



# BOAT BASIN

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Mark Bennett (left) and Kim Filion are being sworn in as Division Vice Commander and Division Commander, respectively, by Bob Gesullo District Captain, at the October Division Meeting.

— photo by Anne Duhaime

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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 Hibbard Smith

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  
VFC 24-12 Karl Sieling

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**IN MEMORIAM**



Hibbard T. Smith, Jr, Vice Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 24-3, Milford, passed away on Mon-

day, 26 December.

Smitty, as he was known, joined the Auxiliary on 27 February 2009. He became qualified as an Instructor and Vessel Examiner and passed several AUXOP specialty courses..

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Judith and his family.

The family will be having a memorial with visiting hours from 1800 to 2000 on Friday, 30 December at the Miller-Ward Funeral Home, 260 Bank Street, Seymour, CT 06483; phone number 203-888-2021.

Uniform for participants is Service Dress Blue only.

**DIV 24 STAFF OFFICERS**

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Finance — Chris Duhaime

Human Resources — Mark Haines

Public Affairs — William Rock

Secretary/Records — Donna Bisson

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Operations — Nicholas Sidorick

Communications — Arthur Fregeau

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Marine Safety — Heather Smiarowski

Public Education — Stephen Perrone

Vessel Examinations — Fernando Moreno

**LOGISTICS** — Timothy Mulherrin

Communication Systems — Arthur Fregeau

Information Systems — Alan Morton

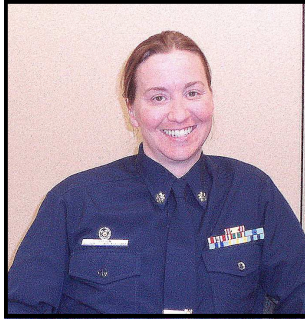
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Member Training

Program Visitations — Herbert Farrell

Publications — Virginia Daniels

## 2012 FLOTILLA ELECTED OFFICERS



The Division Vice Commander and I are looking forward to working with the division board and staff in 2012. We have compiled a great team and we're expecting great

things for the division. For those of you who don't know me, let me give you a little background.

I joined the Auxiliary in 2004 after going to the Hartford boat show. My sister said if I wanted to learn boating I should join. I became active that year when I qualified as a Vessel Examiner and accepted the position of Flotilla Member Training Officer. I also took the Administrative Procedures Course in 2004.

The following year I qualified as an Instructor and also became the division Marine Domain Awareness person. This was prior to MDA being a recognized staff position. I am boat crew qualified and also a Program Visitor. I became AUXOP in June, 2009.

I took over as Vice Flotilla Commander in August 2005 and remained in that office until I became Flotilla Commander in 2008. For 2009 I was elected Division Vice Commander and this past fall I was elected Division Commander.

Our goals for 2012 are to increase membership and qualifications and keep members from falling into REYR status; increase Member Training in the division; have a crew from the division compete in the district SAR competition; and work more closely with our neighboring divisions. We would like to assist with such things as OPSail in New London and the academy graduation.

Kimberly Filion  
Division Commander



Born in Arverne, New York I grew up near the Atlantic Ocean where I learned about the awesome power of the water first hand. I learned to respect it, especially during storms when the

streets flooded as the ocean would rise and join Jamaica Bay.

My boating days started at an early age and I had my first boat when I was in my teens. Although there was no formal requirement for boating safety instruction at that time, it was a top priority in my family.

After pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering I joined the US Navy and applied for Submarine Service. After my interview with Adm. Rickover, I attended the Nuclear Power School at Mare Island, CA and Idaho Falls, Idaho. I then served in the Submarine Service, first on submarine tenders, TAD (temporary assigned duty), and then on fast attack submarines (Thresher/Permit Class) as Operations and Navigation officer. My home ports included Point Loma, San Diego, CA, and New London, CT.

Upon leaving the Navy I continued my career as an electrical engineer on Long Island, still living near the ocean. My home in Amity Harbor was on a canal off Great South Bay where my young family enjoyed fishing, crabbing and boating. After a few years my family relocated to Clinton, Connecticut with the choice of the shoreline our main priority.

I joined the USCG Aux. in Clinton because of my love of boating and the desire to instill in others my concern for safety on the water and my knowledge of safe boating, as well as serving my community.

Mark Bennett  
Division Vice Commander

## 2012 FLOTILLA ELECTED OFFICERS



### FLOTILLA 24-1, BRANFORD

Left to right are  
Kevin Morann,  
Flotilla Commander,  
Mark Haines  
Immediate Past  
Flotilla Commander  
and Ralph Vuolo  
Vice Flotilla  
Commander...

— photo by Tom Violante



### FLOTILLA 24-2, STRATFORD

Donna Bisson  
was elected  
Flotilla Commander and  
Russell Palucci  
Vice Flotilla Commander  
for 2012.

— photo submitted by  
Donna Bisson

### FLOTILLA 24-3 MILFORD

## 2012 FLOTILLA ELECTED OFFICERS



### FLOTILLA 24-2, GUILFORD

Left to right are  
Chris Duhaime,  
Flotilla Commander,  
Guy Atwood  
Vice Flotilla Commander  
and Bill Rohland  
Immediate Past  
Division Commander, ..  
who swore in the 2012  
Elected officers

— photo by Anne Duhaime



### FLOTILLA 24-8, CLINTON

John Ouellette (middle)  
and Dave Aresco (right)  
are sworn in as  
Flotilla Commander and  
Vice Flotilla Commander,  
respectively,  
by Bill Rohland  
Division Commander (left)



### FLOTILLA 24-11 WEST HAVEN

Charles Phippen (left)  
and Robert Barba  
are repeating as  
Flotilla Commander and  
Vice Flotilla Commander,  
respectively for 2012.

— photo by Dave  
Wendelowski

## 2012 FLOTILLA ELECTED OFFICERS

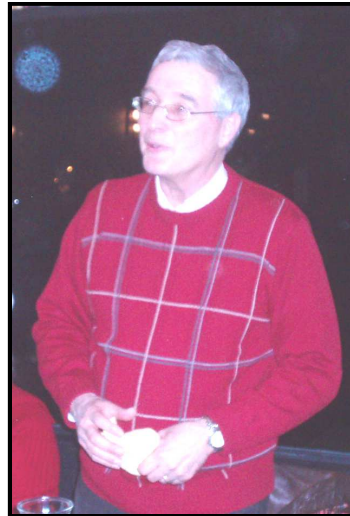
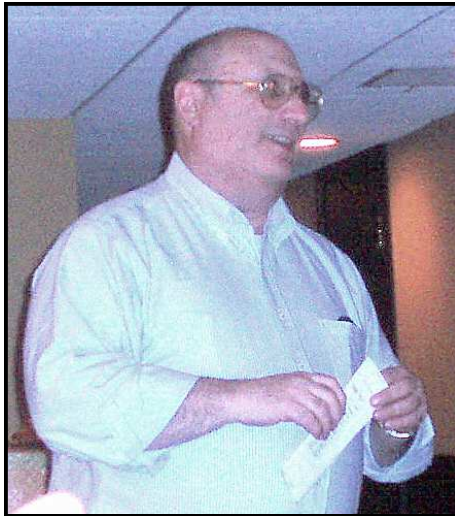


### FLOTILLA 24-12 OXFORD

Bob Bowolick (left) was sworn in as Flotilla Commander by Bob Gesullo District Captain at the flotilla's Change of Watch. Vice Flotilla Commander for 2012 is Karl Sieling.

— photo by Barbara Ekberg

## CLINTON FLOTILLA CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY



Left to right are Mark Bennett, outgoing Flotilla Commander, John Ouellette, incoming Flotilla Commander and Tom Ceniglio, outgoing Vice Flotilla Commander with his prize.

Members and guests of Flotilla 24-8, Clinton, gathered at the Aqua Restaurant, Clinton, on Friday, 16 December for the annual Christmas/Holiday Party.

Mark Bennett, FC for 2010-2011 greeted everyone and said a number of “thank you’s.” First on his list was Tom Ceniglio for his work as VFC, Public Education Officer and Web Master. Mark also thanked the members

for making his two years so successful. He introduced John Ouellette and Dave Aresco, incoming FC and VFC respectively and wished them the best.

Tom thanked the flotilla for everything and wished everyone a good holiday. He expressed sadness on leaving the flotilla but must do so for personal reasons. He also won the prize of the night in the grab bag — the gecko.

## OXFORD C-O-W

Oxford Flotilla's Change of Watch and Christmas Party was held at the Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT on 8 December 2011. Certificates of Appointment were distributed to the staff.

Herbert Farrell was presented with a flotilla award for his steadfast dedication as a gate watchstander at CG Sector Long Island Sound. James Walsh and Robert Camara were presented flotilla awards for their dedication leading the flotilla during the period 2005 through 2010.

Honored guests included Robert Gesullo District Captain Sector Long Island Sound North, who administered the oath of office to elected and appointed officers and Sargent Daniel Semosky Resident State Trouper, Oxford, CT.

Robert Bwowlick

## BOAT CREW CLASS

The division is offering boat crew classes again in 2012 at CG Station New Haven. They are tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, 9 January and will meet every Monday. The classroom portion of the classes will end some time in April, after which the underway training will start.

Anyone interested in taking the crew class and becoming qualified should notify your Flotilla Commander.

To be checked off by a QE (Qualification Examiner) the candidate must have taken ICS 100 and 700, the 8-hour TCT (Team Coordination Training), and be a BQ (Basically Qualified) member. If the member is not BQ, he/she should take an ABS Public Education Course.

Division is planning to try to get a TCT class together early in 2012

Kim Filion DCDR.

## FL 24-12 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In an effort to promote studies in maritime activities and the marine environment, the flotilla has established a scholarship award program that will start with the 2012 graduates of Monroe, Newtown, Oxford and Region 15 high schools.

The decision to create the scholarship award was made as part of the flotilla's community outreach program.

One graduating student from each of the high schools will receive a \$250 award. In order to be considered for the award, the recipient must be enrolled in a maritime academy or an accredited college or university and pursue a course of study in marine related subjects.

The recipients must have maintained at least a B average and must write an essay on the subject of marine studies

Robert Bowolick

## FLOTILLA JACKETS

Are you interested in buying and wearing a

windbreaker, sweatshirt, tee shirt with a flotilla logo on the back?

Bob Bowolick of FL 24-12, Oxford, has contacted a sporting goods store and has ordered one



jacket with a logo to check the quality of the art work. His flotilla is paying for the set-up charge and was told that there would be no additional set-up charge to change the flotilla name.

A number of flotillas in the district have jackets, etc., with their flotilla logo and it certainly would identify us as members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## MUSTANG SURVIVAL PFD RECALL NOTICE

Mustang Survival is voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable PFDs sold in the United States in 2011. This recall is being issued for the inspection and repair of an inflator installation inconsistency that may prevent some units from inflating. The inspection and repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory.

Read more at <http://mustangsurvival.com/About-mustang/news/2011-11-02/mustang-Survival—issues-model-md2010-movel2012-22voluntary-recall-notice-model-md2010-movel2012-22>

## AUX-12 C-SCHOOL

Public Affairs C-School is basic training in how to tell the Auxiliary story. Students learn essentials of news writing, copy editing and digital photography. A key focus is on how to prepare and distribute a press release, manage media relations, respond to media interviews and submit copy to all media.

Enrollment is limited to Public Affairs and Publications Officers at all levels. Every Public Affairs and Publications Officer is expected to enroll and thus develop the high level of skill necessary to perform their duties. Selected students are sent on reimbursable orders for this three-day “boot camp.” See <http://www.training.auxpa.org/aux12> for details. To attend read <http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/CSchoolExpectations.pdf> before completing Short Term Training Request with your DIRAUX.

### 2012 Class Schedule

ATC Mobile, 10-12 Feb  
MSC Alameda, 23-25 Mar  
BSU Seattle, 27-29 Apr  
BSU Boston, 1-3 Jun

Thomas Nunes,  
Director  
Government & Public Affairs

## CG AUXILIARY LIVE

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Government and Public Affairs Directorate is pleased to announce the launch of “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live,” the official news and information blog for the Auxiliary, and the sister entity to the popular “Coast Guard Compass” which is the official blog of the Coast Guard.

This blog will offer news and feature stories of national interest from around the organization.

Members at all levels of the Auxiliary are encouraged to submit news stories and photos to “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” via the

Email address [live@auxpa.org](mailto:live@auxpa.org) (CGAUX LIVE ONLY) or [news@auxpa.org](mailto:news@auxpa.org) (ALL NATIONAL AUXPA MEMBER COMS). Content should be submitted in accordance with Auxiliary public affairs guidelines/protocols, and photos must contain a photo caption and credit to the photographer. For assistance on these guidelines contact the flotilla’s Public Affairs Officer or Publications Officer. The “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” editorial staff will review all submissions and select those most appropriate for inclusion.

The website for “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” is <http://live.cgaux.org>

Christopher Todd  
Deputy Director,  
Government & Public Affairs

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 4 January — Division 24 Meeting  
Wednesday, 4 January to Sunday, 8 January —  
New York Boat Show

Saturday, 7 January — District Meeting  
Saturday, 11 February — Casino Bus Trip  
Saturday, 3 March — Parallel Staffing Meeting for division and flotilla staff; Clinton Library Community Room; 1000-1200  
Friday, 23 March to Saturday, 24 March —  
District Conference  
Sunday, 25 March — District Meeting



## FROM THE EDITOR



“Boat Basin” is back. It is the official publication of Division 24. We hope to have an issue out to all the members of the division about the first of each month.

In order to put out a timely publication, news is needed. All members are welcome to send news, articles and photos to the editor about the activities of their flotilla or boating in general.

There will be some features in most of the issues during the year such as “Dates To Remember.” Dates should include various flotilla events as well as division and district events and happenings; public education classes; flotilla meeting dates; etc. Another feature is “Awards and Presentations,” which should include all members receiving certifications and awards. Also, we would like to print an article about each flotilla, when it was chartered, where it is located, etc., and articles about the Flotilla Elected Officers and Division Officers.

Photos are encouraged but each should have a caption, names of those folks in the photo, and who took the photo. Such photos might include the trip to Plum Island, the Casino Bus Trip, the flare demonstration and members receiving special awards.

Just remember that the editor cannot be everywhere and must rely on flotilla members to submit material. In addition, as Assistant District Publications Officer and Division Publications Officer, I heartily recommend each flotilla have a newsletter. It doesn't matter if the flotilla has a website a newsletter can be a good way of letting members know what is going on.

All photos without credit are by the editor of this publication.

## MEETING SCHEDULES

Division 24 — First Wednesday of the month, CG Station New Haven, 1930

Flotilla 24-1, Branford — Second Saturday of the month, VFW, 99 Indian Neck Ave., Branford; 0900

Flotilla 24-2, Stratford — Third Wednesday of the month except December and August; Flotilla Base, 1 Birdseye St., Stratford; 1900

Flotilla 24-3, Milford — Third Tuesday of the month for the business meeting at 2000 and the training meeting is the first Tuesday of the month at 2000

Flotilla 24-4, Guilford — Second Wednesday of the month; Guilford Police Station Community Room, Church St. (RT 77); 1930

Flotilla 24-8, Clinton — Second Wednesday of the month, Flotilla Base, Cedar Island Marina, Clinton; 1930

Flotilla 24-11, West Haven — Second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1930

Flotilla 24-12, Oxford — Second Thursday of the month; David S. Miles American Legion Post 174, 43 Oxford Rd., Oxford; 1900

