



Serving on Land and Sea - The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

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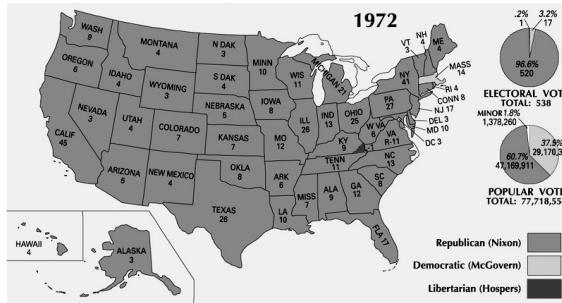
Flotilla Commander, 18-06 (1SR) - United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



The past few weeks have seen classic examples how "America's Volunteer Life Savers," the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have served their Nation, served their neighbors and have done it on their own terms.

35-years and Counting

What were you doing 35-years ago - in 1972? President Richard Nixon was re-elected president by then the most massive Electoral College majority in history - 520 Electoral votes vs McGovern's 17 (Ronald Reagan's victory over Mondale in 1984 stands as the all-time record - 525 v 13!) The US Olympic hockey team was defeating the vaunted Soviet hockey team at the Lake Placid Olympics - and after a visit to South Viet Nam, U.S. National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger suggested that "peace is at hand."



Also, in that year, despite long service already in hand to their country, Van Field and George & Joy Sandberg - all of Center Moriches - were joining the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Van Field served the US Coast Guard in WW-II ('42-'46) and again during the "50's" ('51-'52). But he couldn't stay away from US Coast Guard Forces and re-upped with the USCGAux back in 1972. He has

served many roles and positions in the USCGAux over these many years, including commanding the East Moriches flotilla as well as all USCGAux forces east of William Floyd Parkway - twice. He is currently the chief communications officer for Division 18, which comprises the entire area "Out East"...



Van Field & Commander Elizabeth D. Young

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11" in Center Moriches for some fast-food pick-me-up around 10pm. As he was leaving the "7-11", he saw smoke coming from a red economy-sized sedan with a young, (now) frantic woman inside.

The Sandberg's show a similar saga of service. George, a Captain in and Instructor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (see SSP, "USMMA and USCGAux Training Day", 2/7/07), served in the US Navy and US Coast Guard Reserves nearly continuously from 1966 to 1982. Perhaps his most famous exploit was, while commanding the M/V Julius Hammer en route to a delivery in the Soviet Union, in responding to a May-Day on December 30, 1987. In 40 mph winds and 25' seas, Captain Sandberg rescued Mark Tilly from the deck of a foundering 30' sailboat 200 southwest of Bermuda.

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George and Joy Sandberg, flanked (left to right) by Vin Pica, Chief Warrant Officer Emmanuel Zambrano and Boatswain Mate1, Christopher Susko

inside. The car's engine was afire and this had apparently disabled the electric windows and door locks. Still in USCGAux uniform, Ed Tordahl directed the young lady to lean away from the window, whereupon he promptly put his size-10 USCGAux work boot through the driver's side window and hauled out the young lady. He further directed the staring throng to call "9-1-1." A moment later, the father of the young lady roared into the parking lot who, when he heard what had happened, started pumping Ed Tordahl's hand in thanks. Ed, meanwhile, was trying to keep the crowd away from the car since the engine fire kept flaring up, despite the attempts by members of the crowd to put out the engine fire with small, handheld fire extinguishers. Once Ed Tordahl saw the rotating-red-lights-and-sirens pull in, he quietly got back in his car and drove home. The unsung hero...

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at USCGAUX2007@aol.com or go direct to Mary Jo Cruickshank, who is in charge of new members matters, at FSO-PS@emcg.us and we will help you "get in this thing..."

Moriches Inlet - August 2007

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High
Wed 1		3:10 AM / -0.27 ft	9:18 AM / 3.18 ft	3:22 PM / 0.04 ft	9:32 PM / 3.50 ft
Thu 2		3:50 AM / -0.27 ft	10:06 AM / 3.26 ft	4:09 PM / 0.08 ft	10:21 PM / 3.35 ft
Fri 3		4:30 AM / -0.21 ft	10:57 AM / 3.33 ft	5:00 PM / 0.17 ft	11:14 PM / 3.17 ft
Sat 4		5:14 AM / -0.10 ft	11:50 AM / 3.37 ft	5:58 PM / 0.29 ft	
Sun 5	12:11 AM / 2.98 ft	6:05 AM / 0.06 ft	12:44 PM / 3.38 ft	7:07 PM / 0.39 ft	
Mon 6	1:09 AM / 2.81 ft	7:06 AM / 0.20 ft	1:41 PM / 3.36 ft	8:20 PM / 0.41 ft	
Tue 7	2:11 AM / 2.67 ft	8:15 AM / 0.29 ft	2:42 PM / 3.33 ft	9:28 PM / 0.34 ft	
Wed 8	3:18 AM / 2.61 ft	9:21 AM / 0.30 ft	3:47 PM / 3.34 ft	10:29 PM / 0.23 ft	
Thu 9	4:26 AM / 2.65 ft	10:22 AM / 0.26 ft	4:52 PM / 3.39 ft	11:24 PM / 0.12 ft	
Fri 10	5:29 AM / 2.77 ft	11:18 AM / 0.20 ft	5:50 PM / 3.47 ft		
Sat 11		12:16 AM / 0.01 ft	6:24 AM / 2.91 ft	12:12 PM / 0.14 ft	6:40 PM / 3.53 ft
Sun 12		1:04 AM / -0.07 ft	7:12 AM / 3.03 ft	1:03 PM / 0.10 ft	7:25 PM / 3.54 ft
Mon 13		1:49 AM / -0.11 ft	7:57 AM / 3.11 ft	1:50 PM / 0.10 ft	8:07 PM / 3.48 ft
Tue 14		2:29 AM / -0.11 ft	8:40 AM / 3.14 ft	2:34 PM / 0.14 ft	8:47 PM / 3.36 ft
Wed 15		3:06 AM / -0.06 ft	9:22 AM / 3.12 ft	3:15 PM / 0.21 ft	9:28 PM / 3.20 ft
Thu 16		3:41 AM / 0.04 ft	10:04 AM / 3.08 ft	3:54 PM / 0.32 ft	10:08 PM / 3.00 ft
Fri 17		4:13 AM / 0.18 ft	10:46 AM / 3.02 ft	4:33 PM / 0.45 ft	10:50 PM / 2.80 ft
Sat 18		4:45 AM / 0.34 ft	11:28 AM / 2.96 ft	5:15 PM / 0.59 ft	11:33 PM / 2.61 ft
Sun 19		5:17 AM / 0.50 ft	12:09 PM / 2.90 ft	6:03 PM / 0.73 ft	
Mon 20	12:18 AM / 2.46 ft	5:56 AM / 0.65 ft	12:53 PM / 2.85 ft	7:04 PM / 0.82 ft	
Tue 21	1:07 AM / 2.34 ft	6:50 AM / 0.76 ft	1:40 PM / 2.83 ft	8:13 PM / 0.82 ft	
Wed 22	2:01 AM / 2.27 ft	8:01 AM / 0.80 ft	2:34 PM / 2.86 ft	9:15 PM / 0.73 ft	
Thu 23	3:03 AM / 2.27 ft	9:08 AM / 0.74 ft	3:33 PM / 2.94 ft	10:10 PM / 0.58 ft	
Fri 24	4:07 AM / 2.37 ft	10:06 AM / 0.60 ft	4:33 PM / 3.09 ft	11:00 PM / 0.38 ft	
Sat 25	5:05 AM / 2.55 ft	10:59 AM / 0.43 ft	5:26 PM / 3.29 ft	11:47 PM / 0.18 ft	
Sun 26	5:56 AM / 2.79 ft	11:50 AM / 0.25 ft	6:13 PM / 3.48 ft		
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Thu 30		2:41 AM / -0.37 ft	8:52 AM / 3.58 ft	3:06 PM / -0.17 ft	9:12 PM / 3.53 ft
Fri 31		3:22 AM / -0.35 ft	9:39 AM / 3.63 ft	3:55 PM / -0.11 ft	10:03 PM / 3.34 ft

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Pool Finally Ready To Open?

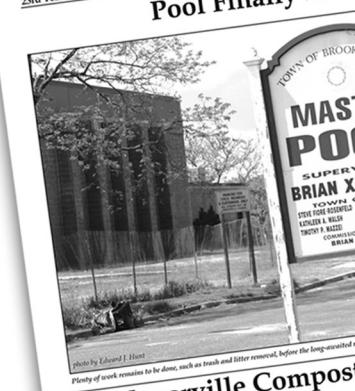


photo by Edward J. Hunt

Plenty of work remains to be done, such as trash and litter removal, before the long-awaited reopening of the Mastic YMCA pool.

By EDWARD J. HUNT
The end may finally be in sight for the boondoggle known as the Mastic Pool. After years of construction, setbacks, thefts and other problems, Brookhaven Town's Parks Committee has finally LaCarbado to open July 1, 2007. It was expected to open in May, but the opening was delayed from the site because of severe overruns.

According to LaCarbado, the total expense is to average \$7.1 million dollars, even though the previous administration had planned to have the project completed by June 1.

It is for this administration to complete the project. In fact, the situation is not new. The town supervisor has cited last year when Brookhaven's Supervisor Brian Foley introduced tight control over capital projects and instituting a moratorium on new projects, beginning with scrapping the proposed Mastic Park.

The government had found no lines for 10 capital projects of varying sizes, asking simply for more money for basic basics, costs analysis, time projections and so forth.

The Mastic Park project was put on hold due to poor planning and lack of fiscal oversight.

Manorville Compost Site Goes Commercial

By EDWARD J. HUNT
The People's Newspaper

After years of planning and negotiations, the town of Manorville has finally opened its compost facility.

According to the town's website, the facility is located in the town's Pine Barrens Core Preservation area.

It is the first facility of its kind in the state.

The facility is open to the public and is free to use.

It is hoped that the facility will encourage other towns to follow suit.

The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

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