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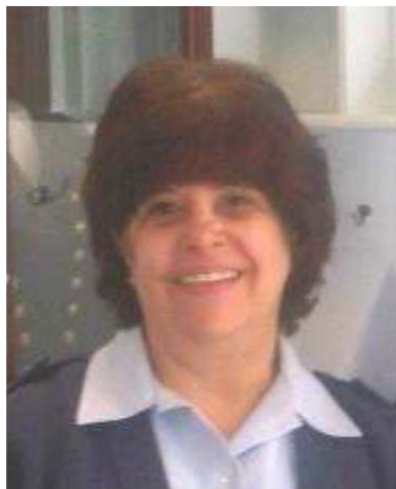


Fall has Finally Fallen!!!!

As the leaves cast off from their lofty moorings and gently waft to the ground on fragrant currents of autumnal zephyrs, we pause to reflect --- OK, I think that's enough malarkey for one issue. I mean, can you actually believe it's fall already?! The 313 is coming out of the water soon, football is on TV (yeah!!!) and it's October. Cindy even made pumpkin cookies for the October meeting.

In this issue there is a message from our beloved Flotilla Commander, her last. We thank Donna for the work, dedication and leadership she has shown throughout her tenure. Bravo Zulu, Donna; you done good. We again have stories about some interesting activities our flotilla has been up to this quarter (we are an active bunch) and an introduction to a new member.

As always, we hope that you, the members, will help the effort 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. 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.



Flotilla Commanders Corner -

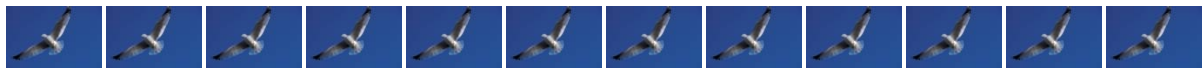
This is the last time I will be contributing to Point No Point as your Flotilla Commander. I am proud of the work that we have accomplished these past two years. We have far exceeded expectations in all program areas. Our Operations program has been outstanding; our facility, the 313, has conducted weekly patrols, working and training with other Auxiliary facilities as well as Station Long Island Sound. She has assisted in several Search and Rescue missions, has gone to New London for three days to participate in OpSail 2012, and was on the water for the annual Swim Across the Sound. Our public education classes have graduated over 75 students, teaching new boaters

how to be safe on the water. We have conducted over 180 vessel examinations, and we have organized and attended many program visit events, bringing recognition to both our Flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for our efforts in promoting Recreational Boating Safety to the boating public.

It really has been a pleasure for me to have been your Flotilla Commander during the past two years, but it is because of your dedication and hard work that I am basking in the 'glory' of your accomplishments.

So I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my job so easy, and to wish the new Flotilla Commander well in this highly challenging, sometimes frustrating but always rewarding job.

Donna Bisson FC 24-02



Meet the Newbie

Meet Jonathan (John) Hernandez. A Bronx native, John moved to Stratford when he was three years old. Conveniently, he brought his family with him. John says he has always loved the water and has often been on fishing party boats. He joined the Auxiliary to learn more about boats and is very anxious to learn more about boating through his membership.

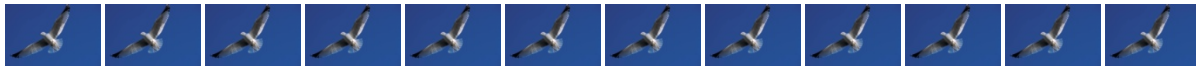
He first learned about the Auxiliary while participating in a river cleanup effort with Police Department Explorer post 56. While on the cleanup, he saw our base and his interest was piqued. He had also seen one of our best recruiting resources, the 313. He was intrigued enough to go on line, come to a meeting and sign up.

John is so interested in the Coast Guard that he signed up for the Gold Side. He comes from a Coast Guard family and his best friend is a member. He will be reporting in December and hopes to get assigned to Boston or California, but likes the South as well. (smart man), having traveled extensively through South Carolina and Florida.

We welcome John for the short time we will have him and wish him well for the future.



Good luck, John, and welcome aboard!!!



From the Galley

(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)

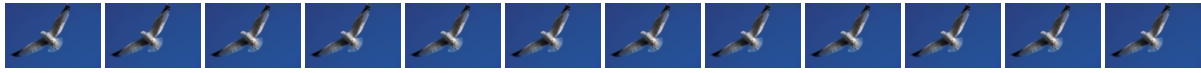
Pan Seared Scallops & String Beans

Light, sweet and filling one pan dish. Easy to make, easy to clean up. Serve with rice or potatoes.

- 1 lb fresh scallops
- Pan searing flour
- ½ lb fresh string beans
- Salt, sugar and fresh cracked pepper to taste

Butterfly scallops to half their thickness and dust them heavily with pan searing flour, shaking off the excess. Clean and prep green beans. Drizzle olive oil into a sauté pan over a medium high heat. Put the scallops in the center of the pan and arrange the green beans around them. Salt and pepper the green beans to taste, and sprinkle with a pinch of sugar. Don't overdo the sugar, just enough to caramelize on the beans and add a touch of sweetness. After three minutes turn the scallops and green beans. Sauté' until scallops are done. Remove and serve.

(Recipe re-printed from *Quick & Easy Boat Recipes on line*)



Picnicking

This year, the annual 24-2 picnic was held on Saturday, July 21 at Bisson Base. As always, hamburgers, hot dogs, and the fixin's as well as soda were provided. In addition, there were dishes provided by the members which deliciously augmented the fine dining provided by the flotilla

This year we enjoyed the culinary talents of Art and Leona May's son, Sean. From the way he wielded a spatula and rendered the hamburgs and hotdogs, we could easily discern that he is a professional chef. Thanks Sean, for all your help.

In addition to our flotilla members, guests from other flotillas and Division also attended, helping to make this a great success and a lot of fun. At the brief business meeting conducted during the picnic, Francine Vallillo received her ribbon and certificate for completing the instructor certification process. Francine's sister, Susan Vallillo a non-member, was presented with a certificate in appreciation of all the work she has done for our flotilla. Thanks Susan.

Finally, our thanks to Donna Bisson and Cindy Chesney for the work they did in putting the picnic together. Thanks, Donna and Cindy, couldn't have held this without you.



Picnic Revelers



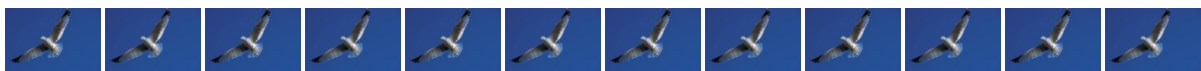
More Revelers



Francine Vallillo & FC Donna Bisson



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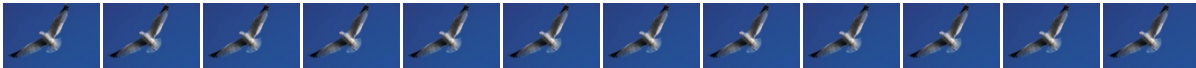


TC Marine Bait & Tackle

No, Cindy and I did not open a business; however, the owners, a man and wife, did use their initials in naming the store. Leona May FSO-PV and Francine Vallillo set up an opportunity with the owners to set up our table and promote boating safety at the shop in Shelton. The event was held in conjunction with TC's open house and hotdogs, chips and snacks were served to the public. Not bad duty.

Leona was joined by other flotilla members, including Francine Vallillo, and they distributed brochures and key chains to make customers aware of the importance of safety on the water. One somewhat poignant moment occurred when a six year old girl showed up at the booth. She had been riding past with her father and saw the display and the uniforms. She made her Dad turn his truck around and stop. It seems her brother is in the Coast Guard and she wanted to see if he might be there manning the booth. She obviously was disappointed the he was not there, but did go away with a hot dog and a whistle courtesy of TC Marine.

The combination of meeting the boating public, food and a cute little six year old made the day a winner for all who participated.



Chow Down at the Marina

Another public safety event was organized by Flotilla Commander Donna Bisson at Brewers Marina in Stratford. This was held in conjunction with the annual summer picnic Brewers holds for its members. Again our flotilla was present to promote boating safety. Donna was joined by other flotilla member like Walter Case IPFC. The booth was conveniently set between the raffle table and the food booth and across from the swimming pool, which guaranteed a lot of foot traffic. The flotilla was able to hand out various marine safety brochures and discuss this subject with various Marina members. We were even able to perform vessel safety exams, much to the delight of the vessel owners and the marina management.

The flotilla participants were treated to the marina's buffet , including clam chowder, hamburgs, chicken and desert, and, as this event was held on the day of the our flotilla picnic, they got to eat pretty well all day! I have to say, any flotilla members not involved in these visitations are missing out on some very enjoyable opportunities.



2Donna, Walter & Brewers' Mg



Our Table



The buffet tent



Leave 'Em Laughing (hopefully)

A retiree got a job working as a greeter at a big box store. He was polite, enthusiastic, personable and the customers loved him. His only problem was that he never made it to work on time. Finally the store manager called the man into the office to talk about the problem.

“Joe” the manager said, “were you always late at your previous job?”

“Yes”, Joe answered.

“Well what did the folks there say to you when you came in late?”, the manager asked.

Joe replied, “ They said ‘Good Morning, Admiral. Can I get you a cup of coffee?’”



Thanks for reading; we'll see you next issue.