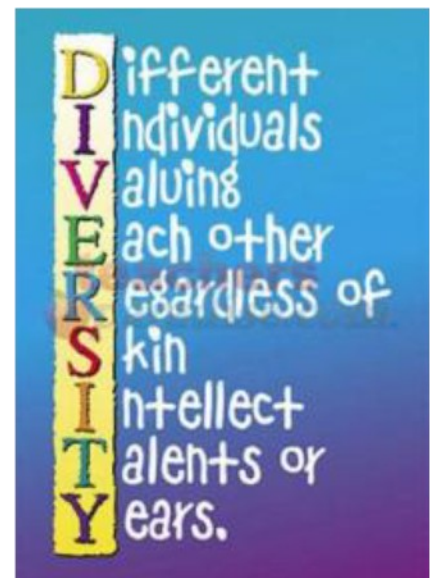


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

01 January	New Year's Day
18 January	Flotilla Meeting
23 January	Division Meeting - via ZOOM
14 February	Valentine's Day
15 February	Flotilla Meeting

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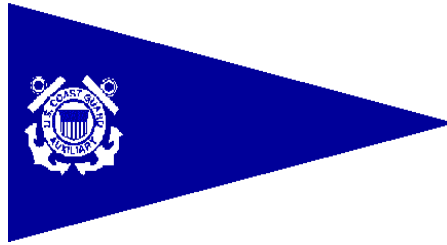
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Notes *January 2021*

January 2021, start of a new year. We might find it helpful, to reflect on the past year, in helping us consider directions plotting the future of our flotilla. As the FC (elect) you have asked me to take the helm in these troubled waters. Thank you for your confidence and grateful offer to serve at this time. As many of you know this will be a challenging time for us. But the future is very bright and we will be stronger and happier we were able to come through the storm. We all can agree that we find ourselves already outside the box engaging a creative process to find a foundation on which we can support the next Auxiliary members standing on our shoulders.

Thank you, officers and members of the Flotilla, for the last few years. We stand on your examples and shoulders and embrace what you have given to us to move ahead. As you recall, this time last year, we were just getting over a year of another flood and trying to consider a better year of Boating, Education and PA events. As our first two events all changed by orders to shut down. By summer time we were very locked down. Within a few months the internet became our life line along with cell phones and TV news. Think back to all we have done. We found a new communication tool which will serve us well in the future. Many of the activities we did in the past we may still do when we receive the order. We all hope for a better day.

Welcome to our two new members Doug and Pat

One of the directions should start with a few goals to guide us along the way. Looking at the new Strategic Plan 2020-2026, should help us better our service. These are a few of the topics that I would like for us to choose to do.

As the Auxiliary puts the Strategic Plan into operation, we will remain steadfast and committed to the watchwords "Ready," "Resourceful," and "Resilient"

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Ready

The Auxiliary stands always ready to answer the Coast Guard's call to service.

Resourceful

The Auxiliary is able to find and to use different ways to achieve its goals in service to the Coast Guard.

Resilient

Resilience is the evidence of Devotion to Duty. We are Auxiliarists because we choose to volunteer to serve the Coast Guard, our Country and our Community and we will not let any obstacle prevent us from serving.

Goals:

- Develop new tools for our Flotilla to use in their recruiting and retention programs
- Updating current qualifications and courses
- Provide a unified web platform experience to facilitate mission and people as needed
- Standardize, manage, and support Auxiliary financial policies and procedures
- Meet Human Capital needs of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary
- Strengthen presence in all aspects of recreational boating safety
- Expand the Auxiliary Student Programs: Auxiliary University Program and Sea Scouts to meet mission and service needs
- Embrace an enhanced Safety Culture Auxiliary-wide

We all would like to help our new members and our community improve and grow. If we help each other work on future projects we can make a difference. Let's visit about other goals that make a difference in what we do.



Which person are you?
(match) from the leadership course.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph
Waldo Emerson



This picture from Academy poster.

THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, DCDR, SO-PB, FSO-CS/PB

This information can be found at the following website:

[USCG AUX Diversity](#)

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Diversity Policy Statement

It is the policy of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to ensure that all citizens, regardless of race, gender, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, religion, or physical or mental disability have an equal opportunity to become a volunteer of this organization. It is after all, part of our mission to become the volunteer organization of choice.

As the National Commodore, I will personally lead the diversity initiatives and challenge all who serve to do the same through leadership, mentorship, service, and example. As someone committed to diversity, I understand that providing training is one of the strategies that helps build an inclusive environment, which is crucial to attracting and retaining top talent, building member engagement, and fostering creativity and innovation. Our Strategic Plan for Managing Diversity will guide us in our efforts towards accomplishing this goal.

Diversity of thoughts, ideas, and competencies of our people, keeps the Auxiliary strong and empowers us to mission readiness and excellence.

Diversity is an imperative to the Auxiliary; it can increase morale and impact our success. In essence every member is responsible for fostering an inclusive team atmosphere and being a contributing part of Team Coast Guard.

The Auxiliary is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment, a journey guided by the deeply held values of *Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty*, as America's Guardians, we understand that diversity is not a problem to be solved, but is an asset to be developed.

James E. Vass National Commodore, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary

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The Diversity Vision

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's vision is to make diversity an organizational imperative and bring us a treasure trove of different perspectives. Our vision is more than an alignment of organizational goals but an indispensable dynamic process to increase performance and productivity as we strive to become the "*Volunteer Organization of Choice*".

Through this shared vision, we'll recognize diversity and remove all barriers, real or perceived, so current and potential members will feel an increased pride and honor in their membership.

Our members are **honored** to offer themselves as volunteers to assist the USCG, with the desire for training and meaningful involvement, so that we can enhance safety in the boating community. the volunteer nature of our organization and:

1. We will **respect** provide current and prospective members with a positive environment to reach their full potential.
2. We'll encourage the **devotion to duty**, while understanding the unique abilities of each member, each giving according to their own abilities.





THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR, FSO-CS/PB

NOVEMBER NOTES

This information can be found at the following website:

[ALCOAST 445/20 SUBJ: COVID-19: GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS \(FACE MASKS\) – UPDATE 2 > United States Coast Guard > USCG Coronavirus Latest Information](#)

ALCOAST 445/20 SUBJ: COVID-19: GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS (FACE MASKS) – UPDATE 2

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SUBJ: COVID-19: GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS (FACE MASKS) – UPDATE 2

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 061552 APR 20/ALCOAST 124/20

B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 171929 APR 20/ALCOAST 144/20

1. This message provides additional guidance for the use of cloth face coverings (Face Masks) to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 when at least 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained as directed in REFs (A) and (B).
2. Terminology: To better align with CDC updated terminology, the term “Cloth Face Covering” is replaced with the term “Face Mask.” Future uses of the term Face Mask includes items described in REFs (A) and (B).



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3. Biological Source Control Considerations: Units must recognize the vulnerabilities of personally supplied face masks that contain exhalation valve(s) or consist of a single layer of fabric. Face masks protect others by containing aerosol droplets produced when you breathe, talk, etc. Valve equipped face masks fail to provide this source control. Exhalation valves allow droplets possibly containing the COVID-19 virus to escape into the air and may expose others.

4. Policy: Guidance in REFs (A) and (B) remains in effect.
- a. Use of face masks with exhalation valves or vents is prohibited.
 - b. Single layer gaiters are prohibited.

This policy does not prohibit organizational clothing or uniform items that meet CDC multi-layer guidance. CDC guidance on gaiter wear:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

5. COMDT (CG-113) POC: Mr. Glenn Gebele (202) 475-5195

6. RADM Dana L. Thomas, Director, Health, Safety, and Work-Life, sends.

7. Internet release is authorized.




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FEBRUARY 2021



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