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FLOTILLA 38 MEMBERS VISIT OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES



Frank and Mike Keslof recently paid a visit to Coast Guard Sector London and the RNLN lifeboat station at the Tower of London Docks. (Left to right): Stuart Morrison, RNLN; Frank Keslof, VCP 3; Mike Keslof, FSO-CS 38.

UPCOMING FLOTILLA MEETINGS

Saturday 11 December 04
Holiday Party Time 1830
Thursday 3 February 05
Time 1930 at
the Plum Island Boathouse



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Unless noted otherwise, at right

3rd Friday of the month - District 1NR Board & Staff Meetings.
Last Thursday of the month - DIV 3 Board & Staff Meetings.

Regularly Scheduled Training Sessions

Boatcrew & Coxswain Training - On-the-water training has ended for the season. Classroom training will resume on a day and at a time to be determined sometime after the holidays.

AUXNAV, (now known as AUXACN) is being considered as a training option during the first quarter of 2005. Please standby for forthcoming details.

DEC

4 Dec DIV 3 Change of Watch, Marriott Hotel
Burlington, Massachusetts
8 Dec Hanukkah
11 Dec Flotilla Holiday Party in lieu of monthly meeting
25 Dec Christmas

JAN

1 Jan New Year's Day
7 Jan District Board and Staff Meeting
8-9 Jan District 1NR Conference
and Change of Watch
17 Jan Dr. King's birthday

FEB

21 Feb President's Day

VISITING OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES, continued from cover page



Frank and Mike Keslof, on a recent trip to Britain and Scotland, also made a liaison visit with our colleagues at Her Majesty's Coast Guard and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The visit was arranged by Adrian Bates, Operations Manager, HMCG, London Station. They spent some time at the RNLI station located at the Tower of London Docks on the Thames River.

(Photo above): In the lifeboat quarters (L to R) Frank Keslof; Helmsman Colin Rotchell, Mechanic & Paramedic Stuart Morrison; Mike Keslof.

(Above right): Frank Keslof & Stuart Morrison with the Tower bridge in the background.

(Right): Mike takes the helm and gets the feel of the jet-drive, twin inboards.



FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Charlie Grossimon, FC 38

Well, the summer season is but a memory now and winter is very close at hand. Along with that, comes the holiday season and the end of the year.

At the November 4, 2004 flotilla meeting we held our annual election of officers. I am happy to report that I have been reelected for another year as Flotilla Commander. Charlie Pencinger was also reelected as Vice Commander. We look forward to serving Flotilla 38 for another year.

On the division level, two of our own flotilla members have been elected to the bridge. Frank Keslof, having been elected by the Division 3 board, will serve the coming year as Division Captain (DCP-3, 1 NR). Additionally, Ron Booth has been elected Vice Captain (VCP-3, 1NR). We wish them both well and look forward to a terrific year in the division.

The Division 3 Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, 4 December 2004 at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington, MA. Tickets are available by contacting Frank Keslof or Ron Booth.

This time of year also brings us the annual holiday party. In lieu of a December meeting, we will have our party at the boathouse on Saturday, 11 December 2004 at 1830. The menu will be essentially pot luck. The flotilla will supply the meats and we will be recruiting members to donate, prepare and bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

As is tradition we will also hold the "Yankee Swap" at the party. Bring along a new wrapped gift, valued at \$10.00 or less to place under the Christmas tree. Please bring one gift per person; you need to bring a gift to participate in the swap. It's always a lot of fun as there is always that one special gift that seems to be in everyone's eye.

The CGC RELIANCE (WMEC-615), our adopted cutter, is home again after a very active patrol in the Caribbean. The many challenging assignments they had down there included a very large drug interdiction case and some migrant relocations. They did have a stopover in Aruba where many of the crew members had some time ashore to enjoy the local environs. They left Portsmouth in September to sail through two hurricanes and they came home to cold November weather two months later. Hopefully, they

can get a little time with their families. That's where Ron Booth, Bob Gaudet and I come in to relieve them for some much needed time off. Anyone who may be interested in participating in our support mission aboard RELIANCE, please talk with me as they really do appreciate our help.

Looking back a little, we held a work party at the boathouse on October 16. Lots of stray bottles and cans, trash, and seagull discard were cleaned up from the dunes. Scotty Crocker, Matt Crocker (Scotty's son) and Charlie Pencinger worked very hard repairing a hole in the side of the building near the stairs. Many, many thanks to all who participated that day which include: Scott Crocker, Matt Crocker, Marshall Buell, Terry Kalil, Deb Wilkinson, Tina Noyes, Charlie Pencinger, Bob Gaudet, Wayne Cedres and our job boss, Ron Booth.

Finally, the notices went out for the January conference. Please give due consideration to attending this conference which will be held on the weekend of January 6-8, 2005 at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel, Wakefield, Massachusetts. Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to take workshops, tune qualifications, take tests, buy uniform articles at the materials center and enjoy the district-wide fellowship. I urge all of you, long time member or newcomer, to come be a part of the District 1NR Conference.

Most of all, my wife Deb and daughters Kate, Rachel, and Marie and my son Eric, join me in wishing all of our members and families a safe and happy holiday season. Here's to a fantastic new year!



Matt Crocker and Charlie Pencinger, VFC, making carpentry repairs at the boathouse.

SUMMER CRUISING

History Comes Alive

By Matt McDonald, SO-PB 3

Sometimes history talks as we found out during our annual summer cruise on the Auxiliary Facility "Glory Be." The 2004 cruise season included a trip to Québec City where we visited the Navy Museum. We were looking at photographs of women in World War II when a member of the museum staff came over and asked if we had found her on the wall of photos. Sure enough we were able to pick her out. Her name was Germaine Perry and during WW2 she served in the WRENS as a nurse and radiology (X-ray) technician.

A native of Cap-des-Rosiers in Gaspé, Germaine enlisted in March 1943 at Montreal in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, or WRENS. Talking with her was quite an interesting experience that made the history and story that was told in the museum exhibit come alive.



Germaine Perry and Shiela McDonald pose in front of Germaine's photo at the Navy Museum in Quebec City.

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