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## COAST GUARD CUTTER VISITS RUSSIAN PORT

SEATTLE - The Coast Guard Cutter Mellon, homeported here, arrived in Petropavlovsk, Russia April 28, marking the first time a Coast Guard cutter has visited the port in two years.

The visit was made at the request of the U.S. ambassador to Russia, Alexander Vershbow, and Rear Adm. James Olson, commander of the Coast Guard's Seventeenth District, who were both in Petropavlovsk for a conference on joint U.S.-Russia fisheries management.



Mellon served as a platform for a reception hosted by Olson, at which Vershbow was the guest of honor. Officers from the Russian Army, Russian Federal Border Service, local dignitaries, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard personnel were in attendance.

The city of Petropavlovsk is located on the southern end of the Kamchatka Peninsula. Mellon departed Petropavlovsk April 30 and continued its patrol in the Bering Sea. The cutter will enforce U.S. laws designed to protect the fish stocks, and ensure the safety and longevity of the Alaskan fishing industry.

*AQABA, Jordan - USCGC Munro, a 378-foot high endurance cutter homeported in Alameda, Calif., moored here Apr. 18, 2005. Munro spent a few days conducting various exercises and drills with two Royal Jordanian Navy patrol boats, as well as spending time with some children at a local orphanage. Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Gregg "Puck" Lehocky, US Navy.*

*HOUSTON (April 28)- Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Dolar (left), a machinery technician, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Greg Helmers, a boatswain's mate, both from Station Galveston, Texas, conduct basket hoists with a helicopter crew from Air Station Houston.*

*The HH-65 Dolphin rescue helicopter crew is undergoing their yearly standardization evaluations.*

*U.S. Coast Guard photograph by Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Kendrick*



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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

13 - 15 May	KESA Part 2
18 May	Flotilla Meeting
20 - 22 May	CAP SAREX @ Eldorado
21 May	ABC Class
28 May	AUXSTA Cheeny Opens
30 May	Memorial Day
10 - 12 June	CAP SAREX @ Eldorado
11 June	Joint Ops event @ Perry Lake
15 June	Flotilla Meeting

## Help needed for 2005 Conference

by Michael R. Snively DVC-VO

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is hosting the 2005 Northern Association of Boating Law Administrators Conference in Wichita at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on June 11-15th.

Dan Heskett is asking for 2 members from Flotilla 6 and 2 total from Flotilla 2,4, 9 to work in the hospitality room on June 11 - 14 from 2100 to 2400 each night. We can have more members rotate in and out if needed. I will be available to help during that time.

Dan is asking that these members attend the opening ceremony on Sunday 12 June 2005 at 1800 in the Wichita Boat House. Uniform of the day for the opening ceremony is Service Dress Blue Bravo. Uniform of the day for the hospitality room is Polo Shirts (preferably Coast Guard Shirts) and Blue Slacks. (I will get with all Auxiliary members attending to have a common uniform)

If anyone has or can get, items for door prizes they would be appreciated. If you would like to attend the conference let me know as soon as possible. Dan said he would pay the \$250.00 registration fee.

Let Michael R. Snively know of your availability as soon as possible at: Home: 316-943-4911 Cell: 316-304-1939 Email: mrs.uscga@cox.net.

## Coast Guard Auxiliary to the rescue in Florida

by Wayne Spivak

Two U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarists, who were on shore, are getting a share of the credit for helping rescue a Florida couple adrift near the Bahamas.

The Coast Guard first became aware of a boat in distress when Auxiliarist Chris Abernathy, of Flotilla 51, who volunteers as a Communications Supervisor at Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet, heard a vessel attempting to relay a distress message from an adrift 25-foot boat late Sunday morning.

"Relying heavily on our 1,000 foot antenna tower at one of our high sites, I was able to make initial contact with the relay vessel," says Abernathy. "I did an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast with the information I had on hand, and we attempted to find out their location."

Abernathy later was able to detect a faint signal from the couple's hand-held radio on their stricken vessel, which had run out of fuel 50 miles away from its Fort Lauderdale port.

A seasoned Boatswain Mate on duty at the Coast Guard's Sector Miami communications center suggested that another Auxiliarist, known for his radio direction finding acumen, attempt to zero in on the weak VHF FM distress signal. Auxiliarist Ray Agee, also a member of Flotilla 52, in North Palm Beach, swung into action from his home station known as "Jupiter 1."

"Ray was able to establish direct communications with the distressed vessel," says Abernathy. "He tried to walk the boat operator through the operations of his GPS unit. But that was not successful."

Agee was able to give the Coast Guard's Miami stations approximate coordinates for the adrift boat, and the Coast Guard launched a helicopter.

The Coast Guard helicopter sighted the crippled vessel, named South Boat, at 1 p.m., EST, Sunday, 19 miles west of West End, Bahamas — more than 50 miles from where the couple had departed Fort Lauderdale the previous day. Crew aboard the helicopter lowered a high-powered radio, spare batteries and a data marker buoy so the boat could be electronically tracked via satellite.

The 87-foot cutter USCGC Cormorant was then launched from Fort Pierce — making a nine-hour cruise to the couple's

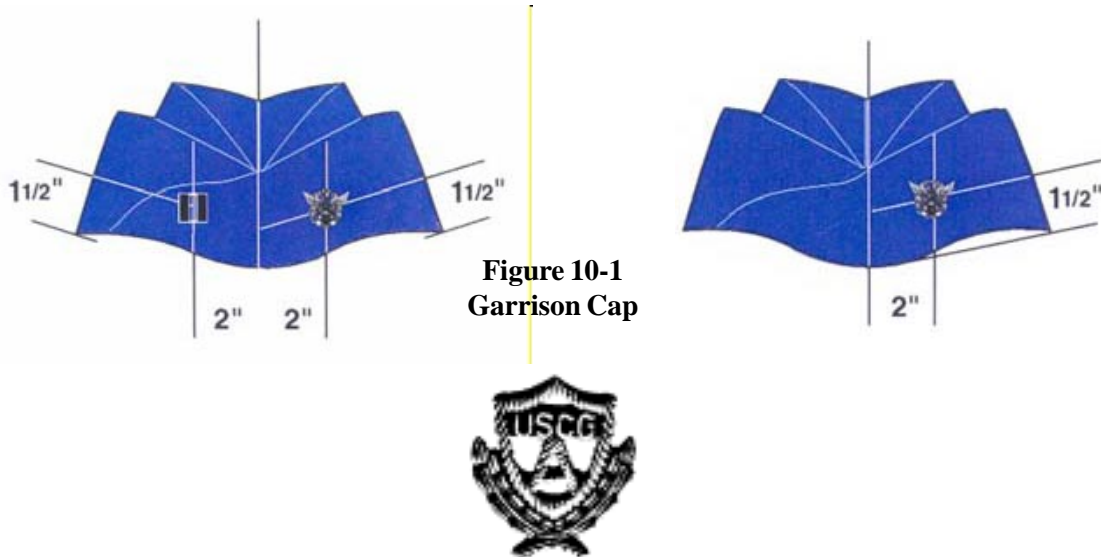
location. It took the stricken vessel in tow to Old Bahama Bay Pier early Monday, ending the couple's 29-hour odyssey at sea.

The couple was not injured in the ordeal. Abernathy says he is not surprised that his fellow Auxiliarist was able to quickly locate the extremely weak radio signal from near the Bahamas, noting that Agee has proven time and again to have an uncanny ability to locate stricken vessels. "It is not unusual for him to advise that the search pattern in a particular case is too far to the north or south and strongly recommend that the search be moved. When this is accepted and done, it is found that he is absolutely correct," says Abernathy. "Jupiter One is probably one of the greatest communications assets boaters in southeast Florida have. He is available 24/7 and very well known to the maritime community."

# Uniform Tidbits

*copied from COMDTINST M 16790.1 D.2. Garrison Cap*

Auxiliarists may wear the garrison cap (see Figure 10-1) with Service Dress, Tropical, Winter Dress, or Undress uniforms. Auxiliary aviators may also wear the cap with the Flight suit. The cap may not be worn with the Dinner Dress, Service Dress Blue (Alpha), Working Blue, OD, Jump suit, or Blue Blazer uniforms. The small garrison cap device (see Figure 10-2) and small metal insignia designating organizational leadership position (or member insignia) shall be worn on the cap as shown in the figures below, with both men's and woman's uniforms.



## Safety Corner

### Fainting - What Causes It?

*Copied from The Sentinel — Civil Air Patrol's Safety Newsletter — May 2005*

Fainting, which is also called syncope, can be related to many different things. More than one thing may be the cause of fainting. Sometimes a specific cause for fainting can't be found.

Fainting can happen when not enough oxygen flows through your blood and into your brain. You lose consciousness, or "pass out," for a very brief

time — just a few seconds or minutes. A sudden drop in your blood pressure can cause you to faint. Sometimes your heart rate and blood vessels can't react fast enough when your body's need for oxygen changes. This is very common among older people. It can happen when:

- You stand up fast.
- You work or play hard, especially if it's very hot.
- You begin to breathe too fast (hyperventilating).

- You get very upset. Being upset can affect the nerves that control your blood pressure.
- You're taking medicine for high blood pressure. So, how should you cope with fainting?

#### **If you feel faint:**

- Lie down or sit down.
- If you sit, put your head between your knees.

#### **If someone else faints:**

- Position the person on his or her back and elevate the legs.
- Watch the airway carefully—person may vomit.
- Check for breathing. If none, have someone call 911 and begin CPR.
- Help restore blood flow - loosen clothing. If the person doesn't regain consciousness in 1-2 minutes - call 911.
- Treat injuries sustained in the fall.



Left: A Coast Guard patrol boat crew, passes the St. Louis Cathedral. U.S. Coast Guard photograph by Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Niemi



Coast Guard patrol boat crews, pass the New Orleans Riverwalk. U.S. Coast Guard photograph by Petty Officer 3rd Class NyxoLyno Cangemi

NEW ORLEANS (April 19, 2005)-Coast Guard patrol boat crews, engaged in boat tactics training in the Mississippi River. The crews, are assigned to Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91112 in St. Louis. They are trained in advanced homeland security and maritime law enforcement tactics.

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