



The Helm

Upcoming

Events in Flotilla 24-12

- January 10th Business Meeting/ Member Training- 7pm at the Flotilla Base
- January 19th ABS Class 8am-5pm at the Flotilla Base

Change of Watch 2012



Karl Sieling taking the Oath of Office of Flotilla Commander

Congratulations Karl!



Guests of Honor

From L to R: **Ray Hoesten** (Chairman of the Lake Zoar Authority), **State Police Sgt. Dan Semosky** (Oxford Resident Trooper and Operations Officer for Lake Zoar Authority), **Henry E. Rotzal**. (Commander, David S Miles Post 174 American Legion)

Thank you for attending- we enjoyed your company!

When I am in charge of a vessel, I always command; nobody commands but me. I take all the responsibility, all the risks, all the hardships that my office would call upon me to take. I do not steer by any man's compass but my own.

~ **Captain Michael Healy, USRCS, 1896**

Change of Watch Photos



Outgoing Flotilla Commander Bob Bowlick making final remarks to beginning the Change of Watch

Lynn Wilson is also pictured



Flotilla Commander –Elect Karl Sieling and his wife- Cathy



Lynn Wilson kicking off the COW ceremony– Terry is listening intently.



Bob Bowlick presents David Genest with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of all of the qualifications and classes David completed in his first year of membership.

David also received his qualification for Vessel Examiner



This is a picture of Santa Clause holding a Christmas Tree and Gifts for the good boys and girls.

Have you been good this year?



Swearing in of the 2013 Flotilla Staff Officers.

L-R Bob Camara- Nancy Moore, Lynn Wilson, Bob Bowolick, Karl Sieling, and Terry Bogue

Photo Courtesy of Tom Bowolick

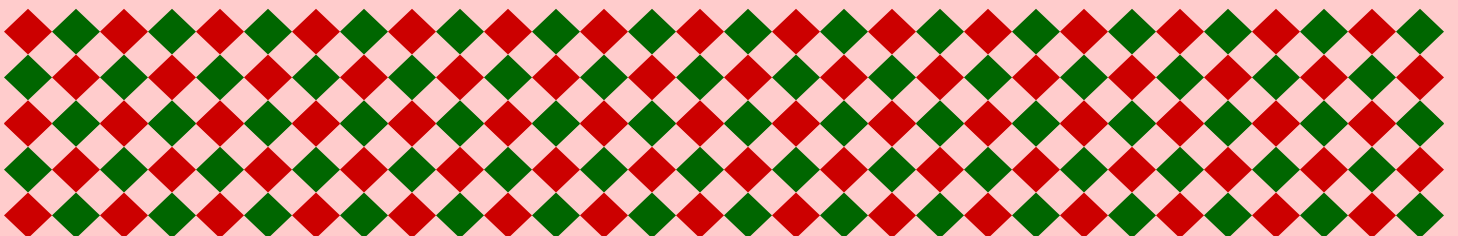
A BIG
Thank You -

To Jaci
O'Neill for
organizing
our evening
of fellowship
and an all
around good
time.



A special thanks to our friends at the American Legion

L- R: Hank, American Legion Commander: Nancy Moore, Auxiliary Member:





Immediate past Commander Bob Camera swearing in Karl Sieling, who received the flotilla flag from Outgoing Flotilla Commander Bob Bowllick.



Now that's a morning wake up! Crewmembers from Coast Guard Cutter Sycamore conduct a survival swim in 39-degree water in Cordova, Alaska. The annual training includes practicing survival positions, use of survival equipment & a 100-yard swim.

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Editors Note: For the record— the only 'cold water' I enjoy is fresh snow under my skis

Yearly Dues

This year dues are \$30

Please bring dues to a Flotilla meeting, or mail them to:

Peter J. Aiksnoras
785 Oxford Road
Oxford, CT 06478

Timely payment of dues help the flotilla financially, and prevent any 'holds' on your file for transfers or other potential auxiliary logistics.

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of our neighbor-
ing communities
and many mem-
bers are tightly
woven into the
community**

Anchor Rode



Maybe you've heard of [Wreaths Across America - Official Page](#), the annual tribute where wreaths are placed at veteran's headstones nationwide. But what about those who have no headstone to mark their grave? Take a look at a special community who gathers together to honor those who perished at sea: <http://goo.gl/IrQxu>

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