



# Back to the Future, With Maritime Domain Awareness



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Most East Enders, as well as many other Americans, have heard the WW-II story of how Germans "invaded" Long Island. The night of June 12, 1942, a young Coast Guardsman, 21-year old John Cullen, was walking his patrol along the beach in Amagansett when he saw lights ahead. Thinking that they were fishermen night-fishing (prohibited during the war for obvious reasons), he confronted 4 men dragging materiel up the beach. During the exchange, young Cullen realized that they were German saboteurs and, being out-numbered, turn heel and ran 3 miles back to his base, starting what turned out to be a full scale investigation by US forces. The team was captured, as well as a parallel operation in Ponte Vedra, FL, within two weeks. All thanks to a member of US Coast Guard Forces who was walking the beach. (In fact, Cullen received a personal Thank-You and handshake from J. Edgar Hoover.)

While we don't have to worry about Nazi U-boats off of Long Island anymore, the Nation is at war in every sense of the word. And the US Coast Guard has implemented a rigorous program, not unlike young Cullen's foot patrol 65 years ago, called Maritime Domain Awareness for US Coast Guard Forces to implement. The 'regulars' have primary responsibilities for high-value assets - fuel depots, ferry stations and the like - and the auxiliaries have primary

responsibilities for everything else - marinas, boat ramps, dive shops - wherever the private boater congregates. Nationwide, the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Program has been implemented and is in full swing - by car, plane, boat or on foot...



A German hat, along with explosives, were found in Amagansett.

### Strolling Along...

Sixty-four years and seven months to the day, back on February 12 of this year, USCG Auxiliary Kevin Osterbery of Center Moriches was conducting an MDA patrol, on foot. He was, as all auxiliaries are trained to do, keeping his eyes and ears open. With the winter tides at an especially low "dead low", Kevin spied an object sticking out of the mud off the beach abutting Moriches Bay. It was a weapon. Kevin called it in and started a process that will lead

to even more interaction between USCG Forces and local police forces in on-the-water activities.

### The Monthly Flotilla Meeting

The monthly flotilla meeting on March 8th for Auxiliary Flotilla 18-06, East Moriches, had some special guests that night. Joining US Coast Guard Forces for the evening were members of the Suffolk County Police, Westhampton Beach Police and Department of Environmental/Divisions of Law Enforcement. Specifically, our honored guests were:

- Thomas Martorano LT. SCPD
  - Raymond Dean Chief WHBPD
  - Dallas Benger LT. DEC./DLE
  - John Stanton SGT. SCPD-Marine
  - Don Moore PD SCPD-Marine
  - Mark Simmons ECO DEC/DLE
  - Ronald Brockmann II PO S.C. Park Police
  - Todd J Smith ECO DEC/ DLE
- In addition to our monthly business which had to be attended to, we presented the USCGAux MDA system and procedures to our guests and engaged in Q&A with each other to better understand

how we conduct "business" under our protocols, procedures and training. We also committed to conduct some on-the-water training together during the warmer months - towing procedures, search and rescue and the like.

### Why?

Under procedures which govern USCGAux members, our first point of contact in any case of uncertainty or emergency is the nearest USCG station through its radio watch stander to the Officer of the Day or higher. We don't dial "911", so to speak. So, why meet with local police forces?

Simple. Just as in John Cullen's day, we all are in this together and thus must know and respect each other. As Benjamin Franklin wrote to the Continental Congress in 1776, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at USCGAUX2006@aol.com or go direct to MaryJo Cruickshank, who is in charge of new members matters, at FSO-PS@emcg.us and we will help you "get in this thing..."

## Tide Table

March 27 - March 31

Tide Table: Moriches Inlet, Long Island New York					
40.7650°N, 72.7533°W					
Day	High	Low	High	Low	High
Sat 17	6:10 AM / 3.39	12:23 PM / -0.36	6:37 PM / 3.28		
Sun 18		12:45 AM / -0.34	6:58 AM / 3.53	1:09 PM / -0.52	7:23 PM / 3.55
Mon 19		1:37 AM / -0.50	7:46 AM / 3.57	1:55 PM / -0.61	8:08 PM / 3.72
Tue 20		2:27 AM / -0.58	8:33 AM / 3.50	2:40 PM / -0.60	8:55 PM / 3.77
Wed 21		3:16 AM / -0.55	9:24 AM / 3.33	3:24 PM / -0.49	9:45 PM / 3.70
Thu 22		4:06 AM / -0.42	10:18 AM / 3.12	4:10 PM / -0.29	10:39 PM / 3.55
Fri 23		4:58 AM / -0.20	11:15 AM / 2.89	4:59 PM / -0.04	11:36 PM / 3.35
Sat 24		5:57 AM / 0.05	12:15 PM / 2.70	5:56 PM / 0.23	
Sun 25	12:35 AM / 3.14	7:06 AM / 0.25	1:16 PM / 2.55	7:05 PM / 0.45	
Mon 26	1:36 AM / 2.95	8:19 AM / 0.35	2:19 PM / 2.47	8:20 PM / 0.53	
Tue 27	2:40 AM / 2.83	9:24 AM / 0.33	3:24 PM / 2.48	9:27 PM / 0.50	
Wed 28	3:45 AM / 2.80	10:19 AM / 0.26	4:26 PM / 2.59	10:24 PM / 0.40	
Thu 29	4:46 AM / 2.84	11:06 AM / 0.18	5:21 PM / 2.76	11:13 PM / 0.29	
Fri 30	5:36 AM / 2.92	11:48 AM / 0.10	6:06 PM / 2.94	11:59 PM / 0.19	
Sat 31	6:19 AM / 2.99	12:26 PM / 0.04	6:46 PM / 3.09		



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