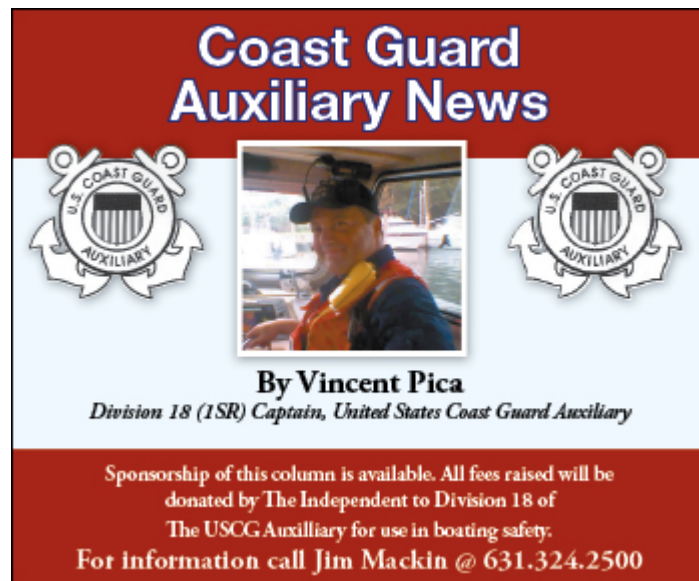





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T'was the night before Christmas
and all through each state, Loyal
Coast Guard families were
beginning to celebrate.

Just then from the White House
came an urgent call, a crisis had
arisen that would affect one and all.

In fact, the State Department was totally frantic,
Santa Claus had just landed in the Atlantic!

It was foggy as ever, Rudolph had made a blunder.



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Santa, sleigh and eight reindeer were all going under!

Although stockings were hung from the chimney with care, poor Santa could only gurgle, "I'll never get there."

Then what to his wondering eye should appear, a fleet of Coast Guard cutters with their rescue gear! The officers and crew were lively and quick, a lucky break for our good ole Saint Nick!

With a nod from the captain, they went right to work, rescuing all, including Rudolph, who felt like a jerk.

Poor Santa was soggy, but as anyone could see, he was grateful indeed to the USCG!

And we heard him exclaim as they towed him from sight, "If it weren't for my age and weight, I'd enlist tonight!"

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