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How Are We Doing?

By John C. Cooper,
DC-Md

We are all accustomed to asking ourselves that question as we move through any demanding task — particularly one that is accomplished over an extended period of time. Let's ask ourselves that question as practitioners of the M missions and programs in which we support the M Directorate of the U.S. Coast Guard.

There are several ways to answer the question, one of which might be: "How are we doing now versus what was done on the past?"

The answer to that question is one that indicates resounding success. As we know, we launched the Trident Program about 18 months ago, after a lot of hard work and coordination with different units of the Auxiliary and of the Coast Guard.

Launching the Trident Program coincided with a complete redefining of the missions that reported our work in AUX-DATA, so that M hours reported are now running at some 800 percent of those for 2002. Similarly, the M courses

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Hertle Named NADCO-OMS

By Bill Pritchard
BC-MOP

Helmut Hertle, who for the past four years has headed the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Department, was named as National Directorate Commodore for Operations and Marine Safety. His two-year term begins Nov. 1.



Helmut Hertle States in 1961, becoming a citizen in

"My job is liaison with the upper-level management of the Coast Guard," he said. "I want to create a relationship based on mutual respect."

Another key area of COMO

Hertle's new responsibility involves strategic planning and coordinating the operations of the M and Operations Departments.

The Commodore was born in Augsburg, Germany and spent a career in the maritime industry. He moved to the United States in 1961, becoming a citizen in 1974. Since joining the Auxiliary in 1985, he has held every elective office, including Commodore of the 7th District.

COMO Hertle is married to the former Carol B. Barrett of Whitehall, Pa.

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taken and passed have eclipsed the numbers for 2002 a hundredfold. The same is true for the number of Trident devices awarded to members — which is to be expected since the device is new.

Despite the pressure foreign producers put on our fishing fleets, we are executing Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations at a rate which could finish the year at record levels.

Where Do We Want to Be?

On balance, we should be pleased with the new and invigorated emphasis that our robust M activities are receiving, both in the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard itself.

Another way to answer the question of “How are we doing?” is to ask ourselves “Are we building on our current position in order to be ready for the future?” In asking that question, we need to define for ourselves how we see our direction for the coming few years and track how we are

managing our activities against that direction, including the individual targets that we set for ourselves along the way.

The classic “Where are we? Where do we want to be? What do we have to do to get there?” question.



In our semi-annual M Department planning meeting, held at USCG HQ in late June, the Division Chiefs, the DC-M and I agreed that our three “Prime Missions” for the coming years will be:

- a. Disseminating “Best Practices” and other key information items to all of our constituencies — Auxiliary and Coast Guard;
- b. Launching a follow-up “MSO Augmentation Survey” to build on the progress made in meeting the objectives defined in the first survey and to set priorities in M support for

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M Department’s Scholle Elected as D-17 RCO

Marie Scholle, DVC-MV, has been elected Rear Commodore of District 17 and will take her new post Jan. 1, 2005.

But with that good news comes the bad news, said John Cooper, DC-Md. “Marie will resign from her M Department post, effective Oct. 31, to devote the necessary time and energy to her new position.”



She will step down when the new NACO begins his term and National Staff members are appointed or reappointed. A replacement will be announced shortly.

Marie became Chief of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Division at the end of 2002. In this capacity she directs the Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspection program.

She has also been a Vice Flotilla Commander, Flotilla Commander, Division Vice Captain, and Division Captain.

Cooper said, “Please join me in thanking Marie for all she has done for the CFV Safety Program and the M Department and in wishing her all success in her new post as RCO for D-17.”

Spotlighting Best Practices

Auxiliary Supports C.G., Local Agency Security, Environmental Tasks

Auxiliarists across the country continue to work alongside their Active Duty Coast Guard partners and those of other agencies in missions ranging from helping to test waterways for pollutants to participating in large vessel inspections to. Here are some examples of these Best Practices from three districts:

District 1 Southern

DSO-MS Denise Castrogiovanni reports that she and her ADSOs work closely with Group, Sector and MSO offices “to ensure we are doing everything we can...to help the Coast Guard be more efficient in its mission.” That has included meeting with Activities New York to discuss the local Marine Transportation Safety Act plan.

Thomas Cadwallader, ADSO-MS in the New York City area, coordinated a terrorist attack drill that drew participants from several emergency agencies — including the police, fire, and emergency medical services; the New York National Guard; Red Cross; local hospitals, and others. In other endeavors, MSO officers are helping Auxiliarists become PQS certified, leading to 16 being certified this year.

District 8 Eastern

Paula Smith, ADSO-MS, says that Auxiliarists in Nashville, Tenn., have been trained to work with the local water authority to test for toxins and pollutants in area waterways. They began testing last spring.

The district has also distributed Coast Guard Marine Security Guidelines and pollution information to many marinas and marine stores, which include the data as part of their monthly mailings to a combined 3,000 boaters. It has also committed to several presentations on the guidelines at Boaters World locations.

District 11 Northern

Auxiliarists in the San Francisco Bay area assisted in several boarding and voyage terminations during salmon season this year, according to Ed Sweeney, ADSO-MS. In connection with that program, the district plans a regular schedule of outreach efforts in marinas with high volumes of commercial fishing vessel traffic.

In the area of port operations, Auxiliarists are working on Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist and Assistant Facility Security Inspector PQSs to support the MSO. Meanwhile, Ed and fellow ADSO Nick Tarlson are working with the MSO to determine the most effective means for spreading the word to the public about numerous safety and security zones around the bay. ♦

Send Your Best

Do you have examples of outstanding best practices you would like to share? *Safety Lines* would like to hear about them. Send your submissions for **Spotlighting Best Practices** to: *Bill Pritchard, BC-MOP: Editor, Safety Lines, 5713 South 5th St., Arlington, VA 22204, or E-mail to pritchardaux@aol.com*

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the next two years, and

c. Dramatically improving the interaction and two-way communication between the Department and the 16 Auxiliary Districts through the DSOs-MS — which will enhance our ability to perform a. and b.

These “Prime Missions” will need to be aggressively pursued, even as we continue to perfect and perform our basic mission groups of

- Marine Safety;
- Marine Environmental Protection;
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program;
- Communication and Education;
- The Trident Program, to include

development of new PQSs, and

- Initiating pilot projects, of which we are now running two, for eventual acceptance or rejection as full-fledged Auxiliary programs.

Since the three Prime Missions represent the future, we also need to be able to track our progress in relation to them as we move forward in time.

This we will do via our “M Department Project Tracker,” which monitors our progress in completing all projects and tasks throughout the Department. We will report the results to all interested parties.

In summary, by working together, we have done a very good job to-date and will be focusing on the future with the same energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to working together in the coming years in support of the USCG and the Auxiliary — and satisfying ourselves in the process! ♦

Sea Partners UPDATE

Training Conference Generates National E-Forum



By MCPO Linda Reid

At the Sea Partners and America’s Waterway Watch joint training conference in New Orleans in June, several students in the class expressed a need for a good way to get more information about Sea Partners issues and updates on the program.

More than one participant suggested using an Internet forum or bulletin board format as a method for Sea Partners participants nationwide to exchange ideas on the program.

Such a forum has now been created. It has been set up on the Internet (rather than on Coast Guard intranet pages) so that it will be accessible to Auxiliarists and Reservists logging on from outside Coast Guard units.

The link is: <http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/mb/seapartners>. In order to post to the forum, you must register. Please use a real name and indicate in your profile your relationship to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. You do not have to include your email address if you prefer to keep that private.

MCPO Linda Reid is moderator of the forum. Email her at Lreid@comdt.uscg.mil if you have any suggestions for forum topics. Please share your ideas and success stories!

MCPO Reid is director of the USCG Sea Partners program.