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February Commander's Comments:

It's hard to believe February is upon us already. Looking forward, we have a busy couple of months planned. In January we had a few very productive meetings. Plans for the year were discussed along with some great new fellowship ideas. We had some fun with the fellowship, trivia and a great short film. This area looks to be a great addition to the Flotilla and should gain a few new members along the way as well as keep our current members active.

I am confident you will see a great working team this year with the Flotilla Staff. The officers are coming up with great new ideas and have begun to schedule activities. Dave Blount our new website manager is doing a great job changing and getting the site loaded with new items. Make sure you visit the site often for updates and all the information you need. Appointed Officers training is scheduled for the 16th of February with 6 of our staff going. The Division Change of Watch is on the 23rd of February and plans to be one of the best ever.

Mandatory workshops are scheduled at SARDET for March 8 which this year the instructor workshop is required. There have been many changes in both public education as well as member training. Also the annual TCT refresher as well as an operations workshop will be offered. We plan on offering these at the Flotilla level shortly after the Division workshops for those who can not attend.

Thanks to everyone for all the hard work in January, and hope to see you at the February meeting on the 11th.

SEMPER PARATUS

Kevin Tyle, FC

REMINDER

Your Division Change of Watch is February 23, 2008. DEADLINE for registration is February 8. Please don't miss this special event for your Division. Questions or forms contact: Kevin Tyler
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FLOTILLA 14-4 MEETS 2ND MONDAY 1930 HRS,

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February Refreshments – Dave & Carolyn Inglis

From FSO Dave Blount:

During the Flotilla's 14 January meeting Kevin Tyler showed an interesting video from the Coast Guard Channel concerning the Boston Light and how the Coast Guard counts on the Auxiliary to provide trained watch standers to keep the lighthouse functional, and educators to provide tours during the summer months. One of the reasons that I joined the Auxiliary is an intense interest in being on, or near, the water, and I found the article particularly historically appealing in providing a view of a traditional Coast Guard function. As the video showed the pounding surf on this isolated island leading into Boston harbor, and the last of the lighthouse keepers explained his daily routine, I was once again reminded how our nation relies on many such people standing solitary watches from the dangerous DMZ between communist Korea and our friends to the South, to the Boston Light of Little Brewster Island, so that our fellow citizens can slumber peacefully each night.

At the end of our meeting I humorously quipped that if I could complete the Watch-Stander's QE I'd be interested in volunteering to go to the Boston Light to lend a hand. But down deep I know that I'm more serious than just talking about it. But is it feasible? Would District 1 accept a District 5 Auxiliarist to stand a watch? I'm still not certain about that, but when I arrived home I quickly logged-on to the internet find out the possibilities.

District 1 runs the Boston Light Augmentation Program and they offer three different positions to volunteers. From the end of June to the end of October there's an Historical Interpreter program. The Auxiliarist helps the National Park Service by serving as a tour guide during normal business hours. They also

offer "maintenance duty" positions, also during normal business hours from May through October. As the title suggests, the Auxiliarist helps the lighthouse keeper with various projects that keeps the light functional. Both positions are for normal working hours only and the volunteer heads for land at the end of the day, and there are no pre-requisites for acceptance other than a job interview. But the most demanding position is that of Assistant Lighthouse Keeper.

This is a 24/7, 365, job, in all seasons and all weather. The Auxiliarist needs to have current qualification in Crew and Watchstanding, and in good health to be considered. The Assistant Lighthouse Keeper stays on the island for 4 to 7 days, with weather being a factor in getting your replacement out to the island! And in addition to general maintenance, and providing the odd tour, the watchstander is expected to be able to climb the tower twice a day to turn the light on or off.

While I take safe boating on Lake Marburg seriously, that's not the only activity that I want to participate in while an Auxiliarist. As a new member I'm not entirely sure how long its going to take to become Crew and Watchstander qualified, or even if its feasible for a District 5 Auxiliarist to stand a watch on District 1's turf, but for me the opportunity sounds like an interesting and worthwhile goal.

Interested in learning more about the Boston Light, or the Augmentation Program? Here's the two websites that I visited:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Light

2008 Flotilla Meeting Refreshments

January – Vickie & Kevin Tyler

February – Dave & Carolyn Inglis

March – Dave Blount

April – Jim Cole

May – Dave & Connie Inglis

June – Bob Whyland

July – Kevin & Vickie Tyler

August – Dick Moale



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FLOTILLA 14-04 HANOVER, PA RECORD OF UNIT MEETING

January 14, 2008

Meeting Location: Codorus State Park Hanover, PA

Flotilla Meeting

Members in Attendance: Members in Attendance: , Kevin Tyler, Dave Inglis Sr., Vickie Tyler, Dick Moale, Winter Wright, Dave Blount, Jim Cole, Dave Snee, Connie Inglis, Dave Inglis Jr.

Guests; None

Call to Order at 19:30 by Flotilla Commander Kevin Tyler, Vice Commander Dave Inglis Sr. led the pledge to the flag. Kevin Tyler gave the invocation.

September – Dave Snee

October – Dave & Carolyn Inglis

November – Dave & Connie Inglis

December – Christmas Party

Thanks to each member that has offered to bring refreshments to our meetings. If you are not on the list and wish to contribute please let us know. If you are on the list and can not make your scheduled meeting, please contact the FC immediately so we can switch your month with another member.

Thank You, Kevin Tyler, FC

ON THE WATER WITH 14 – 4

By: Bob Whyland

This old salt has been working to make things go again. It is difficult to explain what it is like to have to teach your mind to find the muscles in your leg and then make them perform the functions you take for granted. After this second hip replacement I am sure finding it different than the first. I am not sure I can describe the differences, but ...

I have run into one difficulty with this recent addition to my metal complement. Crew member Moale has indicated that we are going to have a problem when we get back into the boat this spring. He is not too sure we are not going to have to recalibrate the compass. It is his contention that when I am at the helm or walk by the compass is going to be affected by the two "masses" of metal I have acquired. I have tested his concern with my hand held compass and find that he is correct if the compass is held directly next to my hip, but at about 9 inched the effect is negligible. So much for that one, good thought though.

I want to thank each member of the Flotilla for the flower, cards, calls, visits and prayers. Your thoughts and prayers were a bright spot in my down moments, until I can thank you in person – THANKS.

Flotilla Minutes- Jim Cole made a motion and Dave Snee seconded to approve the minutes.

Finance Officers Report

Carolyn Inglis, FSO-FN-Ending balance is \$1,953.71, Dave Snee made a motion and Jim Cole seconded to except the Financial report.

Commander Communications: FC Kevin Tyler-Direct Deposit has become Mandatory for Auxiliarists for reimbursements.

Coxswains please check your EPIRB battery for when they expire and let me know. John Houseman will have a Crew and Coxswain class at his home date to be announced. Appointed Officer Training will be held on February 16, 2008 in Harrisburg. The Divisions COW will be held on February 23, 2008. Deadline for this is February 8, 2008. There will be a workshop at Sardet on March 8, 2008 from 8:30 to 12:00 for TCT, Instructor, and Operations. Our Spring Conference will be held on March 28 –30 deadline for this is February 25. Make A Wish this year will be held on May 3, 2008 at L.H Trucking. There will be an Operations Day held on May 17 at Codorus State Park. National Safe Boating this year is May 21-27 2008. If you are in a program and no longer want to be there please write a letter and DIRAUX will remove you from that program. There will be a calendar posted please check for up coming events and dates.

PROGRAM:

Kevin mentioned that we will continue to have monthly training or speakers at the meetings, the length of the programs will be limited so the meetings end at a reasonable hour.

Fun and Fellowship 101- Kevin explained the program for the year for fellowship, there will be monthly games, trivia and fun, all short under 5 minute stuff. Also planned is additional outside fellowship such as trips, bowling or other? All fellowship monies raised will go back to fellowship or prizes. We watched a five-minute video on the Boston Light House that is helped ran by Coast Guard Auxiliary. There was a trivia question “who invented the life preserver” Jim Cole won. There was a 50/50 Dick Moale won.

Staff Officers Reports: VFC Dave Inglis Sr.

Communications; CM Boots Wright – Boots Wright will coordinate training with Dave and discuss further radio communication needs. A Watchstanders class for all the division will be held this year TBD.

Communication Services; CS Dave Blount – Working on some new ideas for the web site. Any information you want to see on there please let Dave know.

Finance; FN Carolyn Inglis – Balance of 1,953.71 in checking, Audit completed.

Information Services; IS Carolyn Inglis – Dave Inglis Sr. handed to members their hours of operation for the year.

Materials; MA Vickie Tyler- Anyone needing any materials please let me know. I have a new list of the items available.

Member Training; MT Frank Richardson – New programs coming out, more details later.

Operations; OP Dave Inglis Sr. Is planning a QE/Operations day at Codorus on May 17, 2008 for everyone to get yearly qualifications done that day, also will be a picnic lunch. My goal is to have all the holidays covered with patrols this year. Also I have a tentative date of June 7, 2008 to go to Raystown this year.

Personnel Services; PS Team 14-4 – We all need to seek new members for our Flotilla.

Public Affairs; PA Kevin Tyler- We plan to have Coastie at our up coming events this year, Make A Wish, Summer Blast, and any other events we may have.

Publications; PB Bob Whyland- Please submit Bob articles to be published.

Public Education; PE Jim Cole- My goals this year is to have at least two or three Safe Boating Classes, as well as possible GPS and Navigation. Looking at end of March for first About Boating Safety Class.

Secretary Recorder; SR- Minutes approved, everyone signed in.

Vessel Examination VE Dick Moale- My goals for this year is to have 100 VE's done. I would also like to have some VE sessions one May 17 at Codorus, Summer Blast, Raystown, Lake Clark, F&S Yamaha, Dicks sporting goods in Hanover. Dick Moale made a motion to buy 100 Coast Guard approved whistles for VE checks and Dave Inglis seconded.

VFC Dave Inglis Sr. Nothing to add at this time.

Committee Reports- BUDGET: The budget committee has made a proposed budget for the up coming year. Reviewed and discussed proposed budget. Boots Wight made a motion and Dave Snee seconded to approve.

Deferred Business- Nothing at this time.

New Business- Kevin asked everyone who would like to bring refreshments for the upcoming year. The AED that we received last year some how the pads got lost. Connie Inglis made a motion and Jim Cole seconded to buy a pair of AED pads. Our Standing rules were not up dated since 1997 they were sent by Ken Brown to legal to review.

Comments for the good of the Auxiliary Dave Blount would like any information & photos so he can look into 50 Anniversary plans for the Flotilla.

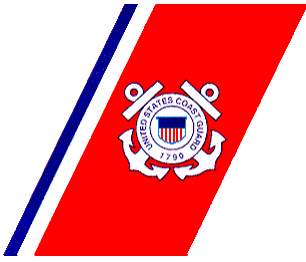
Refreshments provided by Kevin & Vickie Tyler

Next meeting will be February 11, 2008 at 7:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 by Dave Snee, Seconded by Dave Inglis Sr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Tyler FSO-SR



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