

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

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2005 Change of Watch

Each year, the Change of Watch signifies the ending of a busy year for many flotilla members, and the beginning of a brief period in time when one can reflect on his or her accomplishments, and take some time off to enjoy the holidays. The Change of Watch is also a time when new leadership is sworn in for the upcoming year, and when the outstanding members are recognized for their hard work throughout the year.

Our 2005 Change of Watch was held on 4 December at the Fleet Reserve Club, a beautiful location for such a special event. Our guests included the outgoing Division 1 Captain, Cindy Sadler, and her guest, Bob Munyan, Division Information Services Officer, and Janet and Ray Rembe. Don Llewellyn, outgoing FC, recognized his 2005 FSOs and then presented the most coveted flotilla award – the Auxiliarist of the Year Award. The recipient of the award for 2005 was Jim Welday.



Don also gave special recognition to Art Murray and Walt Discenza who volunteered with FEMA to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in the gulf coast region. Both received the Human Services award.



During the ceremony, Art and Walt were asked to share their experiences with us. It touched all of us to hear “another side” to the many stories that we read about in the newspapers or watched on TV.

And of course, the most significant part of the Change of Watch was the swearing in of Walt Discenza, FC, and Keegan Mills, FVC. Walt then introduced his staff for 2006 and those present were sworn in.



Please join me in congratulating Walt and Keegan as our newly elected officers, and Jim, Art and Walt for a job well done in 2005!

Did you know...

That you, too, could be eligible for a flotilla award? Besides the Auxiliariist of the Year Award, FL-16 has two additional awards: the Carl Tross Memorial Award and the George M. Fox Award. The Carl Tross award is for a new member who has been in the flotilla for less than two years, and who has made a major contribution towards personal goals as well the flotilla goals.

The George Fox award is a little more difficult to achieve. One must be active in all cornerstones (public education, vessel exams, and operations) for three consecutive years to be eligible for this award.

If you're wondering how you can become more active this year, think about these awards. They might give you that extra nudge you need.

Member News

As many of you know, Ed Martin has been in Johns Hopkins Hospital since before the holidays because of an inflammation of the pancreas. His wife, Kathy, has been keeping Anita Murray updated on his condition on a daily basis, and as of the last report, he seems to be doing better. But we are told that it could be three to four months before he's up and about. Please continue to keep Ed in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. If you wish to send him a card or note, please send it to his home at 236 C Street, Pasadena, MD 21122.

On a happier note, we have three new members who joined our flotilla in December. Please welcome Rod Hargraves, Bobby Jones and Chester King!

What's in Store for 2006?

At a Team Leadership meeting last week, the FSOs discussed their goals for 2006. Some of the goals include performing more

safety and regatta patrols, teaching more public education classes, training more members as instructors, vessel examiners, and program visitors, and recruiting and retaining more members. Yes, these are standard goals that are set every year, but with your help we can make this an exceptional year! Plan on becoming qualified in a new program. The FSOs are eager to get you involved, and are willing to work with you to get you qualified in their program.

Upcoming Events

19 January – Flotilla 16 Meeting
21-29 January – Baltimore Boat Show (Baltimore Convention Center)
10-12 February – Winter District Conference (Portsmouth, VA)

Help Wanted

Interested in getting more involved in the Flotilla? We have openings for assistants to each of the FSO positions. If you are interested in pursuing this challenge, please notify the FC.

Uniform Items

We have 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. Please see Al Sushko, FSO-MA, before or after each meeting.

2006 Officers/Staff

Walt Discenza, Flotilla Commander
Keegan Mills, Flotilla Vice Commander
Don Llewellyn, Immediate Past FC
Jeff Conopask, Aids to Navigation
Len Klaver, Communications
Walt Discenza, Web Communications
Lewis Hipp, Finance

Ned Schreier, Information Services
Al Sushko, Materials
Larry Mawn, Marine Safety
Art Murray, Member Training
Jane Shey/Rod Hargraves, Program Visitor
Jim Welday, Operations
Judy Haugh, Public Affairs
Judy Haugh, Publications
Carl Smith, Public Education
Anita Murray, Personnel Services
Peggy Ford, Secretary/Records
Ed Martin/Howard Brooks, Vessel Exams

Special Appointments

BCQ Mentors-Art Murray, Ed Martin, Jim
Welday, Walt Discenza
Member Training Proctor-Howard Brooks
Fingerprint/Security Specialist-Len Klaver

Flotilla Meetings

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

**The next meeting is scheduled for 19
January.**

Contributions to the Newsletter

Articles, news clips, and photos are welcome for
incorporation into the monthly newsletter.
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