The learning site is back up and running and there are sections that we in the Auxiliary can access.

There is an AUXLAM A being held at Yorktown over one weekend in Mid-August and I recommend it for all. Not sure who is running it, I presume the District Training Officer. I will be teaching a LAMS
Register Now for the Auxiliary National Conference (NACON)

We are pleased to announce that registration and information regarding NACON 2008 is now available online. You may register for the conference online as well as make your hotel reservations through the links provided on the site. We are continuing to update the website as more information becomes available for posting. Plan to attend now, register and make your reservations early so you do not miss out. Early Bird Registration ends on July 17, 2008. Mail-in registration ends on August 1, 2008. Online registration ends on August 10, 2008. After August 10th registration will only be available at the Conference Registration Desk at the hotel in Orlando starting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday August 20th.

http://www.cgauxa.org/nacon2008

USCGAUX Amateur Radio Event

All U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members that are Amateur Radio operators are invited to operate as “Special Event Radio Stations” on Saturday October 18, 2008 on Amateur H.F. frequencies to commemorate the Anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. All amateurs are invited to set up and operate Special Event Radio stations using High Frequency all across the nation. Official USCG Aux Special Event Amateur Radio stations will be operating “On the Air” with a Special 1 X 1 call all day contacting amateur radio operators and other U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary stations from coast to coast.

All official Special Event Radio Stations will be sent Free Commemorative QSL’s to mail out. Last year over 30 USCG Aux. Special Event Stations contacted thousands of other amateurs and USCG Auxiliary members to commemorate the USCG Auxiliary Anniversary.

See: http://www.auxodept.org/telecoms.htm#RadioEvent for more details

DSC Radio Tutorial Available

A reminder that the BoatU.S. interactive tutorial on DSC Radio is a great asset for all boaters, including Auxiliarists and the general public. This online tutorial reveals much information about Rescue 21 and the proper use of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) radios.

See http://www.boatus.com/foundation/dsc/player.html

Lifejacket Use Clarification

Per CHDIRAUX Office: Misinformation passed at a recent Auxiliary meeting stated that the USCG would be withdrawing approval of inflatable lifejackets for all boats capable of going 30 mph or more. To clarify: Impending changes to authorized inflatable life jackets applies only to CG active duty, Reserves, and Auxiliary. By 2009 all life jackets authorized for use by CG personnel must be dynamic strength tested to 50 mph. The Auxiliary will be less affected since it will only apply to Auxiliary personnel on facilities that have the capability to exceed 35 mph. This change has nothing to do with the boating public and is strictly an "in-house" standard to ensure safety conducting missions utilizing high speed assets. The CG is not withdrawing approval for Inflatable Life Jackets, merely removing types it previously listed in the Rescue and Survival Systems Manual as approved for use by CG personnel. Again, it has nothing to do with the public, only CG. Please ensure this is communicated
First International Drowning Report Published

The first International Drowning Report has been published, complete with a Power Point presentation, by the International Life Saving Federation (ILS). This is a must read eye opener for those involved in promotion of water safety. Both documents are posted in the Boating Department's document library.

http://auxbdept.org/documents.php

1st Quarter 2008 Commandant Report

The Commandant's quarterly brief presents two topics in the Projects and Critical Issues categories that either require added attention and emphasis or are tracking on course at this time. The first item Coast Guard Auxiliary modernization was discussed in the most recent flag conference. The second item addresses the longer term Auxiliary Information Systems requirements. Following the discussion of critical issues is a section on Accomplishments and Initiatives that draws items of interest from activities in experienced by field units. Finally, The Course Ahead outlines the directions and efforts of the National Staff Directorates.

http://www.auxnaco.org/index.htm#18MAY08

Auxiliary Member Benefits Presentation and Flyer

The Personnel department has produced a Members benefits presentation and flyer, for use in recruiting new members, and for training at flotilla meetings.

Presentation: http://www.auxpdept.org/pdf/member%20benefits.pdf

Want to Publish Your Own Unit Website or Learn PowerPoint?

The July AUX-04 Basic Technology C-School session has a few available slots still open which will be held at Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown VA, on 24-28 July 2008. Travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed with CG travel orders, and the training is first class by professional Instructors. If you would like to attend, you must submit a Short Term Training Request (STTR) to your DIRAUX ASAP. When you submit your STTR, please also submit a Student Questionnaire. For complete details, including prerequisites, visit the AUX-04 Student Support Website.

STTR: http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7059f.pdf
(PDF: 100 KB / 2 pages)
Student questionnaire: http://aux04.auxservices.org/students/student_questionnaire_nav.htm
http://aux04.auxservices.org/

Division Staff Officer Reports

SO-AN Report
Completed preparations for June 14 AV Qualification Class
Sent emails to 7 Division DCP's near TISCOM informing them of AV class.
2 of these divisions will have members in class.
Bernard Hannan, SO-AN

SO-CM Report
Corresponded with DSO-CM and ADSO-CM
Revised Division 14 ERP Chapter 5 Appendix D-1
Logistics with current facility inspection dates. Forwarded to all FSO-CM’s, and Division Radio Operators, and Division Captain

Three facilities require inspection this year

The Second (2) Quarter Sector Baltimore Auxiliary Radio Drill will be conducted 10 June, 1930 hours, Channel 23. All Radio Operators notified.

Forwarded to FSO-CM’s, All Radio Operators, Division Bridge and Staff, the link for DSC VHF Radio training as presented on the Boat US Website.

William Embrey, SO-CM

SO-CS Report

Forwarded several memos and announcements to all members of the Division.

Studied for, took, and PASSED AuxSar.

John Rankin, SO-CS

SO-IS Report

Robert Platt, SO-IS

SO-FN Report

Income $0.00
Expenses $104.00
End of the month:
Checking: $3,768.37
CD: $2,750.57
Total $6,518.94

Richard O. Nugent, SO-FN

POMS (Patrol Order Management System) can be a useful tool in handling patrol orders, I highly recommend that all in Operations use it. It saves me work and eliminates errors. Contact me if you need help.

No patrols are scheduled for our AOR at this time.

We have 30 Vessel Facilities in our Division, none are pending approval at DIRAX but eight are overdue on inspection. We also have three registered vehicle facilities.

I am working with Div.2 on lining up patrols for Potomac R. events this season, I have 22 patrol commitments so far. The next big event is the July 4th. At Wash. D.C. Check with Div. 2 for orders. It is time to plan and schedule patrols. Please let me know of your plans ASAP.

I have moved from my house in Fairfax to an apartment in Springfield, VA. My new address is:

Charles Wild
7452 Spring Village Dr.
Apt. 122
Springfield, VA 22150-4948

Charles Wild, SO-OP
SO-PA Report

Robert Berwick, SO-PA

SO-PB Report

I apologize for getting this out on the night of the Division meeting but my excuse is two fold. First – today I graded my 5th final in 4 days and that has been compounded by the second – becoming a grandfather for the 5th time with a girl, Ella Grayce, born at Mary Washington and of course we went down to see her a couple of times (my daughter s well!).

I will be in New Orleans mid-month for a LAMS course and seeing my son at Tulane University.

George D. Bond, II SO-PB

SO-PS Report

Edward Kane, SO-PS

SO-RB Report

Carol Palmer, SO-RB

SO-SR Report

The minutes of last meeting immediately follow this listing.

Sam Schafer, SO-SR

SO-VE Report

I received a report that a new boat owner possibly received a VSC decal when he bought the boat. This is contrary to VSC procedures that require an owner to be present so that safety topics can be discussed. I will investigate further. Please ensure that all VEs perform safety inspections in accordance with CG policy.

When in Colonial Beach I was told that local law enforcement officials were requiring whistles be attached to all life vests. I reviewed the Virginia safety equipment requirements on their web site and did not see this requirement. If approached and asked about this requirement, you should respond that this is not a requirement in Virginia’s most recent literature.

The following VSC days have been performed by Division Flotillas. If there have been others please let me know. Prince William Marina; Occoquan Harbour Marina, Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Hoffmasters Marina, Columbia Island Marina, Colonial Beach Yacht Center, and Aquia Bay Marina.

The following VSC counts, by Flotilla, have been recorded in AuxInfo. Please read Flotilla / “Current CY 08” / “Total CY 07”. Please get your completed VSCs put into the AUXINFO database.

01 / 000 / 014
02 / 150 / 031
03 / 000 / 015
04 / 001 / 049
05 / 000 / 050
06 / 055 / 133
07 / 000 / 101

Participated in Vessel Safety Check Days at Hoffmaster’s Marina and performed VSCs at Colonial Beach and Occoquan Harbour.

Provided VSC decals to Division VEs that were running low.

Flotilla 22 is having a VSC Day at James Creek Marina in DC on 14 June, from 11 to 4 pm. An email invitation was broadcast inviting any interested VE. Please call 202 547-8558 for more info.
The BoatUS web site has a very informative presentation for the DSC VHF Radio. Jot the URL down and give it out to boaters when you perform VSCs.
http://www.boatus.com/foundation/dsc/player.html

Steve Thompson, SO-VE

Damage Claim Report

Mitchell I. Mutnick, DCI

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Fifth Coast Guard District – Southern Region
Division 14

Minutes of the Meeting held 01 May 2008

On Thursday, 01 May 2008, at 1930 hours a meeting of Division 14 was held in the Wardroom of CG TISCOM, Alexandria, VA, attended as follows:

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Official Guests
Barbara Allen, Div 2
Gary Nordlinger, Div 2
Art Pine

Other Attendees
June Gaines, VFC 14-5

Opening
The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by DCP Dick Kelly with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting held 03 April 2008 were unanimously approved as circulated upon motion made and seconded.

Division Captain’s Report
DCP Kelly reported about the District restructuring as described in the letter from Steve McElroy that was emailed recently. While a ballet is mentioned, the voting was done three weeks before this meeting. While some were for the restructuring, some were not for it. DCP Kelly thought that more were for it. The electronic vote will be repeated on 31 May. DCP Kelly will check on and call everyone about it.

DCP Kelly reported visiting George Haggerty in the hospital in Baltimore.

DCP Kelly went to the EXCOM meeting in Baltimore where 90% of the meeting was spent on recruitment and related aspects including the restructuring. The voting now is only about whether to have four or five divisions in Sector Baltimore. Additional items:

- New form (Member Retention Survey) – to be used when a member transfers, leaves, or dies. There is not official direction to use this form. An electronic copy is available on the website.
- Calling tree for flotillas – this is needed for the exercise set for next week to test both the division and the flotillas. The exercise is set for 05-08 May, but mostly likely will be held on 06-07 May.
- Emergency number in the Boating Safely book, and other literature, called “Boating Safety Hotline” is no longer in service. None of the other numbers have changed.
- Waterway watch should be combined with facility patrols. The same goes for ATON checks.
- The current stock of ODUs is being sold off before the blouse out style becomes available. The regular Coasties will get the new style first.
- Anyone with a 6 Pack or CG license needs a TWIC number by September or it will expire. Although it is not the nearest location, at least one person found Waldorf to be the most convenient (i.e., The Port of LaPlata) since he found no line there.
- Life jackets – 1) Don’t forget that we are to call PFDs “life jackets” now and that they need to fit. Apparently several problems have occurred due to life jackets not fitting correctly. 2) New life jackets will be coming out this summer along with PERPs, which will be both wall mounted and personal. 3) DSE capability on marine radios – get a number that is uniquely yours. (Boats US is convenient.)

Flotilla Commander Reports

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<td>J. Barbee</td>
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<td>Have updated and tested calling tree.</td>
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<td>FC-02</td>
<td>J. Queen</td>
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<td>Conducted second Boating Safety class with 28 students graduating. Planning a third class for a week day in Prince William. GPS course was cancelled due to lack of sign up. National Safe Boating Week will begin Sunday, 04 May.</td>
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<td>V. Mills</td>
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<td>6 completed Boating Safety course. Another class scheduled to begin 17 May at Leesylvania State Park.</td>
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<td>FC-04</td>
<td>R. Miller</td>
<td>Oral?</td>
<td>8 CPR Carol – MV &amp; MD Telephone tree out and will be testing on 03 May. 03 May – VE day in DC 04 May – Commission 08 May – Safety Day at Ft. Belvoir ? May – VE Day at Ft Belvoir Marina 03 June – Prince William County?</td>
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<td>W. Berens</td>
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<td>4th session Boat Crew training completed. Major events scheduled May-July.</td>
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<td>F. Herman</td>
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<td>Completed the ABC course. 2 new members waiting for background checks. Several new members starting the process.</td>
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<td>Beach cleanup conducted at Aquia Park. ABC course scheduled 10 May.</td>
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<td>Sent out summary of activities as of last Sunday, will update every month before the Board Meeting.</td>
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<td>Fredericksburg not suitably located for MA activities. More central location needed. Attended “Coastie” operation training.</td>
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<td>30 Vessel Facilities; 5 overdue inspection. Working with Div, 2 on patrol scheduling.</td>
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<td>Both a VE class and a PV class were held with graduates in both classes. Several MDV were made during the month. Paperwork started for one new member and completed for another.</td>
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<td>Presentation next month on filing damage claims. No current claims.</td>
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**Old Business**
None

**New Business**
None

**Member Training**
- Emergency Response Plan – Mr. Mutnick – Presentation. Summary: Get disaster plan down and be prepared to respond.
- Art Pine – Auxiliary Executive Coordination for Sector Baltimore and AUXDIRECT [see handouts in the package sent via snail mail]. AUXDIRECT was explained and encouraged.

**Awards**
Awards and certificates were distributed for presentation at the respective flotilla meetings.
Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours upon motion made by 14-06, seconded, and unanimously carried. Fellowship was hosted by 14-02.

Next Meeting and Host
The next meeting will be held Thursday, 05 June 2008 hosted by 14-3

Note: No tape was made of this meeting. All reports and documents received by the substitute SR, June Gaines, 14-5 VFC, are filed with the papers of the meeting and made part of these Minutes.