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## KAYAKING IN NYC



Kayaking and other paddle sports, are growing and growing. We find kayaks going all over including the East River in New York City. At least the current is probably with him.

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VFC 24-4 Guy Atwood

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 5 September — Division 24 meeting, CG Station New Haven; all members are welcome to attend

Friday, 7 September to Sunday, 9 September — Norwalk Oyster Festival

Saturday, 8 September — District Meeting, Staten Island, NY.

Monday, 17 September — Telecommunications PQS Training class (date is tentative)

Sunday, 30 September — Duck Race Celebration, Guilford; 1200-1500

Saturday & Sunday, 6 & 7 October — Hammonasset Jamboree.

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

October Events (dates to be announced)

Water Wonders Day

CG Sector LIS Fall Fellowship Dinner — Anthony's Oceanview Restaurant, New Haven

Telecoms class — each flotilla should poll its membership and order materials which include a CD and paper sign-off book.

For dates of Public Education Courses and other events, see the calendar on the last page of this publication.

## CWO KUGEL SAYS HELLO

Hope everyone is doing well. Looks like OPSail was fun for all. We are finally getting settled in here in Cleveland. So far not a bad place but ask me again in February.

The New Job is interesting. I'm still trying to get dialed in and acclimated to office/city work. One good thing is that you get to meet some pretty interesting people on the bus.

Everyone take care and please keep me on the bang list. It is good to stay in touch and see what everyone is up to.

All the best, Ralph.

CWO Ralph Kugel

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## BOATING SAFETY BOOTHS



On Sunday, 10 June, members of FL 24-1 represented the CG Auxiliary at an Open House held by The Sound School at their Water Street campus. The display featured information on safe boating classes, marine domain awareness, vessel safety checks and membership. From left to right are Kim Filion DCDR, Kevin Morann FC, Ralph Vuolo VFC and Tom Violante FSO-PA & PB.

— submitted by Tom Violante



Members of FL 24-1 had a Public Affairs booth at Bruce & Johnson's/Brewer's Marina for their annual Family Day on 23 June. The day featured food, beverages, displays by marine business vendors and the flotilla's display. From left to right are Kevin Morann FC, Brian Burr, Kim Filion DCDR, and Tom Violante FSO-PA & PB.

— submitted by Tom Violante



FL 24-8 had a Boating Safety Booth at the Killingworth Congregation Church Fair on 4 August. Several people expressed an interest in the next ABS course. Literature was given out on courses, Vessel Safety Checks, paddle sports, and membership. Barbara Benjamin is holding up an inflatable PFD. Other members who stood a watch were Dave Aresco, Allen Nather and Ginny Daniels.

— photo by Dave Aresco

## SAFETY / SECURITY ZONES & THE AUXILIARY

### From the Director of Auxiliary:

The Auxiliary role in support of Safety/Security zones is to observe, educate and report during routine Safety Patrol operations which can be accomplished from outside the zone.

From the Operations Policy Manual, COMDINST M16798.3E, Chapter 4, Section A.11:

“Auxiliarists operating facilities without CG Boarding Officers onboard may function only in an advisory or information mode when directing the movement of boats in the vicinity of the zone, and may not exercise law enforce-

Additionally, Auxiliary Vessels are not permitted to transit or enter Safety/Security Zones without prior authorization. This means that you must have received direct authorization from an appropriate Coast Guard Authority to enter a Safety/Security zone. This Authority would only be the Coast Guard Sector that is responsible for the issuing of the Vessel's orders or the Coast Guard unit that is holding your radio guard in the event of an operational requirement or other circumstance such as traffic avoidance or safety or patrol issue.

## FLOTILLA NEWS

### FLOTILLA 24-1, BRANFORD

Members put on three different Public Affairs Displays in June. The first was at Indian Neck Yacht Club where the flotilla joined with regulars from CG Station New Haven to celebrate Flag Day. A joint color guard saluted the raising of the American Flag along with the club's burgee and officers' pennants.

Members also did Vessel Safety Checks and conducted MDAs.

The second PA display was at The Sound School on 10 June and the third was at Bruce & Johnson's/Brewer's Marina on 23 June.

— submitted by Tom Violante

### FLOTILLA 24-2, STRATFORD

There will be a new members course in September for 24-2 members only. It will cover organization, communications, forms and uniforms.

The Public Education Course schedule for 2013 is complete.

There is one new Program Visitor, new Instructor and the first Air Observer in the flotilla. One member is working towards his Marine Safety Ribbon.

Four members were at OPSail. The 313 has been doing weekly patrols and boasts a brand new radar.

— submitted by Donna Bisson

### FLOTILLA 24-8, CLINTON

The members decided not to have an August meeting. Instead they had a picnic at Pilots Point Marina, Westbrook.

One AP member has been upgraded to BQ and there are two new AP members.

The flotilla had a Boating Safety Booth at the Killingworth Congregational Church Fair on 4 August. Four members stood watches and two other members helped with set-up and clean-up.

All PATONS in Clinton has been checked and entered into the Harbormaster system.

— submitted by Ginny Daniels

## FL 24-8 MDA PATROL



Jim Terenzio looks out on the dock of one the marinas the flotilla visits.

— photo by Dave Aresco

## FL 24-8 PATON PATROL



Mark Bennett is taking photos of the private aids to navigation in the Hammonasett River aboard John Ouellette's vessel facility

## FL 24-8 CREW TRAINING



Andy Wagner is at the wheel of the Daniels vessel facility, practicing maneuvering.

— photo by Dave Aresco

## FLOTILLA NEWS

### FLOTILLA 24-3, MILFORD

The July and August training meetings were canceled.

There is one new certified Boat Crew member. Six members completed their 3-year currency for coxswain, crew and QE with four members still to go.

Six members completed the 8-hour TCT held on 4 August.

A presentation for all newer members will take place in September. The intent is to cover in-depth the opportunities and training available with the Auxiliary.

— submitted by Timothy Mulherin

### FLOTILLA 24-4, GUILFORD

At the flotilla meeting on 18 July, training was the annual hands-on session which included the dewatering pump, heaving line, fire extinguisher and flares.

The annual picnic was on 26 August.

All members are out of AP status.

Marine Safety — Three members have been busy doing spot checks of the Regulated Facilities in our AOR.

Navigation Systems — All PATONS have been inspected.

Public Education — The July ABS had 21 graduates.

Program Visits — There were 6 facilities visited.

Information Systems — A total of 1605.70 hours have been recorded in AUXDATA.

Good & Welfare — Bob Vander Wiede, one the flotilla's newest members crossed the bar on 9 August.

— submitted by Chris Duhaime

## NATIONAL OFFICERS JUST ELECTED

### National Commodore

Commodore Thomas C. Mallison of Bear Lake, Michigan was elected National Commodore at the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. He has identified training, communication and members as the watchwords that will help guide the Auxiliary's focus during his tenure.

### VICE NATIONAL COMMODORE

Commodore Mark Simoni has been elected to serve as the next Vice National Commodore. He is from Saginaw, Michigan

### DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMODORE

District Commodore Harold A. Marschall of the First District, Southern Region (our own DCO) has been elected one of the Deputy National Commodores. He serves the Atlantic Area, East.

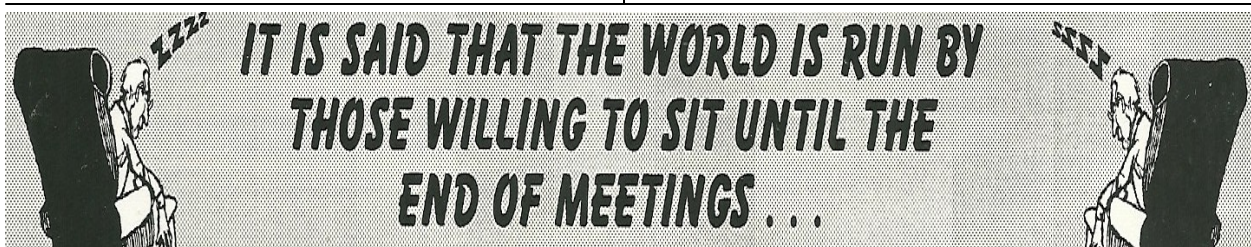
## AUXILIARY MANUAL

Since promulgation of the Auxiliary Manual approximately one year ago, many aspects of the Auxiliary policies described in it have been subject of review for purposes of revision and update. You can find the changes at

<http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/> There is also an annotated manual at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdinst/default.asp>

The changes center around updates to Auxiliary organizational structure and administrative processes. They will be incorporated into the next promulgated change to the Auxiliary Manual anticipated in 2013.

from "The Helm" publication of FL 24-12



# TROPICAL STORM "IRENE" - A RETROSPECTIVE



The two photographs at the top of the page and the one to the left show Riverside Marina in Clinton and are provided by Jeff Van Tienen. The two photos in the middle show the boat ramp and Cedar Island Marina in Clinton.

## NEW CHDIRAUX

The US Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety extends a warm “Welcome Aboard” to its new Office Chief / Chief Director of Auxiliary, Captain David Rokes, and its new Auxiliary Division Chief, Commander Michael DaPonte.

Captain Rokes is a native of North Andover, MA and has been in the Coast Guard for 36 years. He spent 18 of those years at sea. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Business Administration from American Public University. His last assignment was Director of Western Rivers at the Eighth District office in New Orleans, LA.

Commander DaPonte is a native of Warren, RI and has been in the Coast Guard for 26 years. Nearly all of his career was spent in the operations ashore community (stations, groups/sectors) as both an enlisted member and officer, where he gained a tremendous appreciation for the Auxiliary. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Business management from the University of Phoenix and a Master’s degree in Emergency Management from American Military University. Commander DaPonte’s last assignment was Division Chief for Contingency Planning and force Readiness at Sector Baltimore, MD.

To find out more about both our new Chief Director and new Auxiliary Division Chief, visit the staff page of the CHDIRAUX website <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/cginfo/staff.asp> from the National Website

## NEW V-DEP’T WEBSITE



Kelly L. Townsend, DIR-V has announced that the National Vessel Examinations and RBS Program Visitation Department, in collaboration with the National IT Group, has developed a new website that will replace the venerable “[safetyseal.net](http://safetyseal.net)” site that has served us so well over two decades. The URL of the new site will be <http://dept.wow.uscgaux.info>

The [safetyseal.net](http://safetyseal.net) and [vesselsafetycheck.org](http://vesselsafetycheck.org) domains, in which there is considerable brand equity, will be retained for the foreseeable future, and will simply redirect to the new site, including all document links. Those domains represent our collaboration with the US Power Squadrons, which continues with the new site.

In conjunction with the rollout of the new V-Department website, a new “I want a VSC” System has been implemented. It is based upon the successful model used by the H-Department for new member inquiries.

This new systems finds the five (5) nearest examiners, based on their address of record in AuxOfficer/AuxDirectory, and sends them all a “VE request” email, providing requestor contact information and the general location of the boat. Any one of the five is free to respond. The only requirement is that whoever does respond does a “Reply all.”

## HOW TO REPORT ICS COMPLETIONS

Donna Cole is requesting ICS certificates be sent to her by email. The online courses generate a certificate as a PDF. No need to print that out, just forward the file to her email address [donnacole.uscgaux@verizon.net](mailto:donnacole.uscgaux@verizon.net) Any certificate that is handed out can be faxed to her at 240-359-5364. The process takes a few minutes. In contrast, certificates in hard copy can take her several weeks to process. Any certificates that go to her electronically will be processed the same day. Her goal is 24 hour turnaround time. Efforts to encourage email submissions will help her to achieve that goal, and also will better serve the membership.

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>Labor Day</b>	4 FL 24-3	5 Div24 Mtg	6	7	8 <b>District Mtg</b> FL 24-1 24-2 ABS 24-12 Paddle Sports
9	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>	12 FL 24-4 FL 24-8	13 FL 24-11 FL 24-12	14	15 24-3 ABS 24-12 ABS
16	17 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	18 FL 24-3	19 FL 24-2	20	21	22 <b>Autumnal Equinox</b>
23	24	25 24-3 Navigation →	26 <b>Yom Kippur</b>	27	28	29 24-8 Nav
30 <b>Duck Race Celebration Guilford</b>	1 OCT	2 FL 24-3 24-4 Piloting	3 Division 24	4	5	6 24-11 ABS <b>Hammona-sett Jamboree</b>
7 <b>Hammona-sett Jamboree</b>	8 <b>Columbus Day</b>	9	10 FL 24-4 FL 24-8	11 FL 24-11 FL 24-12	12	13 FL 24-1 24-2 ABS
14	15	16 FL 24-3 ↓	17 FL 24-2	18	19	20 24-3 ABS 24-12 ABS