



The Allerton Point

Commander's Message

Point Allerton Flotilla

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Greetings Shipmates!

It is an honor to be elected to serve as the next commander of Flotilla 12-3. I look forward to working with all of you to make this another successful year. I want to congratulate and thank Craig Hall for his leadership during the past two years. He will be an asset to our flotilla as he continues to serve as our division vice commander alongside Mitch Paine, DCDR also of our flotilla.

We will face many challenges in the coming year, both known and unknown. As part of Team Coast Guard, we continue to serve our community and help protect our nation's ports and waterways. Together we embrace the challenges that lie ahead and strive to be the best that we can be.

In closing, I'd like to echo our now IPFC words and carry them forward.

This is your flotilla. Thanks for all that you do.

v/r

Walter David Scott

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Flotilla Commander 12-3
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
1st District, Northern Region

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First Quarter Meetings Point Allerton Station at 1930

Thursday 7 February
Thursday 7 March

Uniform of the day is:
Tropical Blue

Staff officers are reminded to send in reports as soon as possible or bring to the meeting.

Members and guests welcome!

Keep your e-mail address updated!

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2013 Officers

Elected Officers

Walter David Scott, Flotilla Commander FC

Patrick J. Griffin, Flotilla Vice Commander VFC

Craig C. Hall, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander IPFC

Staff Officers

FSO-NS Aid to Navigation, Jay Prior

FSO-CM Communications, David E. Clinton

FSO-CS Communications Services, Simon Collinge

FSO-FN Finance, Mary Morse

FSO-IS Information Services, Walter David Scott

FSO-MA Materials, Kelly Heger

FSO-MT Member Training, Lisa Milone

FSO-OP Operations, Patrick J. Griffin

FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Angel Montanez

FSO-PV Marine Dealer, Visitor Kevin Heger

FSO-PA Public Affairs, Imants Ansbergs

FSO-PB Publications, James Gay

FSO-PE Public Education, Paul Milone

FSO-HR Personnel Services, Virginia Gray

FSO-SR Secretary/Records, Vacant

FSO-VE Vessel Examinations, David K. Clinton

Important Reminder: Maintain Your Currency

All members should be completing the 7029 and or 7030 reports on a monthly basis and submitting to Walter David Scott, FSO-IS. Any and all activities you do, including attendance at meetings, training, and missions must be reported. One important reason why, is to demonstrate the achievements of the flotilla. These forms are on the national website at the USCGAUX Forms Listing <http://forms.cgaux.org/forms.html>. The 7029 is now even easier to complete using an online version. Visit the following link to use the form <http://webforms.cgaux.org/forms/7029/>.

Publishing Information

This is the newsletter of the flotilla. We hope this is an enjoyable resource to the residents of the community and continue to look forward to your comments and contributions to its future issues.

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The Allerton Point welcomes submission of material, including upcoming events, meetings, and community issues.

Materials should be mailed to the Editor, in care of James Gay via email at james8274@yahoo.com

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Change of Watch for Flotilla 12-3

All members, family and friends are cordially invited to the ceremonial transfer of leadership and brunch.

This is the change in elected flotilla leadership as well as a thank you to those staff officers who served in 2012. The announcement of 2013 staff officers will be made as well as the presentation of the annual James Zupkofska Flotilla 12-3 award.

*Where: Connolly Room
Weymouth Elks
Washington Street (RT 53) Weymouth Mass.*

*When: Sunday 20 January 2013
0900-1200*

*Cost: \$15.00 per person (children three and under are free)
This year's catering provided by Hart Brother's of Rockland, Mass.*

Uniform of the Day is Tropical Blue.

Please RSVP by 2 January 2013 to: hwmessmer@comcast.net whether you will attend and the number of your guests so we can plan accordingly.

*Please make checks payable to "Flotilla 12-3"
and kindly mail in advance to:
Herm Messmer 2 Stagecoach Road Hingham MA 02043.*

Immediate Past Flotilla Commander's Message

Greetings Shipmates:

This is my first message as your immediate past flotilla commander (IPFC.)



Unlike my messages to you as your FC, my message today is for you to take stock of your role, contribution and future in “our flotilla.” I use quotation around “our flotilla” because I believe the flotilla is the foundation of the Auxiliary. We all begin at the flotilla level. Some members find an activity and mission area that fits an existing skill set, other develop skills, some serve in staff roles, while some others elected leadership. However, all of us belong to “our flotilla.’ We always will.

During my two years as your FC I talked about being member-centric. Now is the time to be even more focused on what we as members can accomplish and achieve. In the last two years alone we have added many new members. Some recruited, some seeking the Auxiliary out and some transferring to “our flotilla.” We have accomplished some amazing things. Many tangible, but some intangible. As I look at what changed just over the last two years I saw regular pre-meeting workshops, meetings more focused on business at hand, new staff officers and more members involved in multiple mission areas. We have more to improve upon, but that is not only the challenge of the new bridge, but for the members.

As you will read in the division newsletter, the *South Shore Sentinel*, now the responsibility of Jim Gay, SO-PB, a members of our flotilla, I have set goals for myself. As your vice division commander and a district staff officer I have much to do, but hope to continue as active an involvement as I can in “our flotilla.”

Semper Paratus.

Very respectfully.

Craig C. Hall

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Immediate Past Flotilla Commander

2013 Safe Boating Resources Available March 1, 2013

The National Safe Boating Council is working hard with campaign partners to once again offer you free resources including brochures, stickers, posters, and DVDs for 2013. The free resources will be available at www.BoatingOrders.com beginning March 1, 2013.

In the meantime, please visit www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com for other valuable resources, such as Public Service Announcements, information on life jackets, and free downloadable graphics.

Flying Santa A Coast Guard Tradition

Flying Santa is a tradition that was started by maritime author and historian Edward Row Snow where he brought presents to Coast Guard men stationed at remote locations like light ships and light houses throughout New England. The tradition continued this year, although delayed a week because of inclement weather, to Station Point Allerton, Hull, Mass.

The men and women of Station Point Allerton welcomed Santa Claus on Saturday 15 December. Plans are being made to partner with the Hull Life-Saving Museum next year on special holiday activities and new traditions involving the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

- *Imansts Ansbergs, FSO-PA*

Change of Watch: Swap-Box

There will be a “swap-box” table at the flotilla’s Change of Watch ceremony. If you have uniform items you no longer use or need, please consider sharing those at the “swap-box” so others can put those items to use.

December Flotilla Business Meeting in Pictures



2013 New England Boat Show

The New England Boat Show is 16-24 February 2013 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, in South Boston, Mass. North American Expositions Company, organizers of the boat show, has donated space on the main floor for the use of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Division 5 and Sector Boston will have a safe boating booth at the show as well as a public affairs booth.

The primary purpose, in addition to answering questions and handing out safe boating literature, is to promote public education classes. Division 5 will post a list of all public education classes, taken from the district website and available at the booth. Boaters interested in a public education class will be directed to a class near their hometown.

To sign up e-mail Jim Healy (see Aux Directory for contact information.) Include your desired day, time slot, flotilla number, and your phone number.

To guarantee free admission, please sign up before Monday 11 February.

The uniform this year will be ODUs.

- *Jim Healy, ASC Sector Boston*

Watch Schedule

Saturday, 16 February and Saturday, 23 February

1000-1300 (filled)

1300-1630

1630-2000

Sunday, 17 February and Sunday, 24 February

1100-1430

1430-1800

Monday, 18 February (Presidents' Day)

1000-1300

1300-1600

1600-1900

Tuesday, 19 February to Friday, 22 February

1300-1700

1700-2100

Flotilla Member Participates in Operation Urban Shield

The cries of the wounded passengers aboard a Boston Harbor ferry echoed from bow to stern. As one first responder approached a door, he was quickly pushed out of the way by a horde of scared survivors desperately trying to get off the doomed vessel. No, this not an account of an actual event but rather it was a real training exercise held on 3-4 November 2012 in Boston Harbor.

Operation Urban Shield consisted of an alphabet soup of law enforcement and public safety agencies, including the US Coast Guard. Using a Boston Harbor Cruises vessel docked at Spectacle Island, Coast Guard Auxiliaries, who were in a civilian capacity, played "civilians" during pre-planned emergency drills. In one scenario, the ship had been rocked by a severe grounding and the passengers had various degrees of injuries. The clock was ticking as emergency personnel treated the injured and helped calm the panic stricken. For one man the stress was too much, and on cue, he berated two state troopers who during a brief scuffle subdued the individual.

One member of Flotilla 12-3, PJ Griffin, VFC, participated in the exercise and stated. "It was a great learning opportunity for me and I learned some valuable tools that I can share with my fellow Auxiliaries."

-*Jim Gay, FSO-PB*

School Children Learn About “Coast Guard Boats”

On 1 November 2012 Craig Hall, FC for Flotilla 12-3, read the book “Coast Guard Boats” by Joanne Rudolph at Lawrence Pingree Primary School in Weymouth, Mass. The school is named after Pingree who was awarded a Purple Heart during World War II. The book was read to Ms. Poissets’s kindergarten class.

Joining Hall was Angel Montanez who showed the class a chart of Boston Harbor pointing out points of interest and quizzing the children about features of the chart. Imants Ansbergs also attended the event and provided visual documentation of the program.

The flotilla members also talked about life jacket safety using an Auxiliary jacket for the demonstration. The class was later rewarded with “Life Jacket Leader” stickers and boxes of crayons as well as certificates of participation.

“The best part for us was the hugs and thank you cards we received from the class. They were genuinely interested and enthusiastic about our attending their class.” said Hall.

Among the students listening attentively to the story was Tyler Hall, son of Craig, and whose birthday it was bringing together the story-time program and some fun learning about the Coast Guard. The class enjoyed the book, crayons and stickers as part of their learning hour.

-Jim Gay, FSO-PB



Photos by Imants Ansbergs, FSO-PA



First District Northern's Winter Training Conference: Are You Involved?

The district's training conference is 4-6 January. Registration is not required although some classes do require pre-registration. The conference has many classes, a mini-Exchange, information sessions and fellowship opportunities. There are activities for newer members as well as longer-standing members.

Information and lodging can be reviewed at <http://www.flotilla711.com/district1NR/>.

Get Ready: Grants Soon Available

The National Safe Boating Council will be announcing grant opportunities in early January.

Auxiliarist should begin thinking of innovative and creative ways to spread the safe boating message and "Wear It" campaign.

Visit the NSBC's website for information in early January at <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/index.php>.

Trivia Question:

What famous cutter was decommissioned after 64 years of service on February 8, 2007?

Answer:
CGC *Storis*

2013 Submission Due Dates for the Allerton Point

- Quarter 2 – due by Friday 22 March 2013
- Quarter 3 – due by Friday 21 June 2013
- Quarter 4 – due by Friday 20 September 2013

Important Reminder: Keep Your Marine-Held Radio Up-to-Date

You can bring your marine hand-held radio to any membership meeting for system check and updating to the programming. If you need an update immediately contact Dave E. Clinton, FSO-CM.

JOIN TODAY!

The flotilla welcomes anyone interested in joining the USCGAUX. Please complete the following and mail to the "Flotilla 12-3" C/O 19 Andrews Isle, Hingham, MA., 02043 Attention: FSO-HR. Membership information is confidential.

Please print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Auxiliary Joins CarePacks Project for US Troops

CarePacks is a non-profit organization—staffed and managed entirely by volunteers—that is dedicated to sending care packages to US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded in 2004, CarePacks' goal is to provide these soldiers with supplies to help improve their morale, mental health, and quality of life, and to remind soldiers that they are remembered by people “back home.”

“We were excited to have the Coast Guard Auxiliary at our 8th Annual Veterans Day Broadcast at the Weymouth Elks. Having men and women here in uniform and supporting our project is important to keeping the program going.” said Stephen Doyle of CarePacks.

On 9 November CarePacks and the Weymouth Elks teamed up with 100.7 WZLX to kick off Veterans Day Weekend. Members of Flotilla 12-3 who were in attendance included Craig Hall, FC, Ann Marie MacDonald and Imants Ansbergs.

For more information on CarePacks contact Stephen Doyle at 617-827-4997 or by e-mail at info@carepacks.org. Additional information can be found at www.carepacks.org.

- Imants Ansbergs, FSO-PA with photography.



Right: Stephen Doyle and Craig Hall discuss value of CarePacks for troops abroad.



Above: Craig Hall recognizes Coast Guard flag with CarePack organizers.



Right: Craig Hall and Stephen Doyle discuss the moving wall for fallen troops of the Iraq, Afghanistan and war on terror.



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First District Mission Statement

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a component of the United States Coast Guard which is a multi-mission maritime service and one of the Nation's five Armed Services. The mission of the Auxiliary is to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic interests - in the Nation's ports and waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security in a non-military role and non-direct law enforcement role.

<i>First District Northern Winter Conference</i>	<i>4-6 January</i>	<i>Marriott-Newport, Newport, Rhode Island</i>
<i>National Training/Meeting (N-Train)</i>	<i>24-27 January</i>	<i>Sheraton Lakeside Chalet, St Louis, Missouri</i>
<i>Division Board and Staff</i>	<i>Wednesday 16 January at 1930</i>	<i>Braintree Yacht Club, Braintree, Mass.</i>
<i>Flotilla Membership Meeting</i>	<i>Thursday 7 February at 1930</i>	<i>USCG STA PT Allerton Hull, Mass.</i>
<i>Division Board and Staff</i>	<i>Wednesday 20 February at 1930</i>	<i>Braintree Yacht Club, Braintree, Mass.</i>
<i>Flotilla Membership Meeting</i>	<i>Thursday 7 March at 1930</i>	<i>USCG STA PT Allerton Hull, Mass.</i>
<i>St. Patrick's Day Parade</i>	<i>Sunday 17 March</i>	<i>South Boston, Mass.</i>
<i>Division Board and Staff</i>	<i>Wednesday 20 March at 1930</i>	<i>Braintree Yacht Club, Braintree, Mass.</i>

For current events and comprehensive calendar visit our web site www.a0131203.uscgaux.info/.
If you know of activities that may be included in the calendar of events, please email the information to james8274@yahoo.com with "Flotilla Event" in the subject line.

