

# Pamlico Watch

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Flotilla 20-6, 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Region, Washington, NC



## From the Helm—Don Lindberg

Another well-attended meeting with much going on. Many thanks to Pat Mansfield for her informative and delightful talk on the Blackbeard Adventure Alliance's project and the history of our area. Members are very interested in the effect of having a replica of Blackbeard's sloop in our area.

It was great to see members eager to attend the Sector Conference and the speed with which the car pool was organized.

I think several members found it hard to realize just how fast time flies when they were told that they were due for a QE check-ride this year. This year all our coxswains and all but three crew need a check ride. With all the crew trainees lined up for their check ride and certification, we'll have a very busy season with training patrols and QE visits.

More training is available at the Advanced Skills Weekend at Yorktown and an AUXINFO workshop to be held at Ben Reed's home on 18 April if you aren't still at Yorktown. Ray Ward is busy putting together a VE workshop for new and prospective VEs.

Now that the decals are in, we are ready to gear up for VSCs. Set aside time during National Safe Boating Week for our annual VSC blitz.

Many thanks to all those who helped man our booth at Overton's Boat Show in Greenville. We will also have a booth at Bath Fest on 15 May (a one-day affair).

We are now the largest flotilla in the district with a large area to cover. With new venues opening and various groups contacting us to give boating courses, we can use more Vessel Examiners and instructors. Anyone not currently certified in either of these slots would be a welcome addition as we expand our offerings and coverage.

Thanks to all our members—you have done an outstanding job through the years and will, I know, do an even better job as we grow.

## Minutes—Sue Lindberg

Don called the meeting to order at 1900. Harry Ross led the flotilla in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Welcome Visitors

Don welcomed VCDR Peter Bokkean & Linda Bokkean, Pat Mansfield, and Tom & Sue Goebel.

### Presentation

Pat Mansfield explained to the flotilla the "Blackbeard Adventure Alliance's" project to build a replica of Blackbeard's sloop. She spoke on the project's impact on tourism, maritime history, boating safety, and

## Web Site

<http://a0542006.uscgaux.info/>



## Upcoming Events

### March

13 ICS-210—New Bern

20 & 27 ABS—Park Boats

### April

5 Flotilla Meeting—1900—  
Blackbeard's

16-18 ASW—Yorktown

18 AUXINFO workshop at Ben's home.

### May

3 Flotilla Meeting—1900—  
Blackbeard's

## Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Visitors

Awards

FC/VFC Announcements

FSO Reports

Old Business

New Business

Member Comments

Adjourn

## JOIN US ON THE COAST

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education, highlighting the organization's history, purpose, and goals.

#### **Awards**

Gary Wruck and Peter Bokkean swore in Ray Midgett as a member of 20-06.

Peter Bokkean presented Don Lindberg with the district "Division Publication of the Year, 2008" plaque for *20-20 Vision*.

Don presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Tri-Community Ruritan Club for their support of our PE efforts. The president of the Ruritan club, Butch Yert, accepted the award.

#### **FC/VFC Comments**

Don mentioned the Sector workshops and the carpooling needed, reminded crew and coxswains that most need a QE this year, checked ID card expiration dates, and distributed replacement ID cards.

#### **FSO Reports**

**PE:** Lou read Rick's report—About Boating Safely class at Park Boats 20 & 27 March.

**MT:** Lou read Rick's report—13 March ICS 210 at Fairfield Harbour, refresher OPs training will start soon. Don gave crew and VE materials to the Goebels and Ray Midgett.

**PB:** Don asked for corrections to the last newsletter. There were none.

**HR:** (Formerly known as PS) Don reported Tom & Sue Goebel signed their 7001s tonight—our newest members.

**IS:** Gary discussed the new forms and reporting practices. He mentioned pending NC legislation which will allow income tax deductions for hours served in the Auxiliary. When this legislation passes, members will find a financial motive for reporting their hours.

**SR:** Sue collected the sign-in sheet and checked to see that all had signed in. The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted unanimously.

**MA:** Sue mentioned that all orders are up-to-date. She reminded members that she has mailing materials for those who need them.

**VE:** Ray provided VEs with forms and decals for 2010. He is working on a new VE mentoring date.

**PV:** Tony and Peter received Fed regs and PE flyers for distribution.

**FN:** Jackie reported we have a balance of \$2,106.31 after expenditure of \$556.49 for our new projector.

**Coastie:** Don read Ann's request for all Coastie-trained members to be available 12-15 April for presentations at county schools.

**PA:** Lou passed around a sign-up sheet for the Overton's Boat Show (5-7 March), "Join the Auxiliary" posters and Panda cards to the PVs, and announced the availability of Auxiliary displays for our PA events.

**New Business:** Tony made a motion that the flotilla appoint a committee to examine the possibility of making a donation to the "Blackbeard Adventure Alliance." The motion was seconded and passed. The Committee will consist of Tony Weichel, Ray Ward, and Peter Kaurup. They will report at the April meeting.

Lou suggested that the flotilla form a committee to plan the December COW. The committee is to be organized at the April meeting.

Ray Midgett mentioned having placed Auxiliary PFD & Digital Radio PSAs on the Suddenlink access channel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2026.



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### District Publications Award



### Swearing-In



Peter Bokkean presents Don Lindberg the Publications Award for the division newsletter, *20-20 Vision*  
Gary Wruck, DCDR, and Peter Bokkean, VCDR, administer the oath to Ray Midgett.

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### Tri-Community Ruritan Club



Butch Yert accepts the Certification of Appreciation

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### ABS Course at Bethany United Methodist Church Winsteadville, NC



### Graduates and Instructors of the ABS Course

All students passed the course exam and said that they enjoyed both the content and the instructor's enhancements to the text. Many thanks to the Tri-Community Ruritan Club for their support (and the food provided).

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**Photographers wanted:** Bring a camera at all flotilla activities. SHOW is always better—clearer and more concise—than TELL. Help capture the history of the flotilla by photographing all our missions.

**\*\*\* Attention all VEs \*\*\***

The USCGAUX National site and Safety Seal.net lists Vessel Examiners by ZIP Code so boat owners can request a VSC. To add your contact information to the site, go to <http://www.safetyseal.net/GetVSC/EnterNewExaminer.asp> and enter your information at the bottom of the page. Boat owners in your area can go to the site, find examiners in their area, and contact them via email. If the majority of our VEs are listed here, we may increase our number of VSCs for the year.

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**Use of AUXINFO**

When members see their Annual Letter at the end of the year, some complain to their FSO-IS that their letter contains errors—that they did more VSCs, clocked more patrol, PE, or PA hours than the letter reports. Of course, the end of the year is far too late for an IS officer to do anything about it.

Links to AUXINFO are built into our web page. The prudent Auxiliarist checks his record at least monthly so that any error—perceived or real—can be remedied immediately. If members are unsure of how to use AUXINFO, a flotilla can easily arrange an MT session. Any flotilla with many new members should probably make such an MT session a regular part of its MT program. Even with few new members, most members could benefit from refresher training. Such training and checking will all but eliminate the shocked expressions when the Annual Letters come out.

We will hold an AUXINFO training session at Ben's home on 18 April at 1400.

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**Overton's Boat Show**

Flotilla 20-06 manned a booth at the annual Overton's Boat Show again this year. Visitors were very interested in boating courses and vessel safety exams. We had a good time speaking with visitors and pointing some to Auxiliary courses in other parts of our division as well as our own courses.



Thanks to the Wards, Ray F., the Kaurups, Tony, Jerry, Lou, Phil, the Stallings, and Don.

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**Sector Conference**



[Photos by Ben Reed] [Photo by Rhonda Stallings]

We had quite a few at the Sector Conference—how many of our members can you name? If not all, you should come to more meetings.



### **NATIONAL AUXCHEF PROGRAM APPROVED BY FC-5**

The AuxChef Program has been approved by FC-5. The new AuxChef Guide will be available shortly, and all training classes will proceed as planned. For details on this great program, please contact DVC-AuxChef Russ Venti [rventi@bkmsd.com](mailto:rventi@bkmsd.com) (West Coast) and BC-Ron Ellis [raegraph@msn.com](mailto:raegraph@msn.com) (East Coast).  
*[Posted: Feb 23, 2010. Source: Dante J.Laurino ANACO-RS]*

NTC / MOODLE

The new NTC site is operational, and MOODLE has been restored. Unit Leaders please notify your members.  
*[Posted: Feb 23, 2010. Source: Dante J.Laurino ANACO-RS]*

### **STAFF OPENINGS-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

The following positions are now available due to promotions within the Department.

Branch Chief-Staffing—Individual will be in charge of the National Staffing "Talent Bank." Candidate must have strong HR background and be proficient in EXCEL & WORD programs.

Branch Chief—Recruiting & Retention Atlantic Region—Individual must have strong PS background, with DSO-PS, or DVC appointments on their Auxiliary resume.

Area Diversity Advisor-Atlantic West—Individual must have strong background in Diversity on both their civilian and auxiliary résumés.

All members will be vetted through your District Commodore for all positions.

Please send your forms to Joseph O'Leary, Director of HR [josephgoleary@optonline.net](mailto:josephgoleary@optonline.net)

Posted by: [Dante J.Laurino ANACO-RS](#)

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### **New Auxchef Page on the National Human Resource Website**

The National AuxChef Program has a new webpage. It will keep all AuxChefs updated on program details and classes scheduled around the country. If you are interested in becoming a certified AuxChef, contact Division Chief Russ Venti at [rventi@bkmsd.com](mailto:rventi@bkmsd.com)

*[Posted: Mar 8, 2010. Source: Dante J.Laurino ANACO-RS]*

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### **\*\*\*\* Mentor Workshop Offered \*\*\*\***

A mentor workshop will be held on April 24, 2010 at the Fairfield Harbour POA building beginning at 0830. Further information on the uniform of the day will be sent closer to workshop date. Mentor workshop must be completed by May 1, 2010. Please contact either me or David Fort FC 20-05 for directions.

I will be out of town from March 13-22. I can be reached by cell 252 571-2859 and will check e-mail periodically.

If you have further training requests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Susan White SO-MT

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### **About Boating Safely Course**

Park Boats, Rt. 264 Washington, NC

Saturdays. March 20 & 27. 9:00 AM—1 PM

\$35.00 first family member and book; \$10.00 each additional family member sharing the book.

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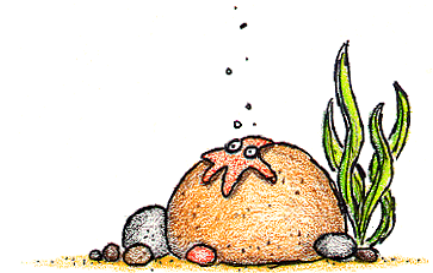
### **\*\*\*\* Correction to USGCG James Rankin E-Mail \*\*\*\***

Members of the flotilla received a forwarded e-mail from Susan Lowe regarding day trips aboard the buoy-tender USCGC *James Rankin*. We have just (10 March) been told that although the e-mail was addressed "To All Auxiliarists," the offer was intended for Sector Baltimore Auxiliarists only.



# March 2010—April 2010

## Flotilla 20-06, Washington, NC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!!	18	19	20 <i>About Boat- ing Safely—Park Boats</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>About Boat- ing Safely—Park Boats</i>
28	29	30	31	April 1 Happy April Fools Day	2	3
4	5 Flotilla Meet- ing—0700— Blackbeard's	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Advanced Skills Weekend-- Yorktown	17 Advanced Skills Weekend-- Yorktown