief Groom also requested assistance with servicing the ATONS. Our mission will include transporting CG Personnel to ATONs in our respective AORs. Our OPFACs will provide transportation and a platform to clean, service, replace batteries, etc as needed. This request was referred to SO-OP Andy Cardwell (see his report), and they will work with Chief Groom to develop a schedule.
5. FLOTILLA REPORTS:

10-01 – Will assist CGC Bayberry

NS night patrol planned in September

10-05 – 4 discrepancies

Will try to find person to learn & input into ATONIS

10-06 – 1 discrepancy (Paktank Pier Light). Lights at the EXXON Pier could not be seen as a vessel was taking on or discharging fuel

10-08 - No ATON activity

10-09 - 6 verifications/6 discrepancies

6, AIDS VERIFIER CLASS: No date as yet, but one is being planned by Paul Dowty, AVE. Elek Torok, Gus Dahl, Bill Woodhouse, Caleb Strittmatter, Art Tabor, Steve Stubitz, Bob Boynton, Al Nord, & Jim Bland have signed up (Some are taking it as a Refresher).

6. I plan to attend the Winter Conference 17 SEPT – 20 SEPT & hope to get more of our problems resolved, so send me your concerns so that I can address them.

OP (Andy Cardwell)

Flotilla 10-01: has 2 new Coxswains; Arlart, Cardwell; 2 Coxswains, 2 crew will re-certification

Flotilla 10-03: no report

Flotilla 10-05: had 34 patrols during July, August. 160 member days were volunteered during July August. This was outstanding!

Flotilla 10-06: has increased MSU Wilmington support. Two additional OPFAC have been certified. Flotilla 10-6 provided Fireworks support for July 4. 6 Patrols were conducted in June.

Flotilla 10-07: no report

Flotilla 10-08: is pleased to report that they have OPFAC operational

Flotilla 10-09: had 8 patrols during June. 6 Operational OPFAC. Flotilla 10-09 has operations for each weekend.

July was a busy month with activity. This is a positive response from our Division Operations. FSO-OP has been efficient on forwarding paperwork for Patrols.

On 24July2009 SARCON operation was conducted with success. It was discovered during the exercises that we need another item on our OPFAC. It is a "Patrol Banner". See enclosed attachment. I feel that this could be Divisional issued or Flotilla issued equipment.

We have our second Divisional SAR Class set for 27August at USCG Station Oak Island.

Division 10 SO-NS met with USCG BAYBERRY 12August2009 and we have been requested to provide OPFAC assistance for ATON Patrols. A request has been forwarded to FSO-OP regarding the assignment.

PA (Jim Belluche)
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PE (Donna Sauer)

Ted Potter DSO-PE 5SR has reported that the second edition of *About Boating Safely* is just off the press and soon to be shipped. The changes to the book are subtle; therefore, Power Point presentations, instructor notes and test will remain the same as posted for the first edition. Flotillas may continue to use the first edition until the supply is depleted. Furthermore, Flotillas may use the first and second edition in the same class with no disruption to the instruction.

A complete Cross-Reference of every change has been posted in the e-library at www.cgauxed.org/elib/courses/abs.htm

FLOTILLA PE REPORTS:

Fl 10-01 Finished the last of the summer ABS classes with 13 students. In total we had close to 60 students for our four spring-summer ABS classes. We have two new qualified instructors, giving us a total of 13. Fl 10-01 is now preparing for the BS&S class that will begin in September.

Fl 10-03 No Report

Fl 10-05 Just completed the last of a series of ABS classes on 12 August. Over July and August 30 people have successfully completed ABS. This includes 17 members of the U.S. Army Civilian Police Force at Sunny Point Ordinance Depot (MOTSU). No dates at this time for future courses.

Fl 10-06 Twenty people have successfully completed the BS&S class. They will offer a GPS class 12-15 August in addition to the scheduled classes.

Fl 10-07 Finished their Summer Youth Courses on 11 August. They had five classes with each class averaging 23 students.

Fl10-08 Nothing to report. Planning to do the BS&S course. No dates at this time.

F 10-09 Completed an ABS class. No details reported.

I thank all the flotilla PE officers for their diligence and hard work during this summer and look forward to similar if not better results this upcoming Fall.

PS (Sherrill Chrisco)

PV (Jerry Lockamy)

Activities, Projects, or Events. All but one Flotilla in Division 10 is currently involved in the PV program. Results vary among the active programs. As SO-PV my primary function is to ensure that Partners are processed through the DSO-PV. Another important function is to ensure that all Partners in the program are being visited. This year I'm asking all FSO-PVs or their FSO-IS to forward a copy of all ANSC-7046 forms to me. This will allow me to get the most dependable information about visits and will in turn enable me to identify which FSO-PVs I need to contact about adjustments. I have visited 10-09, 10-07, and 10-06 this year.

Feedback from District. Just as reported in my last report, the DSO-PV is concerned that visits are down in the District. However, Division 10 visits are above last year's level during the same period. A recent message from the DSO-PV shows visits in District 5SR are down by 19%. However, visits in Division 10 are up by 79% for the first half of 2009. This percentage will not hold as visits in the first half of 2008 were low. In the second half of 2008 visits in Division 10 were up because of the efforts of a newly appointed FSO-PV at Flotilla 10-01. I expect at years end, Division 10 to be well above last years levels, but the almost 80% increase that we see at mid year will probably drop.

Flotilla Activities. All but one Flotilla have reported visits this year. So far in 2009 we have three new PVs. Flotillas 10-01, 10-05, and 10-07 have each added a PV in 2009. Flotilla 10-06 should add another before the end of the year. Reports to me from the FSO-PVs show that more visits have been made than are reflected in AUXDATA. I have identified two instances where some visits have not been reported. Both instances have been addressed and should be corrected soon. I am about to process several forms to delete Partners from the program. The primary reason is that businesses are closing.

SR (Linda Lockamy)

VE (Keith Wilson)

1. It has been indicated that perhaps not all reports have been submitted yet- FSO-VE's need to encourage VE's to get their paperwork in so they can be counted in Auxdata.
2. AuxData shows 378 inspections to date, with 10-01 and 10-05 leading. By a long shot. Congrats.
3. A source of safety whistles has been found and submitted.
4. Decals are in short supply- we do what we can, one big holiday weekend left. Be seen!
5. There have been a couple new VE's-- need to try to get a few more trained this winter.