

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

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Judy Haugh, FC

2004 Patrol Schedule

The 2004 patrol schedule has been published and **Ralph Reed**, FSO-OP, is working on the crew and coxswain assignments. We have been assigned 34 patrols, commencing on 2 May through 11 October. When you get the schedule from Ralph, please review it carefully for your assigned patrols. If you have a scheduling conflict, let Ralph know as soon as possible so he can make the necessary adjustments.

Also, all crew and coxswains should have submitted the Personnel Security Questionnaire to the Director of Auxiliary in order to be eligible for operations this year. If you neglected to do so, and you want to continue in the operations program, you must submit the questionnaire immediately.

Security Check Update

At the last meeting, Janet Rembe, the Division's appointed Fingerprint Specialist, discussed the latest information on the security clearance requirements. She noted that at this time, only those members who are participating in the BCQ program this Spring and newly enrolled members will be required to submit the necessary forms. Because the forms and requirements are constantly changing, it is best that rest of us hold off on submitting any forms until the Director's office requests them. We have been told that Division 1 is the fourth group scheduled to submit the forms. Let's let the other groups work out the bugs so we don't have to redo our efforts. I would suggest, however, that you review the SF-86 form and begin compiling the information now. The form is available on the website, and the

FC will have copies available at each meeting.

So what's it like to be a radio watchstander?

Walt Discenza found out when he met with **Len Klaver** on 23 March to discuss the BCQ program. Len stands watch at Station Annapolis every Tuesday (and has done so for many years). The day was supposed to be a quiet one, but it turned out quite differently. This is what happened, in Walt's own words.

"I met with Len at Station Annapolis on Tuesday (he stands watch on Tuesdays from 0800 until 1630). All the Coxswains were out on the 41 for training with staff from Sector Baltimore, so it was expected to be a quiet time. Instead it turned out to be an exciting visit and great learning experience. Ten minutes into our get together, an incident occurred on the Severn (yellow kayak spotted floating down the river empty) that involved the USCG, DNR, local fire/police and US Naval Academy. The 41 immediately returned to the station and dropped off two coxswains to man the 21. A short time after the 21 left, they called in on the phone to report they had blown the port engine. Section Baltimore was involved, since that is where the SMC (Search Management Coordinator – new TLM learned during the incident) was located. About every 15 minutes, Sector Baltimore was broadcasting an urgent message to all boaters in the vicinity of the Severn River to be on the lookout for a potential person in the water and if anything floating in the water was observed to immediately contact the US Coast Guard on

CH 16 and to render assistance in any way they could.

DNR was the first on the scene and recovered the kayak. Once DNR had retrieved the kayak, there were several communications relayed through Len over landlines from SMC regarding trying to determine if there were any signs or evidence that there had been a POB (person on board – second TLM for the day). Via a landline through Len, the SMC also relayed a search pattern he wanted the 21 to conduct based on the currents in the area. In parallel with this activity were the engineering efforts among the crew on the 21, the engineers at Station Annapolis and engineers at Sector Baltimore related to the blown engine. Other members of the engineering team at Station Annapolis were directed to start preparing to haul the boat and pull the engine when the 21 returned to the station.

In the meantime, the cook, who had prepared lunch for the station crew and guests, kept checking with Len on the ETA of the 41. When the 41 finally docked, Len delivered the phone messages to team and then gave a quick debrief to the Commander and senior officer from Sector Baltimore. This is when I left. By the way, there was a truck delivery during the incident that needed a signature verifying receipt of goods.

I was really impressed with how Len handled the three radios, multiple phone lines, intercom, etc. to coordinate, locate and relay information while maintaining a running documentation trail. It was really a neat experience and I would highly recommend that any one who has not seen the team in action, spend some time at Station Annapolis during an expected busy time!"

BRAVO ZULU, LEN!!!

Member News

As many of you know, Richard Greenbank passed away on 9 March from cancer. A memorial service will be held on 12 April at Hardesty Funeral Home, 12 Ridgely Avenue at 1900. Mrs. Greenbank has extended a special invitation to all FL 16 members to attend.

Currency Maintenance Exercises

The annual currency maintenance exercises will be held on 15 May at **Howard and Pat Brooks'** residence commencing at 1000. It will be followed by a potluck BBQ and all are welcome to attend (including guests). If you want to attend and haven't signed up yet for the potluck lunch, please notify Pat Brooks at phbrooks@aol.com.

Spring Sailboat Show in Annapolis

We still need volunteers to help man the PA booth at J/Ports Marina on 15-16 May for the following shifts: 15 May - 0900-1300 and 1300-1700; 16 May – 0930-1330 and 1330-1730. Contact Judy Haugh if you can help out.

National Safe Boating Week

FL 16 will have a PA booth at Fawcetts and a CME station at Sandy Point State Park on 22-23 May. During the week (Monday-Friday), we will visit some elementary schools in the Annapolis (and Columbia) areas to present a 20-30 minute "class" on safe boating practices. More volunteers are needed for these events.

CG Auxiliary Operational Excellence Program

The CG Auxiliary Operational Excellence Program was established to allow Auxiliary members currently certified in the boat crew

program to earn an Award of Operational Excellence. Here is a challenging opportunity to show your proficiency and skills through the completion of a series of evaluated scenarios. Additional information will be available at our next meeting.

Auxiliary Operation of the 27' UTL-T Prototype: Curtis Bay

Auxiliary Coxswains in Division 1 now have the opportunity to become qualified to operate the UTL-T vessels that will be used for homeland security and MARSEC patrols only. If you are interested, please pick up a copy of the notice from the FC at the next meeting.

Other News

The Emergency Action Plan (formerly known as the Disaster Emergency Plan of Action) is undergoing major changes and **Art Murray**, our Patriot Readiness Coordinator, is making the revisions. Once it has been approved by the VCO, copies will be distributed to all members.

A gate has been installed at the entrance to Sandy Point State Park. In order to enter the park without paying, when you are there to perform CMEs, call the DNR at 410-974-2149 to obtain the gate code. Remember, you must be in uniform to be able to enter the park without paying.

A mandatory PE workshop for all instructors will be held on 24 April at 0900 at Barry Hall, Curtis Bay. **Anita Murray**, SO-PE, will present the workshop.

The Chesapeake Bay Swim will be held on 13 June and the Division Ops officer is looking for 25 operational facilities to patrol that day.

And the Blue Angels Fly-over is scheduled for 25-26 May and 10-12 operational

facilities will be needed for patrol for that event.

Awards

Although we are just coming out of the winter months and we haven't been that active yet, many of our members are continuing to earn awards. Last month, **Tracy Kramer** received the Commandant Letter of Commendation for her service to the Coast Guard after 9/11; **Howard Brooks** received his second and third Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Awards; and **Sue Crandall** received her second Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Award. And after many months of working with the Director's office, the following members finally received their Auxiliary Membership Service Awards:

Sue Crandall – 5 years

Jim Haugh – 10 years

Judy Haugh – 10 years

Jim Welday – 10 years

Howard Brooks – 15 years

Upcoming Events in April

10 April – TCT Class at Curtis Bay

14 April – Northern Area Members' Dinner at the Naval Academy's Officers' Club

15 April – Flotilla 16 Meeting

24 April – Mandatory PE Workshop

Uniform Items

Keep in mind that we have used uniform clothing and accessories that are available to any one in our flotilla at NO CHARGE. These items are stored in the locker at Station Annapolis and **Al Sushko**, FSO-MA, knows the combination. If you are looking for something specific, please see Al before or after each meeting.

**2004 Officers/Staff/Special Appointments/
Committees**

Officers/Staff:

Judy Haugh, FC
Jim Welday, VFC
Ed Martin, IPFC
Tim Pohmer, FSO-AN
Tracy Kramer, FSO-CC
Jim Welday, FSO-CM
Walt Discenza, FSO-CS
Don Llewellyn, FSO-FN
Kathy Heron, FSO-IS
Al Sushko, FSO-MA
Keegan Mills, FSO-MS
Ed Martin, FSO-MT
Russ Dreyfus, FSO-MV
Ralph Reed, FSO-OP
Jane Shey, FSO-PA
Judy Haugh, FSO-PB
Carl Smith, FSO-PE
Anita Murray, FSO-PS
Jim Haugh, FSO-SR
Ned Schreier, FSO-VE

Member Training Proctor:

Jim Haugh, 443-259-0942

Patriot Readiness Coordinator:

Art Murray

BCO Mentors:

Art Murray	Len Klaver
Jim Welday	Ed Martin
Howard Brooks	

Audit Committee:

Howard Brooks	Jane Shey
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National Safe Boating Week Committee:

Judy Haugh	Jane Shey
Ralph Reed	Ed Martin
Howard Brooks	

Social Committee:

Patricia Brooks	Patrick Hipp
Carol Anderson	Patrick Ellis

Flotilla Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, commencing at 1930, at Station Annapolis (uniform is Tropical Blue Long or Auxiliary Blazer)

Contributions to the Newsletter

Articles, news clips, and photos are welcome for incorporation into the monthly newsletter. Please send to Judy Haugh, FC (and FSO-PB), by the last day of each month.