



WINGS AND WAVES

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Commander's Comments



My recommendations for Flotilla of the Year, Auxiliarist of the Year and New Auxiliarist of the Year have gone forward as all preparations for D-Train are underway.

The D-Train focus this year will be RBS, Recreational Boating Safety, and several workshops will be offered targeting Vessel Exams, Program Visits, Paddle Smart, Public Education and Member Training. In addition, there will be Aviation workshops and instruction in Grant Writing.

I'm pleased that several Division 10 Staff Officers will receive orders to attend as well as three new Auxiliarists. We will be well represented. I would also encourage each Division 10 member attending to indicate that they wish to be seated with DIVISION 10 when filling out luncheon and dinner registrations, as this will provide us an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie.

D-Train will kick off Friday evening, 23 MAR with an Awards and Fellowship Cocktail Party at the Mystic Marriott. In years past, Division 10 has been well represented in the awards category and I have every reason to believe that this year will be no different.

I am also very pleased to announce that Division 10 has been selected as one of the venues for the District Commodore's 2012 Town hall meetings. The meeting will be on Monday, 26 MAR 12 at the American Legion Hall in Rochelle Park and will commence at 1900 hours. The Uniform of the Day will be the ODU and all Division 10 members are welcome to attend.

Navigation Systems – PATON

By Al Olsen ADSO-NS

Photos by author except as noted

Most of the navigation aids that you use are Federal Aids known as ATON's or 'Aids to Navigation'. These include the familiar "Red Right Returning". These aids are usually quite large and are maintained year-round.



Federal Aid in February --- Hudson River @ Kingston

Then there are situations where someone is willing to install, and maintain, an aid at their own expense. An example is a marina owner wanting to mark an entrance channel or a University installing a research buoy. An individual can apply to the CG for permission to establish an aid. There are nearly five thousand of these privately owned aids (PATONS) within the 1st CG District.



Hudson @ Stony Point Bay



Stevens Institute - Research



Indian Point

Once a PATON has a Permit, and is installed, the owner is obligated to maintain it as specified in the permit. In order to verify compliance, the CG wants one third of the PATONS verified every year. With the exception of a few PATONS, this job has been turned over to the Auxiliary. We receive a list of the scheduled PATONS. We then go out and report on what we find.

When the PATON conforms to the Permit, we report it as 'Watching Properly'. Frequently we find them off-station, sinking or just plain missing. At night we check the lights to make sure that they are operating according to specification. All discrepancies are reported to the CG.

Then there is the real challenge, buoys without permits. Many people do not know that a permit is required so they just put them in the water without any indication of ownership. The biggest candidate here is the 'No-Wake' buoy.

A much bigger problem consists of buoys that resemble legitimate navigation buoys, but will actually lead you into trouble. How would you use the buoys in the following picture if you came upon them during reduced visibility? Which Red would you keep to the Right?



Hudson, Stony Point --- Note red & green on both sides of channel Photo: Dan McGlynn

Reporting buoys without permits is easy, but useless. A point of contact (owner) is absolutely essential in order to get it corrected. However, there are usually no markings on the buoy so this is where detective work comes into play. If you find a No-Wake buoy at the entrance to a marina, it is a pretty good guess that it belongs to the marina. Most times it is not this clear cut.

Looking for things that are not there and finding things that do not belong are not the only activities on the Hudson. Sometimes you find something that makes the whole year worthwhile. How about a fleet of fully rigged sailing vessels? Henry Hudson's 'Half Moon', and her companions, certainly filled the bill for me.



Hudson @ Tarrytown "Half Moon" Replica – circa 1609 (original destroyed 1618)

By now you know that we are looking for those who wish to become "Aids Verifiers".

What other advantages are there to becoming an AV? I do not have a boat so I go out with others. Normally these people get orders for a 'Marine Domain Awareness' MDA patrol. This is great but limited. When you offer the owner an ATON patrol, you are offering them increased flexibility. This adds considerable interest to the patrol and makes everyone happy. Of course, PATONS aren't the only function of the AV. There is also Bridges and Chart Updating.

To see what is involved to become an AV, you may check the Navigations Systems Website and click on "AV Qualification".

<http://www.uscgaux1sr-aton.org/>

If this is what you are looking for, my contact information is on the website

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PV & VE Training

The dates have been set. Division 10 will be hosting Program Visitor and Vessel Examiner classes for Auxiliarists who are looking to expand their qualifications and help to answer the call to increase RBS. We have been asked to increase MVD's by 11% this year and VE by 10%. The best way we can do this is to add new qualified members to these programs. This will not only increase our number this year but it will also help us to increase our numbers for years to come, and lessen the burden on the already qualified members. As Auxiliarists we are always asked to do more never less that is why it is so important to increase our number of qualified members. So I encourage all FSO-MT, FSO-PV, FSO-VE, FC and VFC to reach out to your members, especially new members, to answer the call and become qualified. I am also asking the qualified members to also step up and mentor these trainees and make their qualification process as easy as possible and not let them fall through the cracks.

Students are expected to have acquired and read the manuals before they come to the training. There will be a link to each below. At the class students will be given a chance to take the online test if they would like, and for anyone who is not comfortable taking test on the computer we will make every effort to help them and make it as painless as possible. Please make sure anyone looking to take the test knows their login and password. After the test is completed each student will need a mentor to take the trainee out for the required number of visits/exams (2/5). If you would be willing to help with this please let your FSO-MT know. Below you will find all the information on the upcoming classes.

If you are already qualified feel free to come to help or for a refresher. FSO-MT's please try to let me know how many of your members will be attending each class.

Thanks,

Kevin Fear

SO-MT

PV

Date & Time: 29 March at 1930

Location: The Larkin House in Wyckoff (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481)Lead

Instructor: Gus Formato Manual: [RBS-VP Manual](#)

VE

Date & time: 12 April at 1930

Location: The Larkin House in Wyckoff (380 Godwin Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481)

Lead Instructor: John YskLamp Manual: [Vessel Safety Check Manual](#)

Other helpful link: [VE Exam Study Material Links](#)

Auxiliarist in the News

Article by Auxiliarist Mary Bethea, Harrisburg, PA



Aaron Forste

What can you do in a year? Some people do nothing. Some people do everything. Auxiliarist Aaron Forste falls in the latter category. That's why he was rewarded for his efforts with the "First Year Proficiency Award" by his [Flotilla, 10-13](#) based in Wyckoff, NJ. This award holds deep value because it is not given out annually, which Aaron found to be especially meaningful.

Aaron acquired his zeal for the [Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) after taking the [About Boating Safety](#) class to learn more about boating. He found the Flotilla to be so engaging and welcoming; he joined the Auxiliary on February 25, 2011. In the year that followed he has become Boat Crew Crewmember (BCCREW), Recreational Boating Safety Visitor (MDC), Vessel Examiner (VE), and Administrative Procedures (APC) qualified. Aaron has taken the [Boating Safety and Seamanship](#) class, as well as the following courses: AUXOPS, AUXSEA, AUXWEA, AUXCOM, AUXPAT, IS100, IS200, IS300, IS400, IS700, IS701, IS702, IS703, IS800, IS250, IS801-814, APC, FLC, Goodmate, IMSEP, AUX20 Intro, AUX22 2nd Class, NAV75, NAV90.

In addition, if you can believe there's more, Aaron received the Auxiliary Sustained Service Award for the hours he volunteered between the months of February and July. He has also held the Publications and Public Affairs staff officer positions in his Flotilla. Are you tired yet? Aaron's not. He is currently working on becoming a Coxswain and intends to be a Public Affairs Specialist 3 "by the time the boat goes in the water" this upcoming season.

To Aaron, the best part about being in the Auxiliary is the people. He says, "The thing that most shines me the right way is the good people who I've met and get to work with." Aaron credits his Flotilla members for his excitement and enthusiasm, stating that he enjoys riding with a group of such knowledgeable and skilled people. Aaron's incredible drive for learning stems from: wanting to impress his Flotilla members; wanting to be an equal; and wanting to perform his duties as well as the other Flotilla members.

Photo courtesy of Auxiliarist Jaime Ruch.

Upcoming Events

OPSAIL-Fleet Week 2012 – May 23 through May 29, 2012

Auxiliarists will be asked to serve as tour guides on Coast Guard Cutters and Ambassadors for the Auxiliary at Homeport, Staten Island and the Intrepid Museum in NY. At the Intrepid Auxiliarists will be staffing the public affairs booth with the opportunity to interact with the public, provide information on recreational boating safety and recruit new members.

Please note: The March division meeting will be held on 28March rather than the third Wed. of the month!!

Mar 26: Division 10 will host one of just 3 Town Hall meetings in the district . It will be at the American Legion Hall in Rochelle Park at 1900. Uniform is ODU's.

April 18: SO/FSO Roundtable discussions will be at the American Legion Hall in Rochelle Park at 1900. All staff officers are encouraged to attend.

Don't forget the Annual District Conference to be held at the Mystic Marriot March 23 - 25, 2012 in Mystic, CT. You should have received the registration materials by now . Although the Marriot is full, you can reserve your room at one of the other hotels in the area.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Flotilla 10-1: <http://a0141001.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-2: <http://secaucus102.homestead.com/uscg102.html>

Flotilla 10-4: <http://a0141004.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-7: <http://www.cgauxiliarylakehopatcong.com/>

Flotilla 10-8: <http://a0141008.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-10: <http://dev02.cgaux.org/generic/index.php?flo=014-10-10>

Flotilla 10-13: <http://a0141013.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-20: <http://www.airstationcaldwell.org>

Division10: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=014-10>

First District Southern Region: <http://www.d1south.org/>

There is a wealth of information available to all members at these websites! Be sure to check them often!

Division meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 33 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, at 2000. All members are welcome.

The next Division meeting will be held on Wed., Mar. 28, 2012.

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