



Talking Points June 16, 2007

1. **Bravo Zulu to all.** Excellent work in the last quarter, especially with regard to the QE Workshops, Fleetweek in NYC, National Safe Boating Week, Construction support to Station Sandy Hook, ISAR – New London, the NYS Marine Law Enforcement School on Lake George in May, the PAPD School on Long Island, Career Days, and the AuxNet Radio Repeater implementation. And in AuxData – Q1 2007 as compared to Q1 2006, we have seen significant increases in the following statistics: 6% increase in AuxOp Tests – Passing; 80% increase in Air Observers; 16% increase in Aircraft Commanders; 18% increase in Vessel Examiners; 27% increase in Program Visitors; 11% increase in Instructors; 11% increase in Marine Dealer Visits; and a 22% increase in Multi-level Public Education courses. We had a great start to the New Year.
2. **2008 District Elections**
 - a. Nomination letters for the Rear Commodore (RCO) positions are due by July 1, 2007 to the DCO by mail with 30 copies.
 - b. Election to take place at the September District Board Meeting.
3. **Mobile Command Center**
 - a. Our new Mobile Command Center is available for use throughout the District for major events/ drills.
 - b. Sign up with Ralph Sloan at DIRAUX (email: ralph.sloan@nyc.rr.com)
4. **District-wide emergency response drill** will occur sometime in late summer. Assure that you have your Emergency Response plans up to date and are ready for the drill. You will have 48 hours to respond to the request and the drill will last for approximately 72 hours. Surface facilities, planes and radio facilities will be needed along with Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors.
5. **Flotilla and Division Elections** – interested members must have APC course.
6. **Flotillas or divisions that still have not sent the finance paperwork to Directors Office** are subject to an audit. The Director has tasked the District Auditor with conducting audits of the books of all units with 2006 Financial Reports still outstanding.

7. **Please pass any PA events up the chain** via RCO to DCO with copy VCO so that everyone knows what is happening. Director's office wants to be on the "cc" listing. Please try to do this as quickly as possible.
8. **Proper wearing of the Uniform** especially at "C" schools and on any military base or complex is absolutely essential. Please refer to the Auxiliary manual if you have any questions. It is also important to observe proper protocol for returning salutes when on any base, especially training bases. Again, please refer to the Auxiliary Manual.
9. Flotilla Commander (FC) and Vice Flotilla Commanders (VFC) who are eligible to run for office again in 2008 are invited to attend an **Auxiliary Middle Level Officers Course (AMLOC)**. This course will be held on September 14-16 at the Poughkeepsie Courtyard Inn in Poughkeepsie, NY. Anyone interested in attending must submit a Short Term Training Request (STTR) by 05 July to the Directors Office. The STTR can be faxed in to the attention of CWO Zambrana at 212-668-7975
10. **The new ISAR team for 2007 is from Division 2** - Sector New York - South. Good luck at Cape May and in Canada.
11. **Security clearances** should start to be cleared faster with the increased hiring of staff and the processing of most of the Merchant Mariners by DOD.
12. **Boat Crew Program Updates**
 - a. Barbara Chick, MD has requested to be relieved as QEC SEC-NY-N. Our thanks to Barbara for her many years as QEC and her dedication to the Boat Crew program. Barbara will continue as a QE. CDR Young has announced the appointment of Charlie Sferra as the QEC SEC-NY-N.
 - b. The "QE Request" Form and a checklist for "Crew/Coxswain/PWO" are now on the DIRAUX webpage under Late Breaking Items.
 - c. Twelve hours are required for Annual Currency Maintenance. Please refer to the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual COMDTINST 16794.51A for the necessary forms for the third (3) year CM. Members must bring Appendix F that has been completed by their FSO-IS and the appropriate Enclosure 1, 2 or 3. QEs will not supply these forms.
 - d. Currency Maintenance - DO IT NOW! There are less than 150 days left to schedule approximately 450 members who will need a QE for Currency Maintenance this year. Don't wait until September to start requesting QEs.
13. **Welcome to our new Operations Training Officer (OTO)**, Chief Warrant Officer Manny Zambrana.