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Dream Team Kicks Butt

Auxiliarists from Division 25 win Atlantic East SAR competition in Virginia.

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A memorable patrol

It was just another air patrol when auxiliarists saw smoke coming from Martha's Vineyard.

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June training recalled

White's Point training featured good company, good food, a great view ... and, oh yeah, training.

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Send in your news

Let's dish the dirt in the next newsletter. Rumors will not be published. Everything else will. Send to caseynynt@gmail.com



The Dream Team displays its winning ways at the regional competition in June.



IMPRESSIVE WIN FOR DIVISION 25!

By **ROBERT CARLSON**

Morning temperatures of 90 degrees in Yorktown, Va. couldn't keep the 2010 First Southern Division 25 "Dream Team" from winning the Atlantic East Search and Rescue (SAR) competition held July 24.

Rick Pianka 25-04, Eric Kanter (Coxswain) 25-03 and David Marriott 25-06 edged out two other teams for the coveted 2010 Champion SAR Competition Atlantic-East Trophy. The competition covers all the districts along the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida's west coast. The team earned the opportunity to represent Division 25 by winning a regional competition in June.

They demonstrated their technical boating skills and expertise during a sweltering morning and an even worse afternoon in which the heat and humidity index soared to over 110 degrees./ *Continued, Page 2*

Who's Who in Div. 25

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MAKING WAVES

Auxiliarists witness island fire

These dramatic pictures of the July 13 boathouse blaze at the USCG station Menemsha on Martha's Vineyard were taken by members of AuxAir 143rd as the crew, composed of Phil Cox and Chuck Stevens, flew back to Groton from a Boston patrol. They were considering stopping on Martha's Vineyard for lunch when they saw a smoke plume and diverted to the scene. The fire was first reported at 2:43 p.m. and destroyed a pier and some boats tied up nearby but there were no serious injuries. Newly-installed safety equipment on fuel storage tanks prevented a potential explosion. Two firefighters reported minor injuries. As a contrast, the top picture, which Chuck provided, shows the boathouse in 2006.



Boats at dock during SAR operation in June.

Division 25 Triumphs

Continued from page 1/ On hand supporting the team were Dream Team Coach Eileen Christensen 25-06, Steve Ackerman, District Commodore, and Chief Warrant Officer Manny Zambrana, the District Operations Training Officer.

“We were told that there was a clear distinction between 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We look at this as a complement to the training that we receive here in Division 25,” said Marriott.

“This was a team effort made up of all the division members who mentored us, provided facilities or acted as crew or coxswains,” said Marriott. “Many hours we spent underway and our bridge spent considerable time getting the paperwork in place. We thank them all and appreciate their support and well wishes.”

Mission accomplished and job well done.

Can't Make Waves without you!

Please send in names of new members of your flotillas so we can welcome them in the newsletter. Also, please send in news of any activity involving your flotillas, especially photos, that you think would be of interest to other Coast Guard Auxiliary members. E-mail me, Maura Casey, at Caseynyt@gmail.com.



MAKING WAVES

White's Point Training Day: Of Sea, Sun and Steak

Those of us who are members of Division 25 know that we have a wonderful fringe benefit: We get to hang out a few times a year at division commander George White's gracious and beautiful home on Long Island Sound. It's a great place to train, to get to know our fellow auxiliaries, and to feel the bracing wind off the Sound. But let's not kid ourselves. George's hospitality, along with that of his bride Betsy, is what really makes each such occasion so

special. The training day this past June 19 featured weather that was sparkling and clear, and we really DID get out on the water to train. But later, of course, the wine flowed and the conversation grew ever more animated as George grilled 50 pounds of steak to perfection, serving it up with bread, salad, cake and the hosannas of all in attendance. Thanks, George and Betsy: These pictures can't convey what a special day it was.



And then there was...training!



Joe "Cool" Romanowski



Longen Chmura gets well-deserved recognition for an incredible 50 years of service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary



George White, sacrificing the fatted calf - oops, cow.



Trophy presentation to Div. 25 winners of Search-and-Rescue competition in June.



Training on "Seadog"