

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

FLOTILLA 3-10

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Boating Safety

Bridge Talk

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Hello Shipmates,

Well, its Spring and here we are doing nothing much Auxiliary wise. As we continue our COVID-19 stand down on almost all of our normal activities I would like to encourage each of you to engage in the on-line training activities the Auxiliary has provided us.

Also, I would suggest that each of us determine how best to re-engage once we are given the word to proceed as "normal".

While many of the traditional Auxiliary activities are on hold, they will gradually resume at some point. While they will start up later than planned, we can still perform those services that benefit the public like Vessel Exams, Program Visits,

maybe even Public Education programs and other Safety oriented presentations, Boat Patrols, Chaplain services and the like.

And, let's not forget Fellowship. Hopefully we will be able to gather for our monthly meetings fairly soon. I'm especially hopeful we will be able to have our traditional picnic as our August meeting.

Until then, your patience is to be applauded and further encouraged. Stay safe and be well and let's get through this as a healthy and, at some point, a fully functioning Flotilla. Thanks.

Tom Panther, FC

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE

Today's U.S. Coast Guard is an amalgamation of five predecessors: the Revenue Cutter Service; the Life-saving Service (this and the Revenue Cutter Service merged in 1915); the Lighthouse Service (absorbed in 1939); and the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, itself a merger of two agencies (added to Coast Guard in 1942).

The Coast Guard traces its primary root to the Revenue Cutter Service, which was a "military" organization from its inception and which element has modeled the character of the Coast Guard probably more than any other.

Historical records of the Service reveal that the practice of officers using slaves as stewards, cooks and seamen on board Revenue cutters appears to have been a common one. A Service regulation dated November 1, 1843 officially banned this practice by prohibiting any slave "from ever being entered for the Service, or to form a complement of any vessel of the Revenue Marine of the United States."

While the status of African Americans in the United States was changed for all time by Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the position of African Americans within the Revenue Cutter Service remained for the most part unchanged, with the dramatic exception of Captain Michael A. Healy.

CAPTAIN MICHAEL A. HEALY, U.S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE

Captain Michael A. Healy, the only African American to have a command or commission in any of the Coast Guard's predecessor services, commanded the cutter *Bear* from 1887 to 1895. Healy retired as the third highest-ranking officer from the Revenue Cutter Service.



**Captain Michael A. Healy, U.S.
Revenue Cutter Service
[190515-G-G0000-3001]**

One of ten children born in Macon, Georgia, to an Irish immigrant and a slave of mixed blood, Healy habitually ran away from school. At the urging of his brother, who felt sea life would discipline the youngster, the 15-year-old Healy was hired as a cabin boy aboard the clipper *Jumna* in 1855. He applied to and was accepted by the Revenue Cutter Service in March of 1865, was promoted to Second Lieutenant in June 1886, and to First Lieutenant in July 1870.

As First Lieutenant, Healy was ordered aboard the cutter *Rush*, to patrol Alaskan waters for the first time. He became known as a brilliant seaman and was considered by many the best sailor in the North. A feature article in the January 28, 1884 New York Sun stated: "Captain Mike Healy is a good deal more distinguished person in the waters of the far Northwest than any president of the United States or my potentate in Europe has yet become."

Healy distinguished himself when he took command of the cutter *Bear*, considered by many the greatest polar ship of its time, in 1886. The ship was charged with "seizing any vessel found sealing in the Bering Sea ." By 1892, the *Bear*, *Rush* and *Corwin* had made so many seizures that tension developed between the United States and British merchants. Healy was also tasked with bringing medical and other aid to the Alaska Natives, making weather and ice reports, preparing navigation charts, rescuing distressed vessels, transporting special passengers and supplies, and fighting violators of federal laws. He served as deputy U.S. Marshal and represented federal law in Alaska for many years.

On one of *Bear's* annual visits to King Island, Healy found a native population reduced to 100 people and begging for food. After ordering food and clothing, Healy worked with Dr. Sheldon Jackson of the Bureau of Education to import reindeer from the Siberian Chukchi,

another Eskimo population. During the next ten years, Revenue cutters brought some 1,100 reindeer to Alaska. The Bureau of Education took charge of landing and distributing the deer, and missionary schools taught the natives to raise and care for the animals. By 1940, Alaska 's domesticated reindeer herds had risen to 500,000.

The Coast Guard named an icebreaker for Michael Healy, in acknowledgment of his inspiring commitment to the Service, including his invaluable assistance to Alaska Natives.



Station Pea Island and Gold- Lifesaving Medal crew, circa 1895; Captain Richard Etheridge, USLSS, head keeper.

(Source: U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office)

Safe Boating Week 16 – 22 May, 2020

Safe Boating During COVID-19

Social Distancing While Boating



• Go straight to your boat



No beaching or rafting with other boats or people

- Only boat with the people that live in your house
- No boating with friends or guests



• Wash your hands thoroughly after fueling

- Maintain proper distance from everyone you encounter



Follow all boating safety practices

- Wear life jackets
- File a Float Plan
- No boating under the influence
- No bow riding
- Be Safe - Have Fun!



Always protect the marine environment

Follow All Stay Home Orders

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Have the Right Life Jacket?



Right Style

Be sure it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved and appropriate for the activity. (Check the label printed on the inside of the life jacket).



Paddlers
(Inherently buoyant or hybrid)



Anglers & Open Motor Boats
(Suspender inflatable)



Personal Water Crafts & Water Sports
(Inherently buoyant)



Kids
(Adult life jackets don't fit kids)



Pets
(Harness with lift handles)



Right Fit

Snug fit and fastened.

- You don't want your life jacket too large or too small
- Inflatable life jackets only for those 16 years and older who are strong swimmers



Right Care

Refer to OWNER'S MANUAL and LABEL for specific maintenance requirements.

All Life Jacket Care

- Use properly
- No rips, waterlogging or mildew
- Dry after use
- Hand wash in warm, soapy water
- Store in a dry place when not boating



Inflatable Life Jacket Care

- Test: Orally inflate & holds air for 16-24 hours
- Inspect cartridge (not discharged & no corrosion)
- If it holds air, repack & use



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BQC: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=basic-qualification>

LEADERSHIP: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=AUX 60>

ONLINE CLASSROOM: <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>

FLOTILLA 3-10 CALENDAR

May

13 -15 second Flotilla Accountability telephone check

16 - 23 National Safe Boating Week

18 - Flotilla meeting – Format TBD, meeting may be via telephone; visitors wishing to attend please email FC Tom Panther, thomas.panther@gmail.com

30 - FSO May Reports and Calendar additions due

June

15 - Flotilla meeting – Format TBD

30 - FSO Reports and Calendar additions due

July

6 - Solicit membership for 3 members to serve as Selection Committee for November Flotilla Election

20 - Flotilla meeting – Format TBD

31 - FSO Reports and Calendar additions due





**District 5 Southern Region Flotilla 3-10
Elected and Appointed Officers 2020**

Flotilla Commander	Thomas M. Panther
Flotilla Vice Commander	Gary M. Whalen
Communications	Donald Chamberlain
Communications Services	Karen M. Whelan
Finance	Joseph C. Riley
Human Resources	Salvatore J. Puglisi
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	Thomas M. Panther
RBS Program Visitor	Philip K. Landry
Secretary/Records	Gary M. Whalen
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. The meetings are via telephone until further notice. 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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