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A Newsletter of Flotilla 8-4

May, 2009

A MESSAGE FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER



Ahoy!

Good things are happening in Division 8, and especially in Flotilla 84. I thank you all for your continued support and participation as we continue to work to support Team Coast Guard.

It was good to see so many Division 8 members attending the Spring Conference. The conference was extremely rewarding in

terms of networking and education. Workshops were well attended and the information that was shared was most beneficial. During the Conference, Flotilla 84 received a number of special awards. Flotilla 84 was awarded the BEST FLOTILLA NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD as well as THE MOST OUTSTANDING FLOTILLA IN EACH DIVISION AWARD (for the second year in a row.) These two awards are a testament to the strength of our Flotilla!



Members of Flotilla also received significant awards. Jack Silva was one of 18 Auxiliarists that conducted over 50 VSCs! John Capobianco and Frank Lucca received certificates of accomplishment for 50 or more hours as crew.



Flotilla Commander Frank Lucca and FSO-OP Scott McNary accept the MOST OUTSTANDING FLOTILLA IN EACH DIVISION AWARD

Frank Lucca also received a certificate of accomplishment for conducting 50 or more Aton verifications. Joseph Silvia and Frank Lucca were also awarded certificates of accomplishment for 50 or more hours of public affairs activity. Frank Lucca also received a certificate for 50 or more hours of Communication Watchstanding at Station Castle Hill. Congratulations to all!

FSO-PE Joe Silvia reports that 24 students successfully completed the BS&S course held this Spring. He also re-

ports that 35 students have registered for the one day ABS course to be held on May 9. This is an excellent recruiting opportunity so we ask that as many Auxiliarists as possible attend this class to network with the students.

As you know last year our 2008 CHALLENGE resulted in a significant growth in member activity hours for Flotilla 84. This year, I'd like to set another challenge which I believe is important to the vitality of our flotilla. For 2009, I CHALLENGE 100% of our members to participate in some activity this year.

We welcome Chris Costa as our newest prospective member. Chris is interested in PE and OPS and will start his qualifications soon. Please extend Chris a warm welcome at our next meeting.

FSO-OP Scott McNary has an aggressive OPS plan for 2009. We look forward to a significant increase in the number of missions this year. If you are interested in OPS, please see Scott at the next meeting.

Finally, we are beginning the Boating Safety season. We are expecting to hold at least 3 boating safety days during June/July. We hope that many of you will join us for these upcoming events.

Enjoy the beginning of this boating season. I hope to see you all at the next meeting as we finalize plans for the summer boating season.

Frank Lucca, Flotilla Commander

CALENDAR of Events

Flotilla Meeting - May 12 - 1930 (7:30 pm)
Somerset Old Town Hall

Upcoming Public Courses

About Boating Safety
May 9, 2009 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Old Somerset Town Hall

MEMBER INFO

MEMBER TRAINING - Interested in expanding your knowledge? Remember member training is available to you. Check out the District website at <http://a013.uscgaux.info/members/mt.htm> for courses being held in our District.

AUTOMATED CALL SYSTEM - We use an automated audio phone calling system to notify members about flotilla information. The system will also be able to notify members instantly by phone in an emergency. If you would like to be removed from

this system, please contact FC Frank Lucca at 508-324-4576. **AUXINFO MADE EASY** - You can now check 'canned' reports generated from AUXINFO. With one click you will be able see your most current hours/activities. Visit our website for links to the One Click Reports.

NEED A NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD? - Wear your uniform to the next meeting. We'll have digital camera and required background to take the necessary photos.