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Excitement Builds as Joint Exercise Nears

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The first joint exercise between the auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol in Kansas that anyone can remember is about to happen. The date is set for Saturday 23 July. The place is AUXSTA Cheney on Cheney



31-06 members Monte Holland and Jim Dilts on Patrol @ Lake Cheney



Above: A CAP plane taxis at a recent CAP SAREX @ Eldorado Airport. Below: CAP cadet Tyler Burns working in the CAP communications van @ Eldorado.

Lake. Flotilla 31-06 is hosting this event and hopes for a great turnout, not only from our own members but from members across the state. Henry Jennings, Flotilla Commander, says "I really think that this exercise will be good for the auxiliary and for CAP. We should be working together in our common goals".



Our flotilla will be performing routine patrols while CAP personnel, both seniors and cadets, are aboard to observe how the auxiliary performs its unique job. CAP personnel will also be given briefings on maritime protocol, and boating safety. The CAP will be performing ground and air team train-

ing for their personnel. Jointly the two organizations will learn how to communicate with each other via radio and vi-

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

2-4 July	Patrol @ Cheney
4 July	Independence Day
9-10 July	Patrol @ Cheney
16-17 July	Patrol @ Cheney
19 July	Flotilla Meeting
23 July	Joint SAREX USCGA & CAP
23-24 July	Patrol @ Cheney
30-31 July	Patrol @ Cheney
6-7 Aug	Patrol @ Cheney
13-14 Aug	Patrol @ Cheney
16 Aug	Flotilla Meeting
20-21 Aug	Patrol @ Cheney
27-28 Aug	Patrol @ Cheney

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found themselves needing help from modern-day search and rescue crews. Within a few minutes after the capsizing of a 45-foot long “dragon boat” two Auxiliary boat crews on regatta patrol helped D.C. police and fire boat crews rescue the 22 from the Potomac River.

The rescued were among boaters participating in a two-day series of races designed to re-enact the failed search and rescue attempt by local fishermen of a Chinese poet and politician in 278 BC on China’s Milo River. Dragon boats feature brightly colored hulls, designed to resemble scales in hues of blue, red, green, and yellow. They sport dragon heads and tails of blue, red and gold.

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES RESPOND TO OIL SPILL

New Orleans (June 15, 2005)

The U.S. Coast Guard, Amerada Hess, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator’s Office (LOSCO), and Louisiana State Department of Environmental Quality are responding to an oil release that occurred at about 9:30 a.m., Sunday at the Amerada Hess operated Breton Sound 51 Platform, located approximately 60-miles south east of New Orleans.

Approximately 560 gallons of oil had been discovered spilled when employees re-manned the platform following tropical storm Arlene evacuation.

Response agencies took action immediately and are currently conducting recovery operations and air surveillance.

There has been an unconfirmed number of wildlife possibly impacted by the spill including dead and oiled birds and initial assessments indicate some affected shoreline and marsh grass.

All agencies involved are working diligently to mini-

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mal signals. We will also gain a better understanding of how each organization does their work and explore ways of continuing to work together in the future.



watchstanding, a cook out at noon and a great opportunity to meet and network with people from across the state of Kansas.

The CAP unit that is spearheading the planning and organization of the event on the CAP side is the Emerald City Composite Squadron. Emerald City meets every Monday night on McConnell Air Force Base. Maj. Ron Muhasky CAP is the squadron commander. The Emerald City squadron has about 50 members that are split evenly between senior members and cadets. Senior members are from the ages of 18 and over. Cadets range in age from 12 to 21. Joining the Emerald City Squadron will be members from across the state of Kansas. The Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force and performs over 80% of all inland search and rescue in the continental United States. The three missions of the CAP are emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. CAP also has the largest fleet of light civilian aircraft in the United States.



Petty Officer 1st Class Matt Tilimon of Marine Safety Office New Orleans, and Rhonda Murgatroyd of Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education capture an oiled brown pelican on Breton Island and prepare it for transport to a rehabilitation site in Venice, La., today. U.S. Coast Guard photograph by Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert M. Reed.



mize the environmental impact of the spill.

Coast Guard Marine Safety Office New Orleans is conducting an investigation into the cause of the release.

Uniform Tidbits

AUXILIARY UNDRESS/WORK BLUE UNIFORM ITEMS

AVAILABLE - LAST CALL -010/05

In an effort to “buy down” the Coast Guard’s significant stock of Undress and Working Blue uniforms (both of which will soon be made obsolete by the new Operational Dress Uniform), the remaining stocks of these items are for sale at 50% off. By mid-August 2005, any remaining stocks will be disposed of. Therefore, the next two months offer the last opportunity for anyone to purchase these low-cost uniform items from the Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center. These uniform items will continue to be authorized for Auxiliary wear until they are no longer serviceable.

The stocks available are significant...over 35,000 sets of men’s trousers, over 45,000 long and short-sleeved shirts, nearly 4,000 pair of female trousers, etc.

There is no limit to order sizes...any quantity of any item may be purchased. The following prices apply:

- male utility trousers \$9.03
- Male short sleeve dark blue shirt \$7.03
- Male long sleeve dark blue shirt \$8.13
- Female utility trousers \$13.55
- Female short sleeve dark blue shirt \$7.93
- Female long sleeve dark blue shirt \$9.75

From a CHDIRAUX (G-OCX-1)email



Safety Corner

Plastic Fuel Fill Grounding

<http://www.uscgboating.org/alerts/alertsview.aspx?id=27>

Recent events have caused the boating industry to examine the policy regarding the bonding of plastic body fuel fills with metallic caps and retaining chains. Existing USCG & ABYC policy states that the bonding of these components is voluntary. A study by IMANNA Laboratories has shown that connecting the metallic retaining chain and cap of a plastic body fuel fill assembly to a boat’s bonding system may result in electrostatic discharge from a land-based fuel pump nozzle to the metallic components of the assembly when the boat is not in the water. This condition does not exist when the boat is in the water due to the equalizations of the ground potentials between the fuel pump nozzle and the boat’s bonding system.

It is recommended by ABYC and the USCG that new installations of this type of fuel fill assembly DO NOT INCLUDE any attachment to the boat’s bonding system. The U.S. Coast Guard and ABYC still require that METALLIC body fuel fills be bonded. There have been no reported explosions or fires resulting from this phenomenon. Therefore no substantial risk of personal injury to the public exists, and formal defect notification (recall) by boat and/or equipment manufacturers is not required by the Coast Guard in this case. The ABYC Project Technical Committee has included this topic in the soon to be published H-24 Gasoline Fuel Systems on Boats that eliminates the bonding connection for plastic body fuel fills with metallic caps and retaining chains.

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A Useful Web Resource to safety in general

<http://creports.capnhq.gov/ormu/>

The US Air Force uses a tool called Operational Risk Management (ORM). The link above will take you to an online school in ORM. Its free and could make all operations safer. Check it out.

Factoids of Customs and Courtesies

G.5. Protocol for Elected Leader Entering Room

If in a room and seated when the Commandant, District Commander, any Admiral, the NACO or other elected national leader enters the room, it is courtesy to stand. Coast Guard personnel must stand at attention when a senior Coast Guard officer enters the room. As a courtesy, Coast Guard personnel are encouraged to stand to recognize leaders of the Auxiliary. Discontinue any conversation until at least a senior officer in the room has had an opportunity to greet the new arrival and assure that a seat is provided, if they indicate a desire to remain. It is not necessary to call for attention on these occasions. If you are the first to observe them entering the room, simply say, “Ladies and Gentlemen, the District Commander (or other appropriate title) has joined us.”

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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CREWS KEPT BUSY DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND: NEARLY 50 PEOPLE HELPED IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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WASHINGTON, DC – During the 2005 Memorial Day weekend, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crews in the nation's capital helped rescue 37 people from the water after their boats capsized. Ten other people were assisted when they became stranded on boats with mechanical problems.

Most of the people thrown into the water had lifejackets on, which helped their chances for survival, as did the prompt response of the search and rescue forces.

Auxiliary vessels responded to a capsized sailboat, with people tossed overboard into the one-to-two foot seas. Coast Guard active-duty crews and a Washington, D.C. police boat, fireboat and fire-rescue units ashore also assisted the three people in righting and bailing out their boat.

After the police and fire boats departed, two additional sailboats capsized in the vicinity, right next to each other. Coast Guard and an Auxiliary crews responded, assisting the two boats and the four people in the water. The Auxiliary boat was soon joined on-scene by the D.C. fireboat, which brought one person to an ambulance ashore for medical treatment.

After leaving that scene and heading south, the Auxiliary vessels encountered two additional sailboats as they capsized, throwing three more people into the water, all of whom were assisted by the Auxiliary boat crew. One boat's mast became lodged in the muddy sea bottom, creating a hazard to navigation and made righting the boat more difficult.

With the high winds continuing, the same Auxiliary boat crew witnessed and then assisted another three people thrown into the river when the two boats they were on also capsized, off of Alexandria, VA, opposite the Naval Research Laboratory. Two of the three people were transported by a D.C. fireboat to an ambulance ashore for treatment of exposure to the cold water and high winds.

At about the same time, 22 people commemorating a 2000-year old Chinese maritime search and rescue mission
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