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FLOTILLA 38 ON WATCH AT THE DNC

Two US Coast Guard vessels tied up bow to bow at CG Group Boston, one from Atlantic Command, the other from Flotilla 38 (you figure out which is which).

Between assignments, Charlie Pencinger, VFC and Terry Kalil, FSO-VE, relax aboard Flotilla 38 Operational Facility 201203, the "LOIS JEAN." They happened to be sharing the pier with the USCG Cutter ESCANABA.

See related articles and more photos inside this issue.

Cover photo by
Charlie Grossimon, FC 38



UPCOMING FLOTILLA MEETINGS

Thursday 7 October 04
Thursday 4 November 04 (Elections)
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 - Wednesday evenings; on-going on-the-water training, by appointment with boatcrew mentors. Classroom training will resume on Saturday mornings in the late Fall.

AUXSEA, the Auxiliary Specialty Course in Seamanship will be conducted by Division 3, starting 13 Oct 2004 at 1900 hrs. The class will run for 6-8 weeks depending upon student progress and the need for additional practice. Location is Lawrence Police Sub-Station, contact the member training officer or flotilla commander for more info.

OCT

1 Oct	District Board & Staff Meeting &
1-3 Oct	District Conference
	South Portland, Maine
11 Oct	Columbus Day observed
28 Oct	DIV 3 Elections (at monthly meeting)
31 Oct	Daylight Savings Time ends, navigators adjust your chronometers

NOV

2 Nov	Election Day
4 Nov	Flotilla 38 Elections (at monthly meeting)
11 Nov	Veteran's Day
25 Nov	Thanksgiving Day (no district meeting this month)

DEC

4 Dec	DIV 3 Change of Watch, Marriott Hotel Burlington, Massachusetts
8 Dec	Hanukkah
25 Dec	Christmas

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER REPORTS TO USCGC RELIANCE; FLOTILLA 38's ADOPTED CUTTER

Commander Graham S. Stowe, USCG, recently took over command of the Coast Guard Cutter RELIANCE. Welcome aboard. As the new commanding officer comes aboard, our best wishes go out to the former commander, recently promoted Captain Sandra Stosz. CAPT Stosz has moved to her new assignment in Washington, DC at the National War College.

CDR Graham Stowe is originally from Beaufort, North Carolina and graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1987. Upon commissioning, Commander Stowe reported to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903), homeported in Portsmouth, Virginia, for duty as Deck Watch Officer and Combat Information Center Officer.

He was next assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of USCGC ASSATEAGUE (WPB-1337) as Executive Officer. When the CGC ASSATEAGUE was commissioned, he and the crew took the ship from New Orleans to her new homeport in Apra Harbor, Guam, where they conducted search and rescue, fisheries enforcement, and disaster relief missions in the wake of several typhoons. He then attended the University of Illinois, earning a Master of Science in Civil Engineering in 1993. This was followed by a tour as project engineer at the Facilities, Design, and Construction Center-Atlantic, in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1995, CDR Stowe assumed command of USCGC NAUSHON (WPB-1311) in Ketchikan, Alaska and conducted fisheries law enforcement missions for two years. This

was followed by his selection in 1997 as Coast Guard Aide to the President of the United States, where he served for two years as one of five military aides conducting contingency planning and carrying the nuclear "football." He remained in Washington DC from 1999-2002, serving as an assignment officer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command. From 2002-2004 CDR Stowe served as Executive Officer of USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC 721) in Charleston, South Carolina. On July 09, 2004, CDR Stowe assumed command of USCGC RELIANCE (WMEC-615) in Kittery, Maine.

Commander Stowe's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.



CDR Graham Stowe and CAPT Sandra Stosz

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Charlie Grossimon, FC 38

Well, the summer is just about finished. With the Democratic National Convention, it has certainly been an interesting one. Two of our coxswains, Wayne Cedres and Charlie Pencinger alternated the direction of Charlie Pencinger's facility (OPFAC 201203, the "LOIS JEAN") for the duration of the convention week in July. Working with two crews, consisting of Terry Kalil, Lew Burrige, plus an occasional Steve Tudal and myself, Flotilla 38 was well represented in this landmark event. All of these members deserve a lot of credit for giving up their vacations or weekends to assist the Coast Guard with the monumental task of waterside security.

Boat Crew training continues each Wednesday evening. Over the summer, Scotty Crocker completed his qualifications while Peter Shactman and Tim Downs have been working on theirs under the instruction of Charlie Pencinger, VFC.

Also, over the summer, Mike Dumaresq became the flotilla's newest Vessel Examiner. Congratulations to Mike and we look forward to his contributions in that particular cornerstone of the Auxiliary.

At our September meeting, the subject of the Boathouse came to the table. Now that its fully under our control, it's time to spruce it up. A quick look at the exterior of the building demonstrates the need for painting. The seagulls have been doing their best to keep the roof white, but the exterior walls need our attention.

On October 16, 2004 work will begin with a power wash, followed by the start of painting the following weekend. **HELP IS NEEDED** by the members to complete this task. The Boathouse is ours; we all use it and enjoy it. We need to take care of it and I ask anyone, everyone to come on out to assist this. The old proverb of "...Many hands make light work..." certainly is pertinent here. Contact me, Charlie Pencinger, VFC, or Ron Booth, IPFC to find out how you can pitch in and help out.

As of this writing, Bob Gaudet is preparing to go underway on USCGC RELIANCE. In July, Bob completed his Damage Control Personnel Qualification Standard and his qualification as inport Duty Engineer. While underway, Bob works in the engine room and performs "oiler" rounds, checking the various systems of the ship. We certainly wish him fair winds on this trip.

In July, RELIANCE held a change of command. CDR Graham Stowe, the new Commanding Officer, is eager to work with the Auxiliary and is very excited about what Flotilla 38 can do for them. In my meeting with him, he was sure to mention that we're all shipmates with the crew of RELIANCE. CDR Stowe plans to participate in our activities and meetings and I hope you will introduce yourself and help to make him feel welcome.

In October, the nominating committee will make their recommendation as to who the elected officers will be for 2005. To be eligible for elected office, a member must have been in the Auxiliary in good standing for at least one year, hold a qualification in Operations, Instructor, or as a Vessel Examiner and take one of various leadership courses. Each interested member must write a letter to each member of the nominating committee stating their intent with an original signature on each letter. This year's nominating committee consists of Ron Booth, Chairman, Peter Shactman, and J. Scott Crocker, FSO-PS. The nominations will be read at the 7 October 2004 meeting with the elections held at the 4 November 2004 meeting.

The fall brings future opportunities as well. The District Conference will be held the weekend of 1-3 October 2004 at the Sheraton Hotel in South Portland, Maine. I hope you will take the opportunity to avail yourself of some of the training and fellowship opportunities found at a District Conference.

Here's to a great fall season....



At the September meeting, Charlie Grossimon, FC (left) administers the membership pledge to Steve Callery, our newest member. Steve is a Coast Guard veteran and a licensed commercial captain.

FLOTILLA 38 MEMBERS SERVING OPERATION PATRIOT RESOLVE

Charlie Pencinger, VFC

Six members of Flotilla 38 supported US Coast Guard Group Boston in waterside security operations for the 2004 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Boston. The operational support was from Monday, 26 July to Thursday 29 July. The convention attendance was over 35,000 people including 6,000 delegates, 15,000 members of the media, area dignitaries, diplomats, and foreign honored guests. The convention was designated as a National Special Security Event. The United States Secret Service was designated as lead agency for security, planning, and implementation for the DNC. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was responsible for consequence management and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was in charge of crisis management. The Coast Guard acted as the lead federal agency for all waterside security operations.

OPFAC 201203, the "LOIS JEAN," traveled by water from the Parker River to Boston Harbor on 21 July with crew members Wayne Cedres, Terry Kalil, Lew Burrige and coxswain Charlie Pencinger. We started our radio guard with Coast Guard Station Merrimac River and were handed off to Gloucester, Point Allerton and finally ISC Boston in the inner harbor after a three hour journey. Steve Tudal and Charlie Grossimon, FC 38 joined us on the weekend. Since we had two coxswains (Wayne Cedres & Charlie Pencinger) we had enough crew to run the boat for two shifts over the weekend.

The first two days consisted of training sessions together with the Coast Guard crews and harbor familiarization tours. We were truly part of *Team Coast Guard* and were fully integrated into the operation. On Saturday we were asked to take three Secret Service agents through the Charles River locks for a tour of the temporary facilities the State Police, FBI and Secret Service had established near the Hatch Shell performance stage. Starting on Monday we settled into a regular harbor patrol schedule with some special assignments mixed in such as CG crew transports to vessels on station and transporting a radio technician to all boats to change the codes on the secure radios (we were issued one as well). The highlight of the week was a chance to watch the fireworks in Dorchester Bay from the waterside on Thursday night.

The three hour return trip home was extended to six hours on Friday 30 July when we came upon a sailing vessel hard aground at the mouth of the Annisquam River on the Ipswich side. When the towboat arrived we were thankfully released by CG Station Gloucester and made it safely back to port.



Charlie Pencinger, VFC 38. "Breakfast of champions, coffee and a stogie."



"Hey who turned on the lights?" (From left to right) the night shift crew, Lew Burrige, Charlie Grossimon, FC 38 and Coxswain Wayne Cedres at the helm.



Incognito, Terry Kalil, FSO-VE, underway on a harbor security patrol aboard FL 38 Operational Facility 201203, the "LOIS JEAN."

MORE "PHOTO-OPS" AT THE DNC

Photography by Charlie Grossimon, FC and Charlie Pencinger, VFC



"Now how many times do I have to tell you? It's red right return." (From left to right) some folks from other flotillas that we worked with: Joe Antanavich, DCP 3, Renelle Leblanc, DCP 6 and Commodore Gene Bernstein, DSO-MT.



Wayne Cedres and Steve Tadal on the docks, making ready to get underway at Coast Group Boston.



One of the more enjoyable patrols at the DNC, Lew Burrigde underway during the fireworks display.



No, the guys with the automatic weapons are not Auxiliarists



O.K. guys, lets fall back on that TCT training to help with the most important operational decision: what are we doing for lunch?

CREATIVE CG MISSION SUPPORT;

by Frank Keslof, VCP 3

Photos by Charlie Grossimon, FC 38

Some opportunities to provide Auxiliary mission support for the Coast Guard are unique and are not found “in the book.” Phil and Pearl Sirois were a great hit with the kids at a recent Coast Guard family morale event, the Station Merrimack picnic (see photos). Besides everything else they do, Phil and Pearl are “professional clowns” who often entertain the pediatric patients at the Shriner’s Burn Center in Boston. They put on their regalia and did balloon animals and face painting at the picnic last August.

On another front, Phil and Pearl acquired a new business that will take up much of their time, but will still provide support to a flotilla mission. They recently took ownership of The Blackwater Grill, which is located on Route 1 in Seabrook, New Hampshire. Phil is a professional chef and has put together many of the social dining events at the Flotilla 38 Plum Island Boathouse. He’s kept the flotilla well fed, remember the amazing feed at the last Christmas party and the delicious St. Patrick’s Day corned beef dinner?

So where does the Auxiliary mission support fit? Well, Phil’s restaurant has become part of the flotilla’s operational support mission to the USCG Cutter RELIANCE. Phil had been working with the food service personnel aboard the cutter, broadening their culinary talents. He’s now got his hands full running a restaurant but this is not going to interfere with his support to the RELIANCE, they will now be coming to him. The cutter’s Food Service Chief Petty Officer Jason Vanderhayden says that visiting the busy kitchen of a restaurant will be great experience for young Coast Guard personnel. They will occasionally drop in to learn new techniques and recipes that you don’t get in a military cooking school. Working with a master chef like Phil will definitely expand their repertoire and add some “pizzazz” to the galley on the RELIANCE.

It just goes to show you, if you are creative, there are many ways you can contribute to the Flotilla 38 support mission to the US Coast Guard. Phil and Pearl are outstanding examples of this fact.



Phil Sirois, FSO-PA entertains one of the “big kids,” another Flotilla 38 member, Bob Gaudet.



Pearl Sirois, FSO-SR in her “other uniform” entertaining the children of CG Station Merrimack families with face painting.



Of course some jobs are traditional and never change. Flotilla 38 member Kate Deveikis swabs the deck on Station Merrimack River’s 47-foot Motor Lifeboat. Actually it was family picnic day, so the uniform was casual.

FLOTILLA 38 UNDERWAY FOR BOATCREW TRAINING

Photo essay by Scott Crocker, FSO-PS



IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING WHERE SOME FLOTILLA 38 STAFF WERE THIS SUMMER

Photos by Frank Keslof, VCP 3, DSO-PB



The Old Port and Montreal Marina with Flotilla 38 Auxiliary Facility "GLORY-BE" docked left-foreground.



Leaving Montreal, Matt McDonald, FSO-PB on the fantail.



Passing a "laker" on the St. Lawrence River on the way to Quebec City, Mike Keslof, FSO-CS

Chateau Frontenac rises above the Canadian CG base, Quebec City.



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