



# WINGS AND WAVES

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## Commander's Comments



I once again had the honor of representing Division 10, this time at D-Train, the First District, Southern Region Training Conference.

This year, as in so many years in the past, Division 10 made its presence known, being recognized for:

The Roland Baldine Award

Public Education Award (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Youth Public Education Award (1<sup>st</sup> place)

IT Hours (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Vessel Exams (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Program Visits (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

In addition, Division 10 Flotillas earned recognition in the areas of:

Public Education (1<sup>st</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

Youth Public Education (1<sup>st</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

IT hours (1<sup>st</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

Vessel Exams (2<sup>nd</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

Program Visits (2<sup>nd</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

Bridge Discrepancies (3<sup>rd</sup> place) Flotilla 10-13

A significant number of Division members distinguished themselves in the areas of:

#### Captain James Rao Award

(1<sup>st</sup> place) Darryl Laxson

(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Peter Hecht

(3<sup>rd</sup> place) Fred Simmons

#### Most Air Observer hours

(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Fred Van Der Wilt

(3<sup>rd</sup> place) Terry Devito

#### Instructor hours

(1<sup>st</sup> place) Dick Bagley

(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Chris Scarlata

#### Mazotta Award

(1<sup>st</sup> place) Pat Ermilio

(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Henry Uiga

(3<sup>rd</sup> place) Ken Hall

#### Coxswain hours

(1<sup>st</sup> place) Pat Ermilio

#### Boat Crew hours

(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Kevin Fear

RADM Linda Fagan recognized Flotilla 10-13 as Division 10's Flotilla of the Year, Rio Clemente as Division 10's Auxiliarist of the Year and Aaron Forste as Division 10's New Auxiliarist of the Year.

Each of these accolades speak to the dedication, loyalty and hard work that occurs each day by Division 10 members, but to me, the greatest accolade came from an Auxiliarist who approached me and inquired about "the broom." When I looked puzzled, he explained "once again Division 10 had a clean sweep of the awards."

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

At our Mar 28<sup>th</sup> meeting many of our members received their awards, presented by Manny Zambrana,, OTO, and Gus Formato, DCDR. Below are just a few of the many award winners. Bravo Zulu to all!



Renee Carley, from 10-10, for 40 years service in the Auxiliary!



Kevin Fear, Pat Ermilio, and Mary Prusko receive their awards. (above, left to right)



Ed Gasiar, 10-2, (left) awarded for 35 years; Tom McGloin, 10-20, (right) for 20 years.



# *Town Hall Meeting – Mar. 26*

*Submitted by Vera Reed, SO-PA*

On Monday, March 26, 2012 Division 10 held a “Town Hall Meeting” with Hal Marshall, District Commodore, Vince Pica, District Chief of Staff, Jim Canavan, D-Capt and Jack O’Brien, IPDCP, DDC-P. It was a “question and answer” meeting with the Division 10 asking the questions and District 1SR leadership providing the answers. Hal Marshall gave opening remarks reminding the 40 members of Division 10 that were in attendance that “Preparation Leads to Performance”. Here is a brief overview of the evening’s discussion.

- Flight suits are considered protective equipment. They cannot be worn instead of Trops but Hal Marshall did allow them to be worn at Flotilla meetings.
- There is an aviation board and Mr. Marshall will find out when they meet and if members of Air Flotillas can attend.
- Cold water message is out there. Mr. Pica wrote an article and has disseminated it among the media groups and will send it to Gus for members to read.
- Our patrols will be given out fairly and so far no patrols will be cut due to budget, but it was recommended that we try to conserve on fuel by boating slower.
- Air and cold water crews have to take a swim test every year yet boat crews take it only once.
- Air Patrols are being cut back even though they cover a wider area.
- Boat crew will be allowed to wear shorts this year.
- Aux Chef will be having a June class this year - check the division website. Bobby Madison from Division 5 will be running it.

- Marine Safety department has problems with communications. Some members are working toward their ribbons but there are no set guidelines on the PQS. Even though the district wants its members to concentrate on improving our numbers with VE, PV and PE, it doesn’t mean they think the other missions are any less important. However, PE is our revenue stream.
- HR: It takes 6-8 months for new members to advance beyond AP status. New members will receive their ID card earlier (after 2 weeks). Then if there is a problem they will ask for the card to be returned.
- A suggestion was made that all Divisions put their MT up on website, like we do, so our members can train together. Division 2 already does this.
- Tom Venezia, at National, is working on a webinar for member training.
- IS officer is not responsible if members don’t put their hours in but District leaders would like to see more hours recorded.



*Jim Canavan, D-Capt; District Commodore Hal Marschall; Vince Pica, District Chief of Staff; and Fred Simmons, VCDR, (left to right), at the Town Hall meeting.*

## Pictures from Town Hall Meeting

These are a small representation of the awards presented by District Commodore Hal Marschall, with Vince Pica, District Chief of Staff, the night of the Town Hall meeting.



Art Kramer,  
left, and Jeff  
Wiles, right.



Fred Simmons,  
left, and Bing  
Kearsley, right.



Fred Simmons, Terry DeVito, Sal Bio  
and Aaron Forste.



# Navigation Systems – Chart Update

By Al Olsen ADSO-NS

Photos by author

What is a mariner supposed to think when he/she comes upon a Fixed Bridge that will open when requested? Maybe Dynamite? How about if it looks like a Drawbridge?

This is where the AV ‘Aids Verifier’ comes into play. The CG takes your word seriously and does make corrections as the example below shows. Since the Route 46 bridge is incapable of opening, it was shown on the chart as a Fixed Bridge. However, signs on the bridge, and in other documentation, indicated that it would open. After the AV filed a report, a LNM was listed and the chart was corrected, as shown below. That’s one for the good guys.

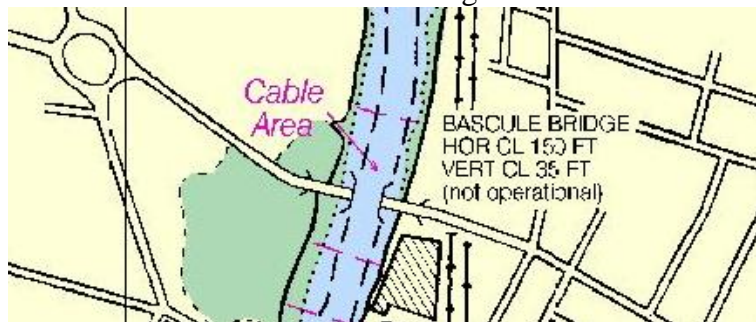


Paper NOAA Chart showing “FIXED BRIDGE”

Hackensack River --- Route 46 bridge

Change	Bascule Bridge Label	BASCULE BRIDGE HOR CL 150 FT VERT CL 35 FT (not operational)	N 40° 51' 03.900"	W 074° 01' 44.900"	LNM 42/11,
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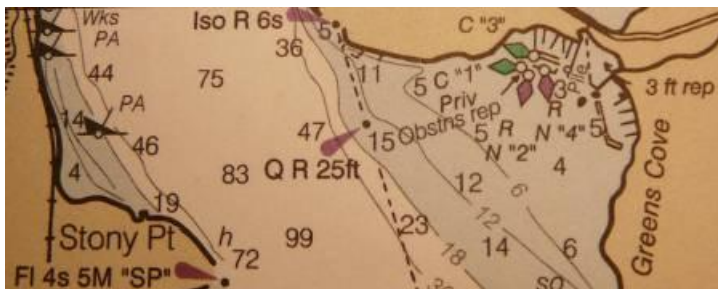
Corrected chart from ‘NOAA Nautical Chart On-Line Viewer’  
Showing “BASCULE BRIDGE (not operational)”

And then we have the ‘Code of Federal Regulations’ which states that this bridge shall open.  
§ 117.723 Hackensack River.

... the draw of the S46 Bridge, at mile 14.0, in Little Ferry, shall open on signal if at least a twenty four hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

That's enough about Bridges, how about PATONS. In the last article I mentioned some of the discrepancies that we look for. Greens Cove had several of these discrepancies. Namely, buoys that were off-station, of the wrong type and also extra buoys that did not have a Permit. Anyone entering the cove would be justified in thinking they were in the wrong place.

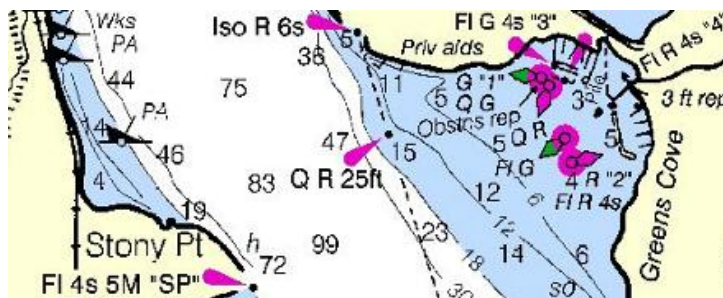
Greens Cove is the home of the "Viking Boat Yard" and the "Cortland Yacht Club". Since the paper chart was produced, Viking expanded and Cortland added channel buoys. In the process, the Viking PATONS were moved and two of them were converted to fixed lights. Now with the corrected chart, when a mariner enters the cove, confusion should be eliminated.



Paper NOAA Chart 12343 showing Greens Cove in the Hudson

Change	Greens Cove Channel Light 3	FI G 4s "3" Priv	N 41° 14' 53.400"	W 073° 57' 22.620"	LNM 38/11,
Add	Cortlandt Yacht Club Channel Lighted Buoy 2	R "2" FI R 4s Priv	N 41° 14' 42.000"	W 073° 57' 20.000"	LNM 36/11,

Notice Listing (partial)



Correction of Greens Cove PATONS from 'NOAA Nautical Chart On-Line Viewer'

Keeping paperwork, computer files and physical structures synchronized can be a daunting task. It is the perfect task for someone who wants to do meaningful Navigation work but is unable to get into a boat. We all fall into this category during the dreary days of winter.

Beside the standard computerized Federal documents which are open to all, there are also two Databases which are password secured. As an AV, you are expected to access these files and update them.

First is the Bridge Database describing every Bridge in 1SR. Besides the description of each bridge, there is also a photograph. Getting all of the photographs was a long process, but it is now complete. This Database is the portal for reporting what is found during a physical survey. Your report states whether or not the bridge conforms to its Permit. This Database is accessed by the CG.

The second Database describes every PATON in 1SR. We need this since not every PATON appears on a Chart or in the Light List. Like the Bridge Database, this is where you report your findings. Unlike the Bridge Database, we have just starting entering photos. This is where a digital camera is necessary and a photographer is essential. After all, it can be very useful to know what an aid looks like, especially during a night patrol.

Of course, Chart Updating isn't the only function of the AV. There are also Bridges and PATONS, which were addressed in prior articles.

To see what is involved to become an AV, you may check the Navigations Systems Website and click on "AV Qualification".

<http://www.uscgaux1sr-aton.org/>

If this is what you are looking for, my contact information is on the website.

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## Upcoming Events

### OPSAIL-Fleet Week 2012 – May 23 through May 29, 2012

Auxiliarists will be asked to serve as tour guides on Coast Guard Cutters and Ambassadors for the Auxiliary at Homeport, Staten Island and the Intrepid Museum in NY. At the Intrepid Auxiliarists will be staffing the public affairs booth with the opportunity to interact with the public, provide information on recreational boating safety and recruit new members.

**Haverstraw Boat Show: April 27-29.** Volunteers will be needed. This is an important event for the Gold Side, and our presence will also be noticed favorably. Please watch for the announcement! Sal Arico is the contact person.

**Articles highlighting Division 10** Use the links below! Very nice!

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/bergen\\_news/Coast\\_Guard\\_auxiliary\\_offers\\_boat\\_safety\\_check.html?page=all](http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/bergen_news/Coast_Guard_auxiliary_offers_boat_safety_check.html?page=all)

<http://boatingtimesli.com/NY/?p=9999>



# The Story Behind the Photo



**Weehawken, NJ-** Original photo of Mary Prusko awarding Brad Vickers a VSC decal after passing a vessel safety check. (Coast Guard Photo by Helen Glass)

On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 16 individuals in four teams set off from Liberty Yacht Club, Jersey City, in the New York Harbor, in the world's first North Atlantic Ocean Rowing Race - the Shepherds Ocean Fours Rowing Race 2006. Not only was this the first North Atlantic Ocean rowing race but it was also the first ever to finish on the mainland of the United Kingdom. Using identical 29 ft. ocean rowing boats known as the Woodvale Fours class, these four teams raced on equal terms across 3100nm route to Falmouth, UK. They competed for the greatest endurance accolade available-to be the first to cross the finish line of the most awesome event, in the fastest possible time. Along the way the crews would face many obstacles, including huge North Atlantic swells the height of a house, winds reaching storm Force 10 and container ships the size of a block of flats in one of the world's busiest shipping routes. The success in an event of this magnitude requires a combination of skills including teamwork, navigation, weather and routing

skills, physical and mental strength and to a certain degree an element of luck.

But before they left for this courageous voyage, Mary Prusko, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist, and other members from Flotilla 10-08, Division 10 1SR, gave the rowing boats a Vessel Safety Check. The Vessel Safety Check is a complimentary examination that is available to any recreational boater. This examination, performed by qualified Auxiliary members, helps boaters insure their boats compliance with Federal regulations. "A VSC is done as a courtesy and with no risk to the boater—you won't be in trouble if discrepancies are found," said Boat U.S. Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety, Ted Sensenbrenner. Vessel examiners review both the required and recommended items to have aboard, including fire extinguishers, life jackets, distress signals, first aid kits, and navigation lights, and also provide tips on the care and use of safety equipment. Additional items covered include the use of local navigation charts, float plans, safe refueling and ventilation practices, marine heads, weather and sea conditions, and survival tips.

A fellow Auxiliarist, Helen Glass, snapped a picture of Ms. Prusko shaking hands with Brad Vickers, skipper of the James Robert Hanssen who just passed the VSC and was awarded a VSC decal. The James Robert Hanssen won the race but the story doesn't end there.

In 2007, Helen Glass submitted her photo into the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Photography Contest and it won 2<sup>nd</sup>

Auxiliarist, 6 years later, the photo was picked to be a feature photograph on the National 2012 VSC Poster. When Mary Prusko was shown the new poster she exclaimed "Hey, That's me!" And this is the story behind the photo. For more information about Vessel Safety Examinations go to [www.safetyseal.net](http://www.safetyseal.net)

Submitted by Vera Reed, SO-PA

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 2012 Vessel Safety Check Poster shown at right. Mary's picture is on the bottom left.



## Tour of Sector NY Command Center

On Saturday, April 14, six fortunate auxiliarists from 1SR toured the Command Center at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island. It was an interesting day, beginning with discussion on our in-flight script, radio transmissions, watch-standers, and more. Chief Carter then brought us into the command center itself where the duty officer explained his operations, showing us maps, and the live monitors of the waterways. Then we saw the watch-standers in action, and had time to ask them questions about our communications with them. It was an extremely informative session and I urge all members to take advantage of these tours when they are offered again. Thank you, Fred Simmons, VCDR, for arranging the day!



Pictured are Terry DeVito, Steve O'Rourke, Chief Carter, Andy Ferguson, Fred Simmons, and Pete Christie. (left to right) Not pictured, but also present: Avi Ron and Linda Wolters

## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

Flotilla 10-1: <http://a0141001.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-2: <http://secaucus102.homestead.com/uscg102.html>

Flotilla 10-4: <http://a0141004.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-7: <http://www.cgauxiliarylakehopatcong.com/>

Flotilla 10-8: <http://a0141008.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-10: <http://dev02.cgaux.org/generic/index.php?flo=014-10-10>

Flotilla 10-13: <http://a0141013.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-20: <http://www.airstationcaldwell.org>

Division10: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=014-10>

First District Southern Region: <http://www.d1south.org/>

**There is a wealth of information available to all members at these websites! Be sure to check them often!**

Division meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 33 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, at 2000. All members are welcome.

**The next Division meeting will be held on Wed. May 16, 2012.**

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