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DIVISION STAFF



Kim Filion Division Commander (left) swears in the Division Staff Officers who are present at the January division meeting. They are, left to right, Arthur Fregeau, Alan Morton, Chris Duhaime, Donna Bisson, Ginny Daniels, Joe Mercer and Nick Sidorick.

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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

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, 11 February — Casino Bus Trip
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP
contact Kevin Morann FL 24-1

Middle of February — Communications
Course and Telecommunications Course
contact Mike Gabriel or Timothy Mulherin
both of FL 24-3

Saturday, 3 March — Parallel Staffing Meet-
ing for division and flotilla staff; Clinton
Library Community Room; 1000-1200

Saturday, 3 March — 8 hour TCT given by
DIV 25; contact Bruce Buckley FL 25-3

Friday, 23 March to Saturday, 24 March —
District Training Conference

Sunday, 25 March — District Meeting

Monday, 16 April — Division 24 Change of
Watch; Anthony's Oceanview Restaurant,
New Haven; 1800-2200

Wednesday, 23 May to Tuesday 29 May —
Tall Ships/Fleet Week, New York Harbor

Saturday, 2 June — District Meeting

Friday, 6 July to Monday 9 July — Tall Ships/
Fleet Week, New London

Friday, 27 July to Sunday, 29 July — District
SAR competition

POSTAGE INCREASES

Prices for most US Postal Service mailing
changed on 22 January. The increases affected
letters and postcards. Increases are as follows:

Letters: No greater than 6 1/8" x 11 1/2" x 1/4"
& 3.5 oz (# 10 envelope)

Postage: 1 oz = 45 cents; add 20 cents for each
additional ounce

Cards: Between 3 1/2" x 5" and 4 1/4" x 6"
Postage: 32 cents; requires card stock quality
paper

Flats: (our 9x12 manila envelopes) Between
6 1/8" x 11 1/2" x 1/4" and 12" x 15" x 1/4"
Postage: 1oz = 90 cents; add 20 cents for each
additional ounce

Three-cent stamps will be available through ANSC.

National Web Site

2012 FLOTILLA ELECTED OFFICERS

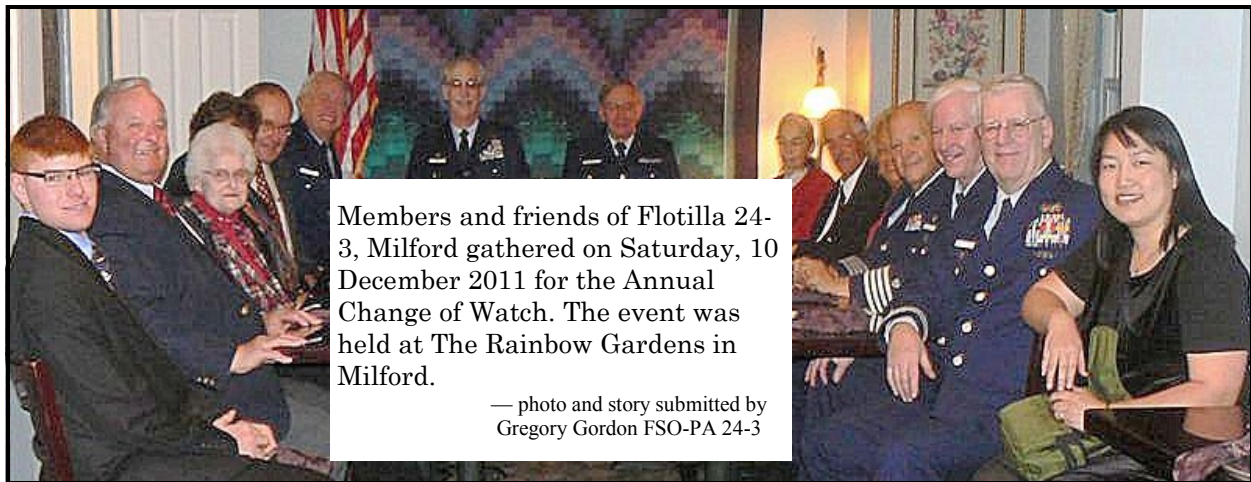


FLOTILLA 24-3 MILFORD

Mike Gabriel (left) and Hibbard (Smitty) Smith were sworn in as Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander respectively by Bill Rohland Division Commander in 2011.

— photo by Greg Gordon
FSP-PA 24-3

MILFORD FLOTILLA CHANGE OF WATCH



Members and friends of Flotilla 24-3, Milford gathered on Saturday, 10 December 2011 for the Annual Change of Watch. The event was held at The Rainbow Gardens in Milford.

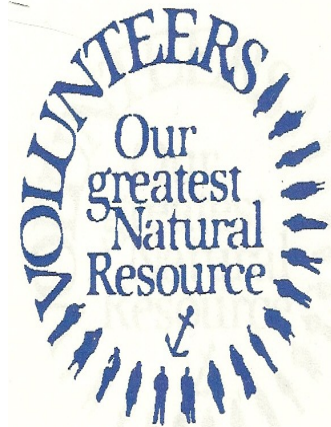
— photo and story submitted by
Gregory Gordon FSO-PA 24-3



THE CAPTAIN VISITS FL 24-3

CAPT Joseph Vojvodich Sector Commander of CG Sector Long Island Sound (right) greets Timothy Mulherin (left) at one of FL 24-3's training meetings

— photo by Gregory Gordon



BOB BOWOLICK, FC 24-12



Bob joined the Oxford flotilla in 1998, a year after the passing of Janet, his wife of 40 years. He wanted to broaden his boating skills and, being an avid sailor since 1961, he also wanted to put those skills to work helping new boaters. He became a qualified instructor and vessel examiner, pursued the Auxiliary Procedures Course and then took the seamanship and communications specialty courses.

Bob served one term as Vice Flotilla Commander followed by one term as Flotilla Commander of FL 24-12. Then it was time to move on to pursue boat crew and coxswain qualifications with Flotilla 24-03 in Milford. While a member of FL 24-03 Bob served as both Information Systems and Publications Officers and was the editor of the "Milford Beacon." He also started the division newsletter "Boat Basin" and served as the editor for four years. During his last year as editor of the flotilla and division newsletters, Bob took on the task of District Publications Officer and was editor of the district newsletter "Over the Bow."

After the hectic last year of editing three newsletters, Bob "retired" back to Oxford serving as FSO-MT, FSO-PE and finally completed AUXOP in 2011. Pressed into service again as Flotilla Commander, Bob is now starting his second term.

Bob is a graduate of Bridgeport Engineering Institute, now the School of Engineering for Fairfield University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. A native of Connecticut, he lived in Oxford and worked as a flight test instrumentation engineer for Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, was married for forty years and has three sons and six grandchildren. Bob re-married and now resides in Heritage Village. Bob and wife Barbara have a combined family of nine children and twenty grandchildren some of whom live in Australia and Thailand.

Bob is one of the representative commissioners from Southbury on the Lake Zoar Authority and is on the board of directors for the Heritage Village Winship Bard Wood and Metal Craft Club, just to keep his interests on an even keel.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Coast Guard Auxiliary directorate of governmental and public affairs is pleased to announce the submission guidelines for the 2011-2012 photography contest.

This contest is open to all members. It recognizes Auxiliary photographers who have successfully captured interesting and compelling images of Auxiliary members and assets in action across specified program categories. Each member may submit up to two photographs per category. Entries should be submitted electronically to joetasio@verizon.net using free Dropbox file sharing software (free download via <http://dropbox.com>)

Each photograph must be labeled using current Coast Guard file naming protocol and contain proper photo caption and credit information as per page 16 of the Coast Guard Public Affairs Stylebook. In addition, each photo entry should clearly identify the category into which it is being entered.

Submissions shall be received on or before 31 May 2012 without exception.

The categories are:

1. Fellowship
2. Marine Safety
3. Member Services
4. Operations
5. Public Affairs
6. Public Education
7. Vessel Examinations

JANUARY DIVISION MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Kim Filion Division Commander. After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence in memory of Hibbard (“Smitty”) Smith Vice Flotilla Commander of FL 24-1, Branford.

The family of “Smitty” thanked the division for the flowers and for the very large turnout of members.

Special dates and event were announced (see Dates on page 2).

Kim then handed out activity sheets for 2010 and 2011 to the Flotilla Commanders for comparison. Total hours were:

2010 — 37268.32
 2011 — 30464.10

The Division Commander repeated the division goals for the year:

- Increased Member Training at the division level
- Getting members qualified and keeping them certified
- Increased cross-division activities (working with both divisions 7 and 25).

Increased qualifications for 2011 included 12 new Vessel Examiners, one (1) new Instructor and 2 new crew. In addition, five (5) members took the Administrative Procedures Course to be qualified for elective office.

New Division Member Training Officer is Mary Anne Davis FL 24-8.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

CG AUXILIARY PERFORMANCE

Public Education

- Joe Mercer FL 24-2
- Timothy Mulherin FL 24-3
- Anne Duhaime FL 24-4
- Mark Bennett FL 24-8
- Bruce Bennett FL 24-11
- James Walsh FL 24-12

Vessel Exams/Program Visits

- Leona May FL 24-1
- James Kauders FL 24-2

Operations

- James Kauders FL 24-2
- Arthur May FL 24-2

AUXILIARY SUSTAINED SERVICE

First Award

- Kevin Dwyer FL 24-1 for 764 hrs

Ninth Award

- Robert Bowlick FL 24-12 for 6842 hrs

Tenth Award

- Herbert Farrell FL 24-12 for 7576 hrs.

See page 6 for Membership Service awards for 2011.



NOW HEAR THIS!

The Surface Operations Workshop and the TCT (Team Coordination Training) Refresher Course material is now available on the Auxiliary National web site. Click on “What’s New,” scroll down and follow the prompts.

The workshop is not mandatory this year but all crew and coxswains who don’t take the 8 hour TCT must take the refresher.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARDS IN 2011

5 YEARS	10 YEARS	20 YEARS
Flotilla 24-1 Branford Guy Chamberlain Robert Palmer Patricia Zdanis	Flotilla 24-1 Branford Renita Covino Robert Covino O. Tina Rose	Flotilla 24-1 Branford Mark Buongimo Craig Ramsey Diane Ramsey
Flotilla 24-2 Stratford Glenn Zavalko	Flotilla 24-2 Stratford James Kelley Christopher Kergaravat Joseph Mercer William Rohland	Flotilla 24-3 Milford John Longobardi
Flotilla 24-3 Milford William Blois Jeffrey Cieplak Gerard Downey Steven Weiss	Flotilla 24-3 Milford William Delpenick James Lee	Flotilla 24-12 Oxford Terrence Bogue
Flotilla 24-4 Guilford Michael McDermott Robert VanSteenbergen Joseph Wadanoli	Flotilla 24-4 Guilford Norman Benjamin John McLeod	30 YEARS
Flotilla 24-8 Clinton John Dunn Douglas Latham John Porter Tracy Starbird Vincent Terenzio	Flotilla 24-11 West Haven Glenn Jacques	Flotilla 24-2 Stratford James Kauders
Flotilla 24-11 West Haven Charles Phippen Jeffrey Tirozzi	Flotilla 24-2 Stratford Donna Bisson William Rock	Flotilla 24-3 Milford Thomas Misencik
	15 YEARS	Flotilla 24-8 Clinton Mary Anne Davis
	Flotilla 24-1 Branford Robert Guarnieri Peter Marks John Rowland	35 YEARS
		Flotilla 24-4 Guilford James Didriksen Anne Duhaime
		40 YEARS
		Flotilla 24-12 Oxford Herbert Farrell

AUXOP MEMBERS OF DIVISION 24

Flotilla 24-1 Branford Kimberly Filion Lillian Haines Mark Haines Harry Lawlor Peter Marks Kevin Morann Flotilla 24-12 Oxford Robert Bowolick Herbert Farrell Flotilla 24-4 Guilford Anne Duhaime	Flotilla 24-3 Milford Michael Gabriel Thomas Misencik Timothy Mulherin Arthur Newberg Mary Prendergast Peter Purcell Hubert Sebastian Steven Weiss	Flotilla 24-8 Clinton Morris Austin Albert Daniels Virginia Daniels Mary Anne Davis Flotilla 24-2 Stratford Aaron Albert Raymond Johnson Joseph Mercer William Rohland Flotilla 24-11 West Haven Russel Kniehl
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DISTRICT TALKING POINTS

The district meeting was held on 7 January 2012 and some of the talking points are listed below.

Currency Maintenance

Currency Maintenance ends as of 1 October each year.

New QE evaluations end as of 1 November each year.

No “double Currency Maintenance” — QE will only evaluate to the boat’s standard crew requirement:

Vessel less than 26 ft — 1 CX and/or 1 crew; no more

Vessel 25 ft to 40 ft — 1 CX and/or 2 crew; no more

OPSAIL 2012

Op-Sail this year is part of the War of 1812 Bi-Centennial

Sector NY / NY Harbor 23 to 30 May

Sector Long Island Sound / New

London 6 to 9 July

Emergency Response Exercises

A Table-top exercise is being worked on by the Planning Group. Sector Drills will be Scheduled for later this year.

Standing Rules

All divisions and flotillas must re-evaluate their Standing Rules in accordance with the template put out by National.

Division must submit their paperwork to the District Legal Officer by 25 March 2012

Flotillas must submit their paperwork to the District Legal Officer by 30 September 2012.

The D-Train

This was formerly called the March Training Conference and is scheduled at the Mystic Marriott for 23-25 March.

Program areas that will be featured are:

AV MT PV PE

VE with PaddleSmart focuses

PA/Social media

An RBS presentation and Q&A session will also be featured.

DSAR & ASAR

The District SAR Competition will be held in July, followed by the Atlantic Area SAR which will be hosted by our district.

Flotillas and Division should think about fielding teams and start training their members.



FYI



Why Boat Accidents Occur

Almost three-fourths of all fatal boating accident victims drowned and of those, 88% were not reported as wearing a life jacket.

Only 9% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.

Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and alcohol rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents

Alcohol use is the leading factor in fatal boating accidents. It was listed as the leading factor in 19 % of the deaths.

From the Coast Guard’s Recreational Boating Statistics 2010
Bruce Johnson, DIR-B
Director for RBS Outreach, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



FEBRUARY/MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Div 24 Mtg	2	3	4
5	6	7 FL24-3 24-4Piloting & Charting In Guilford	8 FL 24-8 FL 24-4	9 FL 24-11 FL 24-12	10	11 FL 24-1 Div 24 Casino Trip
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentines Day	15 FL 24-2	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 FL 24-3 Training ↓	22 Washington's Birthday	23 FL 24-11	24	25 24-8 HRNC
26	27	28 24-4 Paddlesmart In Guilford	29	1 MAR	2	3 TCT Div 25 SOs&FSOs Workshop 24-3 ABS
4	5	6 FL 24-3	7 DIV 24	8 FL 24-11 FL 24-12 24-4 Piloting & Charting In Madison	9	10 FL 24-1 24-2 ABS 24-11 ABS
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 FL 24-3	14 FL 24-8 FL 24-4	15 BCN →	16	17 St.Patricks Day
18	19	20 FL 24-3	21 FL 24-2	22 FL 24-11 ↓	23 Dsitric Conference in Groton	24 CT