

## Director's Update 06MAR2005

- CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE – BE POSITIVE – the Awards and Training Conference was an OUTSTANDING Success!!!! More than 1000 of our members participated and displayed the PERFECT examples of “Choosing your Attitude” from the start. This was especially evident as displayed by Judy Romanowski and Wendy Kortweg and their TEAM!
- Flotilla Commanders PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION to – new rules for AP members – I (and the CHDIRAUX) encourage all to use and push the envelope – just because it is not written as approved, does not mean you can't do it – GO FOR IT!!! You have just heard it reinforced by the CHDIRAUX.
- MDA especially in ACTNY and now beginning to grow in GRULIS – getting to be a big deal, more opportunities for activity and part of TEAM CG. Americas Waterway Watch integrated into ALL activities – patrols, VE, PV, PE, PA ALL!
- **\*\*Upcoming Port Authority PD Small Boat Training – NEED FACILITIES!!!! Contact Wayne Spivak or Hal Marschall. Training will be fun and helpful in making our folks even more professional!**
- Follow procedure for CG-funded training – fill out Short Term Training Request completely and ensure that FC signs it! Do it **MINIMUM** 45 days before class starts. Send to OTO. List with course convenings and dates will be linked on my web site soon.
- PPE Inspection/Accountability – Flotilla Commanders are responsible, IAW my memo on PPE serviceability and accountability of 19JAN2005. We need to work HARD to maintain serviceable, professional looking and accounted for gear – check web site for memo. Coxswains responsible for inspected/checked PPE on all patrols. FC's email OTO (use the gateway) for help if you need it. FC's are encouraged to cooperate with local unit for assistance and cooperation.
- Dry suits were issued in many cases, a couple of years ago – no guidance on use, maintenance or training was issued at that time. The guidance you need TODAY is this – qualified and current boat crew **MUST** be trained IAW active duty standards **including** in the water, preferably cold water. Also, I know that there are dry suits out there in the hands (or closets) of folks who don't use them and who are NOT qualified. We need them back for inspection and USE!!!
- WEPS Coaching in ACTNY is getting off the ground – Steve Kisver has gotten them fired up and will be implementing this spring. There has been

good success in GRUMOR. The program has shown higher scores for CG shooters in Miami. Our OPCON are confident that D1SR programs will help them achieve the same.

- Even though you have heard me speak of budget problems (less money) for FY05, fuel for patrols is **not/not** expected to be impacted.
- TRAVEL CLAIMS – Pay attention to DETAIL!!! 3-day travel claim turn around. If not filed timely.....If you haven't filed for DEC Conference by now, too bad, so dad, the funds were pulled back into the DIRAUX checkbook. I anticipate pulling funds back for the March conference on 30 April 2005 – so file if you want reimbursement.
- Leadership Development Center has developed a web-based Unit Leadership Development Program – more to follow – opportunity to grow leaders and measure what needs work and where we are being successful!
- Division Captains – get your updated proctor list to YN1 – you are allowed 2 unless you make a good case to me, whereupon I will waive the limit. Once the list is published, be sure your proctors are registered on line with National Testing Center.

**Reminders to ALL Elected Leaders – LEAD FROM THE FRONT – BE AN EXAMPLE**

- be clear and direct if necessary – cut thru the fog for your folks
- ALWAYS communicate truthfully and fully – tell it like it is!
- since you have prepared your AUX, let them do their job within the directions you have set!
- expect and demand that they perform to those standards that elected leaders, DIRAUX and COMDT have set.
- Be safe, professional and have FUN!
- Go Yankees!