

# BAY BIRDS



Flotilla 12-5, Dover Delaware – <http://a0531205.uscgaux.info/>

## MESSAGE FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

Alan Morrison

A. Morrison commented on the impending Division reorganization. He expressed concern about the length of time needed to process paperwork that imposes a negative element into the recruitment process. He also commented on America's Waterway Watch Program.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

Robert McCleary

R. McCleary facilitated a discussion concerning plans for supporting Division 12's NSBW Celebration.

## STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

### Finance (FN)

Robert McCleary

The Flotilla financial report was read. Three members are now in arrears with their dues. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report subject to audit. – Motion Passed.

### Communications (CM)

Robert McCleary

A radio drill was conducted on 24 March 2008 from SARDET Bowers Beach using fixed and mobile equipment with unsatisfactory results. Due to atmospheric conditions 12 Bravo was unable to contact Net Control Marcus Hook. SARDET Bowers Beach made intermittent contact on VHF-FM 82A.



## NEXT MEETING

**8 MAY 2008**

(7:00 pm)

Delaware Fire School  
Room 4D

1461 Chestnut Grove Road  
Dover, DE

Enter through double doors on  
East side of building

### TRAINING –

Team Coordination Training, required for all OPs  
personnel and vital for all others

Sexual Harassment Prevention - Required for all  
members

– 90 Minutes

(A 20-25 minute update and discussion will follow)

**PLEASE JOIN US**

### Communication Services (CS)

Carolyn Otto

The Flotilla website has been updated and a website review is underway for compliance with National CS rules. The CS program is aimed at using technology to facilitate the relay of information among Auxiliarists. As a result, FSO-CS staff members were urged to keep websites updated.

### Materials (MA)

Alfred Grimminger

More material for stock ordered. Materials ordered and delivered to members.

### Member Training (MT)

Kenneth Xiques

The following are in training – Watch Standers (2), Boat Crew (2), and Instructor (1).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Operations (OP)

Kenneth Xiques

R. McCleary, A. Morrison, and K. Xiques attended the Division 12 OPS and TCT Training. The patrol season runs from 15 May 2008 through 15 October 2008. Normal training missions must be at least 4 hours in length. The SO-OP needs to be notified that Larry Corbeil and Brian Powell need an eight-hour TCT course to remain qualified.

### Participating Dealer Visitor (PV)

Alfred Grimminger

Ten PVs have been completed during March amounting to 25 year-to-date. Additional Program Visitors are needed.

### Publications (PB)

Carolyn Otto

Insufficient news worthy material was received to prepare a newsletter for March 2008.

### Public Education (PE)

Nancy Otto

The next class will be held on 14-15 April 2008 at the Delaware Fire School from 1800-2200 hrs. K. Xiques is taking reservations for this class. According to K. Xiques, the class currently has an enrollment of eight.

### Vessel Examination (VE)

Anthony Defeo

PA Booth and VSC Station scheduled for Skip Jack Cove Marina on 03 May 2008 at 0900-1500 hrs. Adequate supplies and literature have been received.



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- ✚ The Delaware Boating Education Office has scheduled an awards night at the Felton Fire Co. on 21 May 2008 from 1800-2100 hrs. Invitations have been sent to invitees over the past week. Contact H. Otto (SLO-DE) if you feel that you were overlooked.
- ✚ National Safe Boating Week Celebration: The kick-off event will be held adjacent to the IR Inlet Coast Guard Station with Gov. Ruth Ann Minner in attendance. The expectation is that flotillas will set up PA Booths and VSC Stations at as Delaware Boat Launch Ramps throughout Kent and Sussex Counties as possible.
- ✚ PA Booths scheduled for the Kent County Parks Dept. Safe Summer Days 14 June 2008, Marydel Fire Company on 04 July 2008, and Hartly Fire Company on 11 October 2008.

## OLD BUSINESS

- ✚ M. Walton made a motion seconded by K. Xiques to notify the three members who are in arrears with their dues and enclose a Form 7035 for them to sign. The First Overdue Notice is to be sent 01 September 2008, the second on 01 October 2008, and the Third on 01 November 2008. The notices will reflect the fact that failure to respond to the notice by a stated deadline will result in disenrollment at the December Flotilla Meeting. – Motion Passed.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

A need exists to develop a Flotilla Training Program Plan that includes identification of potential instructors and mentors. A. Morrison to obtain a listing of Flotilla 12-05 member qualifications by the next meeting. The Flotilla needs to estimate the number of VE's that it expects to complete during 2008 in response to a request from the SO-VE. M. Walton's training aid was entered in the 5NR Spring Conference Training Aid Competition but lacked a needed cost estimate. A. Grimminger talked about the merger of Divisions 1 and 12 thereby forming a new Division 19. He related that the Central Area will cease to exist but the Western and Northern Area will survive. He also reported that part of Maryland will be merged into 5NR.

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