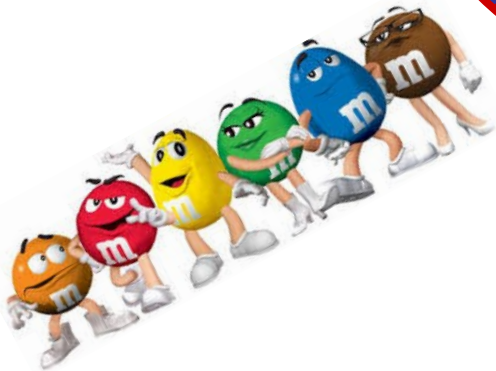


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 AUX Scout - Patrick Rezac
 Communications (FSO-CM) - Jim Westcott
 Communication Services (FSO-CS)- Ben Zimmerman
 Diversity (FSO-DV) - Jim Westcott
 Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
 Human Resources (FSO-HR) - Jim Westcott
 Information Services (FSO-IS)-Barclay Stebbins
 Materials (FSO-MA) - Bernie McNary
 Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Doug Ives
 Member Training (FSO-MT) - Jim Westcott
 Aids to Navigation (FSO-NS) - George McNary
 Operations (FSO-OP) - Barclay Stebbins
 Public Affairs (FSO-PA) - Patrick Rezac
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 Public Education (FSO-PE) - James Wolfe
 Program Visitor (FSO-PV) - Cannon Kinchelow
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 Vessel Examiner (FSO-VE)-Cannon Kinchelow

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

08 May Mother's Day
 16 May Flotilla Meeting
 21 May Division Meeting and Awards Dinner
 21-27 May SAFE BOATING WEEK
 14 June Flag Day
 20 June Flotilla Meeting

8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING
LOOK AT THE
DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE
WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES
See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes, RBS dates and
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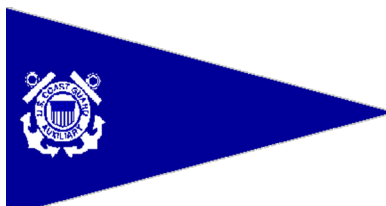
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



MAY 2022

Is spring here yet? D-train went well and we had a very nice turnout plus this month we will have an awards dinner and see all the awards we brought home. BZ to those award winners.

We will have our first PE class. Look for a PA even and if all goes well our first OP. Very nice getting back to an active flotilla.

During D-Train, I heard the saying "Servant Leadership". This reminded me of the leadership class I taught in college for Phi Theta Kappa. The second chapter, in the textbook we used, covered the idea of "Servant Leadership". Robert K. Greenleaf used the idea from Hermann Hesse's "Journey to the East", to present The Servant as Leader. In Hesse's story about group of men on a mythical journey. The central figure, Leo, is the servant doing menial chores, high spirits and song. Along the way Leo disappears. The group falls into disarray and the journey is abandoned. Years later one of the men finds Leo now head of a community as the noble leader.

Greenleaf sees the story clearly that a great leader is seen as a servant first and that simple fact is the key to his greatness.

Much can be said about our leadership in the years to come. Attending another zoom meeting in a different Dist. The leader was giving a class and when he turned around few if any members were there. He said when a leader turns around and finds himself alone, he has no followers.

Is this where we as a flotilla find ourselves with no one to step up and take the positions as officers. Is this the place the Division finds itself? Is this the place the District finds itself?

Then too National staff?

Question! Do we put officers in that are not servants first before they become leaders? Now is the time to consider next year's officers. Within two months decisions need to be made about the future of our flotilla.

Please consider taking an office next year and if that means 6 months of being mentored, just ask.

James O. Wolfe FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Jim Westcott, DSO-CM, SO-CM/MA/PE,
FSO-CM/DV/HR/MT

Photo by Jim Westcott

L-R Dan Smith, Barb Westcott, Barclay Stebbins
, Cannon Kinchelow and Randy Evans
Covid protocol was followed



We have - - -
Tall ones, Short ones,
Younger ones, Older ones,
Thin ones, Not so thin ones,
Black ones, White ones,
We Have
Room For Everyone.



INFORMATION BUG APRIL, 2022

The information for this article was found at:
[Safe Boat Handling in Bad Weather | Boating Safety](#)
 [\(boatingsafetymag.com\)](http://boatingsafetymag.com)



About the Telecommunications Program

The Auxiliary Communications Team (ACT) is composed of communications specialists who provide support and guidance to 8WR Divisions and Flotillas for the effective performance of their communications responsibilities. ACT also provides expertise in the planning for communications events including providing personnel who are trained in the Incident Management System (ICS), as Radio Operators (RADOS) and other personnel who are certified ICS Communications Leaders (COML), ICS Communications Technicians (COMT).

In certain situations, ACT becomes a first-line emergency communications provider, primarily when requested by regular Coast Guard commands. Other occurrences are where Auxiliary units are overwhelmed or under-staffed, specialized equipment and/or technical personnel are required, or communications interoperability with allied agencies is needed.

Telecommunication Operators (TCOs) are an important element in the safety of surface and air patrols. In addition, they represent the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary to the marine public and serve an important public relations function. As a focus of contact with the maritime community, TCOs require a high level of professionalism, responsiveness, and experience in order to relate to and handle the many diverse marine incidents that may be reported. Training and experience are particularly critical for TCOs.

Auxiliary communications are not bound into a rigidly structured operational system but rather consist of fixed land stations, land mobile stations and direction finder stations that have been accepted by the Director of the Auxiliary as radio facilities. The primary purposes of the Auxiliary communications network are:

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- Assisting national resources in time of disaster ("contingency communications")
- Augmenting the Coast Guard communications system, when required ("contingency communications")
- Communicating urgent matters of official Auxiliary business ("operational communications")
- Coordinating authorized Auxiliary activities in support of Coast Guard Operations ("operational communications")

Training

In many cases, Auxiliaries will operate radio facilities in conjunction with authorized surface and air missions. They will, at that time use authorized government frequencies in designated bands. Other program activities of radio facilities include operation in the HF Contingency Communications Program and other CG Unit communications operations.

Watchstanding

In order to stand watch at an auxiliary communication facility, a Basically Qualified Auxiliarist must complete the *Auxiliary Telecommunications Qualification Standard* unless authorized as a result of previous completion of the *Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course***prior to 1 August 2008**. In order to act as a watchstander at a CG communications facility, Auxiliarists must complete all requirements as specified by the Commanding Officer or Officer in Charge of the CG unit in question.

An auxiliary radio facility does not require a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license when operating while assigned to duty or performing a mission directed or scheduled by the U S Coast Guard.

Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course (AUXCOM)

AUXCOM focuses on radio communications for the Auxiliary and Coast Guard, providing broad knowledge of the fundamental principles underlying communications systems in use by both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. The training materials for AUXCOM are available to members as part of an on-line AUXCOM course in the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS).



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Radio Facility



An Auxiliary Radio Facility does not require a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license when operating while assigned to duty or performing a mission directed or scheduled by the U S Coast Guard.

Auxiliarists owning or operating Fixed Land, Land Mobile, or DF Radio Facilities must complete the *Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator Personal Qualification Standard* (TCO PQS) training or must have completed the *Communications Specialty (AUXCOM)* course **prior to 1 August 2008**.



A radio facility may be offered for use by an Auxiliarist and, if it meets requirements for that type of facility, it may be accepted by DIRAUX (OTO). The facility owner must arrange for an initial inspection of the facility and, thereafter, a re-inspection every three years from the date of acceptance for use. Radio equipment used on a surface or air facility is considered and inspected as part of that facility. In general, the operator of a radio facility must maintain radio logs and formal message logs. Under ordinary conditions, Auxiliary radio facilities operate according to the *Telecommunications Manual COMDTINST M2000.3*.

Annual Training

- RM/TCT – REQUIRED
- Operations Workshop - REQUIRED
- Telecommunications Workshop – Now REQUIRED.

TCO/PQS Student Manuals:

[Auxiliary Telecommunications Qualification Standard](#) – Course book (PDF)*

[Auxiliary Communications Program, SOP 21MAR2016](#) (PDF)

[Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual](#) COMDTINST M16798.3E (PDF)

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Omaha Flotilla Meeting @ Tangier Shrine	17	18	19	20 Wear your Life Jacket to work day	21 Division Meeting and Awards National Safe Boating Week Begins
22	23	24	25	26	27 National Safe Boating Week ENDS	28
29	30	31				



June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15	16	17	18
19	20 Omaha Flotilla Meeting @ Tangier Shrine	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		