

M A K I N G W A V E S

CG AUX NEWSLETTER/ FIRST DISTRICT, SOUTHERN REGION/DIVISION 25

Mark your calendars

1st Southern District Awards Conference will be held March 25-27, Mystic Marriot. Deadline for meals, March 21.

Tribute to George White

Incoming Division 25 Commander Dave Taylor salutes the man who preceded him. Page 2

COW Dinner, revisited

See if you are in one of our candid photos from the Division Change of Watch Dinner. Page 3-4

Help Wanted, Div. 25

Several staff officer positions are open in Division 25, and others need some assistance. Page 5

1st Southern District Awards Conference: Fun, educational

Anyone who has attended one of the 1st Southern District Conferences can attest to the value of this annual gathering.

The conference will hold close to a dozen workshops on such subjects as Navigation Systems, Member Training, Marine Science and Communication. It's a one-stop shop for exams on a variety of topics. And if you need uniform supplies, the store will be

open. Here's the catch: The venue

for the conference is the Mystic Marriot, but the rooms there are all booked. If you need a room, there's three other hotels available with special

rates for Auxiliarists. And, as always, advance registration is a must. This issue of *Over The Bow* has everything you need to save your seat. See you there!



Auxiliarists (l-r) Michael Headd (Flotilla 4), Marty Loughlin (Flotilla 4) and Tom Carlson (Flotilla 6), above, answered questions at the Connecticut Marine Trade Association Boat Show, Jan. 28-30 in Hartford. / Photo by Tom Carlson

Boat Show Kept Auxiliarists Busy

Auxiliarists from Division 25 were ready and able to answer questions from an interested public Jan 28-30 at the CMTA Boat Show in Hartford. They gave out information on boating safety, vessel exams, educational programs and of course, the many benefits of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. An additional photo can be found on page 2.

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George White's leadership

By **David A. Tyler**
Commander, Division 25

As we begin 2011, I wish to acknowledge a few of the many contributions made by our immediate past Division Commander, George C. White. In many ways he has helped us become a better Division. Under his leadership, we continued to train as a Division, bringing the flotillas closer together. His twice-per-year training days at White's Point produced a number of positive results. Each occasion allowed a members to meet and test with QE's. The hospitality, on-water training and fellowship made for an enjoyable and productive day for all, and the steak dinner at the end of the day was a great fellowship event.

Each year in February, George has held a retreat at his home. Here he brought as many of the division and flotilla leaders as possible together, to talk about the plans and goals for the next year, as well as the accomplishments of the year past. We, the leadership of Division 25, will continue this practice.

George has encouraged us to be more active with our parent station (New London), the Cutter Chinook, and the Cutter Eagle. The latest area of activities is Quarter Deck Watch for Cutter Eagle, as well as maintenance help during the recent main engine overhaul.

Division 25 still does augmentation missions for Station New London as well as Cutter Eagle, Cutter Chinook, SarDet, Manchester Recruiting Station, International Ice Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Many of these started while George was commander. We will continue to expand these areas as well as add new missions as the Coast Guard's needs change.

We wish to thank George for his leadership, his dedication and his service to Division 25, the USCG Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard.



• Members of Division 25 enjoy a quiet moment during the Hartford Boat Show. Auxiliarists from left to right: Michael Saxton (Flotilla 4), Tony Camilleri (Flotilla 6), Marty Loughlin (Flotilla 4) Bob Carlson (Flotilla 6). / Photo by Bob Carlson

2011 Public Education Classes

Gales Ferry

About Boating Safely classes held at the Gales Ferry Marina, 55 Chapman Lane. Classes held on Saturdays from 8:30-5:30. Cost: \$60, or \$85 if two students want to share material. Classes will be held **3/26, 4/9 and 4/23**

For more info call Steve Finegan @ (860) 464-1852

East Hartford

Course held at East Hartford Cultural Center, Chapman St.

2/26 (12-4 pm): How to read a nautical chart

Course held at The Aircraft Club. \$40 for members, \$50 nonmembers

3/12 & 3/13 (12-4:30 p.m.) About Boating Safely

Contact Brian Sullivan at fdicio2000@yahoo.com

Groton

All courses held at Fairview Odd Fellows Facility.

4/4 (6:30 pm-10:30 pm) Boating Safety & Seamanship \$40

4/11 (6:30 pm-10:30 pm) Boating Safety & Seamanship \$40

3/05 (9 am-4 pm) GPS For Mariners \$30

3/19 (9 am-4 pm) Basic Navigation \$30

Contact Bruce Buckley (860) 391-3364; uscgaux.mysticctt@yahoo.com

Middletown

Course held at Middletown Adult Education, 398 Main St.

5/7 (8 am-6 pm) About Boating Safely (REC 109) \$28 tuition, \$40 for textbook / *continued, Page 4*

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Change of Watch, Coast Guard Academy, 2011



An Academy cadet plays beautiful music before dinner.

Conversation, food, song

The Change of Watch Dinner Jan. 22 at the Coast Guard Academy featured, as usual, good food, good conversation, lovely music provided by Coast Guard Academy cadets and a chance for the Auxiliary members present to renew their commitment to their service. Both honored guests from the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the Auxiliary enjoyed the event. The dinner celebrated in particular the Division 25 team that won last year's Atlantic East Search and Rescue Competition, as well as the leadership and continued presence of immediate past Division Commander George White. / Photos by Maura Casey



Chris Sinnett, immediate past captain of the Barque Eagle



Cmdr. Beth Young makes a presentation to immediate past Division Cmdr. White.



Administration of the oath to Auxiliary staff officers.



Division Cmdr. Dave Tyler overshadowed at the podium by Betsy White

Cadets serenade the assembled with songs.



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Change of Watch, 2011



Top of page, triumphant NSAR team receive awards at dinner. Above, Division Auxiliary Vice Cmdr. Dave Marriott watches Auxiliary Cmdr. David Tyler. At right, George White receives Meritorious Service medal from Rear Admiral J. Scott Burhoe.

Photos by Robert R. Carlson



Who's Who in Div. 25

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A note from your humble scribe: Help!

I need one volunteer each from Flotillas 2, 3, 4 and 5 to send me news for Making Waves every month. Bob Carlson has already kept me in the loop on the activities of Flotilla 6, so that flotilla is off the hook. This task would take about 5 minutes from someone's day. Simply write the news from the Flotilla minutes,, and send it to my email,

caseynynt@gmail.com. Examples of news include welcoming new members, planned courses, and any activities that would be interesting to your Auxiliary colleagues. Please email me that you are willing to take on this task so I can look forward to your reports.

If I don't have any volunteers, news of the many triumphs of your

flotillas will go untold in song and legend.

Let's do this! Nothing about this task should be difficult. Here's the point: if you get me news of the flotilla, I can get it in Making Waves. We can make this a publication that is more interesting to members and potential members of the public who might be interested in joining the Auxiliary.

Public education classes start

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To enroll in Middletown course, contact: FSOpe_0142502@ftml.net, or call Middletown Adult Education at (860) 343-6044

Vernon

3/07 (6:30 pm - 9:00 pm) About Boating Safely, \$45 for 6 Monday sessions. To register or for more information contact: Dale Clayton at 860-205-9600

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Sign up for Cabela's event

Needed: A minimum of 2 to 4 people to preside over tables at the Spring Event at Cabela's in East Hartford March 5 and 6. The times will be 0900 to 1600 on Saturday and 1000 to 1600 on Sunday. Cabela's will supply a table so the Auxiliary can provide people with information about boating safety, vessel exams and joining the Auxiliary. Parking is free. Cabela's also has a nice cafeteria.

The following is a link to the Cabela's site. Look for "events" once you get into it for more detail:

www.cabelas.com/stores/store_info.jsp?pageName=023

Cabela's gave Division 25 a nice donation to the Change of Watch dinner, so it would be nice to support the store.



Sea Scouts seek Auxiliary

The Sea Scouts in Groton are planning a cruise this August around Long Island. The scouts asked if we can give them the names of appropriate individuals at each of the Auxiliary divisions who might be interested in linking up with the Scouts for socializing, towing evolutions, resupply, publicity, etc. If you are interested in getting involved with a great group of young people, please contact Bill Hancock, at the following email address: hancock25@comcast.net.

Help Wanted, Division 25

Division 25 needs members to either fill vacancies as staff officers or assist an existing staff officer. Here is a list:

⚓ Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program

or Program Visitor (SO-PV) – the main responsibility is to visit marinas and boating stores to provide them with information about boating safety, the Auxiliary, boating classes, vessel exams and any other programs that the Auxiliary is promoting.

As the Division Staff Officer, SO-PV, your job would be to promote and coordinate the Program Visitor at each of the Flotillas. As this program is one of the best means of promoting the Auxiliary to the boating public, the SO-PV is an important and valuable position. The member taking on the position of SO-PV does not have to be qualified as a program visitor, although the desire to become a visitor would be welcome. As an additional incentive, there are reimbursable orders available to the District Conference for the SO-PV (if you step up quickly).

The Division has established Assistant Staff Officer positions for a couple of the staff positions. As the name indicates the purpose is to assist the staff officer.

⚓ Assistant Staff Officer Secretary / Records (ASO-SR)

– Suzanne Smith is our SO-SR but because she is dealing with life changes, including a new baby, taking care of another family member and trying to maintain a job

or two, we would like to relieve her of some of the responsibility of this position. Suzanne will continue to take notes at the Division meetings. We need someone to prepare the minutes from Suzanne's notes as well as incorporate into the minutes the division's monthly reports. The job can be done at home, provided the member has internet access and MS Word capability.

⚓ Fellowship Committee Members

– the Division established the Fellowship Committee last year to assist in promoting the Auxiliary's Fellowship Cornerstone and relieve the Member Training leaders of the responsibility of worrying about arranging food for the training days. The job of the committee is to organize the event, make arrangements for food and drink, setup the event and clean up after.

The Whites really appreciated the committee's efforts during training days, and other events seemed to be very successful. The more members we have on this committee the lighter the load for each one.

Please contact David Marriott, VCDR at his email address, which is wedavidmarriott@gmail.com, if you have any questions or would like to submit your name for one of these positions.

Your consideration and help will be greatly appreciated.

