

Fifth Southern District, Annapolis FL 16 Newsletter
HELLO ALL STATIONS

25 March 2006
Judy Haugh, FC

It's Time to Get Ready for the Boating Season

It's only March, but the boating season will soon be upon us. Mandatory requirements this year include the usual Operations Workshop, TCT class, Mentor Workshop and annual currency maintenance exercises. Two Operations workshops have been offered thus far: the first took place in November 2005, and the second was offered at the Northern Area Workshop on 25 February. If you were not able to attend either workshop, you have one more opportunity. Division 1 will offer the workshop the morning of 8 April at Berry Hall, Curtis Bay. The Mentor Workshop will also be held on 8 April, in the afternoon.

For those members who need to take the TCT class before 31 December, one is being offered on 15 April at Berry Hall.

And the annual currency maintenance exercises will be held on 3 June at Howard and Pat Brooks' residence. It will be followed by a potluck BBQ and all are welcome to come (including guests). A flyer will be distributed with the details.

Security Check Update

We are now in the final stages for submitting the security clearance forms to the Director's Office (DIRAUX). The deadline for Operational Support (OS) members to submit the forms is 1 August and the deadline for Direct Operational (DO) members to submit their SF-86 forms is 1 September. If you miss the deadline, consider yourself disenrolled by DIRAUX.

Len Klaver has the authority to help process these forms, so if you have any questions, please contact him.

FC Gives Presentation at the Citizen Corps READY Volunteer Rally in Annapolis

Walt Discenza, FC, gave an outstanding presentation on his activities helping FEMA last Fall in the Gulf coast region and on the Coast Guard Auxiliary's activities to representatives of the Citizen Corps Volunteer organizations on 4 March at Anne Arundel Community College.



Walt's presentation on the Coast Guard Auxiliary gave the audience a very good snapshot of who we are and what we do.

Judy Haugh, with assistance from Al Stringer of Division 1, manned a small safe boating booth during the event.

Flotilla Activities

Flotilla 16 participated in another public affairs event in March. Jane Shey and Judy Haugh helped man a safe boating booth at

the annual Singles on Sailboats Training Workshop at Broadneck High School on 11 April.



This was a well-attended event with over 300 boaters participating in the one day workshop.

Plans are underway for National Safe Boating Week which is scheduled for 20-27 May. Flotilla 16 will have a safe boating booth at the Annapolis (Westfield) Mall and a courtesy marine exam station at Mears Marina on 20 May. Help will be needed for both events. Details are forthcoming. Please join us in making this year's National Safe Boating Week a true safe boating campaign!

Member News

Ed Martin's health continues to improve, and he would love to hear from folks. His phone number is 410-519-0642.

We also learned that Jim Welday has been down with pneumonia, and he will be out of pocket for a few weeks.

We wish both Ed and Jim a speedy recovery.

Training Opportunities

The Spring Boat Crew Qualification (BCQ) Program will commence on 3 April at the Providence Center in Arnold. Members

who wish to become crew or coxswain qualified are encouraged to pre-register prior to 27 March through our Web Site.

Other News

Our calling tree needs to be updated and submitted to Division by 1 May. Please review your contact information listed in the flotilla roster located on the Members Deck portion of our Web Site, and submit any corrections to the FC as soon as possible.

The Sector Baltimore Members' Dinner will be held on 28 April at the Yellowfin Steak and Fish House in Edgewater commencing at 1800. Cost will be \$37-\$38 per person. All members are invited to attend.

Here's an easy way to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. CGAuxA has instituted among its membership and supporters an easy way to donate to this Not-For-Profit Association. Every day people use search engines on the Internet to find information. Yahoo and GoodSearch.Com have teamed up to provide Not-For-Profit's a way to get donations that don't cost the user a dime. The method is simple. Go to www.Goodsearch.Com, select the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (St. Louis, MO) as the Charity and Search for your information. Each time someone searches, the Association earns approximately a penny. (And those pennies do add up!)

Upcoming Events

- 25 March – Navy Crew Races on the Severn
 - 3 April – BCQ Classroom Sessions
 - 15 April – Navy Crew Races
 - 20 April – Flotilla 16 Meeting
 - 22 April – Navy Crew Races
 - 28 April – Sector Baltimore Members' Dinner
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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.

FOR SALE -- MSD900 immersion work suit; never used; Size Large; asking \$750; contact Jim Haugh at sophistic@comcast.net or Judy Haugh at judyhaugh@comcast.net.

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, FSO-PB, by the last day of each month.

2006 Officers and 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
Jim Welday, Operations
Judy Haugh, Public Affairs
Judy Haugh, Publications
Carl Smith, Public Education
Anita Murray, Personnel Services
Jane Shey/Ron Hargraves, Program Visitor
Peggy Ford, Secretary/Records
Vacant, Vessel Exams

Special Appointments:

BCO Mentors:

Art Murray	Walt Discenza
Anita Murray	Howard Brooks
Jim Welday	Ed Martin

Member Training Proctor: Howard Brooks

Fingerprint/Security Specialist: Len Klaver

Flotilla Meetings