

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

2015 National Safe Boating Week After Action Report

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D5NR Lessons Learned:

1. Confusion regarding actual NSBW event Dates:

Problem: Many units are unsure as to the actual dates to observe NSBW.

Solution: Adjust the observance of NSBW to expand it to a two week format. Use the first week (the official observance) to obtain recognition from local political leaders of the importance of The Coast Guard and Auxiliary efforts to enhance recreational boating safety. Use this time to get proclamations and resolutions from local government bodies and coordinate with the Active Duty to get the message out via mass media (media releases, radio and TV interviews, etc.)

The second week the Auxiliary can focus on their D5NR traditional NSBW activities that are offset by one week to accommodate the local boating season. The 2016 D5NR NSBW plan will include these scheduling changes.

2. Confusion regarding what information to submit as Pre-Plans and actual After-Action Results:

Problem: Both Pre-plans and After Action reports are received in various formats, be it the official report form, narrative, email, etc. This makes producing the final deliverable report challenging. Reports are received from PAO's, Area, Division and Flotilla. This results in some duplication, which slows down the report building process.

Solution: The individual units are getting better in reporting both their planned activities and the activities that actually take place. By using a standard report form for the submission of NSBW pre-plans and After Action reports, more consistent reports can be collected. D5NR DCoS Barry Kyper has developed a prototype of such a form. During the second half of 2015, the PA Staff will improve this form to make it more User-Friendly. It will be posted on the D5NR PA website in time for the 2016 NSBW events.

3. Inclusion of Multi-Media Content into this report

Problem: We have been receiving an increasing amount of action photographs of our NSBW efforts. While engaging, they are large and, aside from a representative sample, cannot be added to this report due to size constraints.

Solution: Photos need to be submitted to District PA for posting on Facebook or Flickr. This will be included in the 2016 NSBW plan.

Division One (Northern Delaware)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotillas 1-01, 1-04, 1-08, 1-09: Due to the small size of Division One, the four Flotillas will be conducting their NSBW duties as a single unit.</p> <p>16 MAY - CABELA'S, Christiana Mall, Newark, DE - (3 Events)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "READY, SET, WEAR-IT". • PUBLIC AFFAIRS BOOTH. • VESSEL SAFETY CHECK. <p>SUMMIT NORTH MARINA, Bear, DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUBLIC AFFAIRS BOOTH • VESSEL SAFETY CHECK • "Sammy the Sea Otter" <p>17 MAY - Newark Memorial Day Parade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrol OPFAC and vehicle with 2 Personal Watercraft will participate in Parade. • Decorated with Auxiliary banner and uniformed members. • Uniform of Day: Tropical Blue on OPFAC, ODU on Personal Watercraft with proper "High Impact" PFD. <p>21 May-"Suddenly In Command" Public Education Class at Cabela's, Christiana Mall, Newark, DE.</p> <p>WEEK of 16-22 MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning coordination of NSBW Radio Public Service Announcements with the radio stations WJBR (FM 99.5 Wilmington, DE) and WDSD (FM 94.7 Wilmington DE). • Members may participate in NSBW Kickoff at Lewes, DE with DNREC. 	<p>Division One members organized and participated in a "Ready, Set, Wear-It" event at the Cabela's Fishing and Sporting Store in Newark, DE on 16 MAY 2015. A record number 10,917 boaters around the globe shattered records for the most life jackets worn on the same day. Auxiliary and Cabela's employees both participated. An Information Booth and Vessel Safety Check station were made available for the public. Typical foot traffic for this store on a weekend is approximately 5,000 shoppers.</p> <p>In conjunction with the Cabela's event, we also set up an Information Booth and sent out Vessel Safety Examiners at the Summit North Marina in Bear, DE.</p> <p>On Sunday, 17 MAY 2015 members of Flotilla 053-01-04 participated in the Newark, DE Memorial Day Parade; towing an Auxiliary OPFAC, dressed and shined.</p>

Division Four (Southeast Pennsylvania)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
Flotilla 4-02: No Response	<p>Flotilla 4-02 manned two Public Affairs booths and conducted Vessel Safety Checks at Eastern Marine, DE, Anchorage Marina, PA, and Ridley Marina, PA. They conducted 21 Vessel Safety Checks and met with over 55 boaters. They note that the two-week NSBW is confusing.</p> <p>Flotilla 4-04 manned two Public Affairs booths and conducted Vessel Safety Checks at Black Rock and Tomes Marina. They conducted 25 Vessel Safety Checks and met with over 81 boaters. They also conducted 6 Marine Dealer Visits. They note that the two-week NSBW is confusing.</p> <p>Flotilla 4-07: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 4-08: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 4-09: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 4-11 conducted Vessel Safety Checks at Georgetown Yacht Basin, MD, where they performed 15 Vessel Safety Checks. They also conducted six Marine Dealer Visits and met with over 35 boaters. They note that the two-week NSBW is confusing.</p> <p>Flotilla 4-76: No Activity Reported</p>
Flotilla 4-03: No Response	
Flotilla 4-04: No Response	
Flotilla 4-07: No Response	
Flotilla 4-08: No Response	
Flotilla 4-09: No Response	
Flotilla 4-11: No Response	
Flotilla 4-76: No Response	

Division Seven (Southern Ocean County)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 7-02: Local municipalities Little Egg Harbor Township and Tuckerton Borough will each present FL-72 with proclamations on 2015 NSBW at their regular May business meetings. FL-72 will march in the 2015 Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the local American Legion Post 493. FL-72 participated in Division 7 2015 PSA recording session in March, recording 5 PSAs dealing with the Auxiliary, recruiting and safe boating. FL-72 has scheduled six (6) PE safe boating classes during this 2015 season. FL-72 is planning a series of VE stations, through-out the coming boating season, at local marinas and public docks.</p> <p>Flotilla 7-04: Participated in Division 7 2015 PSA recording session in March, recording 11 PSAs dealing with the Auxiliary, recruiting and safe boating. These PSAs were recorded and will be aired hourly by WBNJ-FM 91.9, Barnegat, NJ.</p> <p>Flotilla 7-09: Participated in Division 7 2015 PSA recording session in March, recording 11 PSAs dealing with the Auxiliary, recruiting and safe boating. These PSAs were recorded and will be aired hourly by WBNJ-FM 91.9, Barnegat, NJ.</p> <p>Flotilla 7-11: Participated in Division 7 2015 PSA recording session in March, recording 11 PSAs dealing with the Auxiliary, recruiting and safe boating. These PSAs were recorded and will be aired hourly by WBNJ-FM 91.9, Barnegat, NJ.</p> <p>Flotilla 7-12: Participated in Division 7 2015 PSA recording session in March, recording 11 PSAs dealing with the Auxiliary, recruiting and safe boating. These PSAs were recorded and will be aired hourly by WBNJ-FM 91.9, Barnegat, NJ.</p>	<p>Flotilla 7-2 participated in NSBW proclamation ceremonies for Tuckerton, NJ and Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ in which both municipalities recognized Flotilla.7-2 and commended it for its efforts in promoting boating safety not only during NSBW, but through the year. Six Auxiliarists participated in this event. Additionally, the Flotilla made a concerted effort in emphasizing NSBW ideals during ALL Vessel Examinations and Marine Dealer Visits. This was reinforced by handing out information or leaving it in display units. The Flotilla also participated in the Division 7 Public Safety Announcement program sponsored by radio station WBNJ (91.9 FM) that started with NSBW and will continue through the 2015 boating season.</p> <p>The Flotilla also participated in the VFW Post 493 Memorial Day Parade with a dressed Auxiliary Facility on a trailer. They participated in a ceremony at the VFW after the parade. Eleven Auxiliarists participated in this event. Flotilla 7-2 conducted a total of 17 Vessel Safety Checks, 45 Marine Dealer Visits, and manned 4 PA/Boating Safety Booths and reached an estimated 4,000 members of the public.</p> <p>Flotilla 7-09 just wrapped up a very successful NSBW with two major events. The first was the dedication of our Seventh Kids Don't Float life-jacket sharing shed at Tides End Marina and the second was the Marine Safety Day at the local Walmart. Both events were well attended and all the public interactions were positive. One question seemed to come up over and over again was that boaters wanted to know what to do with expired flares. Several boaters said they have over 20 years of expired flares and would like a safe and environmentally friendly option to just tossing them in the trash. Perhaps this is an area we can look into since we are the driving force behind the purchase of new flares to pass the Vessel Safety Checks</p> <p>Flotilla 7-11: There was NSBW, boating safety, and marine safety posts posted on the Flotilla Facebook page.</p>

May 13, 2015- An event attended by one Flotilla 7-11 member along with a member of Division 18 at the Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs 4H club in Leesburg, NJ. The event was also attended by 2 members of Station Fortescue. There was talking with the children about marine safety, what the USCG is and what the Aux is, why to wear life jackets, how to fit a life jacket, and how to call for help on channel 16 among other topics.

May 17- Cedar Creek Marina. Three Flotilla 7-11 members did a VSC day with 6 checks and a MS booth. May 16-17, 22-23- Marine Patrols were conducted by flotilla members.

May 20- PATONs were verified by a flotilla member working with ANT Cape May. Two members worked as watch standers at Station Barnegat and Sector.

Throughout the week there was two more VSC's conducted and there was 42 program visits, distributing information about the new mobile app and AWW.

May 25- There was an event at Beachwood Day, in Beachwood NJ. There was 5 members in attendance. There was a table set up along with a marine safety display. The flotilla worked with Aux recruiting, marine safety, talking about VSCs and Americas Waterway Watch.



Display to teach youngsters about trash in the water

Display and photo by Auxiliarist Lauren Carter

Division Eight (New Jersey)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 8-01: Manning a Public Affairs Booth at the Boardwalk Music Pier, with a trailered Auxiliary Facility in Ocean City, NJ, on May 23rd.</p> <p>Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at All-Seasons Marina, Marmora, NJ on May 30th. Conducting a Public Education class on recreational boating safety at St. Peters Church, Ocean City, NJ on May 30th.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-02: Flotilla Public Educators will be advertising Boating Safety Courses for the coming season.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-03: Will be conducting Public Education, Marine Dealer Visitations, and Vessel Examinations at the Pier 47 Marina in Wildwood, NJ, during NSBW. Flotilla Public Educators will be advertising Boating Safety Courses for the coming season.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-04: Will be conducting Public Education and Vessel Examinations during NSBW (no location noted).</p> <p>Flotilla 8-05: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at the Frank S. Farley State Marina, Atlantic City, NJ on May 23rd. Flotilla Public Educators will be advertising Boating Safety Courses for the coming season.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-06: Will be making a boating safety presentation to the Lower Township, NJ Council during their meeting on May 18th at 1900 hours. This meeting is televised locally.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-07: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations and manning a Boating Safety Booth at the Port Norris, Fortescue and Longreach Marinas, NJ during NSBW. Will have a Boating Safety booth set up at Delaware Day Bay in Port Norris, NJ, on June 6th.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-08: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Exams and Marine Dealer visits during NSBW.</p>	<p>As an opening event for 2015 National Safe Boating Week, Flotilla 8-1 (Ocean City, NJ) held a Public Affairs event on the Ocean City Boardwalk in front of the Music Pier. 8-1 brought one of its operational facilities onto the Boardwalk at 0700 and set-up a PA tent at 0900 for our activities to begin at 1000. The foot traffic was heavy early as there were a number of other Memorial Day activities taking place that same morning. The weather was sunny and clear, but with a cool ocean breeze blowing out of the east. Flotilla 8-1 members who participated in this event include, VFC Bob Babezki, FSO-PA Terri Pierce, FSO-PV Ed Henne and members Gloria Grumbein, Bill Quain, Fred Rudduck and Ron Richenbach. The Auxiliary received great support from the Ocean city Police Department in setting up the facility and getting it back off the Boardwalk at the end of our activities. Due to the many events be held that morning, foot traffic on the boardwalk was heavy. Visitors to our booth showed an interest in Boating Safety Classes and Vessel Safety Exams. The crowds began to thin out at 1500, at which time it was decided to break down our display. Flotilla 8-1 also performed Vessel Inspections and manned a Public Affairs Booth at All-Seasons Marina, Marmora, NJ on May 30th. They conducted a Public Education class on recreational boating safety at St. Peters Church, Ocean City, NJ on May 30th.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-2 conducted Boating Safety Classes during NSBW.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-3 had an open house, a recruitment drive and conducted a Safe Boating Class at Pier 47 Marina, Wildwood, NJ on Saturday, May 30th. Additionally, they conducted Marine Dealer Visits and Vessel Safety Checks during NSBW.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-4 conducted Boating Safety Classes and Vessel Exams during NSBW.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-5 conducted a Safe Boating Class and Vessel Exams at the Frank S. Farley State Marina, Atlantic City, NJ on Saturday, May 23rd.</p> <p>Flotilla 8-6 conducted a presentation at Lower</p>

Township, NJ council meeting which was tele-vised and visited several marinas in the Flotilla 8-6 area.

Flotilla 8-7 conducted Vessel Safety Inspections at the Port Norris, Longreach and Fortescue Marinas. A juvenile water safety class at Port Norris Library was rescheduled until June 30th. The Flotilla manned a Boating Safety booth at Bay Day from 0800 until 1630. Additionally, they conducted ten VE's at the Longreach Marina.

Flotilla 8-8 conducted Vessel Examinations and Marine Dealer Visits during NBSW.



Flotilla 81 Members (L-R) Fred Rudduck, Ed Henne, Gloria Grumbein and Terri Pierce at PA Booth on the Ocean City Boardwalk for NSBW



Flotilla 81 Operational Facility on Ocean City Boardwalk for 2015 NSBW.

Photos by Auxiliarist Bob Babezki

Division Twelve (Delaware)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 12-01: Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Tuckahoe Acres, May 23-24.</p> <p>Flotilla 12-02: Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at the Maritime Day Celebration at Lewes Terminal, Lewes, DE on May 16th. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at the Horseshoe Crab & Shorebird Festival, Milton, DE, on May 23rd.</p> <p>Flotilla 12-03: Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Bowers Beach Buccaneers Bash, May 22-24.</p> <p>Flotilla 12-05: Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Bowers Beach Buccaneers Bash, May 22-24.</p> <p>Flotilla 12-08: Manning a Public Affairs Booth at Blades, DE for the 100th Anniversary event during the Nanticoke River Marine Park Festival, May 17. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Bowers Beach Buccaneers Bash, May 22-24.</p> <p>Flotilla 12-09: No Response</p>	<p>Event: Skip Jack Cove Marina Galena, MD 9 May Delaware members of Division 1 and Division 12 completed 33 Vessel Safety Checks and a Public Affairs booth provided information to the boating community which was held at the Slip Holders Appreciation Day to kick off the start of National Safe Boating in Maryland/Delaware. Event: Proclamation Lewes, DE 15 May</p> <p>Event: Maritime Day Ferry Terminal, Lewes, DE 16 May. The Delaware River and Bay Authority operates the Ferry Terminal and the Maritime Day Festival is their annual event. Our Flotilla is one of many participants. The Flotilla towed their trailer to the event as an advertisement. The event was also advertised by the use of posters, notices in the newspapers and electronic signs in the Lewes area. A Public Affairs booth was manned and the Auxiliary participated in the Lost Mariners Wreath ceremony along with the Pilots Association.</p> <p>Event: American Legion Fishing & Boating Expo, Lewes, DE. A Fishing and Boating Expo was held in Lewes a PA booth was held along with a VE station. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.</p> <p>Event: Tuckahoe Acres Campground DE 23 May A Public Affairs booth in conjunction with vessel safety checks were completed at Tuckahoe Acre Campground. Approximately 50 vessel safety checks were completed. Members of Flotilla 12-01 provided this service.</p> <p>Event: Safety Patrols were run over the Memorial Day weekend. Auxiliarists from Flotilla 12-05 and 12-08 conducted safety patrols on 23 and 25 May out of SARDET Bowers Beach. It was the first patrol of the season.</p> <p>Numerous vessel safety checks were completed in Slaughter Beach, Dagsboro, Bowers Beach and Lewes, Delaware. A total number is not available at the moment. Boater safety information was also provided to the public.</p> <p>Media Releases were sent to local newspapers throughout the state.</p>

Division Fifteen (Northern Lakes)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 15-02: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 15-03: Partook in a recent community outreach program where members presented information on National Safe Boating Week and Boating Safety Topics. During NSBW, performing Vessel Inspections, Boating Safety Patrols and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Harvey's Lake.</p> <p>Flotilla 15-04: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 15-09: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 15-10: Distributed Boating Safety Material, NSBW information and dates/locations for upcoming Boating Safety classes at all marinas and boat launch locations at Lake Hopatcong. During NSBW, performing Vessel Inspections, Boating Safety Patrols and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Lake Hopatcong, NJ.</p> <p>Flotilla 15-11: Will hold a public outreach program at the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat ramp on the Delaware River route 33 boat ramp on Saturday 16 May.</p> <p>Flotilla Public Affairs Staff Officer (FSO-PA) forwarded the Coast Guard National Safe Boating Week news release regarding the newly developed Safe Boating APP to The Express-Times, a local general circulation newspaper within western New Jersey and Northeast Pennsylvania. Additionally, the FSO-PA drafted and sent a letter to the editor of The Express Times general circulation newspaper regarding the four key principles of safe boating week.</p> <p>Flotilla 15-12: No Response</p>	<p>Flotilla 15-02 set up a public affairs booth on 5/23/2015. They also visited 5-10 Marine Dealers, including all on Lake Hopatcong and conducted a Public Education class.</p> <p>Flotilla 15-04: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 15-09: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 15-10: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 15-11 had two Vessel Examination events during NSBW</p> <p>Flotilla 15-12 conducted three Marine Dealer visits and the Division Public Affairs Officer had a Letter to the Editor published in the Express-Times discussing the Four Key Elements of NSBW.</p>



Safe Boating week start- Saturday May 16th. with the National Park Service at Milford Beach in Milford, Pa. Members from left to right. John May, VFC Robert Conger, Don Snyder, David Edinger.

Division Sixteen (North Jersey Shore)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 16-01: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 24th.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-03: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 23-24.</p> <p>Will be manning a Public Affairs booth at West Marine in Toms River, NJ.</p> <p>Will be participating in the Toms River Memorial Day Parade.</p> <p>Will be walking the docks and distributing boating safety material and conducting vessel safety checks at local marinas during NSBW.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-05: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 24th.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-07: Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 24th.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-08: Will be manning a Boating Safety Booth during Safety Day in Belmar, NJ on May 16. Will be conducting Patrols in the Division AOR the weekends of May 16-17, 23-24 and 30-31. Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 24th. Flotilla members will be walking the docks at various marinas in the AOR to hand out boating safety literature on May 23rd and May 31st.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-10: Will be manning a Boating Safety Booth during Safety Day in Belmar, NJ on May 16. Will be conducting Vessel Safety Examinations at Hoffman's Marina (East and West), Belmar, NJ on May 24th.</p> <p>Will conduct a patrol out of Manasquan. Flotilla members will be walking the docks at various marinas in Manasquan and Brielle to hand out boating safety literature and conduct Vessel Safety Checks.</p> <p>Will work with the local kids to get out the "Wear It" message by handing out material and candy.</p> <p>Will attempt to mount a "Wear a PFD" sign on Perrine Boulevard near the docks in Manasquan, NJ.</p> <p>Will attempt to get permission to paint the "Life Jacket ZONE" with the Auxiliary logo near area boat ramps.</p>	<p>Saturday, 23 May, Division 16 held its annual Vessel Safety Check Station at Hoffman's Marina in Brielle, NJ from 0830 until 1530. Despite this being Memorial Day weekend, and thus the official start of the recreational boating season, turnout by boat owners was poor. With over 100 slips, only 12 people signed up in advance. 2 of those never appeared for their scheduled time. There were 6 walk ups. The weather at 0830 was a cool 56 degrees and barely reached 67 by 1530. While there was a sufficient amount of boating safety materials for distribution, one item in specific was in critically short supply. Despite having submitted materials orders every month since January, coloring book supplies are extremely low. This makes it extremely difficult to engage children and get the boating safety message through to them. I was able to obtain a few from one of the Flotillas, but nowhere the amount we should have been able to obtain from National. I have an event coming up in June aimed specifically at children, but I expect I will be wiped out of all materials aimed at their age group after that event.</p> <p>This was the third year we have held this event in Hoffman's. As long as the Division holds a VSC Station there, PA will continue to support them and provide a boating safety table.</p> <p>Flotilla 16-10 participated in the Kick-Off Summer Festival in Barnegat, NJ on May 30th. They also performed Marine Dealer Visits and Vessel Exam dock walks in Barnegat, Manasquan, Waretown, Stafford, Manahawkin, West Creek and Vincenttown, NJ. They were also presented a Certificate Of Appreciation from the Administrator of Barnegat, NJ for their Recreational Boating Safety Efforts. These efforts included making permanent "Life Jacket Zone" metal signs that were installed around Barnegat. They conducted 8 Vessel Safety Exams, 42 Marine Dealer Visits and reached an estimated 261 members of the public.</p>



Division 16 SO-PA Paul Casalese supporting public outreach during National Safe Boating Week

Division Seventeen (Penn-Jersey)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 17-01: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 17-02: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 17-03: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 17-04: Performing Vessel Inspections and a Patrol at Bordentown, NJ, on May 16-17. Performing Vessel Inspections at Bordentown, NJ, May 23-24.</p> <p>Flotilla 17-05: No Response</p>	<p>Flotilla 17-01 posted NSBW and Boating Safety information on their Facebook page</p> <p>May 13, 2015- There was an event attended by one flotilla member along with a member of Division 18 at the Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs 4H club in Leesburg, NJ. The event was also attended by 2 members of Station Fortescue. There was a talk with the children about marine safety, what the USCG is and what the Auxiliary is, why wear life jackets, how to fit a life jacket, and how to call for help on channel 16 among other topics.</p> <p>May 17- Cedar Creek Marina. Three Flotilla members manned a Vessel Examination Station and conducted six safety checks. They also manned a Marine Safety Booth.</p> <p>May 16-17 and May 22-23- Marine Patrols were conducted by Flotilla members.</p> <p>May 20- PATONs were verified by a Flotilla member working with ANT Cape May.</p> <p>Two members worked as watchstanders at Station Barnegat and Sector.</p> <p>Throughout the week there was two more VSC's conducted and there was 42 program visits, distributing information about the new mobile app and AWW.</p> <p>May 25- There was an event at Beachwood Day, in Beachwood NJ. There was 5 members in attendance. There was a table set up along with a marine safety display. The flotilla worked with Aux recruiting, marine safety, talking about VSCs and Americas Waterway Watch.</p>

Division Eighteen (South Jersey)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 18-01: Flotilla disbanded</p> <p>Flotilla 18-02: Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-03: Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-04: Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-05: Participating in Patrols on May 16-17. Will be conducting Vessel Examinations at the Public Boat Ramp in Ocean City, NJ, on May 23rd. Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-06: Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-07: Conducting a Safe Boating class at G. Winters Sailing Center, Riverside, NJ, on May 16. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at G. Winters Sailing Center, and/or Riverside Marina, Riverside, NJ on May 16. Will be conducting Vessel Examinations at the at G. Winters Sailing Center, and Riverside Marina, Riverside, NJ, on May 23rd</p> <p>Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-08: Will be conducting Vessel Examinations at the at G. Winters Sailing Center, Riverside, NJ, on May 23rd. Members will be participating in the Woodbury Memorial Day Observances, Woodbury, NJ on May 25th.</p>	<p>Flotilla 18-02 manned a Public Affairs Booth at Scotland Run Park, Clayton, NJ where they conducted two Vessel Safety Checks, displayed a working VHF Marine Radio, and worked with two brand new paddlecrafters who had just purchased their vessels on May 22nd (the day before). They also distributed literature and discussed the Four Key Points of NSBW. Estimated reach was over 20 boaters.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-03: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 18-04: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 18-05 manned a Public Affairs Booth at the Public Boat Ramp, Ocean City, NJ where they conducted seven Vessel Safety Checks. Estimated reach was over 35 boaters.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-05 participated in the Memorial Day events at Woodbury, NJ on May 25th. The Auxiliaries made comments, participated in the ceremony and laid a wreath. There were over 50 members of the public in attendance.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-06: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 18-07 manned a Public Affairs Booth at the Winters Sailing Center, Riverside, NJ where they conducted three Vessel Safety Checks and a boating safety class. Estimated reach was over 6 boaters.</p> <p>Additionally, Flotilla 18-07 performed safety patrols in the AOR.</p> <p>Flotilla 18-08: No Activity Reported</p>



DSO-PA Bob Babezki and FL 18-7 FSO-PA Larry Ognitz participating in Woodbury, NJ Memorial Day Observance.

Photos by Leslie Ognitz

Division Nineteen (Susquehanna Valley)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 19-01: Submitted press releases to four (4) local newspapers: Evening News, Sunday Patriot, Carlisle Sentinel, and Perry County Times</p> <p>Submitted short article to local cable TV station and contacted 3 radio stations for possible interviews. Members will man four (4) Public Affairs Booths: Senator's baseball game, Reading Ballgame, Harrisburg Arts Festival, Clipper Magazine Stadium baseball game.</p> <p>Members will conduct Vessel Safety Checks on the Susquehanna river (Three VE dates scheduled).</p> <p>Flotilla 19-02: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 19-03: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 19-04: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 19-05: No Response</p> <p>Flotilla 19-06: No Response</p>	<p>Flotilla 19-01 had two Public Affairs events at baseball games and one at a flea market. They also conducted three Vessel Examination events and two Marine Dealer visits.</p> <p>Additionally, 19-01 was able to get the local Blue Ridge Cable TV network to continuously run a spot on the Four Key Elements of NSBW. This was supplemented with articles in three local newspapers (Carlisle Sentinel, Perry County Times and The Guide).</p> <p>Flotilla 19-02: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 19-03: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 19-04: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 19-05: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 19-06: No Activity Reported</p>

Division Twenty (PA Wilds)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
Flotilla 20-01: No Response Flotilla 20-02: No Response Flotilla 20-03: No Response Flotilla 20-04: No Response	Flotilla 20-01 manned two Public Affairs booths, conducted one 2-hour water children's safety program with Sammy the Sea Otter at the Bedford Public Library with 18 in attendance. They also conducted a safety program at Raystown Lake Visitors center (28 in attendance). Additionally the Flotilla attended "Float for Charity" 5 hour event with 750 boats and estimated 1100 in attendance. They also manned three Vessel Inspection Stations and performed four Marine Dealer visits. Flotilla 20-02: No Activity Reported Flotilla 20-3 did one Public Affairs event (7,000 attending) Flotilla 20-4 conducted 43 Vessel Examinations and performed seven Marine Dealer Visits

Division Twenty-One (East Piedmont)

<i>Pre-Plan</i>	<i>After-Action Report</i>
<p>Flotilla 21-01: Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Beltzville Lake on May 23rd. Will be manning a Public Affairs Booth during the Get Outdoors festival at Steel Stacks, Allentown, PA on May 29-31.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-02: Performing Vessel Inspections at the River Park Boat Launch, near Pottstown, PA on May 16th.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-03: Performing Vessel Inspections, conducting a Patrol and manning a Public Affairs Booth at the Lake Nockamixon Marina, Lake Nockamixon State Park, on May 23rd.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-04: Participating in the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" campaign at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake, May 16th. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake every day from May 16-22. Members will be participating in the Armed Forces Day parade in Reading, PA on May 16th. The members will be riding on tailored Auxiliary Operational Facilities while wearing appropriate PPE.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-05: Participating in the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" campaign at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake, May 16th. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake every day from May 16-22. Members will be participating in the Armed Forces Day parade in Reading, PA on May 16th. The members will be riding on tailored Auxiliary Operational Facilities while wearing appropriate PPE.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-06: Participating in the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" campaign at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake, May 16th. Performing Vessel Inspections and manning a Public Affairs Booth at Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, Blue Marsh Lake every day from May 16-22. Members will be participating in the Armed Forces Day parade in Reading, PA on May 16th. The members will be riding on tailored Auxiliary Operational Facilities while wearing appropriate PPE.</p>	<p>Flotilla 21-01 set up and manned a Public Affairs Booth at the "Get Outdoors Day" on May 24th. They handed out literature, and had requests for three boating safety courses and one vessel safety check. They also conducted Vessel Safety Checks at Beltzville Lake during NSBW.</p> <p>Flotilla 21-02: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla 21-03: No Activity Reported</p> <p>Flotilla's 21-04, 21-05 and 21-06: The National Safe Boating Week was held at Blue Marsh Lake from 16 May to 21 May 2015. On 16 May there were 15 people that joined in with the Life Jacket " Ready Set Wear It" Campaign. There were 39 Vessel Safety Checks conducted.</p>

APPENDIX A: Press Release issued by Flotilla 7-09

Press Release

Date for Release: June 1, 2015

Contact: Michael Piscetelli, Public Affairs Officer Flotilla 07-09

Contact Number: 609-575-8770

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 07-09 of Lacey Township Dedicated its seventh location for the Kids Don't Float life jacket sharing program at Tides End Marina, located at 146-148 Marina Plaza, Forked River NJ. Kids Don't Float is targeted at children and infants that are going out on a boat but may not have a proper fitting life jacket and allows them to borrow one at no charge for the day. The dedication was done in conjunction with National Safe Boating week. An Auxiliary Facility or patrol boat was on hand with a full crew. Also present was a vessel examination crew that completed a number of free safety inspections that day.

The dedication occurred May 31, 2015 at 10am. Arthur Scarneo, a Staff Officer in the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 07-09 and the Master of Ceremonies gave his special thanks to Sea Tow of Waretown for providing the vest and while he was not sure who build the shed, said "the shed was damaged in Super Storm Sandy, repaired and repurposed". He went on to say "thank both Lowes and Home Depot for providing materials and building the cabinets over the years". He praised Tides End Marina for providing the location and "the commitment to boater safety to allow us to use their property".

In addition Fred (Jake) Jaekel, also a Flotilla 07-09 Member, was credited with starting the program in New Jersey. He explained "I had read in a magazine about the program begun in Homer, Alaska by fireman in early 1996 who wanted to prevent drowning" That's how the idea came to New Jersey over seven years ago. Jake had won Auxiliarist of the Year for starting the New Jersey program. He has also been able to spread the idea all over the country with the help of other Flotilla 07-09 members. "It's now a regular program with the USCG Auxiliary" Jaekel said. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has continued the program setting up stations all over the country with help from other organizations and private donations.

Commander of the United States Coast Guard Station at Barnegat Light, Kevin Speer was on hand for the event, a resident of Forked River himself and briefly thanked all involved. Also in attendance was Mayor Quinn of Lacey Township, he praised the work done by the Auxiliary in the Township with regards to "safety patrols and public boater education" The Mayor was kind to point out "all the good work was done by dedicated volunteers with no cost to the Township". We thank all that attended and look forward to our next dedication.

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with nearly 32,000 men and women, is a unique force that carries out an array of responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment. The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. Information on joining the Auxiliary can be found at join.cgaux.org.

APPENDIX B: Newspaper Article on Flotilla 8-1

State's oldest Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla gets ready for Safe Boating Week

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Bob Babezki, a Glassboro resident and vice commander of the Flotilla 81, spoke about an event during National Safe Boating week in which the auxiliary members inspect vessels for boaters.



Posted on May 13, 2015
by [Madelaine Vitale](#)

OCEAN CITY— David Wilson wants boaters to know that members of Flotilla 81 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are on the waters patrolling and promoting

boating safety.

"We want to let folks know who we are. We have visibility. We are a uniformed service. The difference is in authority," Wilson said recently about the importance of what they do.

He was also emphasizing the importance of National Safe Boating Week, which is designed to raise awareness among the boating public about safety on the water.

Wilson, 75, the commander of the Ocean City Flotilla and its members, has been a member of the auxiliary for 15 years.

"We are more of a safety patrol," he said. "We want to make sure people are wearing life jackets, people have safe speeds. We are there to render assistance. We offer support until the commercial towing people can arrive on the scene. We have the ability to patrol. If

someone has commercial insurance, we don't get in the way," Wilson said.

They also have the right to decline an assignment if the risk exceeds their capability.

The local auxiliary flotilla is the oldest in the state with a 75th anniversary coming up on June 1. While it does not have military or law enforcement power, its mission is vital nonetheless – especially to the safety of boaters in area waterways. It is the uniformed, volunteer arm of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Flotilla 81 operates around Ocean City, including Great Egg Harbor Bay and nearby waters. Its role is to assist the missions of the Coast Guard through vessel safety inspections, education, safety patrols, and assisting the Coast Guard in search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection responsibilities, according to the U.S. Coast Guard website.

Wilson said the mission may be volunteer, but there is nothing easy about it.

"We are a uniform volunteer service. But we operate from the Coast Guard. We use personal boats, but they are all inspected by the Coast Guard – the same as if it were a Coast Guard vessel," he explained.

"We personally are fully covered from the time we leave the house until the time we come back to the house for any kind of liability. Most people don't understand. This isn't a social club."

Once members get underway they call in to the Coast Guard station. When they leave the Ocean City area they are under the control of Station Atlantic City, Wilson said.

Bob Babezki, 59, the vice commander of Flotilla 81 who is in charge of public affairs, said the auxiliary and auxiliaries in the Greater Philadelphia area, opted to celebrate National Safe Boating Week May 23-31, a week later than the official date.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 30, members from Flotilla 81 will be at All-Seasons Marina, 551 Roosevelt Blvd. in Marmora, to check vessels.

Babezki, a nine-year auxiliary member and Glassboro resident, said members will make sure vessels have all of the federal and mandated safety equipment and check for recalls.

Once a vessel passes the auxiliary inspection, it will receive a sticker. It is a free service courtesy of the auxiliary.

You do not need to have served in the Coast Guard to join the auxiliary. Membership is open to United States citizens at least 17 years old, with no criminal background.

Anyone interested in joining the Ocean City flotilla may call 609-399-4299 or attend one of the monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in St. Peters Methodist Church, Eighth Street and Central Avenue in Ocean City.

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APPENDIX C: Division 12 In the News

(This was taken from DNREC website)

DOVER (May 15, 2015) – With the 2015 summer season making its debut this weekend and plenty of good weather ahead, many boaters will be heading out on the water. As they do, the DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife’s Office of Boating Safety and Education encourages them to remember to practice safe boating, not just over Memorial Day weekend – but throughout the year.

This morning, DNREC Deputy Secretary Kara Coats, Division of Fish & Wildlife Director David Saveikis and Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers joined State Sen. Ernie Lopez, Rep. Stephen Smyk and Rep. Dave Wilson, USCG Auxiliary members John Ballantine, Cindi Chaimowitz, Warren Huff and Denny Neild and USCG Auxiliary volunteer boating safety instructors, to officially kick off National Safe Boating Week at DNREC’s Division of Watershed Stewardship Lewes Facility adjoining the Lewes Public Boat Ramp.

Media Releases were sent to local newspapers throughout the state.



State Rep. Stephen Smyk, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Chief Robert Legates, State Rep. Dave Wilson, DNREC Deputy Secretary Kara Coats, Division of Fish & Wildlife Director David Saveikis, State Sen. Ernie Lopez, and Coast Guard Auxiliary members Denny Neild, Warren Huff, Cindy Chaimowitz and John Ballantyne. DNREC photo by Joanna Wilson

APPENDIX D: Division 12 News Release

The following news release was sent by Auxiliarist Tom Roberson

News Release

Start of 2015 Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Patrols

Bowers Beach, DE –Traditionally, Memorial Day is not only a time of remembrance, but it also marks the start of recreational boating season. This year it marked the start of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary safety patrols on the Delaware Bay. While many of us take to the water for recreation, others depend on the water for their livelihood. The selfless men and women who make up the crews on U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary safety patrols take to the water to save lives.



A U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol leaves Bowers Beach on Memorial Day to assist boaters on the Lower Delaware Bay. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by Tom Roberson

unusual for highly trained volunteers who last year were responsible for the safe return of 83 vessels in Delaware alone.

Memorial Day 2015 was a beautiful day at Search and Rescue Detachment Bowers Beach, Delaware when the patrol shown departed for just such a mission. Yet despite the apparent calm, the National Weather Service had issued small craft warnings for the lower Delaware Bay. Patrol coxswain (leader) Al Grimminger and his crew consisting of Cindi Chaimowitz, Peter Branker, and Harry Otto would ultimately find themselves fighting 3 to-5-foot seas and winds in excess of 20 knots (23 mph) to help boaters who were at risk. Not just another day at the office, but not that

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org.