

**From the Bridge**

On 12 December 2006, 67 members and guests enjoyed the festivities of the traditional Change of Watch during which our newly elected Flotilla Commander and the Vice Commander took the oath of office along with their staff officers. Bert Felton served admirably as MC and also provided an informative nautical history session about the Human Rescue Service, which was a forerunner to the U.S. Life Saving Service.

Commander Warren Edman and Barbara, his bride of 47 years, both hail from Rhode Island, which became our 13<sup>th</sup> state on 29 May 1790. St. Mary's Parish, America's oldest Roman Catholic parish, was founded in Rhode Island in 1828. Jacqueline Bouvier and John F. Kennedy were wed at St. Mary's in 1953. Point Judith, RI (sound familiar?) is the home of a corrosion test site and the Quonset hut was invented at Quonset Point Naval Reserve Base in Rhode Island. Since 1785, Bristol, RI (Southport take notice!) has had the longest running Fourth of July observance in the U.S. Other than Warren and Barbara, the most famous Rhode Islander is General Nathaniel Greene, George Washington's most able combat commander.

Vice Commander Joe Mazzei and his bride Nancy hail from Boston and Cape Cod, respectfully. They have 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. Professionally, Joe is a retired Program Manager who dealt with nuclear weapons effects for the AT&T Federal Systems Division. He is a ham radio operator and is currently training to be a watch stander at the station.

Warren presented a review of 10-05 accomplishments in 2006 and discussed some goals for 2007. If Bert had not brought his ship's bell to the COW, Warren was poised and ready to award Bert the "No Bell" prize. The quip master strikes again!

Joe Boland, 10-05's outgoing Commander, made the career adjustment in 17 seconds. Joe, thanks from all of us!

Warren recognized 10-05's past Commanders – Geoff Chaney, Gene Hagerty, Ephraim Botnick, Jim Flowers and Gerry Marsh.

**From the Radio Shack**

Since 1997, radiomen in the U.S. Navy have merged with data processing technician and cryptic communications to become Information Technologists (IT). The insignia is the same – “sparks”. Traditionally, a navy radioman is called “Sparky”.

Flotilla 10-05’s “Sparky” of many years is Gerry Marsh and his mates are George Stern, Mel Redmond, Tony Rizzo, Doug Gorsline and Joe Mazzei. They are owners/operators of USCG authorized fixed land based radio facilities that meet all of the frequency and transmission requirements of the FCC. They have completed the Auxiliary Specialty Course in Communication and participate in radio drills. The value of these radio facilities to the USCG is to be available to provide message relay capability should the USCG radio communications fail. Gerry needs more Sparkys, so if you are interested in radio communications, call him.

**Operations**

Donn Eaton is doing his best to encourage facility owners to increase their water time. Many members have finished or are well underway with their crew and coxswain training so crew availability shouldn’t be a problem. Presently, 10-05 has 15 facilities. If each facility were to sail 20 times a year, 10-05 could increase its water presence, providing much needed support for the station.

**From the Galley**

Refreshments for the January meeting will be arranged by Jackson Lewis. Jack is a descendent of Lt General Thomas Johnathan Jackson. Stonewall received 3 shots from the boys in the 18<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment at Chancellorsville on 2 Mary 1863 and died of pneumonia 10 May 1863.

As suggested by Warren Edman, a fellowship committee to help Chris organize social events would be welcomed. Interested members, please contact Chris Halladay.

**Sick Bay**

Bob Youngblood has been cleared by his cardiologist and his thoracic surgeon. He looks good, is lean and ready to tackle the rigorous work of the auxiliary.

Garland Lowe is recovering from (cough, cough) hernia surgery and is expected to be ready for worldwide duty soon.

Lyle Reiss is ambulating on his bionic knees and Floyd McLeroy is working the kinks out of his saluting arm following shoulder surgery.

**Doc Talk**

Size matters. In 1955, a single order of French fries weighed 2.4 ounces. Today's average single serving weighs 7.1 ounces.

Hope Health Letter, Jan 2005

Breakfast may be one of our best bets against heart attacks which are more likely to occur in the morning. Eating breakfast decreases the stickiness of blood platelets, thereby increasing cardiac blood flow.

Memorial School of Medicine, Newfoundland, 2006

It is impossible for a sleeping person to smell smoke. That is why 90% of fire victims die from smoke and toxic gas inhalation before the fire department is called.

Aviation Medical Bulletin, 2006

**From the Chain Locker**

Coxswain – has French roots. *Cok* or *Cock* = boat; *swan* = attendant. The coxswain is in charge of the cockboat or the ship's boat. The cockboat was used to transport the Captain to shore.

Boatswain – another olde English term meaning “attendant of the boat”. In the British navy, the boatswain was the leading petty officer of the deck.

Visit the flotilla web page: [www.a0541005.uscgaux.info](http://www.a0541005.uscgaux.info)



Crew – The word “crew” comes from the Latin word “*crescere*” which means to increase or grow. Most ships of old had a skeleton crew as regulars and they “filled out” for voyages by various means of recruitment, some of which were not too democratic.

### **Back in Time**

27 Jan 1907 – Responding to public anger, U.S. Congress passed an act forbidding corporations from contributing to election campaigns for national office.

22 Jan 1807 – President Thomas Jefferson formally notified Congress of Aaron Burr’s conspiracy.

### **Reminder**

Monthly meeting 16 Jan 2007 (always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday).

That’s All, Folks!

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