

# ON-WATCH

Flotilla 11-S-16-05

Coronado Bay, California

September 2008

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Christmas 2007

## Santa-On-The-Bay

Santa is doing his thing for all of the kids of the Coast Guard cutter crews at Ballast Point two weeks before Christmas 2007. This particular Santa didn't use reindeer to arrive but was scheduled to arrive in an Orange RHI (Rigid Hull Inflatable) which promptly got to mid-channel and the engine refused to go any further. After three attempts to get Santa to Ballast Point we finally gave up going in by boat and Santa drove from Glorietta Bay to the Point. Arriving a little late but still being driven to distraction by a suit that was SX for a Santa that was fitted for R. After aptly placing a pillow, and considerable adjustment of belt, jacket, beard, and pants he finally appeared for 28 kids who were patiently waiting. A very worried Commander McKenzie and his glorious wife, who sponsored this little party, were also patiently waiting. We had a total of 46 people who showed and were terrific about the delay. Anyhow, we had a terrific time and enjoyed it thoroughly!

Submitted by Mel Lawrence, FSO-IS aka Santa Clause



Safe Boat on the stern



Port and bow Safe Boat

## **Maritime Safety Security Team Qualification Exercise**

Recently, *Tuxedo Ride* (A-261326) of Flotilla 16-05, had the pleasure of assisting Sector San Diego's Marine Safety Security Team (MSST) in an annual training exercise.

The exercises began at Navy Buoy 19 and proceeded at various points down the bay. Quite a number of scenarios were run down and back, as there were two teams on each boat that had to complete the exercise successfully.

After the exercise, the crew of *Tuxedo Ride* was asked to participate in a Mission De-Briefing. All of our crew were thanked and were given, as a token of appreciation, MSST ball caps.

**THIS IS WHAT ONE OF THE AUXILIARY'S FOUR CORNERSTONES IS ALL ABOUT.  
AND IT'S FUN, TOO!**



Watch-standers Dennis Dyer and Bill Anderson

## **A GOOD THING TO DO**

A good thing to do is to stand watch at our exhibit at a boat show! Not only will you benefit from this, but so will the visitors to our exhibit. At our exhibit you are asked to stand watch for three hours. Three hours goes by very fast, because we are usually very busy. Our purpose at being at these events is to promote our boating safety classes. I provide a hand out listing all of the classes available in the San Diego area. We list classes being offered by both Div. 1 and 16. We also provide an 800 phone number for those who live out of the area. Our other purpose in being there is to promote our vessel examination program. We usually direct the people to our Laurel Street vessel examination station. If they cannot go there we provide them with a copy of the Federal Regulations booklet which tells them how to contact an examiner. We are also there to recruit new members, for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Coast Guard Academy and the Coast Guard. We pass out activity books for the children that teach safety in and around the water. It doesn't end there. We always have a chart of San Diego Bay available so that we can show the people the security zones and answer questions. We have pamphlets and materials that will answer just about any question that will be asked, such as pollution questions, age requirements for driving a boat, and many more. Admission to the boat show is free to all watch standers. Your uniform is your ticket. If you are a new member to the auxiliary, you qualify to stand watch. You will be required to have the proper uniform and be on time for your watch. We will partner you with an experienced member who will help you. At the end of your watch you will feel greatly satisfied knowing that you have helped someone to be a better boater and you will want to do it again. The San Diego Boat Show is held at the San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Marina, January 8-11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Call Lee Davis 760-945-6730 and she will get you signed up for the boat show. Sign-up now! You will be glad you did.

Submitted by: Jim Davis FSO-PA, SO-PA



Jim Davis demonstrating Digital Select Calling



## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

One of the Coast Guard missions is to protect the environment. As auxiliarists this is one of our jobs too. We do this in many ways. We do this when we pass out activity books to children that talk about keeping our environment clean. At one time we had a grant from the California Department of Waterways to teach people how to use the pump out stations. We also had canvas bags with the local pump out stations listed. At the boat shows we always have handouts pertaining to protecting the environment. Our flotilla, 16-05, has always been a leader in recycling. We purchased our "Mr. Safe T Seal" costume by recycling cans, bottles and plastics. We raised \$2600 in one year to pay for the costume. After we paid for Mr. Safe T Seal we decided that it was a good idea to continue recycling and use the money to lower the cost of our annual Holiday Dinner Party. The enthusiasm to do this has waned and we did not collect as much money as we have in the past. We need your help and your enthusiasm. Bring your cans, bottles, and plastic to the Flotilla Meetings and give them to Andy Anderson. Let's get reenergized! I would like to see us raise enough money so that our Holiday Dinner Party in 2009 will cost each member half as much as it is this year. *Yes, we CAN and BOTTLE do it!* We are protecting the environment and fulfilling our mission too! God bless you all and Happy Holidays from Lee and I.

Submitted by: Jim Davis, FSO-PA, SO-PA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16 – 1605 -- Holiday Dinner Party – See flier below for the latest details. Please note, donations are needed to help pay for the entertainment.

January 2 - 4 – USCG Auxiliary District Conference in Costa Mesa go to:  
<http://www.d11s.org/>

January 8 – 11 -- The San Diego Boat Show at the San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Marina Call Lee Davis 760-945-6730 to volunteer as a watch-stander



## **16-05 Holiday Dinner Party**

Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>

Attitude Adjustment (no host bar) at 6:30 PM and Dinner at 7:05PM

Location: the Coronado Yacht Club at 1631 Strand Way in Coronado

Our Dinner is Chef Carved Whole Turkey & Honey Baked Ham with: Winter Fruit, Corn Bread Sausage Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Peppercorn Giblet Gravy, Homemade Orange Cranberry Sauce, Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter, Coffee & Dessert

Price per person is \$32.50 and includes tax but not tip

J2 will entertain us. J2 consists of Janet Hammer and Jay Berman; you may remember them from last year. Be sure to have song requests in mind as they take requests. [They are charging only half of their usual fee so donations are needed to cover the amount. To donate, send a check to Lee Davis]

**Very important, you must make reservation before December 5.**

Make check payable to:

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16-05

And send to:

FSO-FN John McColly

621 Cabrillo Ave.

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Don't forget about our gift exchange. Ladies, please bring a gift for another lady. Gentlemen, please bring a gift for another gentleman.