



Joint Flotilla Venture Yields Nineteen new CPR Graduates!

Snow fails to cancel event

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Sunday February 26, 2006 marked the day that two Flotillas of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary joined forces and qualified more than 17 new CPR ready Auxiliarists in one day. Under the able and professional leadership of Mordy Neuman of Legend Safety Solutions, Inc., a new member of Flotilla 10-04, a class was conducted at the Oradell Fire Departments' meeting room, where Mordy and his assistant, Sam, ably proceeded to give the course to members from Flotilla 10-04 as well as Flotilla 10-08. Also included in the training, were two of Oradell's volunteer firemen.

"I want to thank my Son, Andrew and the Oradell Fire Department for the use of their facility" said Ted Farinella, of Flotilla 10-04, who arranged the day in cooperation with Helen Glass and Mary Prusko of Flotilla 10-08.

Flotilla 10-04 having its base in Stony Point, New York and Flotilla 10-08, located in the Maywood, New Jersey area have been working together to achieve 100% CPR qualified membership. This qualification which is attainable by almost all Flotilla members, is a skill that is not only useful while on auxiliary duty, but can be vital in our civilian lives as well. "Imagine having one of your loved ones injured and needing CPR and not knowing what to do" said Helen Glass, current Vice

Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 10-08, "Most parents would do anything to save their child, but so many are untrained in this most basic first aid skill. If they only realized that half a day of training could literally 'save the day' none would turn down this opportunity."

"What better way to spend training time, than to learn CPR" said Ted" Farinella, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 20 years. Furthermore, "Helen and I want to work toward making this an auxiliary-wide mission."

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, America's Volunteer Lifesavers, was established by Congress in 1939 to assist the Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. It boasts more than 36,000 members from all walks of life who receive special training so that they may be a functional part of the Coast Guard Forces. The Auxiliary is a key volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security. Auxiliarists assist the Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection and Coast Guard Academy introduction programs for youth. Auxiliarists volunteer more than 2 million hours annually to benefit other boaters and their families.

If you have an interest in being part of this exciting organization, contact Ted Farinella at (201) 569-4433 or email him at ctfdoc@optonline.net or Helen Glass at (201) 343-0287, or email her at HelenGlass@HelenGlassEsq.com for future events and information.

A great deal of thanks goes to Mordy Neuman and his Legend Safety Crew who donated their time and effort to all who attended. This selfless gesture is greatly appreciated by the volunteers of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.