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2008 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
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On-line registration, using PayPal or your credit card is now available through the web sites noted below. All members are strongly urged to use the on-line registrations links. They are secure and safe, and once you have completed the on-line registration form, your conference registration info can be downloaded by the registration committee without any further data input needed. How convenient is that?

http://www.d11s.org/members/what_new.htm

http://www.smbcga.org/conferenceinfo.php

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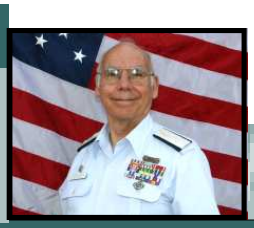

COMO Bob Sterzenbach

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

What are your plans for 2008?

How much time can you give the Auxiliary to support the Coast Guard and the Boating Public? It's not too early to think about. We want you to continue your membership. We need your talents. It's called retention. In order to retain members the activities must be interesting, challenging, and fun. Our National Commodore uses the words: RECRUITING, RETENTION, and RESPONSIBILITY. The Commandant endorses this. We need to balance RBS and MDA activities. This all boils down to many opportunities for each of us.

Let's plan on starting the year by attending the DISTRICT CONFERENCE on January 4th through 6th, 2008. Last year we set an attendance record with over 600 attendees. This featured a new workshop format with workshops covering many subjects, not just the normal disciplines. They were for the most part facilitated by the departments but put on by the finest instructors. This will continue, and have many new workshops added catering to your likes and needs. We do have a lot of FUN built in starting Friday night with the District reception, followed shortly after with the Divisions supplying food drink, music, an dancing to the theme *Mardi Gras*. The luncheon and dinner will honor many members, with Coast Guard awards, District awards, and individual awards. We will recognize your efforts, and say "thanks for making 2007 successful". Register now. Remember new members in 2007 do not have to pay the registration.

So---- Have a great Holiday season! Give the Auxiliary whatever you can contribute. Start with attending the Conference and having some fun.

Semper Paratus,

COMO Bob Sterzenbach

CDR Dick Symons

THANKS TO YOU ALL!

As we begin a new federal fiscal year I'd like to discuss Auxiliary fuel and SAMA funding. I continue to hear that many Auxiliary members are under the impression that funding for Auxiliary patrols and SAMA is in short supply. Perhaps the DIRAUX office and Sectors are partly responsible for that idea, as when we initially cut non-reimbursable orders for last June's LA-LB OPTREX. That particular incident was rectified and all patrols were subsequently reimbursed. The message that I want to get out to all Auxiliary members is that we're fully funded to perform all patrols requested by the Sectors. Each year the Sectors provide me with an operational spend plan for Auxiliary patrols, including OPTREXs. And this year, like last year, we're in good shape.

Did you notice I used the term "OPTREX" above? OPTREX (Operational Training Exercise) is the term we will now use for all exercises flotillas, divisions, and regions conduct for requals. It better describes these exercises as well as creates a common term between D11 South and D11 North.

Welcome "Coastie" to San Diego! DIRAUX recently purchased a new "Coastie" to be stationed at Sector San Diego. This brings to four, the number of "Coasties" in D11 South. Look for a commissioning ceremony to be held in San Diego early next year at the Divisions 1 and 16 Change of Watch.

The PSI process is speeding up. New applicants are being processed in weeks now instead of months. And the backlog of legacy members still waiting for approvals is rapidly shrinking. Unfortunately there are a couple dozen of you legacy members who have been waiting for 12-24 months for your OS or DO favorable determination. I can't even speculate as to why, but you will be individually notified when each is determined.

Thanks to you all for all you do for the boating public and the Coast Guard!

Semper Paratus,

CDR Richard Symons

See Page 10 for District Conference Sign Up Information

Jon Eric De Cuir, VCO

MORE SESSIONS OFFERED THIS YEAR.

The 2008 District Conference is moving ahead! One of the classes that many new members will be interested in is the new Staff Officer Academy. Following the successes of last years New Member Academy, we are going to add additional focus to the members who really work at the deck plate level – the Flotilla Staff Officer. Modules will consist of general staff training of Saturday and discipline specific training with the DSO's on Sunday.

Here is our tentative schedule:

Class Number 1 – Saturday Morning - "Administrative Duties" – WHAT DO I DO?

Chain of Leadership and Management

Parallel Staffing

Time Commitment

Class Number 2 – Saturday Morning – "Goal Setting" – HOW DO I DO IT?

Developing a Calendar

Goal Setting

Action Planning

Class Number 3 – Saturday Afternoon – "Legal Issues" – KEEP SAFE!

Assignment to Duty - Table

Civil Rights Compliance Process – Flow Chart

E-mail – Role and Responsibility

Class Number 4 – Saturday Afternoon – "Personnel Issues" – KEEP SANE!

Mentoring

Networking

Reading AUXDATA and AUXINFO Reports

Class Number 5 – Sunday Morning – "Discipline Specific Training" – JOB BASICS!

Contact with your DSO

Contact with your SO, FSO-PQS

So don't lose out! Register now and we will see you in Costa Mesa!

Dale Zimmermann, RCO-S

SEE YOU AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It's now November and this is the last Commodores Newsletter for 2007. Many of our Flotillas are winding down for the holidays. It's also time to register for the District Training Conference to be held January 4-6, 2008. Your Conference Committee has "cooked up" quite a recipe of workshops to interest every member. I hope everyone makes time to attend. You will find both a conference and hotel reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

BOAT U.S. FOUNDATION GRANTS FUNDING

With direction from Wm. Moodyman and collaboration with other flotilla members, Flotilla 94 has been granted funding for our clean water program proposal. Here, in part, is the confirmation memo from the Boat U.S. representative:

"The Boat U.S. Foundation was very pleased to receive your application for our Clean Water grants program. This year we received a near record number of applications. The committee was very impressed with your proposal. We would like to fund your project, but our budget does not allow us to fund your entire proposal. We would like to offer you $2,600 in funding. This would allow for the printing and laminating of the handouts and the purchase of drawstring trash bags …."
Best regards,

Susan Shingledecker

District 11SR Members Attend Aux12 PA "C" school in San Diego

A very intense 3 day school was held at the helicopter hanger at the Coast Guard Base in San Diego. A real mix of PA and PB officers plus Bridge all learned about doing press releases the proper way, how to take better pictures, and how to be interviewed by a reporter.

Gerri Flynn on dock by CG Cutter

Jon Eric De Cur paying attention

Trent Kelly and Manny Romero discuss lighting

Instructors Tom Nunes and Manny Romero

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Mike Fulgham, RCO-SD

Michael Johnson, RCO Inland

TEAM COAST GUARD THRIVES

Team Coast Guard was the theme for Divisions 01 and 16 during the last two months. Both divisions were quite busy supporting several Coast Guard Sector San Diego operations. Besides meeting regular scheduled harbor safety patrols, the divisions provided surface operational facilities to secure harbor safety zones for a military out-loading event, for the San Diego Parade of Ships Festival, and the Red Bull Air Races. Mixed in between these events were included special training operations with Sector San Diego helicopters and Navy security operations.

The real test for the Team Coast Guard spirit was when both divisions managed during the other operational tasks to plan and execute an operations training exercise (OPTREX) on October 13 and 14, 2007 at Coast Guard Sector San Diego. Sixty two members from both Divisions 01 and 16 were involved with the training. What made this event a great success was the use of the incident command system (ICS) methodology which allowed OPTREX staff great flexibility when inclement weather struck on Saturday, October 13th. Many lessons were learned, and the Captains and the OPTREX staff from both divisions did a great job in working closely together as team. Support of the OPTREX by Coast Guard Sector San Diego for the use of its piers, provided equipment, and training on its new audio-visual system was outstanding and greatly appreciated. The next OPTREX is scheduled for sometime in June 2008.

Both Divisions 01 and 16 are now focusing on recruiting and crew training, preparing for winter surface and land patrols, and enjoying fourth cornerstone events during the coming holidays. It has been a pleasure this year to work with the elected leaders of both divisions. Their close working relationship has been a key factor in successful joint-member training evolutions and the support of Coast Guard Sector San Diego operations. Team Coast Guard thrives in San Diego.

Mike Fulgham, RCO-SD

THE TIME IS NOW TO VOLUNTEER

By now, all Divisions and Flotillas should have completed their elections for officers for 2008. Now is the time for the members to come forward and volunteer to help their flotillas and divisions by offering to accept a staff position. The leaders you have selected cannot do an effective job without enthusiastic, supportive staff members. Please support your units by working with your elected leaders, taking a staff job if it is offered, and helping make 2008 our best year yet.

If you do not feel you are ready, or do not feel you know what is required of a staff officer, the District will have a complete training academy available for you at the District Conference this year. The Conference, coming to the Costa Mesa Hilton on January 4-6, 2008 is our premier training event of the season. Excellent, well-planned and timely workshops will be available for all members to attend, not just elected and staff officers. This is a superb opportunity for new members to meet members from all over the District. Don't forget, members who joined our ranks during 2007 do not even have to pay the registration fee.

The District Conference Committee has worked hard for many months to put this event together for you, the members. To start things off right, join us for Friday Fun Night. The theme for the evening is Mardi Gras, and I can assure you the fellowship will be without equal in the Auxiliary. District 11S knows how to have a good time! Follow that up on Saturday and Sunday by attending workshops, meetings, good food and even more fellowship. Please make your reservations early; in fact, why not now while you are thinking about it? I hope to see you all there!

Michael Johnson, RCO-Inland

"Happenings around the District"

Congratulations to the following, elected/reelected to the positions indicated:

Richard Kolligian, RCO LA/LB North
Michael Fulgham, RCO San Diego
Michael Johnson, RCO Inland
Harry Jacobs, RCO LA/LB South

Congratulations also to Pat Swope, newly elected President of the PCA

and to Roy Garrabrant, elected Vice-President of PCA.

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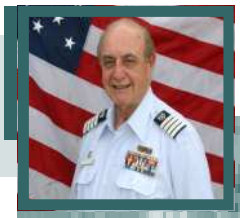

Richard Kolligan
RCO-LA-N

The Pursuit of Excellence

It's hard to believe that the end of 2007 is rapidly approaching and we seem to have survived it. Time flies when you're having fun.

These last few months have been busy with visitations to our Units, a camaraderie weekend with those who attended the Inland Rendezvous, patrols, teaching boating safety classes, conducting free vessel safety checks as well as many other activities focused on mission execution while performing Maritime Safety missions, C-Schools, District meetings, EOS, Operational Excellent Award tasks, Elections.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine. Congratulations to our dynamic group of elected officers to serve for the coming year 2008: District RCOs, Division DCPs & VCPs, and Flotilla FCs & VFCs .

Please join me in thanking the retiring elected RCO LA-South Dale Zimmermann, and welcoming Harry Jacobs, RCO-elect South, and the new Division and Flotilla leaders. Congratulations to the new immediate/ retiring past officers for their year of dedicated service to the Auxiliary. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work closely with them. I know that they will continue their unconditional commitment to the Auxiliary even after they have left their office. Thank you for serving all year and for all you do.

I was one of the 48 Auxiliarists who attended the recent Inspirational seminar on Ethics: Character and Team Building. Men/ Women of character who need to make hard/difficult decisions should be Selfless, have Moral Courage and Integrity. On being a 'great' leader, we should encompass Integrity, Commitment, Responsibility, Lead by Example, be Decisive, be Dependable, and stand tall with Pride. Thank you General Krulak, USMC Retired and former Commandant of the USMC, and COMO Dick Miller, Harry Jacobs (RCO LA-S/e/), Victoria Jacobs, Past RCO, for presenting this seminar at the request of Commodore Bob Sterzenbach.

Remember our Veterans, and especially on Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 11th. Freedom isn't free. It is the Veteran who sacrificed in order to secure the bedrock character and principles of America.

And a Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. Lets help those who are less fortunate than we are and needing our help.

Don't forget the 2008 Conference. You'll find more information elsewhere in this newsletter. This is one of our outstanding events. Plan on attending and join the camaraderie with your Auxiliary-family members.

Semper Paratus,
Richard Kolligian,
RCO-LAN

See Page 11 for Hotel Room Reservation Information For District 2008 Conference

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The Elegant Eleventh Southern Region

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday - January 4, 5 and 6, 2008

MEMBER INFORMATION (ONE MEMBER PER FORM) **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Member's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Member #: _____ Dist: ____ Div: ____ Flo: ____ Your 2007 Office: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ___ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____ ☐ I joined in 2007, I'm a New Member

NON-MEMBER SPOUSE'S INFORMATION (If Your Spouse is a Member Please Fill Out a Separate Form)

Spouses Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

NON-MEMBER GUEST'S INFORMATION (If Your Guest is a Member Please Fill Out a Separate Form)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

PLEASE NOTE: EVERYONE MUST REGISTER - For New Members who joined during 2007 the Registration Fee is waived.

	Cost	No. Attending	Amount
Early Bird Discount: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DEC. 01, 2007	$20.00 ea.		
Registration Fee: (Must be postmarked by Dec. 01 thru Dec. 20, 07)	$35.00 ea.		
Saturday Luncheon: (Chicken Caesar Salad)	$20.00 ea.		
Saturday Commodore's Banquet: (see meal selection below)	$35.00 ea.		
2007 New Member (Must be postmarked by December 20, 2007)	-$20.00		

Make your check payable to: USCG AUX BOARD CONFERENCE * Total Amount: $ _____

* or pay with your Credit Card (no debit cards) The three digit security code from back of card: _____

☐ VISA ☐ MC Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name as it is on Card: _____ Signature: _____

COMMODORE'S BANQUET ENTRÉE SELECTION:

☐ New York Steak No. ____ ☐ Baked Salmon No. ____ ☐ Vegetable Wellington No. ____

Do you have food allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If, yes what? _____

Full Payment Must Accompany Your Registration Form

All Faxed Registration Forms Must Contain Your Credit Card Payment Information

FAXED OR MAILED PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2007

AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2007 YOU MUST REGISTER ON-LINE OR ON-SITE BEGINING JANUARY 03 thru 06, 2008

ON-SITE REGISTRATION $40.00 ON-SITE AWARDS LUNCHEON $25.00 - ON-SITE COMMODORE'S BANQUET $40.00

If you need additional information. Email: drhamy@uscgauxconf.us or crhamy@uscgauxconf.us

Mail This Registration Form With Your Payment to: Dolly Rhamy, Conference Pre-Registration

4628 Mayor Drive • Torrance, CA 90505-4451 • (310)378-0805 • or fax it to: (310) 378-2048

Conf. Registration Begins on October 15, 2007 - Use this Form or go online to: www.d11s.org and use PayPal

3 was to register for a hotel room: ① call the Orange County Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel at: 714-540-7000;

② on the line go to: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/snacmhh_cga/index.jhtml, Or

③ use the custom mail in hotel registration form downloadable from: www.d11s.org

Hilton

Orange County/Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel and Conference Facility

3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California, 92626

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ORANGE COUNTY COSTA MESA HILTON
HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM

HOTEL GUEST INFORMATION — **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ___ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

Spouses Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

ADITIONAL GUEST'S INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

RESERVATION INFORMATION — **GROUP/CONVENTION CODE: "CGA"**

ROOM RATE: $89.00 Per Night (single or double occupancy)

Arrival Date: _____ ☐ Two Beds ☐ King

Departure Date: _____ This Hotel is 100% Non-Smoking

PAYMENT INFORMATION (CHECK ONE)

☐ Enclosed is My Check Payable to the "Hilton Hotel Orange County/Costa Mesa.
I have included "US Coast Guard Aux. Conference 2008" in the check's memo area.

☐ I prefer to use my Credit Card for Payment:

Credit Card Information — Three digit security code from back of card: _____

☐ ☐ Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name as it is on Card: _____ Signature: _____

FREE Self-Park, including in/out privileges, with your paid Conference Registration • a $16.00 value

Hotel Reservations Begin on October 15, 2007 • Make Your Room Reservation by December 10, 2007

Full Payment Must Accompany Your Reservation Form

Faxed Reservation Forms Must Contain Your Credit Card Payment Information

FAXED OR MAILED REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POST MARKED BY: DECEMBER 10, 2007

Three easy ways to make your hotel reservation (Reference Group/Convention Code "CGA":

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② Go on line to: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/snacmhh_cga/index.jhtml, or

③ Use this Hotel Reservation Form, downloadable at www.d11s.org, to Mail or Fax, Including Your Payment to:

The Orange County Costa Mesa Hilton Reservations Desk • 3050 Bristol Street • Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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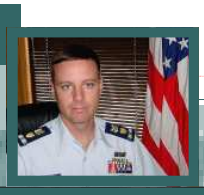

CWO CHRIS RULEMAN

Facility papers are starting to come in for next year and I want to remind everyone that we are requiring some additional paperwork this year. I need you to include a copy of your registration or documentation with your offer for use. Now is a good time to review your list of additional operators and make sure it is up to date. Remember that you do not need to list someone to operate the facility with you onboard but they must be listed if you want them to be able to request orders for your facility.

The TCT class cycle has ended for the year. If you missed this year and are going to be REYR then start making plans to attend next year. We anticipate classes will start in February 08.

I appreciate everyone who took part in their local Operational Training Exercises (OPTREX) this past year. You helped ensure that we could handle the increased workload imposed by the new three year cycle. If you are one of the few who missed out, you still have some time left to get your check ride in before the new year.

Lastly, Pat Swope has asked that I remind you that we are accepting new, unwrapped, toys in the office until December 12. The toys are donated each year to local CG families.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

CWO Chris Ruleman