



There will be an A-V training workshop at the Auxiliary conference this weekend. Anyone interested in becoming qualified to verify PATONS are encouraged to attend this training. It may possibly be the only one this year.

There will be a workshop on Federal Aids and Bridges held at CGSTA Merrimack River on May 08, 2008 at 7 PM. You will have what you need to look for discrepancies while on patrol. The new Internet forms will be discussed.

That's it for this month.

**SO-CM**  
Fred Beaulieu

Division net continues. Net is held Sunday at 0930 local on channel 83a. All OPFAC's are invited to check in.

Anyone interested in operating radio Plum Island for the net please contact me. Auxcom is required.

Radio Plum Island authorization has been renewed.

I assisted in moving the hospital bed to Bud Kuran's house. This was a joint active and auxiliary operation as two Station Merrimack personnel assisted. Bed was provided by the Anna Jaques hospital.

I have received the ADSO-CM set of narrow band radio gear and I am installing it. The division 3 set has not been issued as of this date.

**SO-CS**  
Richard J. Lemar

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Updated the following pages.

**What's New page:** Added March Division 3 Meeting date and address location. March Staff Reports and VCP Report. April District Aids to Navigation staff report.

**Calendar page:** New look! April and added a link for Newburyport Tides for April.

**Updated:** Home Page with the April meeting date.

**Updated:** Links page with the North shore Harbormaster Association Link

**Updated:** Cleaned up all Items on the flotilla 33 What's New Page and added a reformatted web friendly version of their March Minutes.

**Placed:** Advertisements for the flotilla 33 Membership Drive on Craigslist.

**Nautical Minute:** Continued sending out the Nautical Minute Monday thru Friday for the last month.

**New Website:** Congratulations to David Plante FSO-CS 37 for the New Flotilla 37 Website.

**Flotilla 38:** Hit report: 19,923 visits to the web site as of 2 April 08 which is 312 visits since last tallied on 27 February.

**CONCERNS:**

I'm not sure if I'll be able to attend the Division 3 Meeting or the District Conference due to a recent back injury.

**SO-FN**  
John Carver

A reminder that Flotilla 2007 Financial Reports were due at the District level by 3/1/2008.

When complete flotillas should forward a copy to me so that I may forward a copy to the District Finance Officer. I have received 3 of the 5 flotilla reports to date.

**SO-IS**

Joseph Antanavich

No report submitted

**SO-MA**

Wayne Cedres

Good day to you all:

UDC is having a sale. Buy 1 ODU and get the second one FREE!!! Sizes are limited. Stock must be eliminated to make way for the NEW untucked version of the ODU. See web site for details.

Placed material order for Paddle Craft initiative.

NSBW is coming up fast, May 17-23. Have members place orders for desired material NOW instead of waiting until the last minute. Also, make sure you have ordered enough decals for your VSC's.

**SO-MT**

Charlie Pencinger

Shore side boat crew training is now complete for 2008. The swim test will be conducted at the district conference on May 26 & 27 @ 0700. Underway training starts around 21 May or sooner if boats are ready to be splashed. We have 8 trainees from FL38, 4 from FL 37 and One from FL33. AUXNAV is running on Tuesday nights at 1900 at Pentucket Regional Middle School Rt. 113 on the W. Newbury/Groveland line. If anyone wants to take an AUXOP course, please let me know.

The Division Instructor workshop was completed on April 19, 2008. Next opportunity is at the district conference..

An 8 hour TCT for BC trainees and 5 year renewals is scheduled for 10 May 2008 at the PI boathouse @ 0900. Uniform is ODU or working blue. Lunch will be provided for a small donation. There are still a few openings but the class will be full soon. Email SO-MT3 to register.

As some of you may be aware, ICS training to certain specific levels is required for participation in various programs as well as election to various offices. Completion of four specific courses, ICS-100, 200, IS-700 and 800 are required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, Trident program participants as well as certain others. In addition, it has been mandated that all "Single Resource Leaders" (i.e.: coxswains, pilots, Trident program participants or any other team/task force leader) complete ICS-210.

ICS-210, Initial Incident Commander, is an USCG developed 4-hour classroom course. It is not available on-line. It consists of an overview of the ICS principles and protocols applicable to small incident management. It focuses on initial incident assessment, initial incident Management, as well as the development and use of certain ICS forms. Active-Duty and Reserve personnel were required to complete this training by 30 March 2008. Due to the lack of available instructors, the requirement was deferred for Auxiliarist's.

ICS-300, Intermediate ICS is a mandated course for personnel who will be assigned to key Incident Command Post roles and supervisory ICS positions. Single resource leaders may take ICS-210 or ICS 300. According to the information from the Master List of ICS Instructors from the National Strike Force, there are only six (6) CG certified NIMS/ICS instructors in the geographical boundaries of First Northern to cover the needs of all of the Active-Duty, Reserve and Auxiliary units.

DCO and DIRAUX have received a request from Sector Boston to provide several Auxiliarist's with ICS-300 training to help staff the Incident Command Center for SAIL BOSTON 2009 as well as to have all Auxiliary coxswains and pilots that may be involved in that endeavor, ICS-210 trained. At the same time, both DCO and DIRAUX are mindful of the fact that CG certified NIMS/ICS Auxiliary instructors would be a tremendous benefit to the Active-Duty and Reserve components. There are a number of Auxiliarist's who are already certified by non-Coast Guard agencies to instruct generic ICS/NIMS courses (ICS 100, 200 and 300, IS-700 and 800.) Team Coast Guard could utilize their services with their present non-CG instructor certification to present those courses and we would hope that they would embark upon a program of meeting the NSF's requirements for CG certification.

Each FC is requested to make personal contact with members to ascertain who in the division hold non-Coast Guard ICS/NIMS instructor certifications, the level of their certifications and whether they would be willing to offer their services in this endeavor. If so, forward their names and contact identification DSO-MT so that can make contact, compile a list and provide that information to the 1CGD ICS coordinator.

**SO-MS**  
John McDermott

Marine Safety (Prevention)

The Division of Marine Fisheries has issued the following Marine Fisheries Advisory.

**AGGREGATION OF RIGHT WHALES AROUND TIP OF CAPE COD –  
Advisory to Mariners**

An aggregation of right whales around Provincetown has prompted the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) to issue an advisory to all vessel operators. Unusually high concentrations of whale are present throughout the near shore areas spanning Provincetown Harbor to Race Point and beyond to Highland Light. **Operators are advised to reduce speed (10 knots), post lookouts, and proceed with caution to avoid colliding with this highly endangered whale.**

\* The Marine Safety Departments, Volume 9, February 2008 Issue of Safety Lines, which is very interesting reading can be accessed by going to [www.auxmdept.org/main\\_safety\\_lines\\_news.htm](http://www.auxmdept.org/main_safety_lines_news.htm) and clicking on Safety Lines February 2008.

\*Flotilla 35 - Jeff and Sheryl James will be attending an Invasive Species event at the New England Aquarium on April 29<sup>th</sup>, which will include speaker presentations and hands-on programs. Jeff James will be attending the Sector Boston's Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist (AUX-EK PQS) training. Trisha Morrison and Jeff James attended the No Discharge Zone informational meeting at the Newburyport Town Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the NDZ meeting at the Ipswich Town Hall on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cheryl Nocera will be giving Inky the Whale presentations at the Imana School in East Boston on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**SO-OP**  
John Merrill

No report submitted.

**SO-PA**  
Robert Deschene

No report submitted.

**SO-PE**  
Rick Lutes

END Of Month April SO-PE report Flotilla 35 reports concluding some courses. Flotilla 37 has a new instructor and is over the halfway point for a very large BS&S class.

Paddle Safely program event May 17 1000-1400 at Camp Denison in Georgetown MA. Event has been publicized with Community News Group papers as well as the Newburyport Paper. Flyer has been emailed to some towns abutting Georgetown. This event will be rain or shine bring your own bag lunch. Would like to have some media coverage of the event.

Interactive shore side talks about: Invasive species, hypothermia, life jackets, types of paddlecraft, and other topics utilizing the "Smart Start for Paddlers Lesson Plan" On the water various types of rescues will be performed. The public is encouraged to bring their boats for a VSC.

Some outfitters and instructors may be present.

Uniform of the day is working blue.

Please distribute to your other interested people in or outside of the auxiliary. Turn out for this event will determine whether some of the invited instructors will attend in the future.

Need people to:  
Mingle and table information  
Vessel Examiners  
instructors for 5min talks on: Weather, Float plans,  
life jackets, invasive species, hypothermia, How CG launches a search.

**SO-PS**  
James Scott Crocker

Fl. 33: Nothing to report

Fl. 34: Nothing to report

Fl. 35: Nothing to report

Fl. 37: Nothing to report

Fl. 38: We have two potential new members. One will be taking the exam shortly and the other will be starting his paperwork. Congratulations to Paul Sosenko for receiving a favorable outcome from the SECCEN. He will be sworn in shortly. Scotty ☺

**SO-PV**

C. John Swenson

No report submitted.

**SO-VE**

Alan Gould

No report submitted.