



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
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**THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD**

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From: James H. Cornell Jr., DCP 18 (1SR)  
To: Division Board and Staff  
Subject: OCTOBER DIVISION CAPTAINS BRIEFING

1. On Saturday, 18 September we conducted a PM Search pattern in lieu of the Underway Navigational Exercise. The exercise was well planed and executed by both Boat Crews. We ran into inclement weather on the last leg of the search.
2. District Election results  
District Commodore - Charlie Sferra  
District Vice Commodore - Tom Venezio  
District Rear Commodore - Group Moriches - Dick Mullare
3. We can now wear the ODU (Operational Dress Uniform). Orders can not be placed to UDC until January 2005. The Coast Guard Academy has them, but limited sizes. The only stipulation is when you are on patrol, Coxswain and Crew must be in the same uniform.
4. 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.
5. FC's make sure that you use the "Problem Resolution Gateway" on the DIRAUX website. It saves the Directors Office time when answering questions. The URL address is <http://diraux.cgaux1sr.org/contactus2.html>.
6. Currently we have 1 person going for CG Boat Crew, John Vlcek and one more starting the program shortly, Lou Chrisomalis. Good luck to both of them.
7. Our third round table discussion with Division and Flotilla staff officers and anyone interested will be for PATONS and Chart Updating. Date and time TBA.
8. I am looking into presenting 2 of the 3 workshops before year end, Electronics in PE, Leadership and Management and/or Interviewing potential new members. The only limit is our imagination.
9. 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.

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10. We have one more member joining Station Shinnecock support team, Joe Talentino. Joe will be working in the Engineering Department.
11. 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.
12. Remember to always wear your uniform properly. This includes cleaned, pressed and looking sharp. We represent the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.
13. The Directors office has 500 Mustang Suits to be distributed. Distribution will be based on the number of hours on patrol.
14. We have done pretty well with the PSQ forms. We still have some out there that haven't been returned.
15. After a new member has been put into AP status, it will take from 6 – 8 weeks to become either IQ of BQ status. Potential new members become discontent if they are mislead. New members on AP status can not wear uniforms.
16. New Members in AP status can do any training or specialty course including exams. DIRAUX will hold paperwork until status is changed in AUXDATA.
17. Pay attention to detail when filling out paperwork. Check AUXDATA reports for accuracy.
18. The idea of Boat Crew fitness is to make crew safe and not to clean out Dead Wood. Be fair to everyone. We are being scrutinized for fitness.
19. The Auxiliary Manual will be sent to the printer on Monday, 12 September. A hard copy will be sent to all members in November for those that has submitted a PSQ.
20. The Leadership Academy will be held on Friday, 3 December, Saturday, 4 December and Sunday, 5 December.
21. The Coast Guard Association has an "Associate Membership Program", its open to the general public. A check for 40% of the original donation to the CG Association will be mailed to the Flotilla selling the membership. All Flotillas received samples.
22. A special Division Meeting of the Board and Staff will be held on Thursday, 4 November @ 1930 on the Mess Deck at Station Shinnecock. We will conduct regular business and finalize the Division COW. 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.

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