



THE RIPPLES

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DIVISION MEETING

The next Division meeting and SAREX will be held on June 18, 2005 and will be hosted by Flotilla 8-11, Kuttawa Flotilla. The location of the meeting will be at Eddy Creek Marina and is scheduled as follows:

1000 Division meeting

1130 Lunch

1230 briefing for SAREX

1300 SAREX

1500-1600 Oscar recovery and P1 pump exercise.

The SAREX will be a Navigational & GPS training exercise and poker run. Each participating vessel will receive a GPS coordinate and must get there to receive their a poker card and next coordinate.

All vessels planning on attending the SAREX, besides contacting Jerry Turley SO-OP for orders, must contact either FC Al Romero mptynest@bellsouth.net or VFC Peggy Smith wespeg@bellsouth.net so enough slip/dock space can be arranged for.

INTER REGION ACTIVITY

At the Paducah Boat Show, a member of the boating public from the Carbondale, IL area requested that the Auxiliary come there to do VSC's. It seems the local flotilla/division has fallen on hard times and Auxiliary presence there is minimal. We have received approval from the FC of 17-17 and the OTO from 8WR to proceed. This was announced at the 12 March Meeting, and a request that all VE's from Division 8 who wish to travel to Crab Orchard Lake are encouraged to participate. There are two marinas there managed by one organization that will gladly work with us and advertise a one or more day VSC event. There is a potential of doing 200 vessels. A huge thank you goes out to Donna Kramar VFC for 8-5 who developed the contacts. With all that is already scheduled for Division 8, 24 June seems a likely first date for the event. Please check your calendar and let Al Romero SO-VE mptynest@bellsouth.net know if you are available.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

The guest speaker at the last Division Meeting was Darrell Eaton who is based out of Louisville, KY. In summary, Darrell emphasized the important role the Auxiliary plays in Homeland Security in that we are the eyes and ears for the Coast Guard and through our contact with the public should promote Americas Waterway Watch, so the public can provide their input.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Division 08E-08 was well represented at the Huntington, WV Spring Conference. We owe a special thanks to those that were able to attend and represent Division 8 at another memorable conference. These events are a great learning experience and help everyone network with a wide group of our Team Coast Guard colleagues.

I was honored to accept a myriad of awards for our Division. . Accepting the DCO Operations Award, DCO Public Affairs Award and VCO Division of the Year Award was the highlight of the Spring Conference for me. I want to thank each of you for your contributions and special efforts that made these awards and all of the other Division, Flotilla and Personal awards possible for the year of 2004. I will highlight all of the awards received at our next Division Meeting.

Thanks again for all of your dedicated service for the preceding year and the outstanding Division, Flotilla and Staff leadership that garnered all of these accolades. Keep up the good work.

INFORMATION FROM CONFERENCE

The National dues rate is being raised from \$9 per member to \$12 as of 2006. The treasury of Eighth Eastern Region has a sufficient surplus that for this first year, after it has been paid, it will be refunded back down to the division.

ICS (Incident Command System) level 100 & 200 will be mandatory for all Auxiliarists by September 2005. ICS level 300 will be needed by those in supervisory positions but a final requirement date has not been set yet.

FROM THE EDITOR

I recently received an emailed newsletter from another division, which made me realize we can do the same thing. If you would like to receive the Ripples by email please send an email to cdpd01@mchsi.com with *RIPPLES* in the subject and simply EMAIL in the body or if you'd like to "save trees" and do not wish a paper copy simply put EMAIL ONLY along with your email address and name. The Ripples will be sent as a PDF document attachment, which should be easily opened with free Adobe Reader software.

ODU's – IN / OUT / ON HOLD

Several things have come through emails that have possibly muddied the water for some us – me included. I called the Uniform Distribution Center and simply asked, “Are ODU’s orderable by the Auxiliary?” The answer is “Yes, but limited to a maximum of 2 sets”.

The undress blue and the working blue that are available for us today will remain in use by the Auxiliary so long as they are serviceable. In fact if the Auxiliary orders the dark blue short or long sleeved work shirt or the dark blue work trousers from the UDC, they will get a 50% discount off the full price. This does not include the short-sleeved light blue shirt, which is part of Tropical Blue, or the dress trousers.

As of 30 September 2005 the Active Duty and Reserve will no longer be allowed to wear neither undress blue nor working blue, that is why they want to sell down the UDC inventory, to our benefit. Again we can wear them as long as serviceable per the Chief Director’s OCX-1.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

The CO at MSO Paducah, CDR Richard C. Johnson will be retiring in June. He is a great friend of the Auxiliary and will be missed. As of 10 June CDR Denise L. Mathews will be on board at the MSO and take command on 17 June 2005.

Another significant change is coming on 2 June 2005. LCDR Aylwyn S. Young (CDR select), another great friend to the Auxiliary, is transferring to Costa Rica, and at the same time Group Ohio Valley will become Sector Ohio Valley and its CO will be CDR John R. Bingaman (CAPT select). Just one of LCDR Young’s significant accomplishments was authorizing the use of the Auxiliary Operational T-Shirt as part of the hot weather boat crew uniform. During those long, hot races you will be remember fondly.

AUXILIARIST HONORED

At the Spring Conference at Huntington, WV Auxiliarist Keith L. (Lanny) Oakes 8-10 was awarded the prestigious Auxiliary Award of Merit for his efforts whereby he negotiated with the Nationwide Insurance Co. to fund the printing of the Waterway Watch (WWW) materials. This short note does not measure the amount of time, effort and talent Lanny expended on this project.

AMERICA’S WATERWAY WATCH

America’s Waterway Watch (AWW), is the Coast Guard funded program, and is the same thing as the Auxiliary’s Waterway Watch (WWW). The WWW materials may be used until exhausted and conveys the same message as the AWW materials. Lt. Ken Hines of MSO Paducah gave a presentation at Conference explaining the scope and message of AWW. John Ellis is the District Coordinator for Marine Domain Awareness (MDA) that encompasses the AWW implementation for the rest of the district. The simple message being conveyed is “Observe and Report” and “Don’t intervene”, then get the public to do the same

DIVISION 8 AWARDS AT CONFERENCE

The DCO award is a 1st place award.

The VCO award is a 2nd place award.

The RCO award is a 3rd place award.

Overall Awards:

Division 8 VCO award for division of the year.

Program Area - Awards Division:

Division 8 DCO award for Public Affairs

Division 8 DCO award for Operations

Program Area – Awards Flotilla:

Flotilla 89 – VCO award for RBSPV

Flotilla 87 – VCO award for Public Affairs

Flotilla 87 – DCO award for Publications –*The Eagle*

Editor – Roger Humbert

Program Area – Awards Individual

David Brannon 89 – DCO award for RBSPV

Carol Turley 87 – DCO award for Public Affairs

Jerry Turley 87 – RCO award for Public Affairs

Mary Husfield 8-10 – RCO award for Vessel Safety

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ALTERNATE HOT WEATHER SHIRT

The use of the 8ER Hot Weather T-Shirt was authorized on 11 AUG 2004 by Memorandum signed by LCDR A.S. Young, commanding officer of Group Ohio. As a part of the Hot Weather uniform, it may only be worn with the shorts described in the AUXMAN. Since this is a unique item to 8ER it is NOT available from AUXCEN but only directly from Debbie Guffey, DSO-MA or at our conferences. (Source Jerry Turley, SO-OP Div 8)

CONFERENCE PHOTOS

On the next couple of pages we have photos from the Spring Conference at Huntington, WV. Photo credit belongs to Larry Shenkel ADSO-PB from Flotilla 8-11. Thanks Larry.



COMO Dottie Kearton opens the General Session



COMO's Schultz, Coyer and McAdams conduct the Memorial Service.



Tom Mallison, VCO addressing the General Session



Dave Maul RCO(S) addressing the General session



CDR Jean Clark DIRAUX addressing the Gen. Session



Lt. Ken Hines of MSO Paducah talks about AWW/MDA



Huntington FD posts the colors



LCDR Mikeal Staier CHIDIRAUX OXC-2 addresses the General session.



COMO Dottie Kearton signs a MOU between the 8ER Auxiliary and the state of Indiana



IPDCO Paddack presents David Nalley FC 87 with Flotilla Public Affairs Award



IPDCO CJ Paddack presenting award to DCP John White



IPDCO Paddack presents John White DCP 8 with Division Public Affairs Award



IPCOMO CJ Paddack presents certificates to Phil Keith and John White.



IPDCO Paddack presents John White with Division Operations Award



Lt. Craig Dykes and LCDR Jerry Nauert briefed us about Sector Ohio Valley



IPDCO Paddack presents David Nalley FC 87 with Publications Award for the Eagle



IPDCO Paddock presents John White DCP 8 with the VCO Division of the Year Award



IPDCO Paddock presents Carol Turley with her Public Affairs Award



IPDCO Paddock presents Dave Hanisco FC 89 with Dave Brannon's RBSPV Award

DIVISION MEETING PICTURES

Photo credit belongs to Mary Husfield



John White DCP presiding over meeting at Paris Landing State Park



IPDCO Paddock presents Bill Husfield FC 8-10 with Mary Husfield's VSC Award



Darrell Eaton giving his presentation at the last Division Meeting. See Interesting Information text on page 1.



IPDCO Paddock presents Jerry Turley with his Public Affairs Award