

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

FLOTILLA 3-10

Callao, Virginia



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***Boating
Safety***

Bridge Talk

February/ March 2019

It appears that the warmer weather we have been waiting for is right around the corner. As it arrives we all know we will see an increase in boating traffic and our attention to boating safety will increase. In preparation of the boating season, I had an opportunity to visit a boat repair shop in Kilmarnock. I was able to witness two boats that were involved in two separate severe boating accidents, both at night, involving high speed, and striking fixed objects. The boats were being repaired! This is where our public education must play a part. The state of Virginia requires everyone operating a motorized vessel to have taken and passed a Boating Safety Class. There are classes available on line and many

are taking those to fulfill the requirement. There is no substitute for the classes we offer to the public. We need to advertise that! We have Paddle Craft instruction which would appeal to the younger generation as well as providing youth water safety classes in grade schools. I would like to see all members of our flotilla to become qualified instructors or instructor aids. To date we have four members that need to complete the Risk Management course, which is the first step to reach that goal. In another month all boating activities and others will increase and the time required to complete our study will dwindle.

Respectfully, **Andris Baltins, FC**

March Saint Patrick's Day dinner with Flotilla 3-10



The March meeting for Flotilla 3-10 was held the 18th and celebrated St. Patrick's day in style with corned beef and cabbage and many other dishes supplied by the attendees. Flotilla members and guests attended the dinner held at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Callao, Virginia. No one went away hungry. The annual auction and monthly meeting were held after the dinner with many awards being presented to flotilla members for the prior year of service.



Submitted by Linda Steele



2018 Outstanding Member Achievement Awards (District Commodore Award)

40 or more hours in operations; 100 or more Vessel Examinations; 20 or more hours as lead instructor in PE or MT, or 40 or more as aide or combination, 20 or more hours in Public Affairs, 40 or more Program Visits.

G. Edward Gray, Jr., PA

Oliver M. Knight, OPS

Philip K. Landry, PV, OPS

Thomas M. Panther – OPS

Salvatore J. Puglisi, PV, VSC

Joseph C. Riley, MT, PV OPS

Linda K. Steele, PA

Charles B. Thomas, PV, OPS



Certificate of Member Activity (200 or more hours) (District Commodore Award)

Karen M. Whelan - 241

Erik H. Amato - 246

Philip K. Landry – 342

Oliver M Knight - 258

Thomas M. Panther – 264

Gary M Whelan -271

Gary L. Palsgrove – 275

Frederick E. Woodard –297

Salvatore J Puglisi – 624

Charles B. Thomas – 742

Joseph C. Riley – 833

John F. O’Neil – 847

Andris Baltins - 1070

G. Edward Gray, Jr. – 1179



“Century Club “Awards (Director, National V-Directorate)

For 100 or more Vessel Safety Checks and/or Program Visits July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018: Gary L. Palsgrove, Salvatore J. Puglisi, Joseph C Riley.

Annual Service Performance Awards (Director of Auxiliary, D5SR) for 60 or more hours in Operations.

Philip K. Landry, Joseph C. Riley, Charles B. Thomas

Member Mission Award (Most hours or activities in a category) Flotilla Award

John F. O’Neil – 76 Coast Guard Administrative Support hours

G. Edward Gray, Jr. - 119 Public Affairs hours

Philip K. Landry – 96 Crew Underway hours

Charles B Thomas - -125 Coxswain Underway hours

Joseph C. Riley – 32 Member Training hours

Erick H. Amato – 18 PE Lead Instructor hours

Alvin Lynn– 16 PE Instructor Aide Hours

Salvatore J. Puglisi – 16 PE Instructor Aide hours

Salvatore J. Puglisi - 167 Vessel Safety Checks

Salvatore J. Puglisi - 282 Program Visits



Submitted by Joe Riley

Flotilla 3-10 Auxiliarist of the Year

“Carl and Jane Vogt Award” Flotilla Award



Selected by the Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander of the year of record (2018). The award is given to the member whose accomplishments, activities, dedication and service to the Auxiliary and Flotilla 3-10 and its programs for the year merit this special recognition:

Salvatore J. Puglisi

Pictured from (L-R) Andy Baltins, Flotilla Commander, Salvatore Puglisi, Ed Gray Division Vice Commander. (L-R) Submitted by Joe Riley

Blast from the past

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3-10 in Callao, Virginia celebrates St. Patrick's day each year with a pot luck dinner and auction of member donated items. Here is a picture from a previous year of the auction. John Davison pictured and his wife, Edith also a Past Flotilla Commander was assisting.



Submitted by Joe Riley

National Safe Boating Week May 18—24, 2019

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work May 17, 2019

Please plan to wear your life jacket that day while on the job or out in public. Encourage others to join in. It's a good way to start a conversation about the importance of wearing a life jacket and how it saves lives.



D5S D-Train (District Training) Report

The District 5 Southern D-Train was held the weekend of February 22-24 in Greensboro, North Carolina and was very well attended. Training was offered from AUXOP class requirements through Leadership Class and the AUXLAM course. The bookstore was open and offered many uniform and auxiliary items at special pricing. As all may remember it was a horrible, wet weekend so a good time to be inside a beautiful hotel with fellow Auxiliarist sharing learning and fellowship opportunities.

Division 3 was very well represented and we participated and aided in many ways. In fact, our own Jenny Stack was the Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

We were addressed by the USCG Leadership of RADM Keith Smith, Commander, Fifth CG

District, Captain Joseph Loring, Commander SM, Captain Bion Steward, Commander SNC and Captain Kevin Carroll, Commander SHR who thanked the Auxiliary for all we do for and with the Coast Guard. The most pointed message each told was the outstanding participation and support the Auxiliary did for their Coast Guard Shipmates during the government shutdown. Food, money, support and many other needed items were offered, needed and accepted. RADM Smith stated that in his 39 years of service he had never seen nor had ever been trained on how to handle a situation where shipmates were not being compensated but expected to show up for duty. He was even more proud of the fact that even under the circumstances everyone showed up for duty and performed the needed tasks.

A tip of the hat to those who supported the U.S. Coast Guard, in your own way, during these difficult times. It shows we support them in many ways and at all times.

Submitted by Ed Gray

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 or sign up online at

http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php

Pick the About Boating Safety class and enter
your zip code



FLOTILLA 3-10 CALENDAR

April 2019

- 1 – Winter Dress Uniform back in the closet- Now in Tropical Blue
- 5-7 “S-Train” for Sector Hampton Roads at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown
- 15 - Flotilla Meeting – Snacks, Jack O’Neil
- 30 – FSO April Reports and Calendar additions due

May 2019

- TBD – Division Meeting – Location TBD
- 20 - Flotilla meeting – Snacks, Lee Farmer
- 30 – FSO May Reports and Calendar additions due

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

- 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



**Fifth Southern 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	Gary I. Palsgrove
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