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## SECLIS AUXCHEF CLASS



There are three new AUXCHEFS who are shown with their instructors. From left to right are John Delemarre FL 24-8, Gary McGuire FL 24-3 and Timothy Mulherin FL 24-8, FS1 Chad Stone, Ralph Vuolo AUXCHEF Instructor and Thomas Violante Area Chair/AUXCHEF Instructor, Division 24 and 25. See page 2 for more information.

— photo submitted by Thomas Violante

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### FIRST DISTRICT (SR)

#### 2012 ELECTED OFFICERS

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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  
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FC 24-12 Robert Bowolick  
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## AUXCHEF CLASS

The first AUXCHEF class held at CG Sector Long Island Sound was on 3 & 4 November and saw three new chefs successfully pass the PQS. They are John Delemarre, Gary McGuire and Timothy Mulherin.

It was a 20-hour class which was comprised of classroom lessons and discussion, practical experience in the galley and a written exam. Graduates must have recently completed an 8-hour TCT, required every two years, received a Hepatitis A vaccine, and received blanket orders for operations and administrative duties within the district before they can work in a USCG galley or on a vessel.

Assignments will vary between Sector, the USCG Academy and CG Station New London depending on the needs of each location.

Thomas R. Violante

## DATES TO REMEMBER

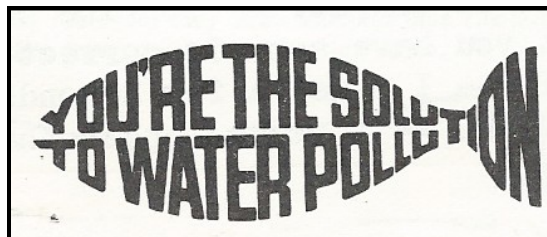
Friday, 30 November to Sunday 2 December —  
District Leadership Conference  
Saturday, 1 December — Sea Partner Training  
at CG Sector Long Island Sound, 0900-1600  
Sunday, 9 December — First Day of Hanukkah  
Tuesday, 25 December — Christmas Day  
Tuesday, 1 January — New Years Day

#### Sea Partner Training

Information to be presented includes:

- Basic Marine Environmental Education
- Environmental laws
- “How to” guidelines for presenting the program at public events
- Presentation of demos and teaching aids
- Discussion

Contact Heather Smiarowski SO-MS for more information.



## FLOTILLA HAPPENINGS



Members of FL 24-12 are enjoying the October meeting. Left to right are Nancy Moore, new member from Florida, Lynn Wilson, Jaci O'Neill and Lori Monttoni, new member.  
— photos by David Genest



The members of FL 24-8 are enjoying some fellowship time at the November meeting. On the left, Barbara Benjamin is putting out some pastries which were contributed by Helen and John Ouellette. In the back, standing is John Delemarre and new member Cesar Rondino. Sitting is new member Dave DeBlasi. On the right Gerry Gorecki is guarding the pizza.

## FROM THE EDITOR



I hope everyone enjoyed reading "Boat Basin" this past year. I tried to make it interesting and informative. I have been appointed Division Publications Officer for 2013.

Distribution was changed toward the end of 2012. Each flotilla is now tasked with forwarding the publication to the flotilla membership. This procedure should make distribution more accurate.

Since this is the last issue for 2012, it is my opportunity to thank the members whose material, both articles and photographs were used. These members are, in alphabetical order: Dave Aresco, Barbara Benjamin, Mark Bennett, Donna Bisson, Bob Bowolick, Robert Carlson, Anne Duhaime, Barbara Ekberg, Kim Filion, Dave, Genest, Bob Gesullo, Gregory Gordon, John McLeod, Timothy Mulherin, Helen Ouellette, Russell Palucci, Bill Rock, Tom Violante, and Dave Wendelowski.

In addition, I used the Staff Officer and flotilla reports from each division meeting.

It's been a pleasure working with the division officers this past year and I look forward to the same in 2013.

Photos not attributed to anyone are mine.

## FLOTILLA NEWS

### **FLOTILLA 24-1, BRANFORD**

The last meeting was held on 13 October..

HR — Paperwork submitted on one member; there are 3 more potential members.

IS — All forms received have been entered; need 7029 forms from members.

PB — Newsletter coming soon.

### **FLOTILLA 24-2, STRATFORD**

The last meeting was held on 17 October The base sustained severe damage from the recent hurricane. We are in the process of determining what the options are.

HR — There is one member in AP status and one prospective member in the process of enrollment.

OP — Patrols have been suspended for the winter and the 313 has been hauled.

IS — All forms have been entered into AUXDATA.

DA — A MDA/MOM patrol was done on 4 November to assess the damage from Hurricane “Sandy.”

### **FLOTILLA 24-3, MILFORD**

The base was flooded during the hurricane and the monthly meeting was postponed to 20 November..

HR — One AP member have been promoted to BQ status.

MT — Telecommunication PQS course was suspended due to the hurricane and will resume soon; one member became a Communications Specialist and two members became AUXCHEFS.

OP — 6 patrols done in October

IS — All forms received are been entered into AUXDATA. Members are not submitting the “Member” Form #7029.

### **FLOTILLA 24-4, GUILFORD**

The last meeting was held on 10 October Forms reporting was reviewed..

HR — Working on the application for one new member.

MT — Monthly training was Electronic Communication to the Auxiliary.

IS — All forms received have been entered.

### **FLOTILLA 24-8, CLINTON**

The last meeting was on 10 October

HR — Two new prospective members

CS — Two websites updated by previous CSO and Mark Bennett.

IS — All forms received have been entered

PB — Monthly newsletter was sent out.

### **FLOTILLA 24-11, WEST HAVEN**

Ten members attended the last meeting on 11 October

VE — One facility was inspected.

CS — Flotilla website problems have been resolved and the website is now up to date.

MT — Boat crew sign off check list completed for one member.

### **FLOTILLA 24-12, OXFORD**

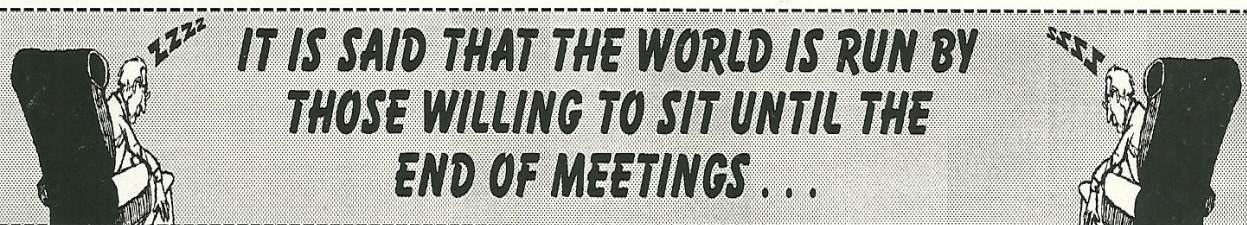
The last meeting was on 11 October with 30% of the members present.

HR — Two prospective member leads have been contacted and invited to the next meeting

MT — The topic for October was Radio Facilities and TCO PQS.

PB — Another edition of “The Helm” will be published after the November flotilla meeting..

IS — All form received have been entered into AUXDATA



## NOVEMBER DIVISION MEETING

The November meeting was held on Friday, 9 November (due to very bad weather) at CG Station New Haven. Present were Kim Fillion DCDR, Mark Bennett VCDR, Ralph Vuolo VFC 24-1, Mike Gabriel FC 24-3, Chris Duhaime FC 24-4 & FN, Charles Phippen FC 24-11, Bob Bowolick FC 24-12, and Ginny Daniels PB (and acting SR).

### REPORTS

- DCDR** — Reminder on Leadership Conference; flotilla elections. See page 6 for information on a division Change of Watch, storm damage to facilities and a Hurricane App.
- CM** — AUXNET was activated on 28 October in preparation for Hurricane Sandy. The Coms trailer was made available if needed during the storm.
- CS** — The problem of uploading to the division website has finally been resolved. The division website has been brought up to date and changes have been made to the Safety Notices page in order to list the latest warnings. The News page announces the Auxiliary's partnership with Wind check magazine. The latest issue of Boat Basin is also available on line now.
- IS** — All data input has been entered and approved as received. There is one open issue concerning "missions over 24 hours."
- MA** — Orders were placed for office supplies and received.
- PE** — A special workshop was scheduled for 17 Nov; PEOs were required to attend.
- FL 24-1 — October ABS had 10 students; 5 students in Wallingford Fire Dep't course
- FL 24-3 — October ABS had 11 students
- FL 24-4 — Piloting & Charting had 5 students
- FL 24-8 — October ABS had 10 students
- FL 24-11 — 2 ABS courses had 20 students
- FL 24-12 — ABS was canceled

**HR** — There seem to be long delays in receiving New Member EMPLIDS and having them entered into the system.

**NS** — The division PATON inspection mission for 2012 has ended. The four uninspected buoys mentioned in the September report were inspected in late September. The division completed 100% of the 2012 PATON mission. Well done to all involved flotillas and members.

**PA** — Although not specifically related to Auxiliary PA, in his capacity as Chair of the Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission, after a 13-year effort of leading and coordinating the Housatonic River Dredging project, Bill Rock can report that dredging has now begun. He scheduled a press conference for 13 November to include CT DEEP, DOT, US Army Corps of Engineers and US Coast Guard at the Outriggers in Stratford to further explain the project and arrange for press tours of the ACOE dredger Currituck.

Flotilla publicized PE courses where applicable. FL 24-8 participated in the Hammonasset Jamboree on 6 October with a Sea Partners/Boating Safety Booth.

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

December Division Meeting — On a motion by Mike Gabriel FC24-3, seconded by Bob Bowolick FC 24-12 and carried the December division meeting has been canceled.



## DOMAIN AWARENESS

For 2012, there have been 25 patrols plus one for Clinton that was sent US Mail that has not been recorded yet.

**Branford** — 21 facilities all current; last patrol was 4 November.

**Stratford** — 37 facilities, 29 current, last patrol was 5 November.

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

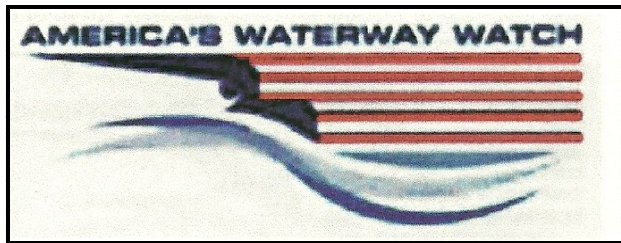
**Guilford** — 21 facilities all current; last patrol was 3 September and 4 November

**Clinton** — 24 facilities all current; last patrol in October.

**West Haven** — 17 facilities all current; last patrol was 3 November.

**Oxford** — 15 facilities overdue; last patrol was in 2011

There are a total of 145 official facilities and 18 unofficial facilities for a total of 159; 112 are up to date and 33 are overdue.



## RBS PROGRAM VISITS

Only two flotilla reported any visits in October:

FL 24-4 Guilford — 11 visits

FL 24-8 Clinton — 17 visits

## DIVISION C-O-W

The suggestion was made at the division meeting by Kim Filion DCDR to have the division Change of Watch at CG Sector Long Island Sound and done by the division's AUXCHEFS. The date would be either 24 FEB or 3 MAR 2013. There would be no bar.

If it's not possible to have at Sector, then it would be at Anthony's Ocean View on a Monday.

## HURRICANE APP

A possible useful tool for flotillas to use to account for their members after any natural or man-made disaster is the Red Cross Hurricane App. It can be found in the App Store and is free to download. By pressing on the little toolbox icon on the top of the screen, the person can click the "I'm safe" button to let it be known that the he/she is safe. It can be shared via text, Twitter, Facebook or email.

The Flotilla Commander should designate someone or a couple of people to receive these "I'm safe" messages via text or email. Ask members to check in with this message within a certain time frame after the event.



## HURRICANE DAMAGE

Kim Filion Division Commander has been asked to put together a list of damages to members' facilities such as boats, planes, radios, PPE, cars, whatever. If it is used to support the Coast Guard and it is damaged beyond repair or repair costs are meaningful, it should be listed with DCDR. The following information should be provided: name, EMLID, item and approximate value. Our District Commodore-elect believes that flotilla bases count for this purpose.

Members can also look into the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance for some financial help. The website is <http://www.cgmahq.org/> and there is information on storm assistance on the homepage.

## SCENES OF HURRICANE SANDY



Hurricane Sandy brought high water to the Connecticut shoreline.

These are scenes in Clinton.

The top photograph shows the town ramp and Riverside Drive under water.

The middle photograph shows the entrance to the town beach where the Hammock River flows into Clinton Harbor. The beach was closed.

Below is Cedar Island Marina showing a very high tide.

— photos by Bert Daniels



## DECEMBER/JANUARY 2013

| Sunday                     | Monday | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                | Thursday                | Friday                     | Saturday   |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                            |        |                                 |                          |                         | 1<br>Leadership Conference |            |
| 2<br>Leadership Conference | 3      | 4 FL 24-3<br>24-2 Holiday Party | 5                        | 6                       | 7                          | 8          |
| 9<br>First Day of Hanukkah | 10     | 11                              | 12 FL 24-4               | 13 FL 24-11             | 14<br>24-8 Holiday Party   | 15         |
| 16                         | 17     | 18                              | 19                       | 20                      | 21<br>Winter Solstice      | 22         |
| 23                         | 24     | 25<br>Christmas Day             | 26                       | 27                      | 28                         | 29         |
| 30                         | 31     | 1 JAN<br>New Years Day          | 2 Division<br>24 Meeting | 3                       | 4                          | 5          |
| 6                          | 7      | 8                               | 9 FL 24-4<br>FL 24-8     | 10 FL 24-11<br>FL 24-12 | 11                         | 12 FL 24-1 |
| 13                         | 14     | 15 FL 24-3                      | 16 FL 24-2               | 17                      | 18                         | 19         |