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Director's Message

The New Service Etiquette book is here! It has been distributed to all new officers in BOTC. A copy will also be provided to REFTRA officers, each ship, and all Centers. As funding allows, all officers will receive their own copy; if you are anxious to get your hands on one, please send an email and we'll put you in the queue. The new book (fifth edition) is much improved. In addition to actually addressing the idea of senior women as officers – it removed the section on “asking a girl out,” and comments implying that if a young lady agrees to go to a sporting event, she must be interested in a date (because of course, we all know there are no women out there with their own season tickets!). Just in case you find this hard to believe, here is the excerpt from the previous edition (page 136 of 4th edition):

Upon meeting a young lady, a rather shy young man usually “talks around” the objective of asking for a date for the first time. If you are that young man you might say something like “Do you like sports?” If she replies in the affirmative, you might mention a game you plan to attend, and in her manner will be a clue as to whether or not she would like you to ask her to accompany you.

All jesting aside, the Service Etiquette book is an excellent resource for special event planning, and is full of good reminders on manners, conversations, attire, and general civility. The 5th edition includes a section on personal electronics etiquette which is extremely relevant in this age. And, most importantly, the 5th edition actually includes the NOAA Corps as a service...it mentions our birthday, our song and a toast to our Director.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne K. Lynch".

CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

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Payroll Q & A

The NOAA Corps Payroll Unit has added a Q & A section to the NOAA Corps Website, www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/cpchome/howto_guidance.html. Frequently asked questions will continue to be added. If anyone has a question, please submit them to payroll via their email address, NOAACorps.PayrollUnit@noaa.gov.

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NASA Astronaut Candidate Program

CPC has received notification of the application opening for NASA's Astronaut Program. NOAA Corps officers who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply through the USAJobs application open November 1, 2011 - January 13, 2012. Among the requirements are a bachelor's or higher degree in engineering, biological science, physical science or mathematics and at least three years of related, progressively responsible, professional experience, or at least 1,000 hours pilot-in-command time in jet aircraft. An advanced degree is desirable and may be substituted for part or the entire experience requirement. Detailed information can be found at www.usajobs.gov beginning November 1, 2011.

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NOAA Corps Policy

The CPC Website has been updated to reflect the status of current policies and amendments to the NOAA Corps Directives. Approved policies and amendments will be announced in the CyberFlash. If you have any questions, please direct them to Katherine Raymond at 301-713-7732 or

katherine.raymond@noaa.gov.

www.corpscpc.noaa.gov/procedures/index.html

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NOAA History

Lifesaving and Protection of Property by the Coast and Geodetic Survey

October 1914

The Coast and Geodetic Survey Steamer PATTERSON under James Blaine Miller started from Unalaska Sept. 22, 1914 for the west end of Aggatu Island and arrived September 28 to rescue 29 members of the Coast Guard Vessel TAHOMA, which had been wrecked and sunk on an uncharted reef now known as Tahoma Reef. The PATTERSON arrived back at Unalaska on October 3. This was an extremely risky trip for the PATTERSON as it was then a quite old ship and it was getting late in the year to be making trips into some of the stormiest waters on earth. News Bulletin of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, No. 121, p. 859. October 28, 1914.

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On the Horizon

17 October 2011 – 10 November 2011	REFTRA 71
3 November 2011	Uniform Awards Board
10 November 2011	BOTC 119 Selection Board
17 November 2011	Officer Assignment Board
05 December 2011 – 09 December 2011	XO Seminar
12 December 2011 – 16 December 2011	CO Seminar

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Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation.

LTJG Kevin W. Adams	28 October 2011
LT Elizabeth Crapo	30 October 2011
LT Jasper D. Schaer	30 October 2011
LTJG Bennie N. Johnson	01 November 2011
CAPT Brian K. Taggart	01 November 2011
ENS Gillian L. Faustine	02 January 2012
LT Matthew R. Ringel	01 February 2012
CDR John K. Longenecker	01 February 2012
ENS Felix A. Rivera-Perez	16 February 2012
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012
CDR Michael J. Hoshlyk	01 October 2012

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