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Kim Filion and Mark Bennett are sworn in to office as Division Commander and Division Vice Commander, respectively for 2013 by Bob Gesullo.

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FIRST DISTRICT (SR)

2012 ELECTED OFFICERS

DCDR Kimberly Filion

DVCDR Mark A. Bennett

FC 24-1 Kevin Morann

VFC 24-1 Ralph Vuolo

FC 24-2 Donna Bisson

VFC 24-2 Russell Palucci

FC 24-3 Michael Gabriel

VFC 24-3 Nicholas Sidorick

FC 24-4 Chris Duhaime

VFC 24-4 Guy Atwood

FC 24-8 John Ouellette

VFC 24-8 David Aresco

FC 24-11 Charles Phippen

VFC 24-11 Robert Barba

FC 24-12 Robert Bowolick

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, 3 & 4 November — AUX CHEF Training; SECLIS Galley; 0700-1600,

Sunday, 4 November — Veterans Day Parade, Hartford

Sunday, 4 November — Daylight Savings Ends

Tuesday, 6 November — Election Day

Thursday, 22 November — Thanksgiving Day

Friday, 30 November to Sunday 2 December — District Leadership Conference

Sunday, 9 December — First Day of Hanukkah

Tuesday, 25 December — Christmas Day

DIVISION ELECTION

The election of officers for Division 24 was held on Wednesday, 3 October at the division meeting. Bob Gesullo presided at the election. He called for nominations from the floor prior to the start of the meeting. There were none for either office.

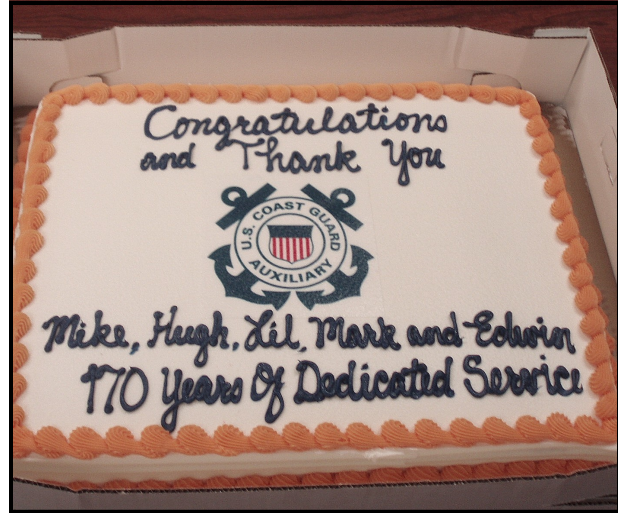
The report of the Screening Committee was read and the committee was dismissed.

The Secretary/Records Officer read the Code of Conduct. She was then instructed to cast one ballot for Kim Filion for Division Commander and then one ballot for Mark Bennett for Division Vice Commander

The newly elected Division Commander and Division Vice Commander were then sworn in by Bob Gesullo. A round of applause greeted the 2013 bridge.



AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



Above left is Mike Pimer. On the left is Lillian Haines and on the right is Mark Haines. Each is receiving a Membership Service Certificate from Warrant Officer David McCarthy OTO. The cake lists the top five members with the total years.



MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

- 45 Years — Michael Pimer 24-11
- 35 Years — Hubert Sebastian 24-3
- 30 Years — Lillian Haines & Mark Haines 24-1
Edwin Wilmot 24-3
- 20 Years — Georgette Kierce 24-2
- 15 Years — Stephen Vavrinec 24-2
- 10 years — Robert Sandmann 24-3
- 5 years — Tomiko Case 24-2
Mark Bennett 24-8

ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Operations

- Heather Smiarowski 24-1
- Eugene Kierce 24-2
- James Kauders 24-2
- Walter Case 24-2
- Susan Case 24-2
- Nicolas Sidorick 24-3
- Guy Atwood 24-4

CG SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE

- 12th — William Rohland 24-2 (25310 hrs)
- 5th — Stephen Perrone 24-3 (3853 hrs)
- 2nd — Thomas Violante 24-1 (1517 hrs)
- 1st — Alan Morton 24-3 (774 hrs)
- 1st — Guy Atwood 24-4 (794 hrs)
- Nicolas Giardina 24-4 (751 hrs)
- David Aresco 24-8 (793 hrs)
- Peter Aiksnoras 24-12 (752 hrs)

FLOTILLA NEWS

FLOTILLA 24-1, BRANFORD

The last meeting was held on 15 September.

HR — Paperwork was sent in on prospective member..

CM — One Land Mobile Radio facility was inspected.

DA — Members listed in the Emergency Response Plan had a meeting.

FLOTILLA 24-2, STRATFORD

The last meeting was held on 19 September.

HR — One member received his ID card. A prospective member attended the meeting and paperwork has been started for enrollment.

FN — Dues notices have been sent out..

PA — An Open House at Brewer's Marina was attended on 30 September and several people indicated an interest in joining and one member intends to transfer from Norwalk.

FLOTILLA 24-3, MILFORD

The last meeting was held on 2 October.

HR — Three new applications are pending and one new member was sworn in.

MT — Telecommunication PQS course is ongoing on Monday evenings at 1930.

OP — 29 patrols to date.

PA — Booth at the Orange, CT Country Fair and two at West Marine.

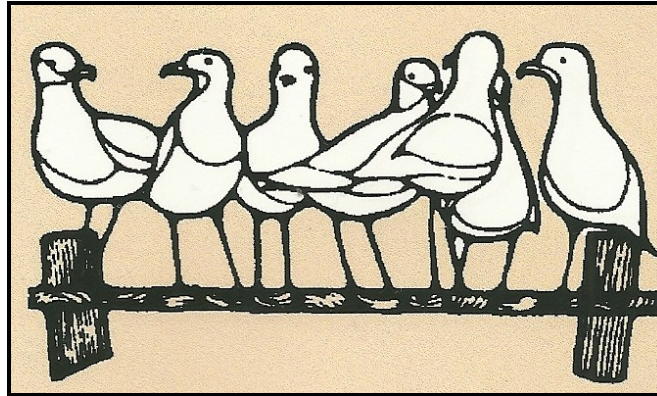
FLOTILLA 24-4, GUILFORD

The last meeting was held on 12 September.

Basic Navigation Rules training was held.

HR — Working on the application for one new member.

MT — Sexual Harassment training was given at the monthly training session on 17 September



FLOTILLA 24-8, CLINTON

The last meeting was on 12 September.

HR — One person was sworn in as an AP member and paperwork has been submitted on another prospective member.

OP — Two coxswains completed their 3-year currency maintenance

CM — One fixed land radio station was re-inspected.

CS — The WOW website has been approved.

FLOTILLA 24-11, WEST HAVEN

Ten members attended the last meeting on 13 September

HR — One member received his ID card and there is one new prospective member.

OP — There was 1 patrol and 1 Parade of Lights. One coxswain completed his 3-year currency maintenance.

CM — The communications trailer was at the Orange Country Fair.

FLOTILLA 24-12, OXFORD

The last meeting was on 13 September with 30% of the members present.

HR — Requests from 2 members to transfer into the flotilla have been received, one is from Florida and one is from Cape Cod; one new prospective member is in the process of completing the application process; one prospective member lead has been contacted and will be attending our next meeting.

MT — The September topic was "Member Involvement. The topic for October is Radio Facilities and TCO PQS.

PB — Another edition of "The Helm" went out recently and FSO-PB is working on the October one.

FLOTILLA NEWS



Certificates to three members of FL 24-3, Milford were given out by Mike Gabriel FC.

Upper left — Gary McGuire receives his Membership Certificate after being sworn in as a member.

Upper right — Jerry Downey receives his Service Award.

On the left — Jeff Cieplak FSO-CS receives his 5-year Membership Service Certificate.

— photos by Gregory Gordon

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Mistakes can and sometimes do happen. Members should keep track of what they do in AUXINFO in order to stay out of REYR. Once a problem is known to exist it can usually be corrected otherwise there may be unhappy members.

To stay certified as an Instructor — teach 2 hours or proctor 4 hours or teach 1 hour and proctor 2 hours.

To stay certified as a Vessel Examiner — report a total of 5 VSCs and/or facility inspections.

To stay certified as crew — perform 12 hours on an official patrol and stay current with TCT, either the 1-hour refresher or every 5 years, the 8-hour course and do a check ride every 3 years.

To stay certified as coxswain — the same as crew plus take and pass the NAVRULES exam every 5 years.

OCTOBER DIVISION MEETING

The October meeting was held on 3 October at CG Station New Haven. Present were Kim Fillion DCDR, Mark Bennett VCDR, Warrant Officer David McCarthy Operations Training Officer, Ralph Vuolo VFC 24-1, Donna Bisson FC 24-2 & SR, Mike Gabriel FC 24-3, Chris Duhaime FC 24-4 & FN, John Ouellette FC 24-8, Charles Phippen FC 24-11, Bob Bowolick FC 24-12, Timothy Mulherin Logistics Chief, Nick Sidorick Response Chief & OP, Joe Mercer NS, Heather Smiarowski MS, Ginny Daniels PB, Anne Duhaime, District Logistics Chief Bob Gesullo, Michael Pimer, Lillian Haines, Mark Haines, Tom Violante and Paul Provo-nost.

REPORTS

DCDR — Reminders on Tail Gate Party, Fall Fellowship Dinner, District Elections. FCs were reminded of election protocols. Russ Kniehl, Bob Bowolick and Ginny Daniels are now proctors. There will be a Tabletop exercise at New Haven fire department on Wednesday, 10 October. Fingerprint kits were given out.

CM — Three re-inspections took place and were processed during August and September: a Land Mobile for West6 Haven; a Land Mobile for Clinton; and CG Auxiliary Clinton Radio (fixed land).

PB — The October issue of “Boat Basin” was sent to the Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Publications Officers to be forwarded to the membership of each flotilla. Still hoping for bios from five FCs and five VFCs. Also would like to print bios of members with over 25 years of membership. The latest issue has been loaded onto the division website thanks to Art Fregeau, SO-CS.

OP — Winding down. Head of the River Regatta was canceled.

HR — The Coast Guard is studying Auxiliary uniforms, how they are worn.

MT — The Telecommunications Operators Course is underway on Monday evenings at FL 24-3’s base in Milford.

Up-coming Training: 1-hour TCT refresher, and a presentation for all newer members; contact Timothy Mulherin FL 24-3 for more information and topics to cover for the newer members.

PE — September courses

FL 24-2 — 6 students in ABS course

FL 24-3 — 16 students in ABS courses
8 students in Navigation

FL 24-4 & 24-8 canceled classes due to low enrollment

NS — The division PATON inspection mission for 2012 has ended. The completion figure of 94% appears to be the final figure. If possible the remaining four (4) buoys should be inspected and Harbormaster updated. The district on-line Bridge Discrepancy Reporting System is back on-line and available for use.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Division Logo — Approved; each flotilla can do its own ordering for whatever; suggestion was for flotillas to get together.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mr. McCarthy OTO thanked the division for the invitation to the meeting. He’s trying to get out to all divisions. He talked about the personal gear that members in boat crew should have and wants the name of any crew who didn’t get this equipment. Names should go to the FC.

After the meeting was adjourned, the members enjoyed cake to celebrate the long service of a number of members, see page 3.

DOMAIN AWARENESS

For 2012, there have been 21 patrols. Others are still being planned.

Branford — 21 facilities all current; last patrol was 26 August.

Stratford — 37 facilities all current; last patrol was 29 July.

Milford — 10 facilities all current; last patrol was done by Stratford on 29 July.

Guilford — 21 facilities all current; last patrol was 3 September.

Clinton — 24 facilities of which 17 are 30 days overdue; last patrol was 25 July

West Haven — 15 facilities all current; last patrol was 29 July.

Oxford — 15 facilities overdue; last patrol was in 2011

There are a total of 143 official facilities and 16 unofficial facilities for a total of 159; 116 are up to date and 37 are overdue.

VESSEL EXAMS & PROGRAM VISITS



<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>PVs</u>	<u>VSCs</u>
24-1 Branford	4	9
24-2 Stratford	25 YTD	34
24-3 Milford	0	0
24-4 Guilford	20	0
24-8 Clinton	4	81 YTD
24-11 West Haven	0	1 FI
24-12 Oxford	0	0

YTD — Year to Date
 FI — Facility Inspection

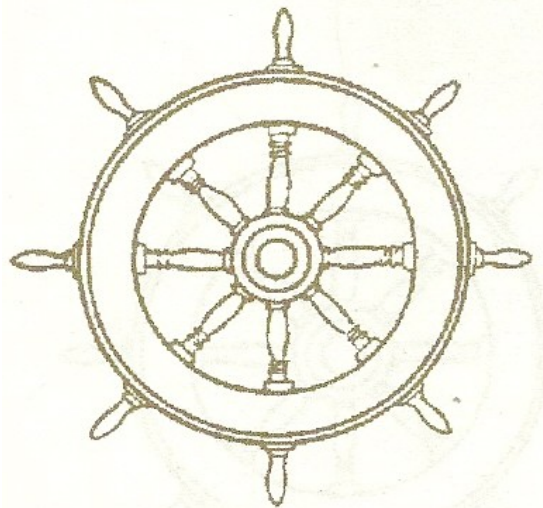
MARINE SAFETY

Boating Safety/Sea Partners booths were at the Guilford Duck Races and Hammonasset Jamboree. The Water Wonders day was cancelled this year and there will not be a booth at the organizers current environmental outreach project which will be taking place at a local quarry.

Members were encouraged to get involved with events planned on and around the International Coastal Cleanup Day on 15 September. Members are advised that we may join beach clean-up events as Auxiliaries but due to liability reasons we should not be the event organizer.

An 8-hour, multi-division, Sea Partner workshop is being planned for this fall at CG Sector LIS. It will be run by the District Marine Safety Officer. FSOs-MS have been asked to poll their flotillas for interested members so an adequate space can be secured.

After hearing of some possible concerns of sewage discharge from boaters in local waterways, there were several conversations with local facilities, pump-out boat program administrators and members from the CG Pollution Response Team. Ways to work together to help educate the public about water pollution, marine debris, local resources and contact information are being worked on.



MORE ORANGE COUNTRY FAIR



Above are two (2) views of the Division 24 Communications Trailer set up by Chris Burns FL 24-11 which was at the fair. Below Tim Mulherin is shown at the booth and then with a Connecticut State Trooper. — photos by Tim Mulherin & Dave Aresco.

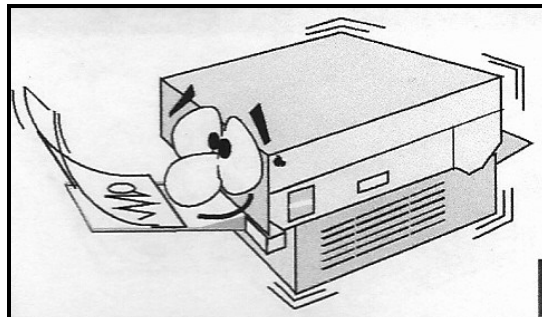


COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Problems remain at the National level for accessing websites using normal File Transfer Protocol (FTP) procedures. Although our new WOW (Websites with Out webmasters) division website can be updated independently without using FTP, we never received formal approval of the WOW website so any changes made to the new website are not visible to the general public. Of all the Division 24 websites it appears that Clinton was the only site that received WOW approval.

MATERIALS

There have been no significant problems with ordering and receiving materials in September. Fingerprint kits have been received and given out to the flotillas.



DIVISION 24 LOGO



Items on which the above logo can be used include decals, shirts (tees, golf, etc.), mugs, jackets, hats and anything else you can think of. The division will not do any ordering. It is up to each flotilla to decide what the members want but to get a better deal on the price of any item flotillas should order together. Each flotilla has what it needs to give to a vendor.

Thanks to Paul Provonost FL 24-3 for doing the leg work to get the logo done up and approved.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 AUXCHEF School (also on Sunday)
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 FL 24-3 Election Day	7 Div 24 Mtg	8 FL 24-11 FL 24-12	9	10 FL 24-1
Veterans Day Parade Hartford						
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 FL 24-4 FL 24-8	15	16	17 24-8 Basic Boating Mechanics
18	19	20 FL 24-3	21 FL 24-2	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 District Leadership	1 Dec
2 Conference	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 First Day of Hanukkah	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22