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Welcome to the Stratford flotilla newsletter !!!!!

A publication to showcase the Stratford flotilla and its fantastic members, their activities and their achievements. All the news we can discover or make up.

In order to do this, we hope that you, the members, will help by providing ideas and information about what you have done that may be of interest to us all. You can write the piece or provide an idea that our talented editorial staff will happily flesh out. A suggestion may be a recent experience on a patrol. You could even tell about a vacation, especially a boating vacation, letting the membership know about your destination, the trip, accommodations, etc. Pictures are gratefully appreciated. Please submit your ideas to the E-mail address on the mast head above.

At this point we hope to publish on a quarterly basis, but this may expand as material is received. This issue contains features we hope to include monthly, such as the Commander's Corner, recipes for a galley, and awards and achievements.

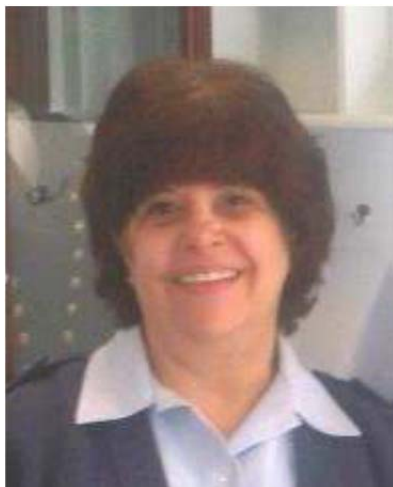
We hope you enjoy and that, in some small way, this enhances your Auxiliary experience.



Meet the Staff

The 24-2 staff for 2012 is as follows:

Donna Bisson - Flotilla Commander, Records & Public Education
Russ Palucci - Flotilla Vice-Commander & Marine Safety
Bill Rock - Public Affairs
Bill Rohland - Finance & Response
Ray Johnson - Communications
Tom Chesney - Publications & Logistics
Jeff Trombley - Computer Services & Member Training
Roberto Ortiz - MOM
Brian Opp - Information System
Susan Case - Human Resources
Joe Mercer - Navigation Systems
Leona May - Program Visitor
Cindy Chesney - Materials & Administration
Art May - Vessel Exams
John Jaser - Prevention



Commanders Corner - FC Donna Bisson

2012 promises to be a banner year for Stratford. We are enjoying the benefits of our newly renovated base. We have two members who have passed their IT test and are in training to become qualified instructors. Our ABS and Navigation classes are ongoing. (Editor's note: see the schedule at the bottom of this newsletter) We have two members who are interested in becoming qualified in RBS Program Visitor. We have five Vessel Examiners that qualified last year and we anticipate remaining the leader in the Division in VSC's. We also hope to continue holding VE days at local marinas.

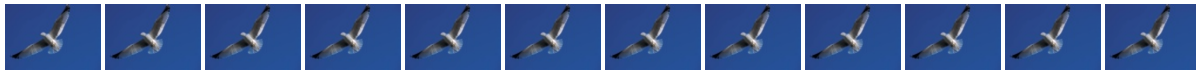
The 313 is preparing to get underway and our crew is anxious to kick off the season with training, patrols and attendance at special events. OPSAIL 2012 will take place in New London this July and some of our members will attend the festivities with the 313, helping to represent the Auxiliary there. Our facility is, of course, ready to assist the Coast Guard in Search and Rescue situations should the need arise.

Commander's Corner (cont'd)

In addition to all this, we will be doing something for National Safe Boating Week, including assisting Station New Haven at their annual Open House on May 19, with our own Bill Rock emceeding for the 15th year. The day is always fun and informative and we look forward to our yearly presence at the event, meeting and greeting the public.

Our annual Change of Watch, our flotilla picnic in August, Our Fall Fellowship Dinner in November and finally our Christmas Party in December round out the events that have been planned for this year. I'm very excited about the upcoming season and look forward to working with everyone to make this 2012 the best year ever.

Donna Bisson
FC 20-2



Jim "Doc" Kauders Turns 30



Well, at least in Auxiliary years!!! At the February flotilla meeting, Jim was honored for his 30 years of service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Jim started his Aux career in 1981 at the Fairfield, CT flotilla. This was after his move to New England from Florida. Jim was brought into the Stratford fold by past flotilla Commander, Don Bisson. Don, now deceased, was the husband of the current Stratford Commander, Donna Bisson.

Jim has not only been a member for 30 years but in that time has served with an abundance of contributions, not the least of which was his boat. It served as the flotilla facility for 7 years from, 2003 to 2010, when Stratford obtained its present boat. Jim also serves as a Vessel Examiner, boat crew (coms qualified) and as an instructor. He also served 2 years as the Stratford Flotilla Commander. And he did all this while conducting a successful practice as an MD (hence the "Doc")

Jim Kauders (cont'd)

After all of this, you'd think Jim would be sitting back and enjoying retirement at his home on the Sound. His adventurous spirit; however, is not to be denied as "Doc" will be leaving on safari this spring to South Africa and Zambia.

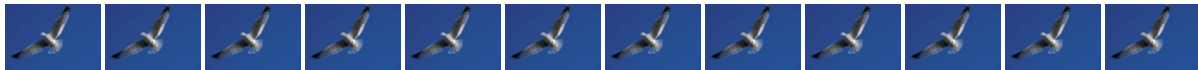
A most generous and dedicated Auxiliarist, we congratulate Jim and thank him most gratefully for his 30 years of service.



Other Awards, Achievements & Milestones

Robert Flower - 20 year Certificate Barry Resnick - 10 year Certificate
James Kelly - 10 year Certificate Sue Case - Navigation Certificate
Donna Bisson - Certificate for Passing the Flotilla Command College course
Russ Palucci - Certificate for Passing the Flotilla Command College course

Art & Leona May, Walter Case, Bill Rohland, Donna Bisson, Cindy & Tom Chesney all attended the 1st SR district Conference and a VERY good time was had by all.



Galley Up to the Bar (Breakfast Bar, That Is)

(Editor's note: Each issue will feature a recipe which is quick, easy, conserves cooking fuel and would be good for use on your boat. If anyone has a favorite recipe they would like to share, please E-mail it to nautum04@aol.com)

Ziploc Omelet - From the Galley of SaltySailors.com

This works great when you have a group of people together. No one has to wait for their omelet. Everyone gets involved in the process and it's a great conversation piece. Easy make-ahead recipe.

Have guests write their name on a quart size Ziploc freezer bag with permanent marker. Crack no more than 2 eggs (large or x-large) into the bag and shake to combine. Put out a variety of ingredients such as cheeses, ham, onion, green pepper, tomato, hash browns, salsa, etc. Each guest adds prepared ingredients of choice to their bag. Shake, carefully press air out of bag and zip it up.

Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 minutes. You can cook 6-8 omelets in a large pot. For more bags, make another pot of boiling water or cook in shifts.

Open the bags and the omelet will roll out easily. Be prepared for everyone to be amazed. Nice to serve with fresh fruit and coffee cake.



PE SCHEDULE 2012 1st & 2nd quarter

ABS

NAVIGATION

	DATE	TIME			
SAT	March 10	8 - 4	SUN	April 22	8 - 12
SAT	April 14	8 - 4	SUN	May 20	8 - 12
SAT	May 5	8 - 4	SUN	June 10	8 - 12
TU/TH	May 8 /10	6 - 10			
SAT	June 9	8 - 4			
TU/TH	June 12/14	6 - 10			