



## CLAMDIGGER II

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### CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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This is my second and final year as Division 18's Captain. I have enjoyed this experience tremendously. During the last 2 years, we have accomplished a lot. Some of our accomplishments include 16 workshops with 2 planned before year end, 2 round table discussions and 2 SAREX's with one more on the calendar.

One of my proudest accomplishments was to augment Station Shinnecock with Division 18's members. Currently we have 4 Cooks, 1 Watchstanders, 1 in training, 2 CG Boat Crew members in training, and one working in the Engineering Department.

Training has never ended and will still continue. The last 2 years, we qualified a number of coxswain, crew members, instructors, vessel examiners and Marine Dealer Visitors. We also emphasized recruitment of new members. Emphasis was also placed on communication between elected officers and staff position.

Throughout the last 2 years we have focused on all areas, Boating Education, Vessel Safety Checks, Marine Dealer Visits, Public Affairs, and Safety Patrols. We plan on getting additional people qualified to carry out our goals.

As Division Captain I will continue being motivated to the very end of my term, December 31 2004. Don't be surprised to see emails on this date. As Immediate Past Captain I will be there for you and our new DCP. I plan on supporting our next Division Captain fully.

I'm glad to see that the CLAMDIGGER II is back in circulation but no one person can do this job alone. I would like to see each of the Division Board and Staff contribute an article on a regular basis. I would also like each Flotilla to contribute to it's Flotilla sub-section or to the Division.

The Calendar for the upcoming months follows. Please advise me if you have any additions or corrections.

James H. Cornell, Jr. DCP

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**SUN****MON****TUES****WED****THUR****FRI****SAT**

	29 Patrol Cxn Cornell	30 RNC - Flotilla 18-8 Meeting DCP to Visit	31 Rep Natl Conv	1 Rep Natl Conv	2 Rep Natl Conv	3 Rep Natl Conv	4 Patrol
<b>S</b>	5 Patrol	6 Labor Day	7 Day Off Honor Guard Training # 6	8	9 Flotilla 18-6 Meeting	10 Day Off - to Mystic Sag Harborfest	11 Reg Patrols District Board Election / Meeting Sag Harborfest
<b>E</b>	12 Reg Patrol Flot18-6 Picnic Sag Harborfest	13 Flotilla 18-3 Meeting	14	15	16 Flotilla 18-2 Meeting	17	18 Reg Patrols / Underway Navigation Drill
<b>P</b>	19 Reg Patrols / Underway Navigation Drill Rain Date	20	21 Workshop - TBA	22 Day Off	23	24	25 Patrol
	26 Patrol	27 Flotilla 18-8 Meeting	28	29	30	1 Rep Natl Conv	

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Columbus Day 18-6 ABC Course

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Flot. 18-3 Meeting DCP Vacation 18-6 ABC Course

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Flotilla 18-2 Meeting DCP/VCP Visits

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Flotilla 18-8 Meeting

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	1 18-6 ABC Course	2	3	4 Special Division 18 Meeting	5	6
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14	15 18-6 ABC Course	16	17	18 Flotilla 18-2 Meeting	19	20
21	22 18-6 ABC Course	23 18-6 ABC Course	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29 Flot. 18-8 Meeting 18- 6 GPS Course	30 18-6 Nav Course				

**SUN****MON****TUES****WED****THUR****FRI****SAT**

	28	29 Flot. 18-8 Meeting 18- 6 GPS Course	30 18-6 Nav Course	1	2	3 Leadership Academy	4 Leadership Academy
<b>D</b>	5 Leadership Academy	6	7 18-6 Nav Course	8	9	10	11
<b>E</b>	12 Division COW	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>C</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas
	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

All Members of Division 18

1. On Tuesday, 27 July we held our second round table discussion with both Division and Flotilla staff for Public Affairs and Public Education. This meeting was as successful as our first one last year for Vessel Exams and Marine Visitors.

2. Our next meeting of the Division Board and Staff will be held on Thursday, 7 October @ 1930 on the Mess Deck at Station Shinnecock. The uniform of the day will be Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian attire. All members are invited and are encouraged to attend. Get information first hand.

## Staff Reports

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To Debra Cornell, VCP 18

From: SO-CM

Aug 5, 2004

Subject: Staff Report Comms.

1. I have had no requests from anyone for any information on anything. Communications is and always has been an essential part of our operations. I guess no requests means all operational units are functioning up to expectations.
2. I have received no requests for information about or for equipment itself for the Auxiliary net radios. I might add Division 1 uses them to their advantage as a matter of routine. There are monthly drills that no one in this Division takes part in. All other divisions in our area and into New Jersey are becoming increasingly active. There are a few, on order for Division 18.
3. This system is a backup to the regular CG marine radio system. It also affords some protection against other vessels and persons listening in.
4. Division 13 just concluded a successful hunt for an EPIRB by using an Auxiliary land mobile in conjunction with the CG vessel.
5. Members should be aware that if someone falls overboard and activates their PEPIRB, they can wait for the signal to travel to the satellite, back to RCC control at Langley Field in Virginia, who will in turn call RCC Boston who in turn will call Gr. Moriches ODO with the information that they have lost an Auxiliary (or regular) crew in Peconic or wherever. The location is approximate because there is no on-board GPS as with the larger models. Flotillas have the option of learning how to use EPIRB/ch 16 direction finders and carrying them on patrols. When a PEPIRB is activated it not only sends a signal to the satellite (if not under water!), it also sends a homing signal on 121.5 MHz.
6. Hopefully crews will be alert enough to spot someone overboard right away, and not have to go through all this. While on the subject, how many of you have ever tried to retrieve a 200 lb. plus person from the water and haul them aboard? Not exactly like boat-hooking a fender as we do in practice!

Respectfully submitted

Van R. Field, SO-CM 18, ADSO-CM tech

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To: Debra Cornell, VCP 18

From: Roy DeMeo, SO-AN 18

Subject: SO-AN Monthly Report

Private Aids inspections have been or are being conducted by all four flotillas. From May to date I have processed completed PATON inspection forms from 18-02 and 18-08. These have been forwarded to ANT Moriches. 18-08 still has some PATONs to inspect in its area. I have received no completed inspection forms to date from 18-03 and 18-06 but I have been assured by the FSOs of both flotillas that inspections are taking place and the paperwork with coming to me soon.

I want to thank all the FSOs and aids verifiers that have been working on this job. It is a big one. We can only hope that the work we are doing will lead to a more accurate record of the many private aids in our local waters and that the owners will be encouraged by the CG to maintain them so that they properly mark safe water for all of us.

I encourage all FSO-ANs to get your aids verifiers to complete all inspection before the end of August.

Do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions. 734-5275 or [royde@optonline.net](mailto:royde@optonline.net).

End of report  
Roy E. DeMeo, SO-AN 18

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To: VCP 18

From: Debbie Cornell, SO-VE 18

The following are the most current #'s for Vessel Safety Checks for our Division. a/o: 30AUG04

18-02	77 given
18-03	95 given
18-06	90 given
18-08	28 given

Remind all Vessel Examiners to submit their paperwork. If you don't send in the paperwork, we can not request decals due to it looking like we had no activity. Division has just received 100 decals as backup. We are qualifying new vessel examiners thru out the Division.

Debbie Cornell, SO-VE 18

To: Debbie Cornell, VCP 18

From: Jim Cornell, SO-CS 18

We have been experience some problems with Division 18's website. The problems seemed to have increased since the passing of Jim Edwardson, the Host of our website. Most of these problems have been resolved. Our website is now up and running.

Jim Cornell, SO-CS 18

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Fm: Y. Bangston, SO-IS 18  
To: D. Cornell, VCP 18  
SUBJ: IS BRIEFING

1. As of this date, any source documents received for AUXDATA entry have been completed and returned to FSO-IS. FSO-IS are getting a little lax in reviewing the AUXDATA forms for completeness and accurateness. A couple of OBSOLETE forms have been received and returned with request to resubmit on current ANSC forms. FSO-IS are asked to be more careful in their review of these forms and return them to the members for correction before stamping FSO-IS OK and forwarding them to me. I am getting IS mailings on a fairly regular basis. I still request that mailings be done at a minimum of every 2 weeks.
2. With Division and Flotilla elections approaching, eligibility requirements for elected office should be reviewed IAW CGAUX MANUAL 1F, which is now available, at least on the web. If there are any questions on a member(s) eligibility as it relates to AUXDATA certifications, please advise.
3. DCP, VCP, FCs and FSO-IS will please advise me if they need any AUXDATA reports. I have not downloaded any for this current reporting period.
4. I am aware of many activities being conducted in Flotillas wherein I am not receiving any reports for AUXDATA entry. This includes boat missions, radio watchstanding, PE EOC reports and VSCs. There is also very little coming in for any PA. This could have impact on member certifications and Unit awards.
5. The REWK process has been run and any impact on Division 18 currently certified membership is now 0. Those members who are in REYR and missing OPS workshop and/or TCT will still need to complete these workshops prior to requesting recertification.
6. There are numerous members who have been certified in VE and MDV in 2003 who have not done any activity to date, at least not reported in AUXDATA. FCs and FSO-IS are reminded that members who do not report their activity in 2004 to meet their currency requirements will go to REYR in 2005. If any FC and/or FSO-IS needs information on any member(s) status, please advise.

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From: Tisha Bouboulis, SO-PE 18  
To:, VCP 18 Debbie Cornell  
Subj.: Public Education Report

1. Boating Classes  
Several classes were given including GPS, BSC, and the new ABC course.
2. Unfortunately, there is a time conflict with instructors who are busy patrolling.  
PE-PA Workshop held at USCG Station Shinnecock on July 27,2004 provided a great means of exchanging ideas among instructors. Members are encouraged to incorporate the "Waterwatch" tape in the



PE classes. There is also a need for documenting, recording, and maintaining the names of all students who attend a boating safety class. This information should be consolidated in a general database for our Division.

3. PE Best Practices Vin Pica was featured in the July 2004 issue with his ideas concerning handing out a seamanship topic at the end of every PE class. Congratulations, Vin!

Respectfully submitted,  
Tisha Bouboulis

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From SO-PA  
To Debbie Cornell, VCP 18

Published story in the August issue of the LIBW on the conducting of Boating Safety Classes for Children by Flotilla 18-08. Will bring copies to the meeting.

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## **Flotilla 18-2 section**

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## **Flotilla 18-3 section**

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## **Flotilla 18-6 section**

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## **Flotilla 18-8 section**

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## **DIVISION CAPTAIN'S BRIEFING**

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From: James H. Cornell Jr., DCP 18 (1SR)  
To: COMO Nick Kerigan, DCO (1SR)

Via: Harvey Miller, RCO-GruMor (1SR)

**Subject: 11 SEPTEMBER - DIVISION CAPTAINS BRIEFING**

1. We are planning our next “Underway Navigation Drill” for Saturday, 18 September with a rain date of Sunday, 19 September. The main emphasis, as the name implies, will be to test the navigational skills of both Coxswain and Crew underway. The exercise will take place in the Great Peconics, because of the large area and the depth of the water. The Navigational Exercise will be plotted by each Coxswain with the assistance of the crews. A pre-event meeting will be needed to solidify this exercise. We will supply all pertinent information for this exercise. More information will come down shortly.
2. Division 18 Honor Guard is doing well. I have appointed Ralph George as my second in command. Members of the HG are Ralph George, Tom Cruickshank, MaryJo Cruickshank, Tisha Bouboulis, Rich Robertson, Paul Montagni, Henry Landis and Greg Sarafin. The purpose is to prepare us for Various Ceremonies and Parades that might come up. I expect the first use of the HG will be at the Division COW.
3. All Flotillas have offered multiple boating safety courses and are scheduling additional classes throughout the Division. We have already increased the number of classes and the number of graduates over last year. We are expected to double last year’s statistics.
4. Our VE Program is going well. So far we have 4 additional Vessel Examiners division wide and a number of VSC Stations planned and completed. Additional stations are being planned through out the division.
5. We have one more member joining Station Shinnecock support team, Joe Talentino. Joe will be working in the Engineering Department.
6. Currently we have 1 person nearing completion for CG Boat Crew, John Vlcek and one more starting the program, Lou Chrisomalis.
7. We also have 1 watchstanders, Rick Robinson, at Station Shinnecock that is nearing completion his qualifications. Our long standing watchstander, Henry Landis, has been doing most of the training.
8. Fingerprinting has been going well. All flotillas were visited at least twice so far. Other plans are being made to complete this process. So far we have completed about 75% - 80% of the division.
9. Division 18 completed a training exercise with the Air National Guard and Station Shinnecock on Saturday, 7 August.
10. I am looking into 2 additional workshops before year end. Some topics might include Electronics in PE, Leadership and Management, Interviewing potential new members, or Motivation skills. The only limit is our imagination.
11. I appointed Hal Adkins as our new editor / SO-PB of the CLAMDIGGER II. Our next issue is scheduled for 1 September. All articles should go to Hal for the next edition of the CLAMDIGGER II. Flotilla Commanders are urged to submit an article on behalf of their Flotilla.
12. Team Coordinated Training (TCT) is completed for the year. Next year we will need to conduct another class. We have 13 members that will be in their 5<sup>th</sup> year. This doesn’t include those that are

going into the Boat Crew that haven't taken it yet.

13. Since this will be my last report to the District Board as Division 18's Captain, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and this opportunity to serve as Division Captain. This has been a great experience. I would also like to thank my Wife and Vice Captain, Debbie Cornell for all her support, and behind the scene work she has done.

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JAMES H. CORNELL JR.

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### **Pictures from the July Division Meeting**





