

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

5 January 2004
Judy Haugh, FC

2003 Change of Watch

Our Change of Watch was held on 14 December at the Fleet Reserve Club and it was a great success! Chief Cole and his wife were able to join us this year as well as the outgoing Division 1 Captain, Janet Rembe, and her husband, Ray. I am very pleased to announce that the winner of the Auxiliariest of the Year Award for 2003 was **Ed Martin** for his outstanding accomplishments in vessel exams, public affairs, operations, member training and public education. **Jane Shey** was awarded the Carl Tross Memorial Award for her outstanding contributions to the Flotilla as a new member. **Walt Discenza** received the Certificate of Achievement for the Seamanship Specialty Course. Chief Cole presented **Al Sushko** and **Len Klaver** with a Letter of Commendation for their dedication and many years of service to Station Annapolis before 9/11. **Jim Welday** and **Sue Crandall** also received Letters of Commendation for their support to Station Annapolis after 9/11. Flotilla 16 is very lucky to have such outstanding and truly dedicated members. Please join me in congratulating them all for a job well done!

New Members

Carol and Jason Anderson were sworn in during the Change of Watch ceremony on 14 December. Welcome, Carol and Jason!

Security Questionnaire – IMPORTANT!

In mid December, you should have received a Personnel Security Questionnaire from the Director of Auxiliary. This questionnaire

MUST be completed and returned to the Director's office by 15 January 2004 – no exceptions. If you fail to complete the form and return it by the deadline, you will be automatically terminated or retired from the Auxiliary. Please take the time to complete the form and return it.

Code Orange – Condition MARSEC II

We continue to be under Condition MARSEC II as a result of the security upgrade to High Level. It is important that everyone is aware of the Auxiliary's emergency plan should an event happen. For your information, the latest revision of Annexes B, C-1 and C-2 is dated September 2003. Please ensure that your copy of the emergency plan is updated accordingly.

What's in Store for 2004?

Teach more public education classes, perform more vessel exams, improve on our public affairs appearances, perform more safety, regatta, and HARPATS patrols, attend more Auxiliary functions, and add one more fourth cornerstone activity. We had a very busy year in 2003 and we had many accomplishments, but I believe we can do better in 2004. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be meeting with the FSOs to review their plans and goals for the year. With the many new members we have gained over the past few years, we need to concentrate on getting them involved so that the "wealth" of work can be shared by all.

Member News

It is with deep sadness to report that one of our long-time members, **Richard Greenbank**, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. At his request, I signed the papers for his retirement from the Auxiliary. Dick (as he is known by his friends) is a quiet and gentle man who always has a kind word and warm smile for everyone. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sue Crandall had eye surgery just before Christmas and unfortunately, she's still having difficulty with her eyesight. Hopefully her next doctor's visit will provide some encouraging news. Until her eyesight improves, we wish her a speedy recovery.

And **Peggy Ford** is scheduled to have eye surgery on 14 January. We hope it goes well and that Peggy is fully recovered as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Events

- 15 January – Flotilla 16 Meeting
- 17 January – Division 1 Change of Watch at M.I.T.A.G.S.
- 6-8 February – Winter District Conference at Ocean City, MD

Help Wanted

Interested in getting more involved in the Flotilla? We have openings for assistants to each of the FSO positions. Also, we need someone to put together a website for FL 16. This is another means of reaching out to the boating public and another means for recruiting new members. If you are interested in pursuing this challenge, please notify the FC.

Uniform Items

We continue to receive gently used uniform shirts, trousers, 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

- Judy Haugh, FC
 - Jim Welday, VFC
 - Ed Martin, IPFC
 - Tim Pohmer, FSO-AN
 - Tracy Kramer, FSO-CC
 - 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
 - Sue Crandall, FSO-VE
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Flotilla Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, commencing at 1930, at Station Annapolis (Uniform is tropical blue long)

The next meeting is scheduled for 15 January.

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.