

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary-District 5, Northern Region

2013 National Safe Boating Week Summary Report

August 12th, 2013

Overview: All District 5NR Public Affairs Officers were asked to report on the plans for their respective units for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). At the conclusion NSBW, they were each given an After Action Report form to fill out detailing their actual efforts.

Of the 84 Flotillas and 15 Divisions in 5 NR, we received approximately 34 unit plans. In many cases the Division plans included Flotilla plans. Division plans were submitted by 14 of the 15 Divisions in D5NR. Only Division 15 failed to submit a NSBW activity plan.

Prior to NSBW, the submitting units proposed that they would man 43 Vessel Safety Check stations, 26 Recreational Boating Safety booths, and conduct 5 public education classes.

A summary of the submitted After Action Reports detailed:

29 VSC/RBS booths

1043 Vessel Safety Checks

50 Marine Dealer Visits

57 Press Releases Issued

27,993 members of the boating community were provided RBS safety information (conservative estimate of the population reached).

Summary: Each unit that submitted a Unit Plan or After Action Report is listed below. The units After Action Report, where submitted, are highlighted with italics, after their Unit Plan.

Conclusion: Weather played a large factor in the 2013 National Safe Boating Week efforts. Over half of the submitted After Action Reports mention that the weather turned away boaters. Consideration should be given to weather in future plans. Back-up events scheduled in indoor locations could keep up our RBS exposure.

It was also challenging getting reports from each Public Affairs Officers in the District. This is a culture issue and the PA Department is going to have to work closely with District Leadership to promote the importance of reporting, so that next year's efforts will be more accurately recorded. As we noticed the report process slowing, an effort was made to approach the District Staff Officers, Public Affairs, and gather the reports through them. This was much more successful.

Consideration should be given to present the Public Affairs Officers of the District an action plan detailing what is expected through the year. Once the expectation is known, the reporting process will be easier in subsequent years.

Division One (Northern Delaware)

Division One is manning a large Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) display and conducting Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) at the Summit North Marina, in Bear, Delaware, each weekend during NSBW.

Members of Division One will also be supporting the District Keystone Event at Penn's Landing on the weekend of May 18th-19th (see below).

Members of Division One will also be supporting National Maritime Day, on May 22nd. This takes place at the Lewes Ferry Terminal, Lewes, DE.

Flotilla 1-04 is working with the State of Delaware's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and issuing a Proclamation in Lewes, DE on May 20th. This is the official "Kickoff for National Safe Boating Week" in Delaware. Event will start at 1330 at the Lewes Public Boat Ramp.

After Action Report:

30 VE's completed – 4 new Vessel Examiners

2 - PA events - VE weekend and YMCA Children's Day

3 – Public Events during NSBW, Baltimore – National Maritime Day, Lewes, DE – National Safe Boating Week Proclamation from DE Natural Resources, Penn's Landing – Philadelphia, PA – Vessel Safety Check event.

Division Two (Philadelphia)

Flotilla 2-01 reports that they have no NSBW plans at this time.

Flotilla 2-76: We have asked all of the members of Division 2 to help staff the District Keystone event at Penn's Landing. Division 4 has extended support in offering their members and facilities to this event.

The Flotilla 2-76 Unit Plan is to have these missions May 18th:

Vessel Safety Checks at:

- Linden Ave Ramp
- Frankford Arsenal
- Neshaminy State Park
- Penn's Landing - Seaport Museum

Public Education courses will be promoted in the Independence Seaport Museum's rotunda. We will explain all the classes offered for all boater levels.

Ready, Set, Wear It! booth will be set up to promote wearing a life jacket out on the water. We plan to have a group picture taken 11am to be submitted in to break the world record of people wearing life jackets at once.

Coastie and Sammy the Otter are both scheduled to make an appearance.

Paddle Craft Operators will be setting up a booth to give safety tips. PCO will also be in the boat basin.

After Action Report: *Our NSBW Keystone event on May 18th 2013 was a District wide effort. It was staffed and supported by members of Divisions 2, 4, 8, 13 & 16 (approximately 50 Auxiliarists from Flotillas 2-4, 2-6, 2-10, 2-76, 4-2, 4-9, 8-1, 13-7 and 16-8). We had a 'Ready, Set, Wear It!' booth set up at the Independence Seaport Museum in which we promoted the benefits of wearing PFD's.*

We successfully acquired Proclamations from both Philadelphia Mayor Nutter and Pennsylvania Governor Corbett supporting our event in Philadelphia. USCG Sector Philadelphia Commander Capt. Moore would like them framed and hung up at Sector. She wants them changed out every year with the new ones.

Paddle Craft Operators and Boat Crews were in the boat basin/Delaware River doing patrols.

Sammy the Otter was on deck ready for the children.

We borrowed 50 PFDs from DIRAUX since we knew we would need a lot throughout the day. We also special ordered a VSC banner and procured whistle give-aways from DIRAUX.

Division 2 SO-MA, James Deleon, ordered pamphlets, posters, stickers, Coastie Booklets and recycled bags for months in advance. It took a long time, since we were limited to small batches at a time.

The Auxiliary Members, Philadelphia Fire Department Marine Unit, the popular Philadelphia radio station 'Q102' street team and the public were all asked to partake in the group shot for the Ready, Set, Wear It! campaign to break the world record. This photograph was taken by Auxiliarist David Lau who is a professional photographer by trade. He took a terrific wide angled shot with the beautiful Penn's Landing boat basin as a back drop.

After the group shot was taken the VE's (Examiners and Trainees) left to go staff the boat ramps (Linden, Frankford & Neshaminy) and walk the nearby marina docks (Philadelphia Marine Center and Piers 3&5 Marina). DSO-VE John Terrizzi staffed and coordinated VEs to work different ramps. He insured they all had decals and followed up with them to put in their paperwork.

As the staff got ready for the next phase we were pleasantly surprised by Capt. Moore. She and a group of Coasties walked over from Sector to our event just to shake our hands and say thanks for what we do. We were all touched by this sentiment and will never forget that moment.

After the staff had lunch we prepared for the arriving teams who signed up with Challenge Nation. These participants race through the city guided by clues to different locations all to win a cash prize. Once the teams found our booth they were challenged to learn how to properly don a life jacket, then they had to pose for photographs (one for our Wear It program and another one from them to prove they completed the challenge). Teams came in clusters over 4 hours, the

Auxiliarists quickly figured out how to control the masses and got the mission completed quickly and efficiently. Auxiliary members helped get signatures, explained the benefits of wearing PFD's, and photographs were taken in front of the Sammy the Otter and the 'Wear It' banner. The mascot Sammy the Otter (Lt. Kathryn Walter) was now tasked with photographing the teams, and other auxiliary members helped teams out of the life jackets after the photograph. This was all done quickly and with warm smiles. Teams were given bags with whistles, printed material about Public Education courses, Float Plans, Vessel Safety Checks and other information on the Auxiliary missions. At the end of the day we had 568 signatures and hundreds of photos!

According to Rachel Johnson from the 'Ready, Set, Wear It!' campaign, this was the biggest event in the nation!

Sadly, the numbers didn't count towards the record since there wasn't enough time to process the vast amount of signatures and photographs prior to the deadline. Still, the word got out and we did reach all those people.

Other setbacks were the weather. It was cloudy and we were outside. The location was not the best for the public to find us. The boat basin was too shallow for the Coast Guard Cutter Capstan to host an Open House. Radio station Q102 would have broadcasted live if there was power and permission from Penn's Landing Waterfront Corp. We invited the US Army Corps of Engineers to partake but we didn't give them enough advance time to allow them to be involved. Our camera batteries ran out quickly and we didn't have power to recharge them. The CG Memorial Run was scheduled at the same time our event was held. This posed a conflict for people attending either event. We initially planned to hold a PE course in the Museum Rotunda during the event. But the instructor didn't make the event. We got the proclamations but no one knew what to do with them once we acquired them. All this we will keep in mind for next year's event.

Division Three (West New Jersey)

All Flotillas in Division 3 will join Division 13 in supporting the May 19th Ivy League Championship Regatta at the Cooper River and the Camden County Regatta on the following weekend.

We plan on having VE inspections at as many ramps as possible in our AOR during NSBW. Most of our safe boating initiatives will be taking place later in the year. Activities we are currently scheduled for are:

May 27 – March in Williamstown Memorial Day Parade

May 27 – OPFAC towed as float in Glassboro Memorial Day Parade

Flotilla 3-5: After Action Report:

Flotilla 35 participated in support of Division 13's Public Information Booth at the Ivy League Women's Collegiate Rowing Championship on May 19th.

Flotilla 35 participated in recognition of NSBW with an information booth at the Earth Day Festival in Washington Lake Park, Washington Twp., NJ. One of our main objectives to correspond with Earth Day was displaying a marine debris board. This visual and textual board displayed numerous plastic/glass bottles, paper, balloons, etc., which contaminate our oceans and beaches. Also included is a breakdown of approximately HOW long each can impact the environment. This board was quite an attraction especially with students of all ages. We were able to generate the boater's accountability for the environment as well as their own safety (life jackets, safe boating). With the aid of the Williamstown High School ROTC, brochures were distributed around the park including life jacket types, boating safety, paddle craft, marine safety, as well as Waterway Watch. This "on-foot" campaign spanned the entire park as information bags were handed to the maximum amount of people. This allowed the public to preview our pamphlets, approaching our table with specific questions. Three clipboards at our table were provided to sign interests in vessel exams, boating safety classes, and possible membership in the USCG Auxiliary. Our next event was in Mullica Hill, NJ, at Harrison Twp. Day. Our PA/MS table included displays of various life jackets. An information section was organized along with a marine debris board. Brochures distributed included life jacket types, boating safety, paddle craft, marine safety, as well as Waterway Watch. Three clipboards were provided to sign interests in vessel exams, boating safety classes, and possible membership in USCG Aux. Our final Flotilla event involved a PA table at the Main Street Festival in Williamstown, NJ. This information booth included pamphlets on boating safety, life jackets, USCG Aux, paddle craft, and Waterway Watch. The significance of Waterway Watch is that you do not have to be a boater to participate. The entire public is held responsible for reporting any suspicious activity ON or NEAR the water (bridges, electric plants, etc.). Sign-ups for boating classes, vessel exams, and potential USCG Aux membership were also available. Public response was favorable and appreciative.

All of the fore-mentioned events were quite valuable as information pertaining to boating safety was readily received by the public. Many people were unaware of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as this presented an opportunity to discuss our role, initiatives, and mission types. Many questions/interests arose relating to paddle craft, especially from the younger generation. At all of the events, "Wear It" stickers were handed to the children. They were invited to be our helpers by wearing the stickers and raising the awareness of wearing life jackets. Parents were quite pleased and eager to join our crusade.

Division Four (Southeastern Pennsylvania)

Auxiliarists of Division 4 have offered to help Division 2 with the District Keystone event at Penn's Landing.

Flotilla 4-02: Prepared and issued Press Release for local media about the USCG Auxiliary and Boating Safety. Working to coordinate with a local school to set up an RBS display.

Midweek, will be conducting VSCs and Marinas in Eastern Delaware County.

End of week events include follow-ups with local media outlets (including radio) promoting boating safety.

Flotilla 4-04: On Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, Flotilla 44 will be staffing a PA booth on safe boating at the open house sponsored by Tomes' Marina in Port Deposit, Maryland. There will also be an opportunity to perform Vessel Safety Checks.

On May 21-22, one Flotilla member will be conducting VSCs at a livery in Shawnee, PA.

After Action Report:

On Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, Flotilla 44 staffed PA booths on safe boating at the open house sponsored by Tomes' Marina in Port Deposit, Maryland. Flotilla members also did a number of VEs, although that was not the primary purpose of the event. Less than perfect weather made the turnout lower than might have been expected, but I consider both days successful.

Members also did a livery inspection of paddle craft, which contributed to the high volume of VEs reported. In short, nothing planned was cancelled, but weather had a bit of a dampening effect.

Flotilla 4-11: May 18 and 19, Flotilla 11 will be providing Vessel Safety Checks at Georgetown Yacht Basin in Georgetown, MD.

After Action Report: *Staged a VSC Day at Georgetown Yacht Basin, Georgetown, MD on Saturday, 18th May 2013, with four VEs and one trainee in attendance.*

Division Five (Harrisburg)

Division 5 was invited by a Pennsylvania State Representative to set up an RBS Display and give a speech at a Sports Show in Ebensburg, PA on May 18th.

Flotilla 5-7: On Lake Raystown we will be maximizing our VE efforts as per the wishes of the Army Corps of Engineers. All qualified VEs will be working the docks in the Seven Points Marina area. Additionally, non-VE qualified personal will be available to assist in that effort. In addition, we are planning a minimum of 1 patrol boat. One VE will be assigned to each of the other 5 launch ramps. As the need for VEs change from location to location, the patrol facility will render a "taxi" service for the VEs. A PA booth will be set up at the Seven Points Marina which will also host the on-shore-comms station. At present news releases are being sent to the local newspaper.

Midweek, 5-7 plans to continue the media blitz to keep the public informed of the closing activities.

Flotilla 5-7 Closing activity: On Lake Raystown we will continue to maximize our VE efforts as per the wishes of the Army Corps of Engineers. All qualified VEs will be working the docks at the Raystown Resort Marina area. Additionally, non VE qualified personal will be available to assist in that effort. In addition, we are planning a minimum of 1 patrol boat. One VE will be assigned to each of the other 5 launch ramps. As the need for VEs change from location to location, the patrol facility will render a “taxi” service for the VEs. A PA booth will be set up at the Seven Points Marina which will also host the on-shore-comms station. At present news releases are being sent to the local newspaper.

***After Action Report:** National Safe Boating Week efforts were severely affected by weather and the fact that NSBW is earlier than most boaters in the area are actually boating. Plans were well under way to have safety Patrols, VE efforts, as well as a PA booth centered around City Island in the Harrisburg Pool on Armed Forces Day. This yearly celebration, which coincided with the first day of NSBW, was canceled by the city due to the sequestration. As a result of this only vessel exams were conducted with almost NO VEs being done in part due to poor weather. At Lake Raystown the efforts to do vessel exams at 3 ramps for a period of 6 hours resulted in similar results. Because the poor weather continued through the week and into the following weekend it would appear that all efforts were to no avail. Division 5 VE members conducted a “Tour of Greater Harrisburg Area PA Fish and Boat Commission (PAFBC) launch areas. VSC and Marine Safety missions were done at; City Island, Middletown, Halifax, Fort Hunter, and Canal Lock Ramps on 18, 26 and 27 May.*

Division Five’s efforts resulted in only 23 vessel exams.

Bill Turner (ADSO-PA[W]) notes that the boating season in the Fifth Northern District really does not start until the end of the school year which, for most of the area, is in early June. Therefore our Public Affairs push would show better results by concentrating on “Marina Day,” which occurs in June.

Division Six (Penn-Jersey)

Division Six is planning a mass event, as they have a lot of marina’s to cover. All Flotillas will be active starting May 18th, and every weekend subsequent. May 19th should see a patrol out of Neshaminy or SARDET Bordentown. Focus areas are as follows:

6-01; Lambertson Road Launch Ramp, near Trenton, NJ.

6-03: Flotilla 6-03 is holding a Vessel Safety Check blitz at 2nd Street Dock at the Neshaminy State Marina on both weekends of NSBW. They will be handing out stickers to children stressing the importance of “Wear It”

6-06; Dredge Harbor Launch Ramp, Riverside, NJ.

6-07; Lake Hopetcong, NJ

6-10; Quaker-Penn Public Launch Ramp, Pennsbury Manor, PA

No After-Action Report Has Been Received

Division Seven (Southern Ocean County)

Division Seven is working with USCG Station Barnegat light and hosting a drive through Vessel Safety Check station and RBS Booth on May 25th in Barnegat and Ship Bottom, NJ.

Flotilla 7-02: Opening Weekend will have VE Stations and some Program Visits.

Midweek: Activities are give Brownie Troop a short lesson in Boating Course along with Meeting Coastie the Robotic Mascot. Hopefully conduct more Vessel Exams and giving out brochures about mapping of waters with debris from Hurricane Sandy so Boaters will be careful. Issuing a Proclamation of National Safe Boating Week for Little Egg Harbor/Tuckerton with Municipality.

Closing Weekend: Have an Open House at a local Marina and the Flotilla will be marching in Memorial Day Parade at end of National Safe boating Week. Additionally, we will be supporting the Division with Barnegat and Ship Bottom Dock Side Vessel Exams and an Outside Tent (RBS Booth) with information to pass out to all Boaters about the *Wear It, See It Say It*, and information about the Aftermath Dangers of Sandy while in open waters. It is important to note that due to Sandy, many of the marinas in the AOR are still extensively damaged.

Flotilla 7-07: Reports that they were devastated by Hurricane Sandy and are still in the process of recovering from the storm and rebuilding their Flotilla.

Flotilla 7-11: May 18th, 0800-1630, conducting an About Boating Safety RBS class at the Berkeley Township Recreation Center, Bayville, NJ.

Midweek will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks by individual Vessel Examiners. Additionally, Auxiliarists from Flotilla 7-11 will be conducting a beach cleanup in Ortley Beach.

May 26th; participating in Blessing of the Fleet, Berkeley Shores Homeowners Civic Association, Amherst Drive Beach & Inlet, Bayville NJ 1200 hrs

May 27th; participating in Beachwood NJ Riverfest with a Public Affairs booth at Mayo Park, 1100-1400 hrs.

After Action Report: *We marched in Memorial Day parade during NSBW. We held an ABS Course and put the word out about NSBW and Wear it! The weather was a Big Factor in our AOR. Our efforts and success was from putting News Releases out to all Papers and Web Sites. We also did a Proclamation for NSBW with Little Egg Harbor Twp. This also was a Big Success.*

What did not meet our expectations were classes we tried to hold for the younger group (5-9 year olds) during NSBW along with meeting our Robotic Coastie. We saw very low enrollment in our ABS course. I feel we need to start planning this year for next year once we know what the 2014 year will be for NSBW. Overall we put ourselves out there as Coast Guard Auxiliarists. Everyone did the best they could by just doing Vessel Exams, making Program Visits and making ourselves be known in any fashion possible. We also had stations set up at Barnegat Light and Ship Bottom with the Gold Side.

Flotilla 7-4: The weather was a factor with the VE members trying to do boat inspections. The table at Dick's Sporting Goods Store was not well received as people were in a hurry to get their items and get out of the store. We tried to interest them in a paddle sport class and they were not receptive.

Division Eight (New Jersey)

Flotilla 8-01: The Flotilla will conduct a well publicized vessel examination event at Harbor Cove Marina on the weekend of May 18.

On May 25th, 8-01 will host a RBS Display at the Ocean City Boardwalk, Music Pier, from 1200-1800, featuring three trailer mounted boats.

- A fully decked out USCGAUX Patrol Boat, featuring all associated boating safety accessories, plus the usual PE promotional materials.
- Ocean City Fire and Rescue Department Water Rescue Boat with Jet Ski and Rescue Sled, and anything they wish to feature.
- The brand new Ocean City Police Department, Marine Unit patrol boat.

***After Action Report:** The planned event at the Ocean City Boardwalk was canceled due to poor weather conditions. The plan was to start NSBW with events on the boardwalk and parts of the city areas, Coast Guard Boat, Coast Guard Auxiliary PA Booth. Public Education had 1 Boating Safety Class with 16 in attendance and a GPS class. These events were advertised on Channel 2 (local access) and NBC 40.*

Flotilla 83 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be sponsoring an Open House on Saturday May 18, 2012. This event will be held at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Townsends Inlet, located at 82nd and the Bay in Sea Isle City. This event is open to the public. The event begins at 10:00 and ends at 4:00 PM. Station and dock tours, safe boating tips, and general NJ and federal boating information will be available. Vessel Safety Check will be available for boaters who trailer their boats to the station. 25 May – Open House, Schooner Island Marina:

On Saturday, May 25 Flotilla 83 holds its biggest event of the year. It is the annual open house at Schooner Island Marina in Wildwood (5100 Lake Road). This year, SI had promoted the

event on their Facebook page and got several hundred “likes” on the first day. We have had press releases printed in the Cape May Herald and in the Greater Wildwood Leader.

We will be conducting VEs all day long. With 315 slips there are plenty of boats to inspect, people with whom to discuss boating safety and tips children to engage and much more.

After Action Report: Open House at Station Townsends Inlet in Sea Isle City NJ in conjunction with PA desk at Sea Isle City festival and VE Patrol. Attendance was extremely light (10 people no VEs) as a result of early boating season. Efforts were in support of Safe Boating week.

At Schooner Island Marina, in spite of colder temperatures ranging between 54 and 65 degrees and consistent winds in the 30 to 40 knots, Flotilla 83 greeted and fed hot dogs to over 150 people, discussed safe boating and conducted 40 vessel examinations.

Flotilla 8-04: On Saturday May 18th we are holding a Public Education (BSC) Class at Coast Guard Station Atlantic City.

Closing Weekend: Saturday May 25th, we will provide a Safety Patrol with one facility and also participate with Flotilla 8-05 in providing vessel examinations at the State Marina (by the CG Station) in Atlantic City.

After Action Report:

RBS Recruiting Booths: Our Flotilla did not provide a booth.

Vessel Examinations: Number of VEs Completed Eleven (11)

Marine Dealer Visits: Number Completed None

Press Releases: Number of Releases None

Total Population Reached: Twenty-Seven (27) Individuals

Our Flotilla also had a Safety Patrol scheduled but due to the extremely poor weather conditions, the Coxswain cancelled said patrol. This was unfortunate, but absolutely the correct decision.

As planned on the first weekend, the Flotilla gave a PE Boating Safety Class with twelve (12) students successfully passing the examination. Their pertinent data was forwarded to the NJSP Marine Services Bureau. Two (2) members also completed their requirements for VE certification.

Overall it was a successful NSBW campaign for our flotilla.

Flotilla 8-05: Starting May 11th and running through NSBW, 8-5 is holding Boating Safety class in Brigantine. Finally, to close out NSBW, 8-5 is conducting vessel safety checks at Farley Marina on May 25th.

***After Action Report:** Vessel Safety Check Day, planned and executed by FSO-VE Mike Fitzpatrick, held at Farley Marina was held on May 25th. 16 VSCs were performed. Usually we hold this event in mid June with far better results. The number of VSCs was lower for the following reasons: a.) temps. in the 50's along with gale force winds kept boat owners at home; b.) many slips still empty due to cold weather and many owners do not put boats in the water this early in the season; c.) some boats had just arrived in the marina that weekend and owners not ready to have them inspected.*

In addition, we had four boating safety and safe boating class schedule articles published in Brigantine newspapers in May.

Flotilla 8-06: Plans to announce NSBW to local media and politicians at their Township meeting on May 6th. The unit PA officer reports that there is great coverage at this event, with print media in attendance and each meeting is broadcast on a local television channel.

***After Action Report:** FSO-PA Lois Grimes wrote a 350 word article on Boating Safety that was printed in its entirety in two local newspapers. Additionally, the Flotilla met with local politicians to stress the importance of RBS.*

Division Ten (Allentown)

Division 10 is having a Division Keystone Event at Lake Nockamixon on May 18th and 19th. With the support of the State Park Rangers and the Nockamixon Sail Club, Division 10 will be conducting vessel safety checks, manning a Recreational Boating Safety Booth and possibly conducting a patrol (depending on facility availability).

Midweek, Division 10 members will be conducting a marine dealer visits handing out boating safety information.

10-01: Will be conducting a vessel examination program in Bethlehem, PA, sponsored by the township. The township will be providing free publicity for the event as well as for the Auxiliary. Members of 10-01 will be setting up boating safety brochure racks at several township buildings. 10-01 will also be conducting a Boating Safety class during NSBW in Bethlehem.

10-02: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks and man a RBS Booth during May 18-19th and May 25th-27th at Beltzville Lake, Beltzville State Park, Franklin, PA.

***After Action Report:** For NSBW our Flotilla turned out to do VSCs on two weekends at Beltzville Lake. On the first weekend---very cold and windy---we talked to and/ or inspected virtually 3/4s of the boaters that were there. Around 9 inspections were made with a new VSC member getting in his "five" and qualifying as a Vessel Examiner. Last Sunday---with great weather---we performed 5 or 6 inspections (with several rejections) and two that flunked inspection. We also assisted a boater with a dead engine get safely tied up to the dock (which was highly appreciated!)*

10-05: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks May 25th-27th at public boating access along the Schuylkill

10-06: Will be continuing the Vessel Safety Check blitz at Lake Nockamixon on May 25th-26th, and June 1st-2nd.

***After Action Report:** Flotilla 10-06 organized and participated in Recreational Boating Safety Visitations, Vessel Safety Checks at Lake Nockamixon, On-the-Water Safety Patrols, and assisted Flotilla 82 Cape May in the Memorial Day Ceremony with Cape May TRACEN during Boating Safety Week and over the Memorial Day Weekend.*

10-08: Will be continuing the Vessel Safety Check blitz at Lake Nockamixon on May 25th-26th, and June 1st-2nd.

Division Eleven (Reading)

Division Eleven is rather unique in that all the Flotilla's use the same meeting facility and combine their efforts for NSBW.

11-03, 11-04, 11-06, 11-09: All events held at the Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake.

Saturday 18 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Safety Booth and Demonstration Table for Inflatable Life Jacket
Vessel Examinations for all Boats and Safety Patrol Boat on the Water.

Sunday 19 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Safety Booth, Vessel Examinations for Boats & Safety Patrol on Water.

Monday 20 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Safety Booth and Vessel Examinations for Boats.

Tuesday 21 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Safety Booth and Vessel Examinations for Boats.

Wednesday 22 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp 10:00AM-5:00PM
Safety Booth and Vessel Examinations for Boats.

Thursday 23 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00AM-5:00PM
Safety Booth and Vessel Examinations for Boats.

Friday 24 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Safety Booth and Vessel Examinations for Boats.

Saturday 25 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Safety Booth, Vessel Examinations & Safety Patrol on the Waterway.

Sunday 26 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Safety Booth, Vessel Examinations & Safety Patrol on the Waterway.

Monday 27 May 2013 – Dry Brooks Boat Ramp – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Safety Booth, Vessel Examinations & Safety Patrol on the Waterway.

After Action Report: *Our Western area, Division 11 had an impressive effort with VSC days scheduled on 18 May thru 27 May. Many ramps where PA Booths were set up had problems from 22 – 27 May. They could not stay in one piece because of high winds. The total for 10 days of PA and VSC's were 102 hours and 221 VSC's completed. Turnout of members was not great.*

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18 May 2013 - Set up a Safety Booth, Blue Marsh Lake; Dry Brooks Boat Ramp. Demonstrated the Inflatable Life Jacket's to 15 people. Talked to (40) people about boating safely, Water Way Watch and Vessel Safety Checks. (10) hours.

19 May 2013 - Set up a Safety Booth, Blue Marsh Lake; Dry Brooks Boat Ramp. Did (3) Vessel Safety Checks. Talked to (25) people about boating safely and Water Way Watch. (8) hours.

20 May 2013 - Set up a Safety Booth, Blue Marsh Lake; Dry Brooks Boat Ramp. Did (2) Vessel Safety Checks. Talked to (25) people about boating safely and Water Way Watch. (12) hours.

21 May 2013 - Set up a Safety Booth, Blue Marsh Lake; Dry Brooks Boat Ramp. Did (10) Vessel Safety Checks. Talked to (45) people about boating safely and Watch Way Watch. (11) hours.

22 May 2013 - Due to windy conditions was unable to set up a Safety Booth. Talked to (35) people about boating safely and Water Way Watch. Did (7) Vessel Safety Checks. (11) hours.

23 May 2013- Due to windy conditions was unable to set up a Safety Booth. Talked to (15) people about boating safely and Water Way Watch. (6) hours.

24 May 2013 - Due to high winds and constant rain; I did not go to Blue Marsh Lake, for the NSBW.

25 May 2013 - Due to high winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour; was unable to set up a safety booth. Talked to (25) people about boating safely and Water Way Watch. (7) hours.

26 May 2013 - Due to high winds, did not set up a safety booth. Talked to (60) people about boating safely & Water Way Watch. Did (16) Vessel Safety Checks. (11) hours.

27 May 2013 - Set up a Safety Booth, Blue Marsh Lake; Dry Brooks Boat Ramp. Talked to about (100) +people about Boating Safely and Water Way Watch. Did (26) Vessel Safety Checks. (12) hours.

Total Hours worked for National Safe Boating Week - 102- VE's- 221

Division Twelve (Delaware)

Flotillas 12-01, 12-02 and 12-9: May 17th and 18th, 1000-1400. Plan on supporting the Coast Guard Station Indian River Open House with a Recreational Boating Safety booth. Also they will be conducting vessel safety checks.

Flotillas 12-03, 12-05 and 12-08: On May 17th, having a “Wear your PFD to Work Day” and take a picture.

May 18th at Roosevelt Inlet, the Flotillas will man a Public Affairs booth, conduct Vessel Safety Checks, have a PFD Try-On station, and a safety patrol. There will be Sea Scouts, Young Marines and a Fire-Boat in attendance.

Also on the 18th, vessel examiners will be at the Maritime Day Festival at the Lewes Ferry Terminal event for vessel safety checks. Additionally, recreational boating safety material is handed out, as well as advice regarding boating safety.

Flotillas will attend the Buccaneer Bash at SARDET Bowers Beach and man a Public Affairs Booth, conduct vessel safety checks, a PFD Try-On station and conduct a safety patrol. There will be a proclamation issued, media releases and Paddlecraft Operator (PCO) presence.

After Action Report:

Event: Roosevelt Inlet, Lewes DE, 18 May

Members of Flotillas 12-08 and 12-02 provided a PA booth and a VE station was set up at the boat ramp at Roosevelt inlet on Saturday, May 18. A total of 24 VSCs were completed great start to the boating season! Along with the Auxiliary were Sea Scouts, Delaware State Police Maritime unit (boat) which tours were given.

Event: Indian River Coast Guard Station Open House May 17 -18

Flotilla 12-09 helped the “Coastie” at the Indian River Coast Guard Station with their open house on Friday, 17 May – Saturday, 18 May 10:00 to 14:00 Coast Guard personnel provided tour guides to visitors to show them around the buildings and the 3 boats (24’, 25’ and 47’) were open. The auxiliary welcomed guests and had members available to do VEs. There were about 18 visitors on both Friday and Saturday but late in the day on Saturday a Cub Scout troop showed up with an additional 9 adults and 14 scouts. 6 VEs were done at North Shore Marine next to the station

Event: Maritime Day Event at the Lewes Ferry Terminal, Lewes, DE. May 18th

The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) operates the Lewes Ferry Terminal and Maritime Day is an annual event and the Coast Guard Auxiliary is only one of the many sea partners to participate. They advertise by using posters in many public areas throughout Lewes. In the community events sections of the Newspapers (Cape Gazette, Coast Press, Sussex

Countian, and the state wide papers, the News Journal and the Delaware State News with a circulation of approximately 80,000). The DRBA utilized electronic road signs in the Lewes area advising of the event and there were announcements on local radio stations. We can conservatively estimate that the event was viewed by more than 750 people. Our booth saw at least 600 people who were asking questions, received boating safety and environmental pollution literature and viewed the video of Inky the whale.

Event: Bowers Beach Participation at Buccaneer's Bash May 25th

Members of Flotilla's 12-05 and 12-08 participated at the Buccaneer's Bash which included cannons being fired, costumes, food and beverages. The auxiliary provided a PA booth with boating safety information, VE station and safety patrol on the Delaware Bay.

Event: 25 May 2013 at the Tenth Annual Horseshoe Crab Festival

The Festival was sponsored by the Milton Chamber of Commerce and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, with their Community Partners; Milton Theatre Organization, Milton Economic Development Committee, the Town of Milton, and the Milton Arts Guild. Although it was very windy the entire day making it a little on the chilly side, the sun stayed out and several people attended the Festival. It was estimated that 150 people stopped to pick up literature from the Auxiliary Safety Booth which included coloring books for children, books on Federal and State of Delaware Boating Laws, proper wearing of life jackets and much more.

Division Thirteen (Central New Jersey)

13-03: May 18th, LL Beans NSBW event and participation in *Wear It* campaign at Marlton, NJ.

All Flotillas in the Division will support the May 19th, Ivy League Championship Regatta at the Cooper River. This will be NSBW Public Affairs event, with estimated event attendance between 15,000 and 20,000. Division 13 will have a Public Affairs booth at the event near the finish line on North Park Drive.

Midweek, all the Flotillas in Division Thirteen will be manning Vessel Examination stations. These locations include: Clark's Landing, Wiggin's park, Hargrove Marina, Gloucester City Marina, Forked River Landing, Winter's Marina, Riverside Marina, Frankford Arsenal Ramp, Crowley's Landing, and Dredge Harbor.

Closing weekend, the Division will be participating in the Camden County Regatta and NSBW event with Gold Side participation.

13-7: Will be conducting a Public Affairs and Vessel Examination event at Winters Marina on May 18th and 19th.

After Action Report: *On May 18th we held an event at LL Bean PA and participated in the National Wear It Campaign. Most of the interest by the boating public for this event was in the area of paddlecraft (kayak and canoeing). We gave information on kayak safety and the USCGAUX lost/found program. In addition, the recreational boating public was given information on wearing lifejacket and general boating safety brochures.*

On May 19th the USCGAUX participated in Camden County Collegiate Regatta, giving out general boating safety information as well literature regarding recruitment for the Auxiliary, VEs and enrollment in Boating Safety classes.

On May 25th the USCGAUX participated in Camden County Intl Regatta. Boaters showed interest in general boating safety practices, learning about the Auxiliary, and having their boats examined as well as boating safety classes.

Each flotilla within the division had a VE station during the weekend of May 18th, along with public safety booth. The exact number of VEs has not yet been entered by the SO-VE.

Division Fourteen (Susquehanna)

Flotilla 14-02: Newspaper article announcing NSBW and the activities for May 25 as well as directions on how to schedule a VE. On May 25th, 14-2 will man a large booth outside Dick's Sporting Goods Store in East York 1000 until 1800, with 2-3 Auxiliarists greeting the public, reminding of safe boating, handing out material. In addition, activities to involve the public for:

- Adults: knot tying; line handling; correctly fitting life jackets (for prizes)
- Children: “red right returning” toy boats in a bay (swimming pool), throwing a life ring to a person in the water (pool), correctly putting on a life jacket (for prizes).

Dicks will provide life jackets and boating safety equipment for us to demonstrate to the public.

We plan on handing out “life savers” to remind the public to have them onboard for safe boating.

In addition, a similar booth will be set up at Long Level Marina.

Flotilla 14-02 will hand out cards telling the public where to go for the Vessel inspections that day and also be encouraging the public to sign up for boating classes, and encouraging membership in the auxiliary.

Vessel inspections will be done at the base that day.

Flotilla 14-05 will be hosting a Boating Safety event in conjunction with Flotilla 14-04 at the Gander Mountain store in York, PA on 18 and 19 May. The event will include boating safety information displays both outside and inside the store. In addition, Vessel Safety Checks will be offered both days in the store parking lot.

No After Action Report Submitted:

Division Fifteen (Frontier)

No Plan or After Action Report submitted

Division Sixteen (North Jersey Shore)

May 19th. The Division will be holding their NSBW event, in concert with their Division Picnic at the Lakewood Blue Claws Stadium. There will be a RBS Display set up with information for the public.

May 25th. Members of Division 16 will be holding an RBS event at West Marine in Toms River.

***After Action Report:** Division 16 was severely impacted by Super Storm Sandy. Many events that the division might have participated in are not being held or there is insufficient manpower to man a booth.*

The Division was going to combine its annual picnic with the start of NSBW at the Lakewood Blue Claws stadium. A public affairs table was to be set up and manned by Division personnel. However, bad weather washed out the event and it needed to be rescheduled.

An email sent to all FSO-PAs asking for a report regarding any activities scheduled for NSBW. No reply was received. As FSO-PA for Flotilla 16-03, I set up a table at a local West Marine store and manned the table for both weekends.

A copy of the "Waterways Open" flyer was sent to all FSO-PAs and RBS for distribution.