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From:James H. Cornell Jr., DCP 18 (1SR)To:Division Board and Staff (1SR)

Subject: MARCH DIVISION 18 BRIEFING

- 1. The Maritime Domain Awareness program is the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard. The purpose of this program is to go around to Marinas and Marine related facilities and report anything abnormal. CDR Healey is all for bringing this program to our AOR. It worked well in other areas, now it's time for us to implement it. The crew of these MDA patrol will consist of 2 members, one of which must be certified in either a VE or PV with a car, preferably a Land Mobil Radio Facility. The crew must travel in the same uniform. Hal Marshall, RCO is requesting 2 teams from each flotilla. Group training should start in mid April and flotilla workshops May June. I appointed Hal Adkins to chair this committee. Other volunteers include Jim Cornell, Vin Pica, Debbie Cornell, Rudi Pica, Charlie Merrill, Mary Jo Cruickshank, and Tom Cruickshank.
- 2. It looks like we have one team, possibly 2 teams to participate in the ISAR (International Search and Rescue) Competitions. The Run off this year is scheduled for 10 June at Mystic Seaport. The winning team will then represent 1sr at the Atlantic East Run-Offs scheduled for 21 July and 22 July 2006 at Cape May, NJ. Training will get underway shortly. So far we have Jim Cornell, Vin Pica, Lou Chrisomalis, Kevin Osterbery and Merle Wiggin. We are looking for 1 more crew and 2 alternatives. I put Vin Pica, SO-MT in charge of this project.
- 3. Station Shinnecock Open House will be held on 3 June. We are requesting all hands to support this event. Our goal is to make this one bigger than last year. This is a tall order. Please encourage your members to participate.
- 4. We haven't had an Open House at SFO Moriches in a few years. This year it will be held on 20 May. The format will be the same as last year at Station Shinnecock. I will be working with Merle Wiggin and Mary Jo Cruickshank.
- 5. Our Flotilla Detachment, known as Hampton Bays Detachment, is coming along nicely. The main purpose of the Membership Open House is to get the general public to know about the CG Auxiliary and to encourage new members. At these Membership Open Houses, we will make a presentation encouraging the public to join us. This will include a verbal presentation, VCR/DVD and will end with a question and answer period. Once members decide to join the Auxiliary, they will come down to Station Shinnecock and complete the interview and start the paperwork. At least for now, the Hampton Bays Detachment will meet at Station Shinnecock.

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- 6. Incident Command System (ICS) –The new Commandant's Instruction that will require all of us to take several ICS courses if we would like to be involved in operations, especially at times of major incidents. Currently all operational personal need to take ICS 100 and IS 700. The goal is to do this by 6/30/06. To make this less painful Division 18 will sponsor ICS 100 as a workshop and possibly IS 700. Also, Boat crew trainees will be required to take 100 and 700 prior to doing a check ride with a QE.
- 7. I recently sent an email out to each Flotilla Commander PSI (Personnel Security Investigation). The PSI, in either the Direct Operational or Operational Support category, is required for all Auxiliarists. The members on this list are required to submit the required paperwork by March 21, 2006. Members are to contact their FC's if they are not sure. If members do not submit the required paperwork, DIRAUX will start disenrollment.
- 8. Fleet Week will be May 25 29. District will be looking for volunteers to assist shortly.
- 9. National Safe Boating Week will be May 20 26. Information packages will no longer be sent out. You can order material at <u>www.safeboating.com</u>.
- 10. The District Store is under new management. The new DSO is Gregg Trask. You can either Fax in at (518.597.9777) or mail it to DSO-MA, PO Box 272, Crown Point, NY 12928. The District Store is also on line. Please don't call Florence Turner. All PE course material can be ordered through Ken Gainer, ADSO-MA @ kpgainer@aol.com, 50-16 228th Street, Bayside, NY 11364
- 11. This year I would like to plan a Division 18's Picnic. Bring this idea to your membership and we will discuss this at our next Division Meeting.
- 12. CDR Elizabeth Young, DIRAUX is planning to attend our next Division Meeting on Thursday, 6 April at Station Shinnecock @ 1930.

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