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Since 1939, the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have volunteered millions of hours in support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the recreational boating public. We are the uniformed civilian volunteer arm of the Coast Guard.

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## Find A Way

By Commodore Tom Stoddard



I just returned from the National Conference in Orlando, where the highest leaders of the Coast Guard celebrated the Auxiliary's many contributions and in particular, our "versatility." As the needs of the Coast Guard have evolved, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been creative and innovative enough to meet many of those new needs.

For example, did you know that there are Auxiliarists who are in Bahrain right now, serving as interpreters? Or that Auxiliary interpreters played a critical role in the investigation of the recent sinking of the *El Faro* during Hurricane Joaquin?

You are probably aware of the great success of our Food Service program. We now have 592 Auxiliarists preparing and serving meals onboard ships and shoreside, and the Coast Guard would like us to double that number. We have developed a cadre of "Financial Educators," whose mission is to help the active duty navigate the choices they face with the new "blended retirement" system. There are 16 Auxiliarists now serving as Clergy Support, providing spiritual support to members of the Coast Guard during the most challenging times of their lives.

Not to be lost in this discussion is the critically important work that we have done to help prevent recreational boating casualties. Simply put, the number of lives which have been saved by our prevention efforts is incalculable.

So there is much to celebrate. Auxiliarists throughout the country have found new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard missions.

Unfortunately, my pride in knowing that I would share these accomplishments with you has been rocked by the tragedies that have taken place in our own District during the last two weeks. A twelve-year-old girl was riding in the bow of a power boat on a San Diego lake, and she drowned after she was ejected and struck by the boat. It took most of a week to find her body. A kayaker was struck and killed by a power boat in Marina del Rey on Labor Day. Reports are that the boat operators "never saw her." Horribly, two boats collided on the Colorado River last weekend, killing four people and injuring others. Sixteen people were on those two boats, and the reports are that none of them was wearing a life vest.

My challenge to you is this: find a way.

Find a way to stop these tragedies. Are we effectively communicating to boaters that a designated lookout (or lookouts) is essential at all times? Why is it that boat operators aren't insisting that their passengers wear a life vest before getting underway? Many of these same drivers wouldn't think of pulling a car out of a driveway before each passenger was wearing a seat belt. What gives?

We need to find a way to change these behaviors. The solutions are out there, and you or someone in your flotilla may hold the key to stopping these senseless casualties in your area of responsibility. There is a lot of talent in this group. Innovate. Try something different. See what you can do to find a better way to get our safety messages across.

Just find a way.



To Members of District 11 (SR)

This issue of the District 11 (SR) biannual newsletter is to provide you with an overview of activities within the District, National and the Coast Guard. It will continue to be broadcast to all members via the Everbridge System and remain on our District website until a new issue is released. I hope you find its contents both informative and a source of ideas for recruitment, member involvement and member activities. Since we operate through virtual offices, effective communication with all members is critical and should be a priority for all line and staff leaders, within their chain of leadership. Newsletters, websites and social media all fit within our communication options. Use them, whenever possible.

I was recently pleasantly surprised to read some recent press releases from Division 11. I am accustomed to reading releases from the Coast Guard about their activities; but wondered why we didn't do the same. This is a great way to get our organization and the many beneficial activities we do in front of the public, if published by recipients of the releases. If not, you know what to do. We have many members qualified as PA specialists to prepare press releases. A key issue is to make sure the content is of sufficient importance and relevance to your desired audience.

A pass-down improvement suggestion I would like all Flotilla Commanders to consider is to put all verbal passdowns received at Division meetings into a writing distributed to all Flotilla members as opposed to just repeating them to those attending our Flotilla meetings. Just think, if we can get 10% of our inactive members to become more active, we can improve our activities by close to 40%.

Our District calendar is now current. Please make sure you send to me all events for which you are seeking support from members outside your Division. All District and relevant Coast Guard events will also be included in the calendar.

Enjoy this newsletter and all that follow. Please make any comments or suggestions for improvement to Susan Greene, DSO-PB at [sgreene817@hotmail.com](mailto:sgreene817@hotmail.com)

Bob Arovas, DCOS

**Cover photo: Rescue demonstration performed by USCG and local authorities at the May 2018 Ventury County Safe Boating Expo organized by Auxiliarist Henry Goldman, 7-4. Photo was taken by Mike Brodey, 7-4.**



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# National Commodore's Strategic Plan

## Executive summary



Commodore Rick Washburn

In this, its 77<sup>th</sup> year of operations, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the 27,600-strong uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard, embraces its vision to have its people be the best trained, most valued maritime volunteer organization in the world. It will be prepared to effectively meet Mission needs, Service needs and People needs. The Auxiliary will execute its responsibilities efficiently in support of operational goals and missions, ready to meet normal operations and surge demands. It will work to attract, develop and retain a diverse and inclusive force, providing relevant and rewarding opportunities to its members.

Answering the call to duty in performance of its missions, the Auxiliary incorporates the guiding principles of the Commandant's Direction 2014: Service to Nation, Duty to People, and Commitment to Excellence.

This strategic plan identifies the key challenges and opportunities the Auxiliary faces, as well as the objectives established to meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities presented. In its Service to Nation, the Auxiliary will stress outreach, including enhancing efforts in water safety, particularly for paddlecraft; education to the recreational boating public in concurrence with the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program; and establishing new mission capacity in support of multiple Coast Guard initiatives, providing a capable and well-trained workforce.

In its Duty to People, the Auxiliary will streamline organization processes, technology and administration to remove roadblocks to productivity, allowing members to focus on missions and training, in line with the Coast Guard's Human Capital Strategy's priorities: Meet Mission Needs, Meet Service Needs, and Meet People Needs.

In its Commitment to Excellence, the Auxiliary will establish new leadership training and nurture its culture via servant leaders. To provide the Auxiliary and Coast Guard with young, talented, educated, diverse and well-trained leaders, the Auxiliary will expand the Auxiliary University Program. To provide excellence in mission support to the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary will align its Interpreter Corps capabilities with Coast Guard requirements and will enhance its abilities in maritime radio communications support. To insure fiscal responsibility and compliance, a Chief Financial Officer will be assigned to manage national financial strategies and administration.

As the Auxiliary operationalizes its strategic plan, the watchwords "Mission," "Leadership," and "Excellence" point the way to the future.

# National Commodore's Strategic Plan (cont'd)

## Mission and Vision

### Mission

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical requirements

### Vision

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – the best trained, most valued maritime volunteer organization in the world – highly effective during normal operations and ready for emergencies.

## Guiding principles and priorities

### 1. Service to Nation

- **Strengthen presence in all types of safe boating education**

Monitor the Auxiliary's Public Education products, modifying and expanding delivery of courses and products to proliferate safe boating behaviors within the recreational boating safety community.

- **Expand efforts in Paddlecraft Water Safety**

Increase Auxiliary presence and relevance in the growing paddlecraft community by collaborating with informed stakeholders, including the American Canoe Association, to promote on-the-water safety and reduce fatalities.

- **Meet Human Capital needs of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary**

Provide qualified members to augment the mission, service and people needs of the Coast Guard.

### 2. Duty to People

- **Provide a unified web platform experience to facilitate meeting mission and people needs**

Implement tools and technology to simplify and standardize Auxiliary procedures.

## National Commodore's Strategic Plan—Guiding Principles, (cont'd)

- **Simplify, standardize, and coordinate administrative procedures to meet service and people needs**

Establish a formal and coordinated administrative function of management of the tools, processes and information.

- **Provide timely Auxiliary background checks**

Establish a formal and coordinated administrative process that facilitates timely and DHS compliant background checks.

### **3. Commitment to Excellence**

- **Identify and provide leadership development resources, tools and training**

The best volunteer organization needs the best leaders, whether elected or appointed. Policy and resources will emphasize leadership training that is as important as job qualification training.

- **Maximize maritime radio communications support, capacity, and capabilities**

Implement effective and reliable Coast Guard communications support, particularly in areas with limited active duty presence.

- **Align Auxiliary Interpreter Corps capabilities with Coast Guard requirements**

Accurately meet specific Coast Guard interpretation requirements by identifying each Auxiliary interpreter's skills according to the Coast Guard's standard classification system.

- **Standardize, manage and support Auxiliary financial policies and procedures**

Define and implement sound financial process and procedures Auxiliary-wide, under a Chief Financial Officer. Provide qualified personal financial counseling to new Coast Guard members in support of the Coast Guard's move to a blended retirement plan.

- **Expand the Auxiliary University program to meet mission and service needs**

Provide the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard with young, talented, educated, dedicated, diverse, and well-trained leaders to meet the service's operational and mission support needs.

- **Enhance the Coast Guard's Auxiliary information system of record to meet mission and service needs**

Provide the Auxiliary and Coast Guard with a secure and capable information system that meets the service's operational and mission support needs.

# ACCELERATING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant USCG



1. Today, June 1, 2018, Admiral Schultz released his Guiding Principles. In concert with these principles, your senior leadership team is initiating the following actions. Designed to emphasize the Commandant's priorities, these actions will contribute to ensuring we are a Ready, Relevant, and Responsive Coast Guard.
2. Ready - we will be prepared to serve and protect the American people and our national interests. Initial actions will streamline process, support members and their families, enhance training, and empower leaders in support of a mission ready total workforce:
  - a. Align follow-on enlistment and extension contract dates with assignment year.
  - b. Shift E6 Evaluations to an Annual Cycle.
  - c. Implement a single page O2 OER.
  - d. Provide advancement authority for OinCs (Advance E1-E3 and sign E4-E6 certificates).
  - e. Align co-location tour completion dates for O1-O4 and E1-E6.
  - f. Defer TAD assignments for post-partum active duty for 12 months (align with DoD).
  - g. Prioritize Civilian Marine Inspector hiring.
  - h. Create a Civilian Career Management (CMA) and Development Team at FORCECOM.
  - i. Expand the number of Certified Medical Assistants and Health Benefit Advisors (HBA).
  - j. Create a Credentialing, Certification, and Licensure Program (comply with 2015 NDAA).
  - k. Establish a selection board process for advancement to E9.
  - l. Establish a Personnel Readiness Task Force.
  - m. Promulgate the 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities.
3. Relevant - we will be a professional and agile armed force, law enforcer, regulator, and maritime first responder on which our partners confidently rely to address the Nation's increasingly complex maritime challenges. Initial actions include:
  - a. Promulgate a Coast Guard Vision for Maritime Commerce.
  - b. Updated the Arctic Strategy to reflect the Coast Guard's critical military and national security role in the Polar Regions.
4. Responsive - we will employ our bias for action to excel in mission execution as we protect and defend the homeland. Initial actions will accelerate service delivery to frontline operations and prototype a rapid acquisition process for C4IT infrastructure:
  - a. Establish a base in Puerto Rico.
  - b. Address FRC sustainability.
  - c. Revamp Reserve Component Organizational Structure, including PSU Locations.
  - d. Upgrade the AUXDATA System.
  - e. Upgrade Remote Access IT capability.
  - f. Focus on Marine Inspectors (MI) by modernizing the MI Training and Performance support plan, expanding the Enlisted Marine Inspector Training Program, and increasing accessions of Maritime Academy Graduates.
5. I have charged our senior leaders with executing these important initiatives. As we make progress, we will update you at: [www.uscg.mil/alwaysready](http://www.uscg.mil/alwaysready).
6. Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant, sends.
7. Internet release authorized.

# Used Uniforms and Accessories

## Current Inventory

Tropical Blue		
Shirt		\$ 5
Pants		\$10
Belt and Buckle		\$ 5
ODU		
Tucked	New	\$ 5
Untucked		\$10
T-shirt	New	\$11
T-shirt		\$ 3
Ball Cap		\$ 3
Boot bands	New	\$ 2
Service Dress Blue		\$40
Dinner Dress Blue		\$45
D11 Log Items	New	
Golf Shirt		\$32
T-shirt		\$10
Mug		\$10
Think Auxiliary Items		
Golf Shirt		\$32
T-shirt		\$12
Sign		\$15
Notepad		\$4
CGAUX Vertical briefcase		\$6
Belt Buckle		\$3
Metal Insignia		\$1+
Ribbons and Medals		\$1
Combination Hat		\$20
Women's SDB Jacket	new	\$111
Wooly Pully sweater		\$20
Windbreaker for Trops		\$30



## Donate your uniforms

If you are interested in helping your fellow members by donating your uniforms and accessories, please [email](mailto:auxthriftd11sr@gmail.com) us so that we may arrange the easiest way to collect your donation.



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When I was first appointed Diversity Adviser, back before the FSO-DV title, I assumed diversity meant reaching out to people of all races and nationalities. I had forgotten the classic admonition to presume nothing. While diversity certainly includes communicating with folks of all creeds and ethnicities, the word encompasses much more. The basic definition of diversity is difference, variety, and multiformity.

In other words, we, as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, are being asked to step out of our circles, to venture out of our comfort zones, and to come out of our boxes. Every person is to be recognized as a unique individual, encompassing differences. Diversity is all around us. Now, we are challenged to extend our scope, to recruiting as well as to managing our own units.

Too often our Welcome Aboard invitations are to mariners or to boat enthusiasts or quite simply to people who are *just like us*. It is time to begin addressing persons from all walks-of-life and from a variety of personality types and groups. Let's broaden our area and take advice from the financial market: Diversify for optimal results.

While the National Diversity Policy is published on the department web-site, there are still myths that are circulating. Let's correct the misunderstandings and use diversity to strengthen our organization.

MYTH: Diversity means treating everyone equally.

TRUTH: Although the National Diversity Policy asks that we treat all members with respect, diversity means treating every member as a unique individual, each with distinctly different characteristics and abilities.

MYTH: Diversity means never giving praise to just one person in a group. Everyone should be praised.

TRUTH: On the contrary. Diversity means recognizing individual successes and acknowledging them, either privately or publicly, for example at Auxiliary general meetings or group emails.

MYTH: Diversity means appointing a multilingual member to be FSO-DV.

TRUTH: While a speaker of a foreign language might make a fine DV appointed officer, not everyone with language skills has the requirements to be a DV officer. My first appointment as a Diversity Adviser in 2009 was made because I was known as a speaker of Spanish.

## Diversity: Myths & Truths (cont'd)

**MYTH:** Filling out the diversity application for the Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management is only for a flotilla that has an FSO-DV.

**TRUTH:** A unit does not need an FSO-DV to fill out an application. The application is a group effort for a flotilla. Yes, one person does need to write in the text, but the activities are to be completed by all the flotilla.

**MYTH:** Filling out the diversity application is a waste of time. Nothing is earned except a certificate.

**TRUTH:** This myth is the furthest from the truth. Yes, a paper certificate is our award, but the goals of the diversity application are what promise strong, effective, cohesive flotillas. A few of the goals include fellowships, having a quorum at meetings, reaching out to all communities in our AOR, recognizing the merits of each of our unit members, using calling-trees to communicate with everyone, and sending diversity themed articles to flotilla/division/district newsletters. The list of goals is long and comprehensive. I suggest my readers look over the application which can be found on the D-Directorate website.

District 11 South is proud that over 10 of its units earned the NACO 2016 Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management. The awards were announced at the National Conference (NACON) August 2017. The awards for the 2017 diversity applications will be distributed in August 2018.

The NACO award is given to units completing the NACO Diversity Application. The application has four goals, consisting of six target items in each goal. The application helps districts, divisions, and flotillas comply with the diversity policies from the USCG Auxiliary Diversity Directorate. The priority of the diversity message is to maintain an environment that recognizes and appreciates the values, skills, and abilities of each Auxiliary member, including potential members from diverse areas and cultures.

**Bravo-Zulu to Unit 114-06-06, North Orange County, California, that since 2009 has consistently won the annual NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity**



# Now, That's a Boat Launching...



Yesterday Paul Krieger (6-6) and I joined with a group of Div 11 Auxiliaries at Silverwood Lake. Yes it was hot, but a small group of us got about a dozen VSCs. Div 11, under the very able leadership of their DCDR, had two OP FACs on the water, and a very conscientious Comm Station set up. PA work was also on the agenda. Very useful day - for both the Auxiliary AND (and more importantly) the general boating public.

There is a picture attached. **Before reading further**, please take a look at the picture. It was a busy launch ramp, with more capabilities than they knew they had!

Once you have digested the picture, I must point out that the small vessel to the left center in the picture (bow on) is one of the OPFACs. The second OPFAC joined the equipment rescue/waterways clean up effort soon after. In the words of one of the Boat Crew, when we arrived on scene it looked like the results of a submarine sinking!

You never know what you might see on a Saturday!

A Game Warden, who happened to be at the ramp, ended up "rescuing" the pick up truck and the PWC trailer that was attached. When the pick up truck and trailer were safe at the top of the ramp, the owner apparently carried through on his original plan - he and friend went Jet-Skiing (and left the pick up truck and trailer high and damp in the middle of the ramp). The windshield wipers were still working when I departed at 1500!

Regards,

Frank Boice

Flotilla Staff Officer - VE

Flotilla 114-06-06,

## Why We Train

July 14 started out like most summer days at the Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. But, little did the members of Division 11 South, of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, know that they were going to have a profound impact on a number of people's lives. The morning began as any other operational morning, with the group assembling for briefing. Shortly after, the boat crews headed to their facilities. After a morning of training and patrol, the coxswains decided to break for an early lunch. Shortly after lunch one of the Auxiliarists noticed white smoke East of the operations base station.

While contemplating whether or not it was barbeque smoke, the group heard over the state ranger radio that it was indeed a forest fire. Shortly after that, the state rangers began hailing the Coast Guard Auxiliary for assistance. The fire began burning along a hill and had cut off a significant number of beachgoers from reaching safety. They were stranded on the beach with the fire burning behind them. The state rangers had very limited resources available and it was at this time that the Coast Guard Auxiliary received a call for assistance over the radio. Because of the professional working relationship between the state rangers and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the rangers did not hesitate in requesting assistance and the Auxiliarists sprung into action.

The two patrol facilities were manned with skeleton crews and headed for the beach area where the fire was burning toward the stranded families. With smoke and ash everywhere, the facilities maneuvered close to shore in order to bring people onboard. As soon as they were loaded, the facilities headed for safe areas in which to offload their passengers. Once the passengers were offloaded, the facilities headed back to evacuate more people stranded. After three trips, all of the beachgoers were rescued. Mothers, fathers, dozens of children, and two dogs were evacuated to safe areas by the patrol facilities. After the evacuations were complete, the Coast Guard Auxiliary facilities set up a picket line and began clearing the West end of the lake, of boating traffic. This was to allow a safe area for the water dropping helicopters to dip from. Along with a single ranger boat, the Coast Guard facilities maintained the picket line until the fire had been knocked down and the helicopters departed.

The facilities immediately headed back to the dock to debrief the operation. It was at this time that the total number of rescued individuals was counted. Between the two Auxiliary facilities, 38 individuals and two dogs were rescued from the beach. This operation highlighted the training and professionalism of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, their ability to handle emergencies, and most importantly the professional relationship that has been developed with the agency that manages the Lake Silverwood State Park.



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# Happening Around the District



Ramon Evans, 6-6, handles Comms for Division 6 OPTREX

Photos, above and right, provided by Anne Evens, 6-6



Leslie "Jon" Ross, 6-2, receives his AUXOP from Pat Swope, 6-6



Brian Tankersley, Joel Kaplan, and Anne Evans (all from 6-6) enjoy a Fourth Cornerstone at the Midway in San Diego.



Left: The Band Flotilla, 10-3, conducted by **Ben Palmer**, prepares to play in the Prescott Rodeo Parade to kick off Independence Week activities.

*(Photo by Jon Jeffery)*



**Jack Pauly** portrays John Adams honoring the military at the Division 10 Anniversary ball.

*(Photo by Cathy Harrach)*

Training Day at Station Channel Islands Harbor this year was well attended with 18 Auxiliarists from Divisions 4, 7 and 12. .



**Mike Brodey, SO-OP** gives instructions to boat crew trainees Photo by Henry Goldman, ADSO-PA



COMO Jacobs and Lt. JG. Cruz address a visiting tour group at base LA/LB about the importance of wearing a life jacket when enjoying water sports.

*Photo by Desiree DeLiser*

## USCG AUX Shares Safe Boating Message During Fleet Week

By Scott Hedblom, 12-7

The USCG Auxiliary and its' mascot "Coastie" spent Fleet Week at the Port of Los Angeles sharing the message of boating safety with hundreds of happy visitors. Members of AUX Flotillas from all over California spoke about how important safe boating practices and vessel exams are to saving lives and being a responsible boater. Many non-boater guests also expressed great interest in the various handouts and information offered.

The biggest draw for young and old was "Coastie", the remote controlled mascot that thrilled just about everyone, interacting with the kids using voice, lights, and even a water squirt that captivated the crowd. Adults enjoyed their time almost as much as the youngsters.



A typical Fleet Week scene at the AUX information booth next to our Coast Guard brethren, with "Coastie" enthraling the kids, Perry Palmer (114-06-07) handing out materials, Kip Louttit (114-05-09) answering questions from the public, and Richard Weiss (114-06-03) doing remote operation.

A few of the dedicated Flotilla members who staffed the information booth over the Labor Day weekend. L to R, George Higgins (114-12-07), Grace Stencel (114-07-07), Robert Dumas (114-05-09), Stacy Talbert (114-07-61), Kip Louttit (114-05-09), and Frank Galloway (114-05-13).



Jan Stenstrom (114-05-13) demonstrates to curious kids how oil fouls bird feathers and how to clean up a mess caused by poor boating practices

*Photos courtesy of Bob Arovos, 6-8*

# District Calendar



**2018**

<b>21-23 SEP</b>	<b>Inland Rendezvous</b>
<b>08 NOV</b>	<b>Commissioning FRC Forrest Rednour Catalina Terminal, San Pedro</b>
<b>22 NOV</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>25 DEC</b>	<b>Christmas</b>

**2019**



<b>04-06 JAN</b>	<b>DTRAIN San Diego</b>
<b>12 JAN</b>	<b>Division 9 Change of Watch</b>
<b>13 JAN</b>	<b>Division 10 Change of Watch</b>
<b>02 FEB</b>	<b>Division 6 Change of Watch</b>
<b>16 FEB</b>	<b>Division 4 Change of Watch</b>
<b>17 FEB</b>	<b>Division 11 Change of Watch</b>
<b>23 FEB</b>	<b>Division 12 Change of Watch</b>
<b>24 FEB</b>	<b>Division 7 Change of Watch</b>
<b>09 MAR</b>	<b>Division 5 Change of Watch</b>
<b>17 MAR</b>	<b>Division 1 Change of Watch</b>





## 2018 is the 228th Birthday of the Coast Guard

**T**he history of the United States Coast Guard goes back to the United States Revenue Cutter Service, which was founded on 4 August 1790 by Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury, as part of the Department of the Treasury. The Revenue Cutter Service and the United States Life-Saving Service were merged to become the Coast Guard per 14 U.S.C. § 1 which states: “The Coast Guard as established January 28, 1915, shall be a military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times.” In 1939, the United States Lighthouse Service was merged into the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard itself was moved to the Department of Transportation in 1967, and on 25 February 2003 it became part of the Department of Homeland Security. However, under 14 U.S.C. § 3 as amended by section 211 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006, upon the declaration of war and when Congress so directs in the declaration, or when the President directs, the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Department of the Navy.~~Wikipedia

The Coast Guard celebrates 228 years of continuous maritime service to our nation by honoring the past and securing the future. Show your appreciation to the Coast Guard, which honors the men, women and families of the Coast Guard on their birthday.



# CGC Narwhal Visits Dana Point



Most of the crew of CGC Narwhal and members of Flotilla 6-8 at Dana Point

Flotilla 06 08 organized a public education event at the Dana Point Ocean Institute on August 18. Garry Nelson, Flotilla Commander, who is also the AUC CGC Narwhal arranged for a visit by the Narwhal including an open to the public tour of the CG ship. LTJG Kumar Brunhart, Commanding Officer and his crew of 14 docked at the Ocean Institute for the day while CG and Auxiliary members provided tours of the ship and public education boating safety exhibits and information. Twenty-two members of the flotilla and other supporting crew attended the event providing boating safety, public education, recruiting and courtesy Vessel exams information. Coastie was a big hit with many younger visitors. This was followed by a 4th Cornerstone barbecue with the crew of the Narwhal. The event was attended by 140 members of the public.

We were very pleased to have a day intermingling with “the gold side” in a spirit of support and a common goal of outreach to the public with our boating safety message.

By Garry Nelson, FC 6-8

Photos courtesy of USCGAUX Dana Point



## *From the Editor's Desk...*

In June I was asked if I would step into the position of DSO-PB with the goal of producing a newsletter for our District. I immediately started to look around for fellow Auxiliarists who might be willing to lend a hand. This issue could have never happened with the help and support of Auxiliarists from around the District.

I couldn't remember the last time I had seen a District newsletter. Special thanks to Victoria Jacobs, 6-2, who instantly dug through her files to come up with an old issue to give me something to use as a guide. And to Harry Jacobs, 6-2, who called me on his way home from the airport to give me some advice and suggestions. This best of these was to contact Julia Dye, 4-1, who had previously held this position. She provided me with all her files and previous issues. I don't know how I could have pulled this together without that basic but invaluable information to draw from. Next on my list is my go-to contributor from when I produced the Division 6 newsletter, Anne Evans, 6-6. I had barely sent out my request when I received her excellent article on Diversity accompanied by photos of other activities that she thought might be interesting to others in the District. I am very lucky to have Catherine Harrach, 10-7, as one of my ADSO-PB's. She kept me abreast of newsletters she was receiving that might be a good source of material for the District newsletter. Several of those articles are in this issue. Thank you to Desiree De Liser, 6-2, who even while she was on vacation in Sweden took time to send me information on the Auxiliary Discount Materials store. Thanks also to Gene Schultz, 11-5, Chris Rosario, 11-11, Garry Nelson, 6-8 who either sent or wrote an article to be included, and to the DSO-PB's from Division 10, Sydney Hay and Division 7, Robert Hamming whose wonderful newsletters make up a good part of this issue. Also to Neal Greene, 11-2 for proof-reading whenever I asked and providing excellent suggestions on content.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Bob Arovas, even though he was the one that talked me into taking this job, for all his help. I could always count on Bob whenever I had a question or needed help.

I hope you have found the articles and information here enjoyable and perhaps inspiring. I would love to hear about the activities happening in your Division or Flotilla as I'm sure the rest of the District would. You can contact me at: [sgreene817@hotmail.com](mailto:sgreene817@hotmail.com). 'Till the next issue of the Commodore's Bulletin and Director's Newsletter,

Yours faithfully,

Susan Greene, Editor  
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