

Crews News

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From the Flotilla Commander



Flotilla 58 continues on a steady course into the 21st Century. In last month's Crews News, I alluded to an upgrade in the distribution of our newsletter and its content.

Welcome to the electronic edition of **Crews News**. Electronic distribution allows presentation of interesting, timely information in an organized, easier to access format. For instance, if there is a discussion topic in the Operations Department online news letter, I can build a "hot link" to it. [Hot links appear like this](#). Simply click on the underlined text.

Actually, the "steady course into the 21st Century" observation is a bit tongue and cheek." This will be my 5th year of membership in Flotilla 58 and great deal of positive change has transpired. Sometimes, we tend to look at change in the negative. After all, it is human nature to resist almost any change. One of my and your Staff Officers more important tasks is to help each of you navigate into exciting new programs, educational opportunities and training.



When describing participation in organizations, there is an old saying "one gets out what is put in." While that might generally hold true for many organizations, I would submit to you The Coast Guard Auxiliary has the potential to offer a greater return for time invested to its members. The Auxiliary offers each member interesting and rewarding paths of participation, world class education and the opportunity to make a meaningful, positive contribution to not just the boating community but also your country. One of more rewarding aspects of a Flotilla Commander is to help members participate and enjoy personal growth by involvement in various programs and disciplines. All it takes on your part is an *interest to become involved*. We'll do the rest.

June 1 is also the first day of Hurricane Season. This years [NOAA Hurricane Forecast](#) calls for 13-17 Named Storms predicted. The noted Climatologist Dr. Bill Gray and the Tropical Meteorology Project at Colorado State University updated their forecast on May 31 calling for 17 named storms, 9 Hurricanes with 5 of those as being intense, Cat 3 or greater. Read Dr. Gray's forecast [here](#).

From the FSO-FN

June not only marks the opening of Hurricane season, it is also the time when Flotilla Dues become well, "due." Help me stay the happy, jovial Finance Officer you have all come to know. Dues are \$35; checks can be made out to USCGAUX Flotilla 58. Please get your dues to me ASAP.

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We're on the Web !

<http://www.boatsafehamptonroads.org/>

Calendar

June 26, 2007

Flotilla 58 Meeting
1930
Portside, ISC Portsmouth, VA

July 11, 2007

Flotilla 58 Staff Officers Meeting
1930
Location: TBA



Other News

At last months meeting, VFC Stan Miley mentioned each of us researching our elevation above sea level. This will help with making a go/no-go decision on evacuation. Stan forwards [this link to determine your elevation](#)

The National Hurricane Center uses a modeling program called SLOSH (Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes) to estimate the amount of storm surge to be expected from a hurricane. The model takes into account wind speed, forward speed, barometric pressure, track, and size of the hurricane to provide the estimate for a given area. The parameters entered into the model for the storm combine with the characteristics of the particular area, referred to as a *basin* which will provide expected results. The results of the SLOSH model is accurate within 20%. For example, if the model indicates 10 feet of flooding, the actual amount of flooding will normally be between 8 to 10 feet. The amount of storm surge is verified after each land falling hurricane and compared to the estimates that the SLOSH model provided for the storm. [Click here to see the City of Portsmouth SLOSH Maps](#) for various categories of storms.

5th District Fall Conference Workshops

5th District Fall Conference and Workshop will be in Durham, NC from September 14-16, 2007. [Click here for information.](#)

Boating Safety Education Becomes A Requirement In Virginia

Wasn't this here last month? With the implementation mandated to start in July, 2009 we want to impress on the boating public ***not to put off taking a boating safety class!*** We don't want to have less than capacity PE Classes until the last one before the date the new law takes effect. When interacting with the boating public, I want to remind that members take every opportunity to remind boaters to sign up early!

All personal watercraft (PWC) operators and most all recreational motorboat operators in Virginia will soon have to comply with a boating safety education requirement by either completing an approved boating safety course or by passing an equivalency exam that tests the knowledge of information included in the curriculum of an approved course. The 2007 General Assembly has passed legislation establishing a schedule of phased-in requirements for boating safety education, with the implementation beginning in July 2009.

The balance of this article appears in the "Members Deck" on your Flotilla www site:

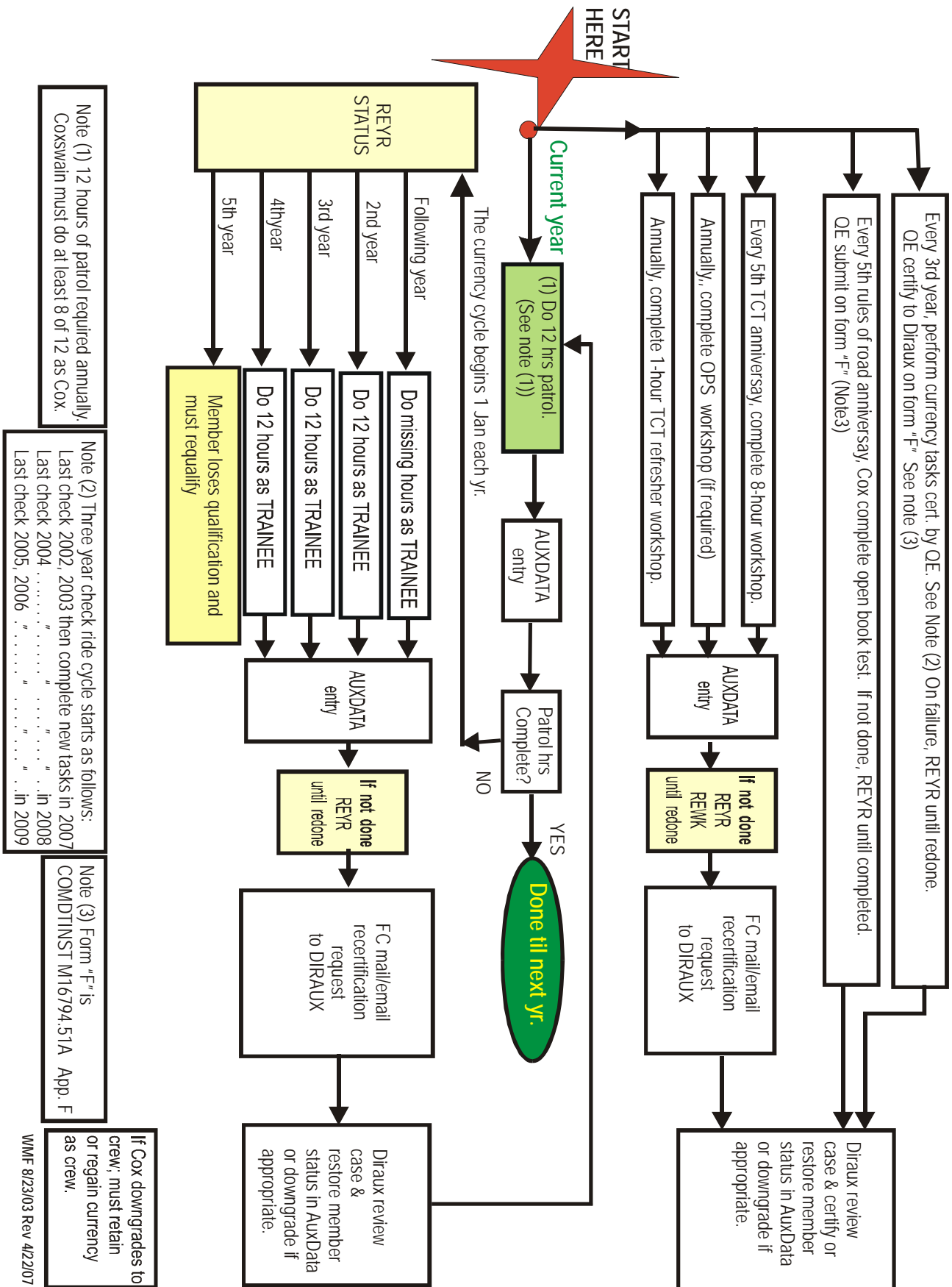
<http://www.boatsafehamptonroads.org/>

From CWO Lukasik:

Below is a flow chart for the Boat Crew Currency program. If you have any questions, please bring them to the next meeting.

BOAT CREW CURRENCY MAINTENANCE, LOSS AND RECERTIFICATION PROCESS

ON FAILURE TO MEET CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS AUXILIARIST REMAINS QUALIFIED BUT IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE ORDERS UNTIL RECERTIFIED CURRENT.



RADM Hereth Retires, RADM Rosa Assumes D5 Command

From: "Engle, Robert CDR" <Robert.A.Engle@uscg.mil

Subject: FW: PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR ALL HANDS FROM THE DISTRICT, R 071728Z

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SUBJ: PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR ALL HANDS FROM THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

1. THIS MORNING, I RELIEVED RADM HERETH AS COMMANDER, FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT.

2. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF RADM HERETH, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER A DISTINGUISHED 34-YEAR CAREER IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND HUMANITY. I JOIN THE ENTIRE D5 TEAM AND MANY OTHERS ALL ACROSS THE COAST GUARD IN SALUTING HIM AND ALSO WISHING HIM AND HIS FAMILY THE VERY BEST THROUGH THEIR UPCOMING TRANSITION AND BEYOND.

3. MY INITIAL IMPRESSIONS DURING THE RELIEF PROCESS CONFIRM WHAT RADM HERETH SHARED WITH ME SOON AFTER LEARNING THAT I WOULD HAVE THE HONOR OF SUCCEEDING HIM IN COMMAND. THE FIFTH IS A SUPERB TEAM OF REGULAR AND RESERVE MILITARY, CIVILIANS, AND AUXILIARISTS WHO STEADFASTLY CARRY OUT THE COAST GUARD'S MANY IMPORTANT MID-ATLANTIC REGION MISSIONS WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

4. AS YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER, MY FOREMOST RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO:

A. ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR D5 TEAM HAVE THE RESOURCES AND OTHER TOOLS THEY NEED FOR THEIR CRITICAL WORK;

B. CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF OUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN EVERY MISSION AREA;

C. ADVANCE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF ALL OUR PERSONNEL;

D. INSPIRE OUR PERSONNEL TO EMBRACE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, ENGAGE THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS, AND SHARE NEW IDEAS; AND

E. ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF OPERATIONAL READINESS FOR ALL MARITIME HOMELAND SECURITY, NATURAL DISASTER, AND OTHER MAJOR CONTINGENCIES.

5. I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO CARRY OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. IN SO DOING, I WILL PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON FIRST LISTENING CAREFULLY TO YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS, AND THEN PARTNERING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND OTHERS ON THE D5 TEAM TO MAKE REAL DIFFERENCES WHERE IT COUNTS THE MOST.

6. I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR UNITS AS SOON AS MY SCHEDULE PERMITS. IT MAY TAKE A WHILE, BUT MY INTENTION IS TO MEET AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE WHERE YOU WORK IN ORDER TO GAIN THE FULL BENEFIT OF YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

7. SHIPMATES, I AM HONORED TO JOIN CAPT BUSCHMAN, CAPT SPANGENBERG, MASTER CHIEF BOTZENHART, MASTER CHIEF BERNARD, COMMODORE AMORT, AND COMMODORE MCELROY IN STANDING THE COAST GUARD'S WATCH WITH YOU HERE IN THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION THAT IS SO VITAL TO OUR NATION. EACH OF YOU HAS EVERY REASON TO TAKE QUIET PRIDE IN YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS EVERY DAY TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, AND THERE IS INDEED AN EXCITING FUTURE AHEAD FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND FOR OUR ENTIRE SERVICE.

8. RADM FRED M. ROSA, JR., SENDS.

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