

# The Scuttlebutt



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## The USCG Mobile App

The USCG mobile app has been available for a few years now and yet many people may not know about it or use it. It is available for both Ios and Android phones and has all the features for boating safety in one place.



These features include: Safe Boating Information, Request a Safety Check, Review Safety Equipment, File Float Plan, Rules of the Road, NOAA Buoys, Report a Hazard, Report

Pollution, Reporting Suspicious Activity and an icon for Emergency Assistance.

You can set up a profile that will let you enter the information for your vessel(s).

**Please take a minute and request a Safety Check of your vessel to see if our Flotilla vessel examiners are assigned correctly to the 20 mile radius of our area.**

The App can be downloaded for FREE in your App Store on your phone.

## Focus On .... 12-01 Member Fran Doyle, IPFC, FSO-VE

Fran from the Philadelphia area, Delaware County went to high school there along with Chuck Woolson and Barry Widmer. After high school he joined the Navy in which time he put in 3 years.

He was a Volunteer Firefighter for 52 years, Life Member. He was employed by the DOD, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as a Firefighter / Fire Inspector for 26 years, retiring in 1995.

He moved to Delaware and became member of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 12-01 in 1997.

Fran was raised around boats. He had a great uncle that was a Captain in the Merchant Marines, and during WW II he was Captain in the U.S. Navy.

While in the Auxiliary, he has held the positions of FSO-PE, FSO-PA, SO-MT, FSO-VE, FC and Boat Crew.

In 2001, Fran was Auxiliarist of the Year when Chuck Woolson was FC. He said he owes a lot of thanks to Ralph Gilgenast, who spent many hours working with him and setting him straight.

He has seen a lot of members come and go, all of which he thought were good members.

Fran Doyle is our current IPFC and FSO-VE.

## Monthly Meetings

Regular Flotilla meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the South Bethany Town Hall, and begin promptly at 1900 hrs.

Division meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at Milford Parks and Recreation at 1900 hrs. All members are welcome.

## Welcome Newest Members

Welcome aboard to our members Ralph Carotenuto, Todd Angelo Albin, John Craig and Tiffany N Milligan.

## Member Training

Members Steve Straneva and Betty Smith passed the AUXSEA course in Smyrna Delaware in March. Congratulations to both for the many hours of study and classroom time involved in preparing for this exam!!

A training session was held for Vessel Examiners following the April Flotilla meeting.

An Operations training session is being planned for those members still needing the required training.

## Upcoming Events

## Public Education

April 21	South Coastal Library
May 12	South Coastal Library
May 19	Millville Fire Co
June 16	Indian River Marina
June 23	Gullsway Campground
July 07	Ocean View Town Hall

All classes are the Delaware State Course.

Our thanks to FSO-PE Bob Adams and the other instructors for doing an excellent job in the area of Public Education.

## Operations



It's that time again to get equipment and training in preparation for the new boating season! See our equipment officer for a check on your equipment!

## Vessel Safety Stations and Public Affairs Events

May 19	Vines Creek Marina 9-12
May 26	Tuckahoe Acres Campground 9-3
May 27	Tuckahoe Acres Campground 9-?
June 2	Vines Creek Marina 9-12

- June 9      Island Water Sports  
                  Fenwick Island (Route 54)  
 June 16     Grady White Club Piney Neck Road  
                  11-?

There is a planned public affairs event and vessel check station on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at the Paddle Fest at Savages Ditch launch area bayside. There will be a couple hundred kayakers. FC Straneva would appreciate any and all the help we can get that day.

Also, public affairs booth events are the breeches buoy re-enactments scheduled at the Lifesaving Station on the following dates and times:

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| June 16   | 10 am   |
| June 28   | 5:30 pm |
| July 12   | 5:30 pm |
| July 21   | 1 pm    |
| August 2  | 5:30 pm |
| August 11 | 10 am   |

## Marine Safety Events

James Farm Ecological Preserve Horseshoe  
 Crab Survey team dates:

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| May 01:  | 10:45 pm |
| May 17:  | 11:12 pm |
| May 31:  | 10:57 pm |
| June 15: | 11:01 pm |
| June 30: | 11:09 pm |
| July 14: | 10:47 pm |
| July 29: | 10:42 pm |



The turtle fence repair on the southwest side of the Indian River Bridge has been scheduled for Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Coast Guard crewmen from Station Indian River will also be participating.

## Calling for new Ideas for Flotilla Change of Watch

Our COW Chairman, Jerry Roderick, is welcoming new ideas for the change of watch to be held on December 8, 2018 of this year.

You can email Jerry at [jroderick2@washcoll.edu](mailto:jroderick2@washcoll.edu)

The Flotilla meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at South Bethany town hall starting at 1900 hrs.

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*Semper Paratus.  
 Betty Smith, FSO-PB*