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Deputy Chief Introduction

Robert E. (Bob) Melvin, III, DC-Bd

First, a trip down memory lane! I am not a stranger to the Boating Department. When our Department was first organized with Como McAdams as our Department Chief, I was the SLO for NC. I then moved up to the BC-BSA job. As an aside, Jess Harrup was my SLO for VA. This brings to mind the old saying, "Be nice to people on your way up because you are sure to meet them on your way down." Ultimately, I was appointed and served as DVC-BS. During this time, I was also very active in PE and was working on a project to bring our classroom lectures into the 21st Century using PowerPoint. I asked Mac to give me a leave of absence from Boating to the Department of Ed so that I could work on this project. He graciously agreed and the rest is history.

It is great to be back in Boating and working with many of the same people!

In my other life, I was in the Army, an Army Aviator, did my tour in 'Nam flying Hueys. At my wife's (Carolyn) insistence upon my return from that tour, I applied for and was accepted into the Coast Guard as an Aviator. Most of my Coast Guard flying was helicopter search and rescue and as an instructor pilot at the Aviation Training Center. My last 5 years in the CG were as the Chief of Boating Safety and Director of Auxiliary for the Fifth Coast Guard District (PA, NJ, DE, MD, DC, VA, and NC). During this period, I was also a member of the Auxiliary! I took the BS&S Class (along with Carolyn) in Kodiak, AK in 1984 and joined the Auxiliary during my tour in Savannah, GA in 1986.

My duties as DC-Bd are to oversee the day-to-day activities of our Liaison and Industry (Marine) Divisions. As always, the key to success with these programs will be communications. Our internal, Department Communications are, in my opinion, excellent. I do see that we have a long way to go with our external communications, both within the Auxiliary, with other departments and with those external to the Auxiliary.

We, as a Department, do not have a District Staff Officer equivalent. I see this as a real challenge to the success of our programs and initiatives.

Establishing contact and rapport with the other Departments is one of my major objectives. We have to keep them informed of our programs in order to gain their approval and support. An equal goal is to assist our Division Chiefs in every way possible. I consider my job as being a problem solver. When any of our people need an assist with anything, give me a call, send me an e-

mail, let me know how you need to get your job done, and how I might be able to help. Think of me as your blocking back, you have the ball, run with it, and let me take out the interference!

There are still a lot of people getting killed in boating accidents every year. My goal in the Auxiliary is and always has been "To Save Lives Through Education." There are many ways we can achieve this goal other than in the classroom. Our job is to find those ways and get them in place.

Thank you all for allowing me the honor to serve you in the Boating Department. I am really looking forward to working with you all! You have all of my addresses, phone numbers, etc. If I am not at home I will have my cell phone with me. Use them when you need them.

SAFE BOATING COUNCIL'S WEB SITE

William (Bill) Griswold, BC-BLN

Check out the NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL's web site!! There are some new features there for the serious boater, including Auxiliarists. Go to www.safeboatingcouncil.org and begin a tour of the site.

- ? Upper right is a link to the latest Campaign information. There you can list your organization's events, free advertising, or see what events are taking place in your neighborhood.
- ? There is a new "Boating Arts and Photo Library", just starting up. Donate your pictures for others to use. You can download materials from this page.
- ? A new brochure for Homeland Defense is available, 500 limit for free. Check it out.
- ? Another new feature is a poster that comes in various sizes and formats, ready to download, titled "Get Their Attention". This tells people about the need for boaters to file accident reports and can be used in Medical Care places to remind emergency personnel about reporting requirements.
- ? Also, a carbon monoxide brochure is on the site, available for downloading.
- ? Last of all is information about the upcoming International Boating and Water Safety Summit, in Las Vegas April 13-16, 2003. There is a scholarship available to pay for the registration fee and the application can be done on line. Go to the Summit logo; it's all there.

The Council is expanding their educational materials; all you need to do is look at them on the site. Enjoy and use their stuff.

GRANTS UPDATE

Karen L. Miller, DVC-BN

If someone offered you \$2,000 wouldn't you be interested? At least interested enough to find out what you had to do to get it? Well, BoatU.S. is doing just that. Here's the scoop.

The BoatU.S. Clean Water grants application submission for review is open and will continue through December 6th. This is an ideal opportunity to come up with creative ideas to promote environmentally oriented projects. BoatU.S. wants to fund projects that educate boaters about environmental issues or that inform the public of related events or programs. They expect these projects to reflect a unique and repeatable way to reach the public with the clean water message. Go to http://www.boatus.com/cleanwater/grants/cg_grg_online_instructions.htm and submit an application via the routing described on the application.

Here are some of the projects that worked in prior years. Don't let this limit your thinking. Instead, use it as a way to stir up those ideas that are just waiting for funding.

1. Conduct an on-the-water research program to collect and identify non-point source pollution in the Herring Run watershed.
2. Implement a "Green Boating Initiative" pledge campaign in the Gateway National Recreation Area.
3. Distribute prizes to junior sailors who exhibit environmentally-sensitive behavior while boating.
4. Implement a spring clean up event at the water's edge as part of the "Keep the Harbor Clean!" campaign.
5. Implement the "Fill, Don't Spill" campaign for marinas and boaters.
6. Distribute bilge socks with flyers on clean boating tips.
7. Produce "Seven Sound Tips" brochures for boaters to compliment their "Dirty Dozen" traveling displays of marine debris.
8. Produce brochures to educate boaters about "no discharge" zones and pump-out locations.
9. Produce "Officer Snook Water Pollution" activity books for children to address environmental issues.
10. Use signs to educate boaters about trash disposal and pump-out laws.
11. Produce brochures locating area pump-out locations, public restrooms and marinas.
12. Produce pamphlets to acquaint boaters with their impact on local environmental conditions
13. Poster campaign to show the harm and hazards of improper waste disposal.
14. "Boat It Out, Boat It In" program that uses flyers, posters and nylon bags with a message to encourage boaters and SCUBA divers to bring trash back to shore.
15. Printing brochures that promote the local Vessel Pump-Out Program and educate the public about environmentally safe boating practices.

16. Children's "It's Your Gulf, Keep It Clean" Poster Contest and the printing and posting of winning posters at area boat launch ramps.
 17. Print and distribute the brochure, "A Boater's Guide to Manatee Protection."
 18. Boat Fuel Clean-Up Project on fuel docks.
 19. Multi-lingual brochures that promote low impact fishing practices in the area, with particular emphasis on Asian and Latino communities.
 20. Develop the curriculum for a program that teaches children at local schools about marine pollution.
- Be Creative. Think Big. Watch the deadline. Good Luck.

STATE LIAISON BUSINESS

Anthony Lorenc, DVC-BS

2002 was a tumultuous year for the BS Division, with a number of SLOs replaced and especially, a 66% BC turnover. As a result, we have two new Branch Chiefs, one in the Pacific Region and one in the Atlantic - East Region. The new BC for the Pacific Region is a very capable and experienced Auxiliarist - COMO Barbara Sands, from Anchorage, Alaska. She's held many jobs in the Auxiliary, serving in every position, on the District, Division and Flotilla level. Most recently, she served as the National Vice Commodore - P; in addition she is also a SLO for her state. She comes to us with enormous experience in all Auxiliary fields; this experience will undoubtedly enrich all members of the Division. The entire Division and Boating Department is looking forward to working with Barbara and getting her support in doing our jobs. Barbara can be reached at: bsands@alaska.net.

The second new Branch Chief, for the Atlantic - East, is another talented and experienced Auxiliarist, from Tallahassee, Florida, Rich Rasmussen. He's also held many jobs in the Auxiliary, serving on the District, Division and Flotilla level. In addition, he has experience in the SLO, LLO and PR arena and he comes to us highly recommended from other National level officers. Rich's enthusiasm for the SLO activities is contiguous and the Division is looking forward to his engaging style and supporting us in our jobs. Rich can be reached at: Rich@Rasmussen-USA.Com

Finally, one other small change applies to Tony Lorenc, the new Division Chief. Tony took over for Ed McGill who resigned, however, Ed is still supporting the Division via his activities in the LLO Department. Tony is not new to the Division as he moved over from a BC-Atlantic position to the present DVC-BS. Tony can be reached at: alorenc@att.net.

The entire Boating Department has high hopes for all new appointees and welcomes them with best wishes.

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