

# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

FLOTILLA 3-10

Callao, Virginia



Division 3, 5th Southern

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*Boating  
Safety*

Bridge Talk

May/ June 2019

Recently, search and rescue crews recovered the body of an Army veteran who fell off a fishing boat. Apparently, he lost his balance and fell overboard due to a wake created by a larger passing vessel according to the U.S. Coast Guard. It is headlines such as this that appear in news clips more and more often this time of year. Last week it was a doctor and an associate who disappeared on the Rappahannock. About a week or so ago, another fisherman was lost just a little north of our area on the Chesapeake Bay. All these fatalities were mature and educated people who we have the right to assume "Knew Better", from safe operation of a vessel, to the wearing a life preserver. Safe Boating classes are required to have been taken and passed by the operator of a motor boat in our state and just about every other. However, the passengers or guests have no such requirement. The safety of those on board lies in the hands of the

Captain/Owner of the vessel. It is our duty to assist in the education of boaters in the safe operation of boats. Today I received another Membership Service Award for the completion of 15 years by one of our members' service in the flotilla. This being the number of years the member is eligible to retire. We have lost several members in the last couple years due to retirement and are aware of several more that are eligible or soon will be able to retire. It is of utmost necessity that we attract new members and enlist existing members to take leadership positions that are vacated by those retiring. We should not expect current members to fill several leadership positions while some members do nothing. Now is the time to plan for next year and arrange that every member will perform in a leadership post as an FSO.

Respectfully, Andris Baltins, FC

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**Fifth Coast Guard District**  
**Southern Region**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**NO ONE CAN OPERATE A BOAT  
OVER 10 HP IN VIRGINIA WATERS . . .  
UNLESS THEY CAN SHOW PROOF OF  
COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED BOATING  
SAFETY COURSE**

## **TAKE AN APPROVED SAFE BOATING COURSE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2019**

Tappahannock, Moose Lodge • Dock Street •  
Tappahannock, VA 9 am to 4 pm  
OR

**SATURDAY July 27, 2019**

Callao, VA, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • 1717  
Hampton Hall Road, – 9 am to 4 pm

**Sign up/Register for either course at [Flotilla3-10.org](http://Flotilla3-10.org)**

**For more information: Contact Fred Woodard 804-443-1313**

**Class fee is \$10 which includes lunch.**

**Optional textbook (\$25) is recommended and can be purchased at  
or before class.**

**Class is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come early, have fun!!**



## Update on Some Flotilla 3-10 Retirees

Do you wonder “whatever happened to ...”?

For example, Bob Waring, a retired member of the Auxiliary after 40 years of active service, is currently a resident of Hughes Nursing Home in Fredericksburg. Mickey Waring, Bob’s wife and a retired Auxiliary member in her own right, heard that Wayne Ploger sometimes entertained residents at senior facilities. Wayne sang in the Glee Club while at West Point. His passion is music so entertaining residents and patrons is a natural for him. Mickey wondered aloud if Wayne, also a retired member of Flotilla 3-10, might visit Hughes Nursing Home. “Indeed”, he said!! The Saturday before Easter Wayne played and sang for an hour or more to the delight of over two dozen residents and some of Bob and Mickey’s family. It turns out that Wayne has entertained senior residents over a 100 times at nearly 20 facilities in the Fredericksburg area. Wayne is also a featured entertainer at the Curitiba Art Café in downtown Fredericksburg.



Pim Montgomery, also a retired Auxiliarist of Flotilla 3-10, suffered a debilitating stroke early in 2018. She resides at the Heron Cove senior facility in Gloucester Courthouse. On the recent good news that Pim's condition was much improved, Mickey Waring and I visited Pim. We found Pim sitting at a table reading the local newspaper which she quickly and gladly put aside to catch up on the news about the Auxiliary and longtime friends. A two-hour chat ensued.



Submitted by Joe Riley





# RIP TIPS



Choose a Lifeguard protected Beach  
Check weather & rip current forecasts  
Always swim with a buddy

## IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT:

1. Stay Calm, do not panic
2. Float or tread water until current weakens
3. Swim parallel to the shore



**Join your Auxiliary shipmates on June 21, 2019 in the MPR for a celebration of 80 years of service and support.**

**Snatch a sweet treat**

**Meet your AUX shipmates from 1300-1500**

**There will be a special presentation by**

**RADM Smith**

**at**

**1430**

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# News Release

## Coast Guard Mid-Atlantic units conduct 49 search and rescue cases over Memorial Day weekend

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Boaters and swimmers took to the water this Memorial Day weekend, and as the summer boating season kicked into gear, Coast Guard units from New Jersey to North Carolina responded to many maritime emergencies.

On May 25, 26 and 27, units across the Mid-Atlantic conducted 49 search and rescue cases, saved 64 lives and \$738,050 in property.

“If there is one thing the cases over this weekend underlined, it’s the necessity of getting your vessel safety examination done before you take your boat out on the water,” said Michelle Thornton, commodore of the Coast Guard’s 5th District Southern Auxiliary Region. “Vessel examinations can help identify issues that could become a problem in the future, so you can correct them before they put you in a potentially life-threatening situation.”

From the [2017 Recreational Boating Statistics](#):

- Where cause of death was known, 76 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drownings with reported life jacket usage, 84.5 percent of those victims were not wearing life jackets.
- Where vessel operator instruction was known, 81 percent of recreational boating deaths happened with an operator who had no boating operator instruction.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 19 percent of all recreational boating fatalities.

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Submitted by Erik Amato

# Operations Training Program Kick Off



Flotilla 3-10 kicked off its Operations training program on Saturday, May 18th aboard Charlie Thomas' and Joe Riley's boats. Among the exercises were several stern and side tows which enabled everyone to perform various tasks at least twice for improved proficiency. Additional training is scheduled throughout the boating season for several mandatory re-certifications and for Ready For Operations exercises at Station St. Inigoes.



Submitted by Joe Riley

Photos by Karen Whelan



# Clean the Bay Day

Saturday, June 1, 2019  
9:00 am-Noon

Several thousand volunteers across the Commonwealth made the 31st Annual Clean the Bay Day (CTBD) another great success. On Saturday, June 1, 2019, in just three short hours, they unburdened hundreds of miles of stream and shoreline of harmful debris and litter by the ton.

[Chesapeake Bay Foundation \(CBF\)](#) dedicated the event to those affected by the May 30th shooting in Virginia Beach and held a moment of silence for the victims at many cleanup sites.

"This tragedy is heartbreaking," said CBF Hampton Roads Director Christy Everett. "Virginia Beach is the birthplace of *Clean the Bay Day*. Through the years the city has been one of our most important partners in restoring our waterways. Our colleagues and friends in that building worked tirelessly for clean water. We dedicate this *Clean the Bay Day* to the victims of the Virginia Beach shooting."



Approximately 3,500 volunteers gathered at nearly 200 sites all over Virginia, removing an estimated 45,000 pounds of litter and debris over an estimated 250 miles of shoreline. All those individual contributions have a massive cumulative effect: Elected officials from all levels of government and both sides of the aisle participated.

There was a great showing of elected officials, appointees, their staff, and press. For the second year, the "Omni-Cat," an innovative pontoon boat that collects trash floating in waterways, was hauled in from Illinois to lend support in some areas in major need of cleaning.

As usual, the most common items found during the cleanup were plastic and glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bags, and cigarette butts. Participants also found many strange (and dangerous) items including appliances, car and boat parts, a 16-foot cattle panel, dozens of tires—

including one weighing 57-pounds— half of a laptop, a keyboard, a car grill, a stadium seat, a cowbell, a gold watch, and a small amount of cash, and much, much more.

Since the event began in 1989, *Clean the Bay Day* has engaged approximately 161,700 volunteers who have removed more than 7.1 million pounds of debris from more than 8,000 miles of shoreline.

Find out more [about Clean the Bay Day](#) and [what you can do](#) to help Save the Bay the rest of the year.

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**Mark your calendar for the 32nd Annual Clean the Bay Day, Saturday, June 6, 2020**



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### D5S D-Train ~ SAVE THE DATE

September 27-29, 2019

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

202 East Pratt Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

More details to follow soon.....



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## Virginia Boating Safety Education Classes

Saturday June 22, 2019

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tappahannock Moose Lodge

Dock Street in the Upper Room

Saturday July 27, 2019

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1717 Hampton Hall Road

Callao, Virginia

To sign up contact Fred Woodard at [lawfew@gmail.com](mailto:lawfew@gmail.com) or sign up online at [www.flotilla3-10.org](http://www.flotilla3-10.org) Pick the About Boating Safety class and enter your zip code

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## FLOTILLA 3-10 CALENDAR

### **June 2019**

- 1 – Start of Hurricane Season
- 1- Potomac River Swim
- 17 - Flotilla meeting – Snacks, Linda Steele
- 22 - Virginia Boating Safety Education Class Course
- 30 – FSO June Reports and Calendar additions due

### **July 2019**

- 15 - Flotilla Meeting – Snacks, Ed Gray
- 22 – Flotilla 3-10's 42nd Anniversary
- 27 – Virginia Boating Safety Education Class Course
- 30 – FSO July Reports and Calendar addition due

### **August 2019**

- 19– Flotilla Meeting & Picnic
- 30 - FSO August Reports and Calendar additions due

### **October**

- 5/6- Leonardtown Boat Races
- 19 – Division Meeting, Kilmarnock, Division Bridge Election
- 21 - Flotilla meeting –Snacks, ??
- 30 - FSO October Reports and Calendar additions due

### **September**

- 10 – Radio Drill, Time TBD
- 27-29 D-Train, Baltimore, MD
- 16 – Flotilla Meeting – Snacks, Sal Puglisi
- 30 - FSO September Reports and Calendar additions due



**District 5 Southern Region Flotilla 3-10  
Elected and Appointed Officers 2019**

Flotilla Commander . . . . .	Andris Baltins
Flotilla Vice Commander . . . . .	Thomas Panther
Communications . . . . .	Donald Chamberlain
Communications Services . . . . .	Karen M. Whelan
Finance . . . . .	Oliver M. Knight
Human Resources . . . . .	G. Edward Gray, Jr.
Information Services . . . . .	John F. O'Neil
Materials . . . . .	Glen R. Thomason
Member Training . . . . .	Joseph C. Riley
Navigation Systems . . . . .	Charles B. Thomas
Operations . . . . .	Charles B. Thomas
Public Affairs . . . . .	G. Edward Gray, Jr.
Publications . . . . .	Linda K. Steele
Public Education . . . . .	Frederick E. Woodard
RBS Program Visitor . . . . .	Philip K. Landry
Secretary/Records . . . . .	Thomas M. Panther
Vessel Examinations . . . . .	David J. Brack

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Reminder to all Flotilla members and visitors

Flotilla 3-10 regular meetings are on the third Monday of each month at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Callao, Virginia. Fellowship starts at 1900 with the meeting at 1930. New members or those interested in joining are welcomed to attend.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES &  
PHOTOS OF AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES  
AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO:**

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**REMINDER:** The Flotilla Web Site is alive and well! All Newsletters, Press Releases and PE Class Flyers will be posted when available – Check it out!

[www.Flotilla3-10.org](http://www.Flotilla3-10.org)