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FROM THE HELM



Summer is here and the scheduled Auxiliary events are over. Now it is time to kick back and enjoy the rest of the summer. Now it is time to get out in the boat, or hit the beaches, or picnic at a waterfront park. No more thinking about the USCG Auxiliary, right? Well, that could be the case. But as ANYONE enjoying the waterfront, you can be a part of America's Waterway Watch. It is like the local Neighborhood Watch group where you live, only for your waterfront recreational area. No training required. You already know what is normal and what isn't on the waterfront you enjoy and spend time at. The only requirement is that you keep your eyes open to suspicious activities in the area that you are already familiar with, things that just don't look right.

So what do you do if you see something suspicious? You **don't confront** the strangers. If the activity is putting **Life or Property in Immediate danger**, call **911** or local law enforcement. If the activity is suspicious or unusual for the area, call **877-24WATCH (887-249-2824)**. Put this number in your cell phone for quick access should you need it.

See, that is not too hard, the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard thank you for your participation. Now go out and have some fun.

Semper Paratus
Stan Sward FC 44

PENALTY STAMPS

Included in this mailing is a copy of the penalty mail stamp system provided to us by the Auxiliary National. All members using Government stamps MUST follow these directives.

ACADEMY INTRODUCTION MISSION (AIM)

It is important that you make an informed decision about applying to and attending the Coast Guard Academy. Our Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program that gives you the chance to see if the Academy is right for you, and if you have what it takes to succeed. If you are selected, you will experience the rigor, discipline, and rewards of the Coast Guard Academy personally, just like a cadet, for one week in July following your junior year in high school. You meet faculty and staff, learn about our academic, military, and athletic programs, talk with cadets who have sailed the Eagle, flown aircraft, and started their leadership journey, and meet with Coast Guard professionals who are protecting our nation right now. Success at AIM is a good indicator of success at the Coast Guard Academy. Typically, 50% of AIM grads earn appointments to the Academy. Valedictorians of the Academy's classes of 2000 and 2003 were AIM graduates.

Cindy Renschler

\$55 MILLION IN COCAINE SEIZED

MIAMI, July 23 (UPI) -- A British naval ship and a Miami-based Coast Guard unit have seized an estimated \$55 million worth of cocaine from a go-fast vessel, officials say.

The incident took place last Thursday off the coast of Venezuela after the Royal Navy Frigate HMS Iron Duke spotted a suspicious looking boat while on routine patrol in the Caribbean, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reports.

Coast Guard Law Enforcement Team 406 was aboard the Iron Duke and boarded the vessel after observing packages being thrown into the water.

Four men were detained and 36 bales of cocaine that had been thrown overboard were recovered, the Coast Guard says.

The Miami Herald said go-fast vessels are small, very fast boats known for being favored by smugglers when transporting drugs. The U.S. Office

of National Drug Control Policy has said they are nearly invisible to radar, the newspaper reported.

Cindy Renschler

DRUG BOAT DESTROYED

The suspect boat was destroyed by gunfire from HMS Iron Duke

A navy warship has blown up a drugs boat after her crew were detained and three-quarters of a ton of cocaine with a street value of £33m seized.

Portsmouth-based frigate HMS Iron Duke carried out the operation on patrol in the Caribbean and later destroyed the boat deemed as a "shipping risk".



The crew were detained by armed US coastguards before the boat was sunk.

HMS Iron Duke had been on her first counter-drugs patrol in her current deployment when the vessel was spotted.

One of the ship's Lynx helicopters was sent to investigate and when the crew started to throw bulky objects overboard, the frigate launched her seaboats.

Lieutenant Commander Alasdair Peppe, Iron Duke's executive officer, said: "This is a good start to HMS Iron Duke's Atlantic deployment.

"After only a week on patrol the ship has made a significant seizure of cocaine. "I am very proud of the whole of Iron Duke's ship's company, all of whom have played a part in this success."

The frigate made a similar drugs bust last year whilst on operations in the region with Prince William, seizing drugs with an estimated UK street value of £45m.

Aaron Renschler Ltjg is in command of the US Coast Guard team on board.

Cindy Renschler

DEADLIEST CATCH'S CAPTAIN WORKS

WITH CG

JULY 23, 2009

U.S. COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON, DC - The Discovery Channel's Keith Colburn, captain of the F/V Wizard on cable's number one series "The Deadliest Catch," is joining with the Coast Guard Boating Safety Division this summer to promote life jacket wear and recreational boating safety on the nation's waterways.

As an official spokesperson for the Coast Guard's "Boat Responsibly" initiative, Colburn will be appearing in a series of public service announcements as well as promotional activities across the country.

"We're extremely pleased to have Captain Colburn and the Discovery Channel lending their support to this important safety campaign," said Rear Adm. James A. Watson, Coast Guard Director of Prevention Policy. "Keith is an experienced and well-respected seaman who puts a premium on safety for his boat and crew. We look forward to working with him throughout the summer."

"In producing "The Deadliest Catch," Discovery Channel works closely with the Coast Guard, seeing first-hand the critical assistance they provide fisherman through the crabbing seasons on the Bearing Sea. We are proud to see Keith take a leadership role in this important issue," said John Ford, President and General Manager, Discovery Channel.

The Coast Guard Boating Safety Division is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries and property damage by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers. The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to "Boat Responsibly!"

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 August Walter Cary
- 10 August William Staff
- 19 August Debra Guffey
- 29 August Don Ellis

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 1 Year Brandon Robb 7/13/2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Division Meeting Monday 3 August 2009
- Flotilla Meeting Wednesday 12 August 2009
- Deadline Anchor Line Thursday 27 August 2009
- Flotilla Meeting Wednesday 9 September 2009
- Fall Conference Columbus OH 17-19 September 2009

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- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST.
- III. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS. 6 members in attendance
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. Not submitted
- V. COMMUNICATION & AWARDS.
- VI. ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Flotilla commander Stan Sward
 - b. Vice Flotilla Commander Tony Guffey
 - c. Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Rick Renschler
- VII. APPOINTED STAFF OFFICER REPORTS
 - Aid to Navigation Stan Sward no report
 - Communication Services Paul Swope If anyone sees any errors, have ideas that would make a good to our web site, please let me know. School dates will be on the web site.
 - Finance Paul Swope given
 - Information Services Cindy Renschler please send hours in
 - Materials Stan Sward Please see Stan for materials
 - Member Training Debra Guffey absent
 - Operations Robert Holmes absent
 - Personnel Service Stan Sward is talking to several people
 - Public Affairs Rick Renschler have received calls from the yard signs from individuals wanting to Join the Reserves
 - Publications Paul Swope Anchor Line went out on time. In need of articles for next. publication
 - Public Education Paul Swope please send names for boating school
 - Safety Program Visitor Cindy Renschler no report
 - Secretary Brandon Robb absent
 - Vessel Examiner Scott Anderson VE's will be finished in July
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Card Committee
 - b. C.G. Academy Report Article in June Anchor Line
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
- X. NEW BUSINESS Motion made and approved to purchase a fax/printer for the materials officer.
- XIII. MEMBERSHIP TRAINING