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Commander's Comments **Rick Strawn, FC 24**



Ahoy to All:

Thank you all for a great year in Flotilla 24 and a truly enlightening experience for this Auxiliarist! I can honestly say that I have learned more about what being a member of the Auxiliary is truly about this past year than in the entire 13 years previous. Most of it was actually positive! Seriously though, you are a great group of dedicated people and I am proud to be a member of the same organization and a Comrade of each and every one of you. We all have our own personalities and idiosyncrasies and that is what makes the Auxiliary a success at the end of the day. No matter what, in the end, we are all Members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and dedicated to the idea of safe boating and the unselfish giving of ourselves.

A sincere thanks to all of you that took the time to complete the survey pertaining to FSO involvement and interest.

Many of you shall be called upon this coming year to assist in areas that you "voiced" an interest in. I would like to see each FSO have someone as an "AFSO", though there is no actual classification as such. A word of "warning"; each member will be asked to participate in some way this year; whether as an assistant to an FSO in some area or possibly as a mentor to a new member. I fully understand that most of us are busy in our personal lives. Please consider that, along with that understanding comes the reality that when the commitment is made to volunteer it carries with it certain responsibilities to be involved in some physical way.

So please, when asked to take an action, consider that a little of your time and energy is a part of the commitment that you have made as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and step up to the plate.

FSOs, thank you for your commitment to do the "extra" and assist your Flotilla in being the Best out there. One focus this year will be to ask each of you to read the requirements of your position thoroughly and follow through with getting the most out of your area that you can.

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Remember, the best motivation to the members within our AORs is the example that we set as leaders. The same is true within the Flotilla as a whole. We are ALL Leaders within the Flotilla, so let's set a good example to follow, from our appearance in our uniforms to the jobs that we do within the Flotilla.

Quote of the month:

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing"

--- Albert Schweitzer

The following is the Flotilla Staff for the year 2006. Please, tap them on the shoulder and express your appreciation for their dedication to service and be ready to assist them in the coming year.

Flotilla Staff Officers - 2006

AN: D. Townes
CM: G. Burel
CS: M. Bell
FN: R. Scott
IS: M. Bell
MA: J. LaPak
MS: J. Gammage
MT: E. Kennedy
OP: L. Harth
PA: A. Crittenden
PB: H. Haynes
PE: S. Snyder
PS: R. Spalding
PV: R. Strawn
SR: M. Luisi
VE: S. Hoke
BCTC S. Hoke

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2006.

Semper Paratus

Calendar of Events

- Jan 7** Division 2 Change of Watch
Ft. McPherson, Atlanta
- Jan 11-15** Atlanta Boat Show
World Congress Center
- Jan 25** Flotilla 24 Meeting
Foghorn Grill, Norcross
- Feb 18, 25**
BS & S Class
ACOE, Buford Dam
- Feb 22** Flotilla 24 Meeting
Foghorn Grill, Norcross

Flotilla 24 General Meeting

Wed – January 25, 2005

6:00 PM Fog Horn Grill

3230 Medlock Bridge Road, NW
Norcross, GA 30092

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Photos from the Flotilla 24 Change of Watch
December 11, 2005
University Yacht Club



M. L. Loudermilk, of the US Coast Guard Pipe Band, and aspiring member of Flotilla 24, regaled the flotilla with stirring renditions of "Scotland the Brave", "Semper Paratus" and "Amazing Grace".



Rick Strawn, FC 24 (Right), with the co-recipients of the 2005 Broken Prop Award, Doug Townes and Roy Crittenden.



Bob Scott swears in Rick Strawn, FC 24 and Greg Burel, VFC 24



Rick Strawn, Greg Burel and M.L. Loudermilk

Staff Officer Reports

Staff Officers – 2005

IPFC	Herb F. Theisz
FSO-CM	Bill J. Brown
FSO-CS	Mark T. Bell
FSO-FN	Robert A. Scott
FSO-IS	Paul J. Morris
FSO-MA	Joseph I. LaPak
FSO-MS	John C. Gammage
FSO-MT	Evelyn R. Kennedy
FSO-OP	Linus G. Harth
FSO-PA	Albert L. Crittenden
FSO-PB	Harold E. Haynes
FSO-PE	Sara H. Snyder
FSO-PS	W. Greg Burel
FSO-PV	Albert L. Crittenden
FSO-SR	Merryjo Luisi
FSO-VE	Roland T. Hoke
BCTC	Roland T. Hoke

Roy Crittenden Program Visitor

I'll be signing off my duties as FSO-PV at the end of December, but am turning the job over to our able leader Rick Strawn.

The program was "upgraded" to some extent this year with the addition of two newly certified RBS Program Visitors, Rick Strawn and John Gammage, and by year end, we should be approaching 80-90 visits, a little below our goal.

We really need a couple more members on the team to give us the manpower to cover the dealers we should be covering. This program has a huge impact on the boating public and reflects well on the flotilla and the Auxiliary. Also, we get a number of requests for CMEs, BSS course and inquiries about membership. Certification is not difficult, so step right up!

Roy Crittenden Public Affairs



The response to our call to arms in staffing the Auxiliary booth at the January Atlanta Boat Show has been great! To date, we have 43 Auxiliarists from 4 flotillas signed up on the duty roster. The most we have had in the past was 34. My hat is off to all who have volunteered their time for this important 5-day Public Affairs event, and it is not too late if anyone else wants in on the action.

We have an article in the December issue of LAKESIDE ON LANIER entitled "Boat Shows Are Just Around the Corner".

John Gammage Marine Safety



Here we are, for our practical purposes, at the end of the flotilla boating year on Lake Lanier. And there's good news.

Summer of 2005 has a much improved safety record over 2004. Never let it be said that the BS&S course doesn't have at least some impact on lake safety. The same goes for vessel inspections and the one on one between the Aux inspector and the boat owner.

For the summer of 2004 there were seven deaths by drowning, three by lightning, one by boating accident and two by suicide and one by homicide. For the summer of 2005 there were four drownings plus one more due to an auto motorist driving into the lake, two deaths by lightning and one suicide. The Corp. has furnished us with details i.e. location, personal info, was alcohol involved etc. and this can be copied and furnished upon request.

Mark Bell Communication Services



November 29th Edition of
eNews

Receiving eNews? If not, new in the November 29th eNews from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary includes information on:

- New National web Site (NWS) Formally Launched
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Loan-to-Grant Conversions
- Flotilla Finder – Zip Code Function
- 2006 National Calendar Posted
- Volume 1, Issue 2 Of The Sector Bulletin Published
- District Standardized Standing Rules Now Available
- Donations Needed: Operation Life Ring
- Visit SITREP
- Support USCGAUX – Visit Shop Auxiliary
- What's Up With AUXDATA...?
- 2006 Vessel Safety Check Decals Available For Order
- Help Wanted Positions (from the National Web Site)

Website Update

Our old website pages have been migrated to their new server home at:

<http://a0700204.uscgaux.info/>

As you can see, the address is a bit different and you should visit with your favorite web browser and update your Flotilla web page links. Please delete any links referring to our old address:

<http://www.uscgaux.org/~0700204/>

On or after December 10th the National CS staff will discontinue operation of the old www.uscgaux.org server. After this server is shutdown, our old site web pages will no longer be accessible.

So, what do our Flotilla web pages look like at our new server home? Answer: basically the same other than the change in the URL links.

We do have one technical problem. Our fill-in forms to request contact with appropriate FSO staff members are all broken and it will be some time before I expect them to be back in service. The delay will be dependent on how fast I receive an adequate technical reply on several questions I sent up the CS management chain.

Mark Bell Information Services

Over the course of the next few months we can expect to see a few of our commonly used forms revised, in particular:

* ANSC 7030 - Mission Activity Report (several reporting categories are changing)

* ANSC 7038 - Vessel Examination Activity Report (expect two new reporting fields)

Before filling out a new report, please check the National Auxiliary Forms page at:

<http://forms.cgaux.org/forms.html>

and ensure that the form you are using is the current revision. Failure to use a current form revision may result in your submission to IS for processing being rejected and returned. In some instances older forms are allowed; however, you must check the current form and ensure it states: "Previous edition may be used."

Submission of Articles to The BaSDOT

Submission deadline for the BaSDOT is the 10th day of each month.

All Staff Officers are encouraged to participate in The BaSDOT and the website. Mail articles to:

hhaynes02@yahoo.com

or

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Lilburn, GA 30048
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Joe Lapak Materials



Congratulations are extended to Rick Strawn and Greg Burel on being re-elected Flotilla Commander and Vice

Flotilla Commander for the ensuing year 2006. As your Flotilla Staff Officer for Materials I would like to remind everyone who will need to acquire uniform items and/or accessories that the 7th District Materials Center will be closed from 19 December 2005 to 2 January 2006. The fastest and easiest way to order merchandise, is to place your orders via the Internet. Orders can also be FAXED applying your purchase to a VISA or MASTER CARD credit card. A minimum order of \$10.00 is required for this service. You also can send your order in with a check made payable to: (7th. DISTRICT AUXILIARY BOARD, INC). The 7th District Material Center On-line Store's catalog is quite extensive and very user friendly. I urge you to log on to the web site and browse the catalog and you will understand why it is the most popular one in the nation. The log on is: <http://cgaux7.org/d7store>. You can also contact them by calling 941-625-0060. To fax an order call 941-625-0067. The hours of operation are Monday and Thursday from 0900 to 1400 hrs. Uniform trousers and shirts and some accessory items can be purchased from the C.G. Uniform Distribution Center in Woodbine, NJ using a credit card. Phone 1-800-874-6841. You will need to identify yourself as CG Auxiliary and have your member number available when placing your order.

ODU (Operational Dress Uniforms) can now be purchased from UDC (Uniform Distribution Center). The wearing of ODU's by Auxiliarists is in effect and authorized in accordance with the Auxiliary Manual. Alternative ODU sources may also be utilized by Auxiliarists who desire to obtain ODU's. Please bear in mind that although use of alternative uniform sources instead of Coast Guard stock points is authorized in the Auxiliary Manual, you must still beware that such uniform products may not meet all CG uniform specifications and standards. Auxiliarists are therefore strongly encouraged to order their ODU's from UDC and Coast Guard

Exchanges. Additionally, Coast Guard working blue (utility) uniforms remain authorized for Auxiliarists until they are no longer serviceable. ODU's will then need to be worn. UDC has phased out all of the working blue (utility) uniforms and have none available. It is important to check the Auxiliary Manual for sizing instructions before placing an order for ODU uniforms.

As your Materials Officer, I am always available to assist you so please do not hesitate to contact me.

To all of you, have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. See you on-board next year.

Joe Lapak ADDSL 2

Once again, congratulations are extended to Rick Strawn and Greg Burel on being re-elected Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 24 for the ensuing year 2006. As the ADDSL for Division 2, extend my congrats also to all of the Flotilla Staff Officers for 2006.

The PSI process has been both tedious and frustrating to say the least but I am happy to say that Flotilla 24 is just about 100% complete. Only three (3) members remain that require a disposition be taken on their PSI package. This gives our Flotilla a 93% completion for PSI packages sent in for processing.

PSI package processing is a continuing effort. As new candidates apply to become members their enrollment paperwork, which includes the OS (Operational Support) forms are channeled through the ADDSL-2 or the DDSL-2. Also members that currently have an OS status and want to upgrade to DO (Direct Operations) status will then need to complete all of the necessary forms required for the PSI DO package along with the appropriate sign off sheet (i.e. Watchstander, Crew, Air Observer, etc.) So as you can see, this is an ongoing evolution that is here to stay.

As your ADDSL-2, I am always available to assist you so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Semper Paratus

Division 2 Change of Watch

All Division 2 members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this special annual event. Again, we are utilizing the beautiful facilities at "The Commons" at Ft. McPherson, Georgia. Last year we had 60 attendees and we want to exceed that number this January.

DIRECTIONS TO FT. McPHERSON: Exit I 75 at Langford Parkway (the old Lakewood Freeway) and proceed west for two exits, looking for sign showing Ft. McPherson. Proceed straight ahead to the gate, about 300 yards. As you enter the grounds, turn left and proceed to the security gate. Your name will be on a roster that Security will have. Langford Parkway is just a few miles north of the Atlanta airport, and south of the city.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMONS: After passing through Security, proceed ahead about 100 yards and turn left on Deshler Road and right onto S. Miller Road. Follow S. Miller to the Commons, where you will drive around the building and park in the front.

OVERNIGHTERS: Arrangements have again been made at the Best Western Atlanta Airport East Motel. It is located just south of Langford Parkway at I 75 and North Central Avenue, Exit #239, on the airport side of I 75. Special Price : \$59. Reservations: (404)479-1100 or 1-800-733-0298 (Coast Guard Auxiliary booking).

DRESS: Dinner Dress White, Dinner Dress Blue, Service Dress Blue (Alpha), or appropriate civilian attire for after 6 PM social occasions.

TIME: SOCIAL 1800 DINNER & CEREMONY 1900

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: 24 DECEMBER (NEW SECURITY RULES)

Sign up even if you are not sure you will attend. If something comes up, let us know ASAP, and we will refund your money. The list goes to the Provost Marshall's Office, 26 December.

Mail your check and dinner choice to:

Bob Scott, SO-FN 2, 5671 Pipsissewa Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542-2749

Make check out to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef AU JUS _____ Name of Attendee _____

Filet of Flounder-Stuffed with Shrimp & Crabmeat _____ Name _____

COST: \$20 per person

Division 2 Officers – 2006

DCP	A.L. Crittenden
VCP	C.T. Christopher
IPDCP	E.M. Glasscott
SO-AN	E. R. Skelly
SO-CM	D.M. Fuller
SO-CS	H.E. Haynes
SO-FN	R.A. Scott
SO-IS	R.C. Bunzl
SO-MA	W. B. Hammer
SO-MS	D. C. Crass
SO-MT	B. A. Lindsey
SO-OP	J.M. Brady
SO-PA	A.L. Crittenden
SO-PB	P. J. Yost
SO-PE	E.R. Kennedy
SO-PS	N.L. Daniels
SO-PV	L.R. Emery
SO-SR	S.B. Cummings
SO-VE	C. Kelemen
DDSL	K. Nelson
ADDSL	J. LaPak



The US Coast Guard Song

Semper Paratus (Always Ready)

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Current Version

Verse

From North and South and East and West,
The Coast Guard's in the fight.
Destroying subs and landing troops,
The Axis feels our might.
For we're the first invaders,
On every fighting field.
Afloat, ashore, on men and Spars,
You'll find the Coast Guard shield.

Chorus

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready," do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you.

(Submitted by Capt. Bill Jackson)

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**Bob Scott
Finance**



FLOTILLA 24

Financial Statement as of November 30, 2005

	This Month	Year to Date	2005 Budget
Income			
Dues	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,965.00	\$1,975.00
Interim Dues	0	0	\$ 80.00
P E Sales	0	\$ 3,434.00	\$3,150.00
Exchange	0	\$ 425.00	0
	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,825.00</u>	<u>\$5,205.00</u>

Expenses

Dues	0	\$ 1,166.00	\$1,166.00
Pro Rata Dues	0	\$ 16.50	\$ 33.00
Change of Watch/Socials	0	\$ 205.79	\$ 400.00
Gifts/Flowers	0	\$ 56.10	\$ 100.00
P E Materials	0	\$ 1,726.53	\$1,800.00
P E Refreshments	0	\$ 106.47	\$ 100.00
Copying/Postage	0	\$ 70.34	\$ 500.00
BASDOT	0	\$ 32.53	\$ 100.00
Equipment	0	0	\$ 300.00
Guest's Meals	0	0	\$ 150.00
Annual Trophies	0	0	\$ 100.00
Safe Boating Lk Lanier	0	0	0
CG Mutual Assistance	0	\$ 200.00	0
Member Surplus	\$ 90.00	\$ 521.61	\$ 356.00
Auxiliary Surplus	0	\$ 1,299.13	\$ 100.00
Exchange	0	\$ 425.00	0
	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,825.00</u>	<u>\$5,205.00</u>

Balance 12/31/2004	\$4,593.62
Income for 2005	\$5,825.00
Expenses for 2005	<u>\$4,005.26</u>
Balance 11/30/2005	\$6,413.36