

# The Kelsey Point Light

Official Publication of Flotilla 24-8  
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**MEETING NOTICE:**

Wednesday, 11 January 2012  
Flotilla Base, Cedar Island Marina  
Uniform: Tropical Blue or ODUs

**AGENDA:**

Swearing in of 2012 Staff Officers  
Annual Budget  
Important Dates

## GROUP AT THE AQUA



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OF FLOTILLA 24-8  
FIRST DISTRICT (SR)**

**2012 ELECTED OFFICERS**

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**FRONT COVER**

Photographs show the group at the flotilla Christmas/Holiday Party on Friday, 16 December at the Aqua Restaurant.



Those who attended were  
Dave Aresco, Barbara & Jim  
Benjamin, Anita & Mark  
Bennett, Bernie & Tom Ce-  
niglio, Bert & Ginny

Daniels, Mary Anne Davis, John Delemarre,  
Jack Doolittle, Jill & Gerry Gorecki, Fran  
& Doug Latham, Bob MacSaveny, Helen &  
John Ouellette, John Porter, Tracy Starbird,  
Beth & Jim Terenzio, Gayle & Bill Van  
Huysen, Joan & . Jeff Van Tienan, and Cathy  
& Andy Wagner.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday, 4 January to Sunday, 8 January —  
New York Boat Show  
Saturday, 7 January — District Meeting  
Monday, 9 January — Start of division  
sponsored Boat Crew Classes, CG Station  
New Haven  
Saturday, 11 February — Division 24 casino  
trip  
Friday & Saturday, 23-24 March — District  
Conference, Groton, CT  
Sunday, 25 March — District Meeting,  
Groton, CT  
Wednesday, 23 May to Wednesday, 29 May —  
Fleet Week, New York Harbor  
Saturday, 2 June — District Meeting  
Friday, 6 July to Monday 9 July — Tall Ships/  
Fleet Week, New London  
Friday, 27 July to Sunday 29 July — District  
SAR Competition  
Saturday & Sunday, 4 & 5 August — ASAR  
Saturday, 8 September — District Meeting  
Friday, 30 November to Sunday, 2 December —  
District Leadership Conference

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**Classes for 2012**

Saturday, 28 January — About Boating Safely  
Saturday, 25 February — How To Read a  
Nautical Chart  
Saturday 31 March — ABS  
Saturday 28 April — ABS  
Saturday, 2 June — GPS and Radar  
Saturday, 30 June — ABS  
Saturday, 28 July — ABS  
Saturday, 25 August — ABS  
Saturday, 29 September — Sailing/Weather/  
Knots/Radio  
Saturday, 27 October — ABS  
Saturday, 17 November — Basic Boating  
Mechanics

**Do something useful  
HELP OUT AT A PEC**



## WORDS FROM JOHN

It is an honor to take the bridge of our flotilla for 2012. I look forward to working closely with Dave Aresco VFC and all our FSO's.



I came home from the leadership conference in December with new enthusiasm and ideas. I would like to share three points that struck me as worth remembering, especially as we work to complete our primary mandate to educate the public about boating safety.

1. The active duty side needs and appreciates the Auxiliary. We are important to them as demonstrated by the wonderful speech Admiral Neptun delivered at the conference. It made me feel very good to know our volunteer hours are so vital.
2. We must always remember the oath we took when we became members. “—to abide by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.” We accepted this membership as a volunteer; but as a member, we are charged with certain responsibilities and obligations.
3. The active duty defends our democracy, the Auxiliary practices it.

I appreciate all your hard work in the past, especially our FSO's who have worked so hard. With all of us working together, I look forward to establishing our new goals, and making the 2012 boating season a safe, happy and fun experience for us and the boating public.

We have a lot to do, so I hope to see you all for our January meeting.

Semper Paratus  
John Ouellette

## DEC STAFF REPORTS

### DOMAIN AWARENESS

A MOMS/DA patrol is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 December 2011.

### INFORMATION SYSTEMS

As of 7 December 2011 all forms received have been entered into AUXDATA and are awaiting approval by the division IS Officer.

### NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Previously submitted reports were reviewed and updated with additional material and information to division. We are awaiting final status and approval of PATON verification report submission.

### PROGRAM VISITS

There was no activity in November 2011. I plan to “piggyback” PVs on the December 2011 MOMS/DA patrol. This should result in about 20 visits.



## ODU AVAILABILITY

The Chief Director of Auxiliary has announced that the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) in Woodbine, NJ, has a surplus inventory of many Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) sizes.

A few sizes are not available due to the high demand by Coast Guard and Academy needs.

UDC highly recommends that Auxiliarists speak to a UDC customer service representative for updates on available sizes and place all their orders by phone. The UDC customer service desk can be reached at 800-874-6841 or 609-861-1221. The web site is

<http://uscg.mil/uniform/>

# FLOTILLA CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY



Mark Bennett, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (left) and John Ouellette, Flotilla Commander 2012 spoke to the group. Mark thanked the members for the work each did during the past two years. John thanked the flotilla for electing him FC for 2012.



From left to right are Mary Ann Davis, Helen Ouellette, Cathy Wagner and Anita Bennett all decked out for the party.



Tom Ceniglio shows off his “prize” from the grab bag — a large stuffed gecko

## Words of Wisdom

- ☞ The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- ☞ The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- ☞ If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- ☞ Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.
- ☞ If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- ☞ A penny saved is a government oversight.
- ☞ The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth!

# FLOTILLA STATISTICS FOR 2011

Information gleaned from AUXINFO and Flotilla Staff Officer reports during 2011.

## MEETINGS AND YEARLY ACTIVITIES

11 Regular Meetings	Flotilla Picnic
Flotilla Base Work Parties	Christmas/Holiday Party

## MEMBERSHIP

Number of Members, 1 JAN 2011 — 33	New Members — 2
Disenrollments, Transfers, etc — 2	31 DEC 2011 Membership — 33

## OPERATIONS

	PATROLS	RADIO	ASSISTS
Number	4	6	Total # — 0
Hours	38	24	Persons —
Members Participating	7	3	Property —
Facilities Used	2	3	
Number of Assists	0	0	

# of Qualified Coxswains — 2	# of Qualified Crew — 3
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## VESSEL EXAMINATIONS & RBS PROGRAM VISITATIONS

VSC done — 80	Visitations done — 96
# Examiners — 8	# Visitors — 2

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

# Verifiers — 3	PATON Verified — 138
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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLICATIONS

# Sea Partners/Boating Safety Booths — 9	# Newsletters — 12
Total Hours — 102	Total Hours — 66

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Courses		
8 ABS; 1 BS&S; 2 S&S; 1 Weekend Navigator;	1 Paddlesports America; 1 Boating Fun	
Students — 115	Lead Hours — 142.5	Non-Lead Hours — 134

## MEMBER TRAINING

Courses & Workshops		
Boat Crew	TCT Refresher	Publications
1 session	1 session	1 session
Total Hours of Instruction — 7		

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT MISSIONS

# Member — 1	Hours — 465.5
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