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## *From the Commander*

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Division 5 Change of Watch was held on January 11th, at Jonsey's Steakhouse, Napa County Airport. We had about 60 members that attended the event. This year's Change of Watch was to honor the incoming Division Commander, Ray Van Cleave and Division Vice Commander, our very own, Curtis Han. We also recognized the officers leaving the office, Phil Sanchez and Denis Eaton.

We have many plans and goals for the year. In 2009, I would like to see all the members who are in REYR status to re-qualify and maintain their currency. I would like to see more staff and member in-

volvement this year in activities and missions. Mr. Han, our member training officer would like to offer at least two Auxiliary Specialty courses this year in our flotilla.

We also hope to increase public education courses - ABS, BS&S, and other PE courses. We currently have 3 vessel examiners and 1 instructor. Hopefully, after the re-qualification process, we'll end up with 5 vessel examiners and 5 instructors. That is our goal for this year.

With the activities at Lake Berryessa beginning in the spring, I propose we increase our total vessel safety checks to



*Johannes Pattiradjawane  
- Flotilla Commander*

minimum of 200 exams by end of the boating season. This is, of course, combined efforts with Flotilla 53, as part of shore-side missions.

Please help me and Mr. Gorham in achieving our mission goal for this year. I'm looking forward to a great year.

### Upcoming events:

- 14 FEB - Vessel Safety Check day at Napa Valley Yacht Club @ 0900
- 21-22 FEB Past Captains Association Fair Coast Guard Island
- Thursday, March 19th DOCKWALKER TRAINING Vallejo Yacht Club 485 Mare Island Way Vallejo, CA 94590
- 27-29 MAR - District Training Conference Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park, CA

## *VFC Corner*

Let's all take this opportunity to congratulate Curtis Han on becoming our new Division Vice Commander and Johannes Pattiradjawane on becoming Flotilla 52 Commander. Curtis Han and Johannes Pattiradjawane provided outstanding leadership as our Past FC and VFC. Thank you both for a stellar job. To all the Staff Officers of Flotilla 52, great job. Your dedication and time given demonstrate what Flotilla

52 stands for.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Flotilla Commander. I'm looking forward to working with Johannes, our Flotilla Commander and all Flotilla members.

In 2008, our Flotilla strived to meet and exceed all our goals. These accomplishments will bring new opportunities to our group and 2009 should shape into a very exciting year.



*Robert Gorham  
-Flotilla Vice Commander*

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Curtis Han , Johannes Pattiradjawane  
Patrick B. Buckman ,



JR Robbers, Robert Gorham ,  
Johannes Pattiradjawane,  
Patrick B. Buckman,  
Allan Mueller, Kurt Stabr, Bill Newton,  
Charlie Agnew, Jon Lander, Curtis Han



A young sailor boy came to see me to-day. It pleases me to have these lads seek me on their return from their first voyage, and tell me how much they have learned about navigation.  
Maria Mitchell



Johannes Pattiradjawane ,Patrick B. Buckman,  
Kurt Stabr, Charlie Agnew, Bill Newton,  
Curtis Han, Jon Lander.

## Staff Reports

**Communication Services**  
Flotilla 52 web has been updated on January 17th, 2009, including 2009 calendar of events, public education class schedule, photo gallery, and flotilla officer information.

**Finance**  
Form 7025 was completed and sent to ADSO-FN.

**Information Services**  
All received mission/activity reports are in AUXDATA. Please turn in forms monthly for timely admission to AUXDATA.

**Marine Safety**  
Dockwalker program will be held on March 19th, at Vallejo Yacht Club. This training program is extended to all the members in our division, Carquinez Power Squadron, Vallejo Yacht Club members, and to the public. Please submit your registration.

**Member Training**  
Robert Gorham successfully passed the ICS-200 and 800, and Introduction to MSEP

courses. Boat Crew training will resume starting February. We hope to qualify two boat crew candidates by April.

**Operations**  
Nothing to report

**Public Affairs**  
Nothing to report

**Public Education**  
Next scheduled ABS class is March 14th in Napa. Flotilla 52 will be leading a boating safety course (ABS) at Travis Air Force Base on February 25th, made available to the Air Force active duty personnel.

**Publications**  
All documents and publication software have been transferred to the new editor. The Sea Breeze will resume in February, 2009 (this issue). Philip Craig is our new publications officer.

**Personnel Services**  
Flotilla 52 has 16 members; including 1 member awaiting his security approval. In January, there were 3 additional inquiries and interest of joining our flotilla. 1 prospect member

has submitted the application package to DIRAUX.

**Program Visitor**  
There were 8 program visits in the month of January

**Secretary of Records**  
Nothing to report

**Vessel Examination**  
4 vessel exams in January. Decals and forms were passed out to all vessel examiners.

- 2009 MISSION GOALS**
- Re-qualify the members who are in REYR status, including vessel examiners, instructors, and one boat crew member.
  - Finish up training for the current boat crew trainees and qualify them at OPTREX; start new boat crew training immediately after for the new members
  - Hold at least two Auxiliary specialty courses in flotilla
  - Lake Berryessa shore-side activities: Minimum of 200 vessel safety checks (combined efforts of FL52 & FL53)

## From The Division

- All Flotillas and Division 5 will be audited this year. All Flotilla Commanders are asked to bring their flotilla financial officers to a division meeting so that all of the audit work can be done at once, possibly in April or in May
- Our District Captain, Robert Hendry, has asked us to let him know who our leads will be for National Safe Boating Week

and America's Waterway Watch. Ray Van Cleave, Division Commander has asked Bill Becker to lead the America's Waterway Watch and Curtis Han to be our lead for the National Safe Boating Week.

- Division Commander has asked all the Flotilla Commanders to work with their flotillas to determine goals for the coming year. Focus should

be on the members. He is also putting together his goal. Division Staff officers should also have some goals identified.

- District Training Conference planning meeting was held before the division meeting — all lead positions have been identified and committees are being formed. If any members who would like to assist, please contact Phil Sanchez.

## Member's Q&A

Excerpt from [http://www.safetysal.net/pub\\_qanda.asp](http://www.safetysal.net/pub_qanda.asp)

**Question:** Do you have to have both battery terminals covered now to pass a vessel safety check or just the positive one

**Answer:** The Federal Rules only require the positive battery terminal be covered. Some states require both battery terminals be covered. In those states both terminals must be covered to pass a VSC. In the remainder of the states only the positive terminal needs to be covered to pass a VSC. It is imperative that VE's know the rules of the states in which they perform VSC's. George R Bores, BC-VTR

**Question:** Are sail boats 23 feet and under with an outboard motor required to have the same nav lights as those of a power boat?

Also, the owner of a number of these rental craft states that they are not allowed out at night--see contradictory responses to this situation posted 4/29/07 and 5/11/05.

**Answer:** Sailboats with propulsion machinery installed must be able to display the navigation lights for a power driven vessel from sunset to sunrise and during times of limited visibility, such as fog, rain, smoke, ect, when the machinery is in operation. Stating the vessels do not go out at night does not affect this rule. If a sailboat has navigation lights installed they must be able to display the proper lights of a sailing vessel. These are federal and VSC requirements. Some states may have different rules. The re-

sponses of 4/29/07 and 6/11/05 are not contradictory, they are answers to two different situations from this one. George R Bores, BC-VTR

**Question:** As a USPS vessel examiner, may I do a VSC on boats and/or PWCs owned by a corporation for the purpose of renting them to the public and properly provide them with a sticker if they pass, or can they only be inspected by the CG Marine Safety Office?

**Answer:** All Vessels Examiners may examine and award VSC decals to recreational type boats, including PWC's, that are for rent. George R Bores, BC-VTR



*Curtis Han , Aboard the "Lady Di" Belonging to Scott and Diane Brown, NVYC*

## Meet our member - Curtis Han

Curtis Han, our Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, was born in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Han also lived in Taiwan and Hong Kong, before he moved to U.S. in 1989. He holds degrees in Biology, Engineering Technology, and Chiropractic.

Mr. Han joined the Auxiliary in 2006 immediately after receiving his U.S. citizenship. He has been actively participating, spending

60 to 100 hours a month.

Mr. Han is an AUXOP (Auxiliary Operation Specialist) member, a vessel examiner, an instructor, an aids verifier, a program visitor, and a coxswain, and currently working toward his Marine Safety Trident program. He currently holds offices at our Flotilla level (Member Training, Personnel Services, Secretary of Records), at Division

(Division Vice Commander and Communication Services), and at District level (ADSO-CS/PG - Photo Gallery). Concurrently, he works full time, and home-schools his kids. Mr. Han currently resides in Angwin, California with his wife, Karen, and their two children, James (5) and Jennifer (2).

**Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not. James Taylor**

## Rules of the Road

### SOUND SIGNALS

Rule 32(a) - The word "whistle" means any sound signaling appliance capable of producing the prescribed blasts

Rule 32(b) - The term "short blast" means a blast of about one second's duration.

Rule 32© - The term "long blast" means a blast

of from four to six seconds' duration.

Rule 33(a) - A vessel of 12 meters or more in length shall be provided with a whistle and a bell and a vessel of 100 meters or more in length shall, in addition, be provided with a gong.

Rule 33(b) - A vessel of less than 12 meters in length shall not be obliged to carry

the sound signaling appliances prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule but if she does not, she shall be provided with some other means of making an efficient sound signal.

(excerpt from International-Inland Navigation Rules)



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THE SEA BREEZE - The Official Newsletter of Napa Flotilla

## Photo Gallery



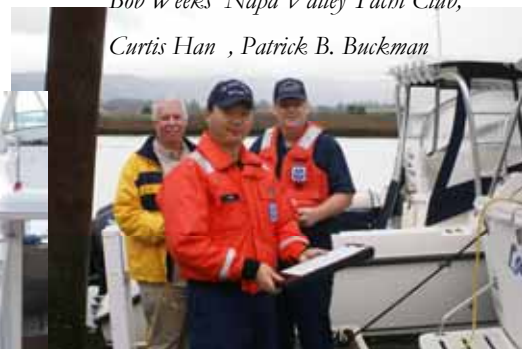
Jon Lander Staff Commodore Napa Valley Yacht Club, Johannes Pattiradjawane



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