

# NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

## NOVEMBER 2014

### NEWSLETTER

**November 15, 2014**

Our congratulations go out to all the dedicated Aid Verifiers and the other Auxiliary support volunteers who assisted with attaining this goal for the Coast Guard this year. In addition, there were hundreds of photos taken for the PATON records and many “unscheduled” private aids checked and reported to the Coast Guard with discrepancies. Besides, hundreds of bridges were surveyed and many Federal aids were checked this summer. We are constantly looking to form new Navigation System Teams in every Division and welcome you to join this rewarding Auxiliary program.



**ADSO-NS Wood Hole, Harry Cutts' Navigation Systems Team from Harwich on Cape Cod.**

## **2015 brings many challenges for our First Northern AVs**

The NS District Staff is starting to put together their Program Plan for 2015 which includes the following:

- Verification of one-third of the private aids in First Northern or approximately **900** PATONs.
- Photographing of the private aids with no photos on record.
- Survey of the **169** bridges in First Northern
- Checking of the **1,800** private aids throughout First Northern.
- Checking of the many Federal Aids throughout First Northern.
- Performing Chart Update projects and Small Craft Update projects throughout the District.
- Establishing and training a minimum of two Navigation System Teams for each Division.

***As usual, we have a lot of opportunities on the Navigation Systems plate for 2015. How do you fit in?***

**Our First Northern Aid Verifiers (AVs) completed over 900 verifications in 2014**

## STARBOARD ISLAND AQUACULTURE FACILITY IN MAINE

Divisions 1 and 2 Navigation System Teams verify and check the private aids that mark Aquaculture Facilities in Maine and New Hampshire each year.



## Navigation System Training Plans for 2015

**Navigation Systems will not be participating in the January D-Train program.** The NS Staff are developing a three-stage training program for 2015 focusing on the technical use of the special Navigation Systems tools in the first session, explaining the practical use of these tools and other best practices for performing the required field observations for verifying and checking private and Federal aids to navigation and bridges in the second session and wrapping up with a demonstration of simple planning and field techniques for Chart Updates and Small Craft Facility updates in the third session. We felt that, since the bulk of our annual activity is performed during the warmer months when the boats are in the water, we should offer our annual training as near to that time as possible. **We will be presenting this program at the April D-Train in Newport RI.**

We will be conducting **Navigation System Staff Leadership training** sessions on WebEX in January and again in late April. All Navigation Systems ADSOs, SOs and FSOs need to attend these programs. After a brief presentation, we are hoping that we can develop a discourse of ideas for solving our mutual problems at these sessions.

**2015 Aid Verifier training** will commence in January after the D-Train program using WebEX and will culminate at the April D-Train program where check offs will be possible. We hope that each new AV will attend the three training sessions at the April D-Train.

We are still looking for ideas for assisting our AVs to download and update Open/CPN NOAA charts to their PCs and for integrating their GPS sets with their personal computers. We feel that it is more important for AVs to make use of these tools in the field rather than spend a lot of time trying to get their PCs updated.

## Development of Navigation Systems Teams in each Division

**We want a minimum of at least two Navigation Systems Teams in every Division.** Every member does not have to be an expert on all phases of the Navigation Systems tools and protocols. However, each team member should be trained to bring a piece of the puzzle to the table. To begin, you need a facility, a coxswain, a crew and at least one qualified and current AV-Aid Verified. The required skill sets are:

- One team member with [good technical computer skills with the ability to operate a PC using Open/CPN charts and interfaced with a GPS.](#) This capability gives the team the most computer flexibility in the field.  
**Note:** We are looking for ways to minimize the technical skill level for maintaining on-line charts at the Division level. The updating doesn't have to be performed by an AV. Other Division resources could be used.
- One team member could become an expert on [using a GARMINmap 78s GPS](#) or equivalent. The GPS should have the capability to interface with the Open/CPN Charts on a PC for maximum affect.
- One team member could have [skills for photographing aids, bridges, discrepancies](#) and project views for Chart Updating projects and for downloading the photos to reports or for e-mailing the photos to the AV assigned to prepare and submit the necessary 7054 reports.
- One team member could be the [resident expert on the Harbormaster System](#) and be responsible for submitted the required on-line 7054 reports.
- One team could be responsible for [recording the observations on the Patrol Worksheet and for double checking the documentation](#) against the latest LNM-Local Notice to Mariners and the currently-updated Light List.

As we see it, the development of a Navigation Team could ease the knowledge barrier for various team members and insures that each person participates on each patrol. While we expect each patrol to develop more highly accurate reports, we want it to always be a learning experience for other team members as members actually train each other on their specialty. [The winter months are a good time to form a team and to pre-select the role assignments so each team-member can concentrate on any training they need in order to be ready for the 2015 season.](#)



## Tarrytown Lighthouse

AVs know that light houses are not considered lateral aids to navigation. Light houses are usually quite distinctive from each other. All light houses, except Boston Light, have been automated. When checking a light, the operating light configuration is most important. Many lights operate 24/7 and have fog signals that can be activated by your boat's radio – check the Light List.

## 82 or 52% of the First Northern Aid Verifiers were active in 2014

If you haven't performed your annual currency requirement this year, you have until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to submit reports. You can report any 2 of the private aids, Federal aids or bridges. Here are the number of aids and bridges in First Northern. Check out the latest status list of AVs on the following pages.

<u>AOR</u>	<u>PATONs</u>	<u>BRIDGES</u>	<u># of AVs</u>	<u># Active AVs</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u># Divisions</u>
Southwest Harbor	121	8	20	7	34.0	1
South Portland	284	44	25	13	52.0	1
Boston	516	83	32	18	56.3	5
Woods Hole	1,228	25	44	27	62.6	2
Narragansett Bay	468	9	37	17	45.9	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>11</b>

***There is a definite possibility that almost half of our AVs will lose their currency this year.***

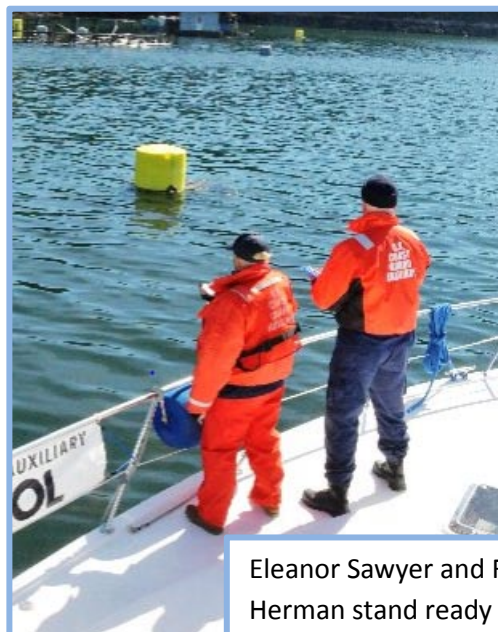
**Division 1 has 7 active AVs out of 20** which was sufficient to get the job done for ANT Southwest Harbor in 2014. Tom Sawyer is the ADSO-NS and AV Dennis Nelson has taken over the job of Division 1 NS Staff Officer for 2015. Here is the current status for the Division 1 AVs.

**DIVISION ONE – AID VERIFIERS** AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

Sector	CG ANT	Division	Flotilla	AV Name	Date	Current
NNE	SWH	01	02	Headd, Michael	2011	NO
NNE	SWH	01	02	Lambert, Alice	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	02	Lambert, Thomas	2008	NO
A NNE	SWH	01	02	<b>Ozog, Richard</b>	2003	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	02	<b>Sawyer, Tom</b>	2008	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	02	<b>Sawyer, Eleanor</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	02	Young, Robert	2011	NO
NNE	SWH	01	03	Goodwin, Harold	2011	NO
NNE	SWH	01	03	<b>Herman, Harold</b>	2008	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	04	Eggleston, Al	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	04	Lear, Billie	1994	NO
NNE	SWH	01	04	Warner, Scott	2011	NO
NNE	SWH	01	05	Bex, Leslie	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	05	Foote, Charlie	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	05	Foote, Joan	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	08	<b>Makrecky, Steve</b>	2013	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	08	<b>Nelson, Dennis</b>	2014	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	08	<b>Plunkett, Nancy</b>	2008	<b>YES</b>
NNE	SWH	01	08	Wiswall, Frank	2008	NO
NNE	SWH	01	08	Wiswall, Elizabeth	2008	NO



Steve Makrecky, Nancy Plunkett and Fred Herman plan the day's PATON patrol at CG Station Jonesport while on the trip up to Canadian border this year in Division 1.



Eleanor Sawyer and Fred Herman stand ready to take positions at an Aquaculture Facility in Maine in Division 1.

**Division 2 has 13 active AVs out of 25.** The ADSO-NS is Sean Thomson who was learning his new position in 2014 and has signed on for the 2015 season with a lot of new experience under his belt. Gerry Homer is the Division Navigation Systems Staff officer for Division 2. The 40 private aids on the Lamprey River and the 29 aids on the Swampscott River were so bad for the third year in a row that it was impossible to correlate the AV field observations with the PATON records. ANT South Portland was appraised of this situation. We are awaiting information from the CG ANT on the future of these 69 aids.

Sorry to hear that Bob Theve is stepping down as DSO-NS.

**DIVISION TWO – AID VERIFIERS** AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

NNE	PORT	02	02	Abbot, David	2014	NO
NNE	PORT	02	02	Cyll, Ken	2005	NO
NNE	PORT	02	02	Robichaud, Richard	2007	NO
NNE	PORT	02	02	Thompson, Brad	2005	NO
NNE	PORT	02	04	Clancy, Johnathan	2007	NO
NNE	PORT	02	04	<b>Dempsy, Jack</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	04	<b>Katz, Jim</b>	2011	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	04	<b>Sean Thomson</b>	2013	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Chatham, Ted	2008	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Eastwood, Dave	2013	NO
NNE	PORT	02	05	<b>Homer Gerald</b>	2011	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Johnson Robert	2001	NO
NNE	PORT	02	05	<b>Looney, Robert</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Martin, Jimmy	2011	NO
NNE	PORT	02	05	<b>McMullen, John</b>	2014	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Nash, Gordon	2005	NO
NNE	PORT	02	05	Potter, Mark	2011	NO
NNE	PORT	02	05	<b>Power, Dave</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	05	Ring, Dennis	2003	NO
NNE	PORT	02	08	<b>Cookson, John</b>	2008	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	08	<b>Dehne, Wolfdeiter</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	08	Greig, Denise	2005	NO
NNE	PORT	02	08	<b>Raynor, Tom</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	08	<b>Schwinn, Allan</b>	1995	<b>YES</b>
NNE	PORT	02	08	<b>Theve, Robert</b>	2008	<b>YES</b>

**DIVISION THREE – AID VERIFIERS -** AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

BOS	BOS	03	01	<b>Antanavich, Joe</b>	2013	<b>YES</b>
BOS	BOS	03	01	<b>Merrill, John</b>	2014	<b>YES</b>
BOS	BOS	03	01	<b>McShane, Paul</b>		<b>YES</b>
BOS	BOS	03	01	Lemar, Richard		NO
BOS	BOS	03	01	Musicoff, Leigh		NO
BOS	BOS	03	08	Kuran, Felix		NO

**Division 3 has 3 active AVs out of 6.** AVs John Merrill and Joe Antanavich has been the driving force for the success of this Division in 2014. They also assisted Division 4 in the Annisquam River in Gloucester. John and Joe feel right at home transiting the shoals of the North Shore Rivers.

**DIVISION FOUR – AID VERIFIERS** AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

BOS	BOS	04	01	Amiro, Robert	NO
BOS	BOS	04	01	<u>Cusack, Robert</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	04	01	Karwowski, Phillip	NO
BOS	BOS	04	01	Pierce, Robert	NO
BOS	BOS	04	01	Skryness, Richard	NO
BOS	BOS	04	01	Weston, Keith	NO
BOS	BOS	04	09	Courtney, John	NO
BOS	BOS	04	09	Goldstein, Al	NO
BOS	BOS	04	09	Marshall, John	NO

**Division 4 has 1 active AVs out of 9.** While there have been many evening patrols checking the lights for Federal Aids in Division 4, Divisions 3 and 5 had to step up and verify and check the private aids for this Division in 2014. All of the scheduled aids were verified per the 2014 plan. Many of the photos have been taken by Doug Sibley of Division 5. Doug is submitting the photos to the DSO-NS this month. Kevin Meagher has been helpful resolving the Palmer Cove aids by supplying the new POC information.

**DIVISION FIVE – AID VERIFIERS** AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

BOS	BOS	05	01	<u>Rothstein, Howard</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	05	03	<u>Isherwood, Todd</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	05	03	<u>Kaye, Michael</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	05	03	Monsour, John	NO
BOS	BOS	05	03	<u>Silvestri, Tony</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	05	08	<u>Cohen, Irwin</u>	YES
BOS	BOS	05	25	Eastman, Jane	NO
BOS	BOS	05	25	<u>Murray, Greg</u>	YES

**Division 5 has 6 active AVs out of 8.** The DSO-NS is active with Division 5 working with Tony Silvestri's Navigation System Team. Tony's NS Team assisted Division 12 in the Weymouth / Braintree areas and verified the North, South and Herring Rivers. They also verified the Marblehead, Salem, Beverly and Danvers areas for Division 4. Division 5 covers Boston Inner Harbor, the Charles, Mystic and Chelsea Rivers, along with Winthrop Harbor, Western Way to the LI Bridge, Dorchester Bay and the Neponset River.



We start our AV training at an early age in D1. Here is a photo of the DSO-NS on an informal patrol with his grandson, Patrick Quinlan while transiting Dorchester Bay in Boston. Patrick is pointing out the next PATON. Six private aids were checked during this trip.

**DIVISION SIX – AID VERIFIERS – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.**

SENE	WH	06	03	Beane E.W.	2000	NO
SENE	WH	06	03	<b>Dlouhy, Ralph</b>	2000	<b>Yes</b>
SENE	WH	06	03	<b>Kramer, Ralph</b>	2010	<b>Yes</b>
SENE	WH	06	03	Sullivan, Marguerette	2000	No
SENE	WH	06	03	Ulewicz, Jane	2000	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Joseph, Robert	2010	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Lake, Leo	2010	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Lamoutagne, Emile	2010	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Mingola, Colin	2005	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Parker, Robert	2010	No
SENE	WH	06	05	Sadeck, Paul	2010	No
SENE	WH	06	18	<b>MacKinnon</b>	1999	<b>Yes</b>
SENE	WH	06	18	Novek	1999	No
SENE	WH	06	18	Publicover, Robert	1999	No



**Frank MacKinnon calling STA Memensha in Buzzards Bay**

**Division 6 has 3 active AVs out of 13.** Many thanks go to **Frank MacKinnon** for his extraordinary efforts verifying and checking the Division 6 private aids. Working with ANT Woods Hole and Steve Pothier in DPW 1 in Boston, Frank was able to get many problematic private aids resolved and updated in 2014. Unfortunately, Frank has developed problems with his OPFAC and may need some rides from the many other OPFACs in Division 6 in 2015. This Division needs to develop some more supporting NS Teams and active AVs for the 2015 season over the winter.

**DIVISION SEVEN – AID VERIFIERS – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.**

SENE	Bris	07	02	Lawrence, Chris	2005	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	02	Resnick, George	2005	No
SENE	Bris	07	06	Anderson, William	2005	No
SENE	Bris	07	06	<b>Butziger Arnold</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	06	<b>Butziger David</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	06	<b>Butziger ROZ</b>	2010	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	06	Moran Maryanne	2008	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	06	Pardi, Robert	1999	No
SENE	Bris	07	06	<b>Quinn Michael</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	06	Robert Derek	2010	No
SENE	Bris	07	06	Siesel, David	2010	No
SENE	Bris	07	06	VanHerpe, Robert	2010	No
SENE	Bris	07	08	Benito, Robert	2003	No
SENE	Bris	07	08	<b>Choquette, Norman</b>	2013	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	08	<b>Cotter, Frank</b>	2007	<b>YES</b>
SENE	Bris	07	08	Lucca, Frank	2008	No
SENE	Bris	07	08	Morin, David	2010	No
SENE	Bris	07	08	Morris, William	2010	No
SENE	Bris	07	08	Peters, Herb	2005	No
SENE	Bris	07	09	<b>Beardsley, James</b>	2005	<b>YES</b>



**An oyster farm located in Narragansett Bay in Division 7**

SENE	Bris	07	09	Livolsi, Frank	2014	YES
SENE	Bris	07	09	Novakoff, Barry	2007	No
SENE	Bris	07	11	Audette, Richard	2001	No
SENE	Bris	07	11	Jenks, Charles	2001	No
SENE	Bris	07	11	Pouliot, Deanne	2001	No
SENE	Bris	07	11	Silvia, Joseph	2001	No
SENE	Bris	07	11	Simek, James	2001	No

**Division 7 has 10 active AVs out of 27.** Division 7 in Narragansett Bay, has been the most active Division in First Northern. The ADSO-NS, Mike Quinn runs PATON patrols every Wednesday evening. Mike's boat is coming out of the water on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This marks the end of a great season for Division Seven. Division 7 is also the most active Chart Update generator in the District.

**DIVISION NINE – AID VERIFIERS – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.**

SENE	BOS	09	03	Lane, John	2004	No
SENE	BOS	09	03	Lydon, Charles	2000	YES
SENE	BOS	09	03	Simmons, Thomas	2013	YES
SENE	BOS	09	06	Mason, Juliette	2010	No
SENE	BOS	09	06	Nevill, William	2010	No

**Division 9 has 2 active AVs out of 5.** With SO-NS Charlie Lydon on the private aids and AV Thom Simmons on the bridges, Division 9 always get their jobs done each year. Charlie also works closely with the POC in this area to keep him informed of any problems.

**DIVISION TEN – AID VERIFIERS – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.**

SENE	BOS	10	02	Barnes, Pamela	2011	NO
SENE	BOS	10	02	Lacey, Brian	2011	NO
SENE	BOS	10	02	Rachwall, Mark	2008	NO
SENE	BOS	10	07	Haig, Barbara	1993	YES
SENE	BOS	10	07	Larkin, Frank	1994	YES
SENE	BOS	10	07	Pendergast, George	1993	YES
SENE	BOS	10	07	Pendergast, Penny	1993	YES
SENE	BOS	10	10	Baker, Bruce	2012	YES
SENE	BOS	10	10	McClay, Sterling	2007	YES
SENE	BOS	10	10	Picard, Richard	2011	YES

**Division 10 has 7 active AVs out of 10.** Division 10 is assigned the Providence area. Sterling McClay is the SO-NS. This team had boat issues in 2014 but I have been advised that the engine is repaired and ready to go in the Spring. Special underway Team training is being planned for this Spring.





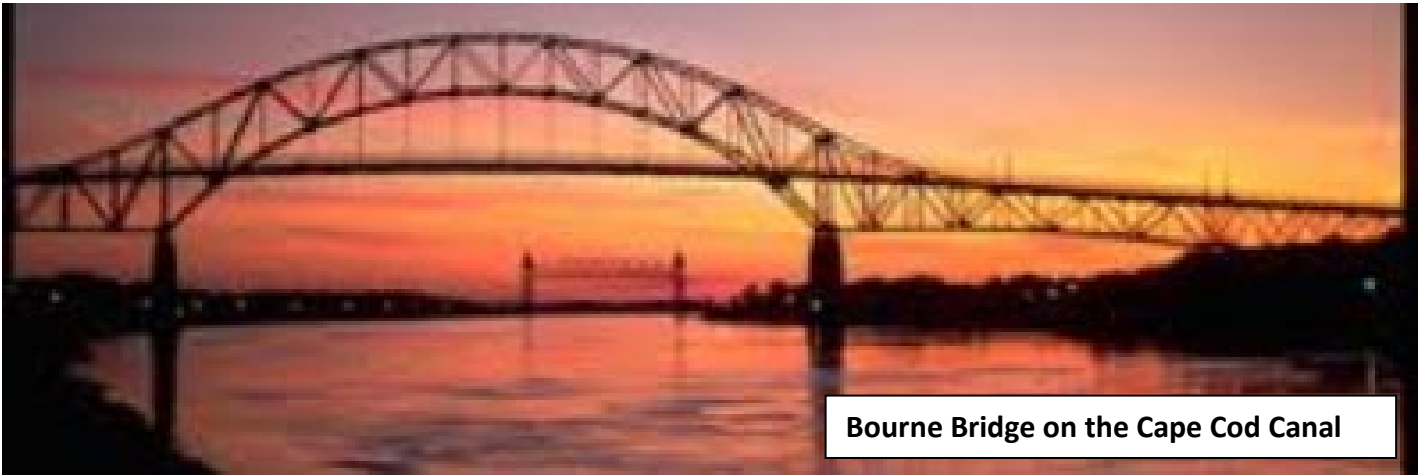
A gentle and quiet ride can be enjoyed on the Seekonk River in northern Narragansett Bay in Division 10.

**DIVISION ELEVEN – AID VERIFIERS – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.**

SENE	BOS	11	01	Brady, Richard	2013	YES
SENE	BOS	11	01	Cave, Clint	2006	YES
SENE	BOS	11	01	Cutts, Harry	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	11	01	Norman, Robert	1996	No
SENE	BOS	11	01	Caswell, Richard	2004	No
SENE	BOS	11	01	Thurber, Robert	2014	YES
SENE	BOS	11	01	Wall, Bud	2002	YES
SENE	BOS	11	01	Zweig, Richard	2009	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Abt, Barbara	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Abt, Don	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Carrol, Tim	2014	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Farrar, Richard	2009	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	LeBlanc, Ernie	2004	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Maher, Connie	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	O'Neil, Barry	1999	YES
SENE	BOS	11	02	Piemonte, Anthony	2009	No
SENE	BOS	11	02	Wagner, Steve	2012	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Crowell, Seth	1996	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Gardiner, William	2000	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Gostin, Howard	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Hunnerwadle, Jean	2009	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Jesudowich, Alex	2011	No
SENE	BOS	11	06	Moyle, Wallace	2004	No
SENE	BOS	11	06	Pelczarski, Charles	1996	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Richardson, Wayne	2013	YES
SENE	BOS	11	06	Sokassits, Michael	2010	YES
SENE	BOS	11	07	Gibbs, Maurice	2005	YES
SENE	BOS	11	07	McMorrow, E.	2011	YES
SENE	BOS	11	07	RAY, Homer	2011	YES
SENE	BOS	11	08	Nolan, Robert	1998	RET
SENE	BOS	11	08	Paulin, Gil	2011	No



*Harding Beach Fish Trap Facility on Cape Cod*



Bourne Bridge on the Cape Cod Canal

**Division 11** has 24 active AVs out of 31. Division 11 covers the area of Cape Cod and the Islands. Harry Cutts is the ADSO-NS and Clint Cave is the SO-NS. This Division has the most private aids in the District and has some very experienced AVs in all of the Flotillas in this AOR. There was a lot of special work performed this year to clear up a series of Fish Traps in Nantucket Sound. There was a significant improvement with the PATON activity accuracy and detail levels in the 7054 Reports submitted in 2014. This Division is in great shape for the 2015 season. I was sorry to hear that Bud Walls has resigned as a FSO-NS. Bud has been a great supporter of the Navigation Systems program over the years. Also, Bob Nolan has retired from the AV Program this year. Bob's Team covered the Hyannis and Popponesset areas for ANT Woods Hole for so many years. We hope that Gil Paulin will step up for his Flotilla in this area.

**DIVISION TWELVE – AID VERIFIERS** – AVs listed in blue are current and qualified for 2015.

SENE	BOS	12	03	<u>Prior, Jay</u>	2013	YES
SENE	BOS	12	05	<u>Somers, Pete</u>	2003	YES
SENE	BOS	12	06	Blanchard, Barbara	2002	No
SENE	BOS	12	06	<u>Bloomquist, Eunice</u>	2002	YES
SENE	BOS	12	06	<u>Eckhouse, Richard</u>	2005	YES
SENE	BOS	12	06	Senkel, Frank	1999	No
SENE	BOS	12	06	<u>Hoadley, Richard</u>		

**Division 12** has 4 active AVs out of 6. Division 12 covers the South Shore of Massachusetts from Braintree (inside Boston Light) to Mary Ann Rocks off Plymouth, MA. This is a very large Division. Due to illness and OPFAC problems, Tony Silvestri's Division 5 Navigation System Team assisted them on the North, South and Herring Rivers and with the Quincy, Hull, Hingham, Weymouth and Braintree private aids and bridges in 2014. Much of their harbors and rivers are shoal and not appropriate for large OPFACS. Much of the area is open to the sea and is not protected from the wind which requires either trailable OPFACS or small protected Cabin Cruisers. This Division needs to work out a plan for 2015 over the winter and schedule some team training before Spring of 2015. Division 5 will support the Marshfield Rivers if needed in 2015.



**Part of South River in Scituate Massachusetts.** It is always a pleasure to visit this area each summer on a PATON Patrol. Similar vistas are found on the North and Herring Rivers in this area.

**WARNING!** If you are not listed in dark blue on the above AV lists, **DON'T PANIC!** Follow this simple procedure:

- **If you are listed as “NO” but *were* active in 2014,** send an E-Mail to the **DSO-NS** at [FrankJLarkin@verizon.net](mailto:FrankJLarkin@verizon.net) and indicate the type and scope of your activity. The list will be corrected. If you performed reportable NS activity, also **submit your activity to AUXDATA on an AUXDATA 7030 Activity Report, Individual.** **Note** that submitted photos count as one report each this year.
- **If you are listed as “NO” and *were not* active in 2014, you can regain your currency** by submitting **two** PATON, ATON or Bridge reports for each year that you failed to report activity. E-mail the **DSO-NS** of your intention to make up the delinquent reports. You will be given until **July 4, 2015** to submit your make-up reports.
- **The notification deadline is Dec. 31, 2014.** At that point, you will be declared “**not current.**” Your access code to the Harbormaster System will be deleted. However, you will not lose your AV Qualification unless you were inactive for five years.
- If you fail to submit reports or perform NS activity for **five consecutive years**, you will lose your AV Qualification.

As the DSO-NS for First Northern, it is part of my function to insure the Coast Guard that any Auxiliarist who verifies and submits a 7054 PATON report on-line to the Harbormaster System is qualified as an AV and is current (*has submitted two or more ATON, PATON, or Bridge verification or check reports each year*).

I try to do everything in my power to insure that AVs do not lose their AV currency and/or their AV qualification. However, there are legal implications for the Coast Guard if this protocol is not followed. Your AV qualification is potential evidence that can be introduced in court that you were trained and qualified when you performed this important work for the Coast Guard. *Please! No begging or whining.* Be sure that you correctly update AUXDATA with your Navigation Systems activity each year.

*If you need assistance, feel free to contact me directly.*

**AS DSO-NS D1NR, I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO SUBMIT AN ON-LINE 7054 PATON REPORT OR HAVE ACCESS TO THE PATON SYSTEM UNLESS YOU ARE AV QUALIFIED AND CURRENT.**



Please forward this newsletter along to your Elected Auxiliary Officers at the Flotilla and Division levels and stress the importance that they appoint Navigation Systems and AV Qualified Staff Officers for the 2015 Season. We have important Coast Guard business to complete each year and we need NS Staff Officer assistance and support from skilled and trained Auxiliarists in every Division of First Northern.

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