

The Kelsey Point Light

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*We wish you a Holiday Season
filled with the company of good friends,
the warmth of good will,
and the memory of good times.*

2012 FLOTILLA BRIDGE



John Ouellette and Dave Aresco are sworn into office as Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander respectively by Bill Rohland, Division Commander, at the November Flotilla meeting.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Another successful year is drawing to a close. This is the time when I, as Publications Officer and editor of this newsletter thank all the folks who contributed. There were many contributions: staff reports, photos, articles. Thanks go to Mark Bennett, Tom Ceniglio, Dave Aresco, the Benjamins, Bob MacSaveny, the Ouellettes, and Andy Wagner.

In addition, a big thank you to a member of FL 75 in Mamaroneck, NY, Steve Allensworth, for all his help, guidance and suggestions whenever I asked. I can always count on Steve.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 16 December — Flotilla Christmas Holiday Party; see page 8

Wednesday, 4 January 2012 to Sunday, 8 January — New York Boat Show

Wednesday, 4 January 2012 — Division 24 Meeting, CG Station New Haven

Saturday, 7 January 2012 — District Meeting

Saturday, 11 February 2012 — Division 24 casino trip

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Completed Courses

Saturday, 22 October — ABS; 7 adults and one youth were graduates.

Scheduled Classes

There is no class scheduled for December. The schedule for next year can be found on <http://www.boatsafect.com>.

The Clinton Police Department has decided to charge for use of their community room. Classes will now be held at the Flotilla Base, unless a larger room is necessary.

Signs for upcoming classes will be printed for the entire year instead of one or two months at a time.

RECALL NOTICE

MUSTANG SURVIVAL PFD RECALL NOTICE

Mustang Survival is voluntarily recalling all model number MD2010 and MD2012 inflatable PFDs sold in the United States in 2011. This recall is being issued for the inspection and repair of an inflator installation inconsistency that may prevent some units from inflating. The inspection and repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory.

Read more at <http://mustangsurvival.com/About-mustang/news/2011-11-02/mustang-Survival—issues-voluntary-recall-notice-model-md2010-movel2012-22>

MARK MOVES TO UP TO DIVISION

Reflecting back on my time as Flotilla Commander I can say I am very proud of our accomplishments as a Flotilla over the past year.

Our web sites have been up and running for some time now and constantly updated by Tom Cenigilio. Not only has Tom maintained our websites, he has run our Public Education program and has gone beyond the scheduled classes to educate others on his own time. Tom has also been a tremendous asset as my Vice Commander with his ideas, comments and suggestions. I know he will be truly missed as he transfers to another Division in January. I know I could speak for all the members in saying we wish him all the best.

This past year I have many members to thank for their hard work and dedication in making our programs a big success. As the youngest flotilla in Division 24 we now have an active Program Visitor activity and at the moment we have the most PVs performed this year in the Division, thanks to Dave Aresco. The flotilla now operates a second facility for training and patrols, thanks to John and Helen Ouellette. Our publication, the Kelsey Point Light, edited by Ginny Daniels, is not only a big success with the flotilla, many others in the division are very impressed with its quality also. We now have an active Aids Verification program with 63 Private Aids to Navigation in our area of responsibility, verified at 100% this year, thanks to our boat crews and Aids Verifiers. Additionally, I want to commend our members who volunteered for the working parties to spruce up and clean out our Flotilla building. Thank you, it made the work load much lighter.

At this point I would like to thank all of my Flotilla Staff Officers, Instructors, Maritime Observers (MDA), Aids Verifiers, Boat Crews, Boat Crew trainee's, Coxswains and flotilla members for their hard work and dedication. Without your help and assistance, the flotilla could not function as smoothly as it does.

A special thanks to Jim Terenzio and Bob MacSaveny who perform much work in the background and under the radar. Many are not aware of all the time they both give in maintaining the Flotilla.

The Clinton Marine Association also deserves credit for repairs, up grading and general maintenance of our building this past year.

As I move up to the Division level as Division Vice Commander, be assured that I will remain an active member of Flotilla 24-08, whether as the Finance Officer, Instructor, Program Visitor or in any other capacity that may be needed.

Best wishes for the new bridge, John Ouellette, Flotilla Commander and Dave Aresco, Vice Flotilla Commander in the coming year. I am looking forward to working with all on the Division level.



Semper Paratus,
Mark Bennett, VCDR

TOM SAYS “FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS”

I have thoroughly enjoyed my over four (4) year tenure as a member of the Clinton Flotilla which culminated as the Vice Flotilla Commander under Mark Bennett. Mark is already a great Vice Commander for Division 24.



We have improved the quality of the Public Affairs and Program Visitor duties with the help of Dave Aresco who is really qualified to be a great Vice Flotilla Commander under John Ouellette, the Flotilla Commander for 2012. I learned all about Instructor training and delegation from Mark Bennett and he is still a great mentor to me and others in Public Education. Ginny and Bert have been a great asset to the flotilla for operations, fellowship, and the newsletter. I want to thank all of the members of the flotilla and their families for allowing us to serve the Coast Guard and the Clinton/Westbrook Boating Public even though it meant missing out on some family or business matters. The founding members of our flotilla would be proud of how much

we have grown and expanded our offerings to the public. Bob MacSaveny and Jim Terenzio have really done yeoman's work around the flotilla, at PE classes, and for the CMA. Barbara and Jim Benjamin along with Jeff Van Tienen have been great help in Vessel Exams and helping out during Boat Shows and other flotilla events. Andy Wagner has stepped up to help out not only in Human Resources, Marine Safety, but also Crew, Vessel Exams, and Instructor. Ron White, MaryAnn Davis, Jack Doolittle, John Sullivan, John Delemarre, and Bill Van Huysen have all helped the flotilla in many ways but always have a positive attitude and volunteer spirit which is the glue that helps the flotilla stick together. John and Helen Ouellette continue to volunteer and support the multiple missions for Team Coast Guard plus run their business and mustang horse rescue.

I will always be available to help the Clinton Flotilla whenever possible, however I have decided that a transfer to the New London Flotilla effective January 2012 is the best path for me at this time. Their meetings are on Tuesday nights which are better for me due to my wife's work schedule. Division 25's AOR encompasses not only the marinas where my boats are moored but also where the Sea Scouts operate and train. In addition, the division does not have anyone that is IT, VE, PV qualified and I fit the bill. I will help out with those areas whenever my schedule allows.

I am spending more time with Joey's and Maria's school and after school activities along with helping my wife's career and business grow. This transfer will allow more time for my family with less flotilla officer responsibilities.

I really appreciate all of the help that Dave Aresco, Mark Bennett, Bob MacSaveny, and all of the other members have given to instruct the PE classes and other events on the flotilla calendar. I hope to see you all at the District Conferences and at other events. Please continue to send USCG Academy candidates to me so I can help them on-line and in person during the interview process as an Academy Admissions Partner. Keep Volunteering and Learning more about each other and taking the Coast Guard Courses.

Tom Ceniglio

ELECTION OF FLOTILLA OFFICERS

The presiding officer for the election of officers, which was held at the November flotilla meeting, was Bill Rohland, DCDR.

The meeting was recessed so that the Division Commander could ask if there were any petitions for either Flotilla Commander or Vice Flotilla Commander. There were none.

The meeting was then re-opened.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given: John Ouellette for Flotilla Commander and Dave Aresco for Vice Flotilla Commander.

The committee was then discharged.

The Division Commander called for further nominations from the floor, first for Flotilla Commander and then for Vice Flotilla Commander. There were none for either office.

He then asked the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot for John Ouellette for Flotilla Commander and then one unanimous ballot for Dave Aresco for Vice Flotilla Commander.

John and Dave were then sworn in to office by Bill Rohland.

DAVE GETS NEW SHOULDER BOARDS



Tom Ceniglio puts Vice Flotilla Commander shoulder boards on Dave Aresco's shirt. John Ouellette (second from left) newly elected Flotilla Commander and Mark Bennett, right, outgoing Flotilla Commander, look on.

FLOTILLA JACKETS



Are you interested in buying and wearing a windbreaker, sweatshirt, tee shirt with a flotilla logo on the back? Bob Bowllick of FL 24-12, Oxford, has contacted a sporting goods store and has ordered one jacket with a logo to check the quality of the art work. His flotilla is paying for the set-up charge and was told that there would be no addition set-up charge to change the flotilla name.

A number of flotillas in the district have jackets, etc., with their flotilla logo and it certainly would identify us as members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and also of the Clinton Flotilla.

We will try to find out more information such as the cost of each item of apparel for the next issue of this publication.

NOVEMBER FLOTILLA MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1935 by Mark Bennett FC with 12 members and two prospective members present. Bill Rohland, DCDR, was present for the election of officers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen Ouellette. On a motion by Bob MacSaveny, seconded by John Ouellette and carried, the minutes of the October flotilla meeting were approved.

REPORTS

- FN** — The flotilla remains financially sound.
- HR** — Two prospective members, one from our last PE class, are present
- OP** — A regatta patrol was done on 16 OCT, at the Head of the River regatta, Middletown, CT with John Ouellette's facility and Bert Daniels as coxswain
- DA** — Will do a MOMs patrol in early December
- CS** — Websites have been updated, including the November newsletter
- IS** — As of 26 OCT all data submitted has been entered into AUXDATA and has been approved by SO-IS

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Flotilla Christmas Holiday Dinner
Friday, 16 DEC at Aqua Restaurant
Cocktails — 1800
Cost to the flotilla is \$36.00 per person
On a motion by Ginny Daniels, seconded by Jim Terenzio and carried, the flotilla will subsidize the cost by \$10.00 per person providing CMA does the same
- Dues — About 50% of members are paid; remind members they can pay by credit card
- Must pay out \$28.00 to upper levels of Auxiliary
- Generator for Building — discussion held, determined it is not needed
- Small Trailer for Materials — discussion held, put on agenda for January 2012 meeting

GOOD & WELFARE

- Bill Rohland DCDR thanked the members for their support to the flotilla and wished everyone a nice holiday
- Message from the Benjamins — They were in Maryland on their way to Floriday and having trouble with exhaust fumes in the RV.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

The Division 24 meeting was held on 2 November at Coast Guard Station New Haven with Bill Rohland Division Commander presiding. All members of the division are welcome to attend.

The division sponsored Casino trip is scheduled for Saturday, 11 February 2012; information was emailed to all members.

Mandated Training — see following websites

- <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/publications/misc/alaux-008-11.asp>
<http://main.virtualclassroomuscg.org/login/index.php>

The second website is a regular Coast Guard site to use until the auxiliary site is up and running. You have to set up an account in order to take the courses.

The New York National Boat Show is at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York, NY. It runs from Wednesday, 4 January 2012 to Sunday, 8 January 2012. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. The uniform to be worn is Service Dress Blue, no other is authorized. To volunteer contact Jim Canavan at either canavan@adelphia.net or 518-796-5040.

There will be a tribute to veterans at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Saturday, 12 November, Madison at 1000 with a reception to follow.

MEMBERS TOUR PLUM ISLAND



During last summer, a number of members of Division 24 were able to take a tour of Plum Island. Thanks to Ron White for submitting the photograph.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LIVE

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Government and Public Affairs Directorate is pleased to announce the launch of “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live,” the official news and information blog for the Auxiliary, and the sister entity to the popular “Coast Guard Compass” which is the official blog of the Coast Guard.

This blog will offer news and feature stories of national interest from around the organization.

Members at all levels of the Auxiliary are encouraged to submit news stories and photos to “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” via the

Email address live@auxpa.org (CGAUX LIVE ONLY) or news@auxpa.org (ALL NATIONAL AUXPA MEMBER COMS). Content should be submitted in accordance with Auxiliary public affairs guidelines/protocols, and photos must contain a photo caption and credit to the photographer. For assistance on these guidelines contact the flotilla’s Public Affairs Officer or Publications Officer. The “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” editorial staff will review all submissions and select those most appropriate for inclusion.

The website for “Coast Guard Auxiliary Live” is <http://live.cgaux.org>

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FLOTILLA CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 2011 @ 6:00 PM
AQUA RESTAURANT, RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CLINTON

COST \$16.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES TIP)
BUFFET MENU – CASH BAR

Please make out checks to **USCG AUX Clinton** and mail to:
USCG Aux. Clinton
C/O: Mark Bennett
12 Pepperbush Drive
Clinton, CT 06413

If you wish to participate in the grab bag, \$10.00 gift limit.

Thank you Clinton Flotilla 24-08 and the Clinton Marine Association for contributing to the cost of our Christmas Holiday Party.