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FLOTILLA 3-10



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**THE U.S. COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY FLAG
FLYING IN UNISON ON
THE SAME HALYARD
WITH THE
U.S. COAST GUARD FLAG
OVER THE
U.S. COAST GUARD
TISCOM COMMAND . . .
RECOGNIZING THE
THE VALUE AND
SERVICE THE
AUXILIARY BRINGS TO
“TEAM COAST GUARD”**





Joe Riley Flotilla Commander 03-10

Some Things about the Auxiliary Do NOT Change

Below is a message I sent to all the members of Division 3 in 2007 as Vice Captain (previously VCP, now VCDR) before becoming Division Captain (previously DCP, now DCDR). The names change; but the message remains the same. *We overcome seeming distractions and hurdles, we get the job done, and we continue looking ahead to a future as bright as or brighter than the past.*

Bravo Zulu Members of 3-10!!

“We face many challenges in 2008 (2016). We will be tasked to support the Coast Guard on the water even more than in the past; more boaters will demand a boating safety course to comply with the Virginia boating education legislation; more boaters will want a vessel safety check and our members will demand more training to acquire qualifications that enable them to accomplish the missions they joined the Auxiliary for.

To meet these challenges, we each need to redouble our commitment as recruiters and mentors. Recruiters to bring in new members; mentors to guide them in their chosen Auxiliary career paths and to help current members meet and expand their qualifications to do the important business of the Auxiliary with excellence and integrity.

But let us not forget to have *fun* doing the business, help one another overcome life's trials, and continue to foster the friendship and camaraderie that is a hallmark of our Flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Finally, pray that we be blessed to continue doing so many good things as very well as we have.”

TWO 3-10 MEMBERS TEACH US HOW TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN BETWEEN TRAINING SESSIONS



At the recent Sector Maryland - National Capital Region Training Workshops Sal Puglisi (left) and David Brack (right) have a little fun with the Maryland DNR Mascot

FLOTILLA TRIVIA

Things you didn't know about your shipmates!

DID YOU KNOW? . . . One of the greatest rewards we receive while being active in the Auxiliary are the friendships we forge along the way?



Photo from a 1987 District Conference, (l to r) Erik Amato DSO-PB, Commodore Gerrard Dobirndt and Pim (Baker) Montgomery ADSO-PB

In 1987, after being appointed District DSO-PB I was delighted to learn that our own Pim (Baker) Montgomery was to be my Assistant (ADSO) in producing the District BLINKER publication. She assisted me in getting the BLINKER transformed into a new format and helped to bring two National Publication Awards to the Fifth Southern. Here we are today, shipmates again sharing the same Flotilla.

Pim Montgomery was an outstanding Division Publication Officer (SO-PB) in her own right, as described in the Summer 1988 edition of the BLINKER.



The District DIVISION PUBLICATION AWARD for the unit which best communicates pertinent information to it's members was awarded to DIVISION III, THE PORTHOLE. Commodore Gerry Dobirndt (right) presents the award to Pim Baker (Montgomery) SO-PB III (also ADSO-PB). Erik Amato DSO-PB (left) assists with the award presentation.

Last month Joe's article in the *Advocate* gave us some insights into what being a Flotilla Commander is all about. Although I have not been a Flotilla Commander yet I can tell you Joe cut the job description very short.



Ed Gray Flotilla Vice Commander 03-10

Joe only told us the fun parts. The required, behind the scenes activity, paperwork and communication are tiresome and sometimes a pain. The multitudes of additional requirements are ongoing. The planning is endless. There are time and dedication requirements. Like any job, if done right it requires some sacrifice. Why would anyone want this job? Good question.

The next time you attend one of our meetings look at the people around you who are Past Flotilla Commanders. Several of our members served as Flotilla Commander more than once. Why do you think that is? They did it because of dedication and a desire to keep this flotilla alive and active. They did it because it needed to be done and they were more than willing to do it. They stepped up. They did the job to the best of their ability and we thank them for their efforts

We are where we are today because of the people who stepped up and did the job in past years. Those of us who are Flotilla Staff Officers have stepped up. We have accepted responsibility for a position and we learn and excel. It takes time and dedication and everyone reaps the rewards from our efforts. It is time to consider that next step, **YOUR** next step. We have many members who would excel at being 3-10's VFC or FC.

Let's be prepared and make sure the requirements are met for your next leadership role. A **TEAM** does its best job with good, strong leadership. Isn't it time for **YOU** to step up and lead 3-10?

Ed Gray VFC 3-10



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are just completing a Vessel Safety Check on a sleek 19 foot ski boat, and everything on the craft was in great shape and in compliance with the Federal and State Regulations with one exception. The owner was not able to get his bow combination light to operate.

As you complete your safety talk and go over the items checked on his vessel, you explain the need for operational navigation lights to receive the decal.

The owner conveys his appreciation, and says he has the time to fix the problem, could you please wait, he really wants to have a VSC Decal on his boat.

It's a busy day at the ramp, so you tell him you'll move on to do VSC's on other boats, and when he gets it fixed, to let you know and you'll return and re-examine his boat and award the Decal if the lights are operating correctly.

Later in the afternoon he asks you back to re-check his boat, and sure enough his navigation lights work fine. **But** to your surprise, the red and green lens on the combination light have been inverted, showing green to port.

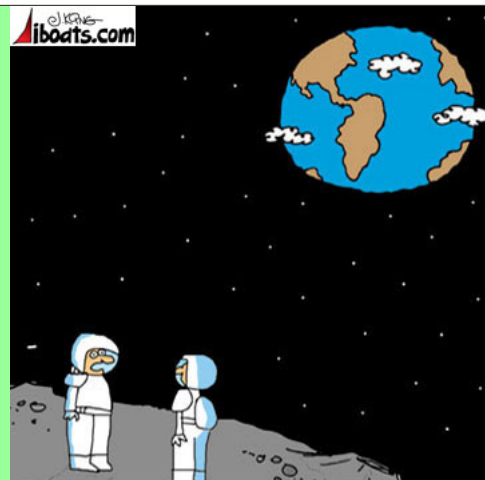
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Fail the boat again and tell the owner to get it straightened out and don't bother you again,

OR

WHAT?

The answer is elsewhere in this issue.



"All that water makes me want to go boating. Let's head back."

NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN PREPARING FOR NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK! MAY 21 - 27, 2016



These posters and much more are available for the asking to highlight your NSW Boating Safety Campaign and use throughout the year. Go to www.safeboatingcampaign.com



2015 MARYLAND BOATING STATISTICS

Maryland Natural Resources Police investigated 22 boating fatalities, a 20-year high for the State of Maryland. Of the 22 victims, **only TWO were wearing life jackets.**

The state had **165** reportable boating accidents in 2015 resulting in **108** injuries.

A total of **88** accidents occurred on Saturday/Sunday.

July (40) was the busiest month for accidents, followed by **August (36)** and **September (28).**

Half of the 165 accidents happened between the hours of noon and 6 p.m. The price tag for accidents was estimated to be **\$952,349.**

Alcohol was a factor in **17 accidents** and a factor in **6 of 22 fatal accidents.**

Maryland Natural Resources Police made **65** OWI/OUI (operating while intoxicated/operating under the influence) **arrests** and issued **223 tickets** for impaired operation.

The Top 5 boating violations leading to a ticket were:

- Insufficient life jackets (**479**)
- OWI/OUI (**223**)
- No registration (**188**)
- Operating a boat without a boating safety certificate (**133**)
- Operating without proper running lights (**115**)

Thanks to Candy Thomson, Maryland Department of Natural Resources for providing this information to Ed Gray



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

This is a recurring problem with some makes of combination red/green bow lights. When they are taken apart for cleaning or bulb replacement, it is possible for the boater to reassemble the light inverting the lens (each lens will fit either side). This then shows green on the port side and red on the starboard side. A very dangerous error.

We receive reports of this happening almost every year from VE's across the District.

Obviously in this case you would take the opportunity to instruct the boat owner on the proper display of lights, and recommend for him and his family to take a Safe Boating Course in the area he lives, and you give him instructions on how to find a class on the District Web Site. This will help him to fully understand the importance of lights on all vessels.

When he has fixed the lights properly, you place the VSC Decal on his port side window and tell him to "have fun" and "be safe".

Upon your return home you contact your FSO-PE and FSO-MT, and make them aware of the potential danger, and encourage them to make this a topic during their Public Education Classes and Member Training Classes and workshops for Vessel Examiners.



KEEP A VIGILANT WATCH

FLOTILLA 3-10 RANKS HIGH WITHIN THE FIFTH SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Flotilla 3-10's mission accomplishments during the 2015 calendar year had us ranked high in all categories when measured against all other units within the District.

- 2nd Place out of 82 flotillas in the District for Highest % Completion of Mandated Training (AUXMT)
- 3rd Place out of 82 flotillas-Average Hours Contributed Per Member during 2015
- 6th Place out of 82 flotillas in the District for in excess of 100,000 cumulative hours.
- 3rd Place out of 82 flotillas in the district for total hours spent providing Public Education
- 2nd in our Division with a total of 8,982 cumulative hours

FLOTILLA PRESENTS 2015 MEMBER PERFORMANCE AWARDS

March 19th marked a special day for the members of Flotilla 3-10 who were able to attend the monthly Flotilla meeting at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Callao, VA. The meeting was flanked by an abundance of fellowship, many of our wives and significant others in attendance, a festive St. Patrick Day pot luck dinner, a fun "treasure" exchange, and a multitude of significant Auxiliary Awards as the centerpiece.



Membership Service Awards – 10 Years
Frederick E. Woodward, Andris Baltins, John F. O'Neil



CG Sustained Auxiliary Service Award
Charles B. Thomas – 5th Award (over 3750 hrs)



Certificate of Member Activity (200 + hours)

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| Julian Everly - 200 | Philip Landry - 344 |
| Bill Harrison - 227 | June Gaines - 344 |
| Carroll Barrack - 247 | Gary Palsgrove - 873 |
| Oliver Knight - 267 | John O'Neil - 1,069 |
| Erik Amato - 294 | Ed Gray - 1,301 |
| Charles Thomas - 313 | Joe Riley - 2,594 |
| Salvatore Puglisi - 336 | |

FLOTILLA PRESENTS 2015 MEMBER PERFORMANCE AWARDS (cont.)



Member Outstanding Achievement Award

(For 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 hours as Aide or Combination , or 20 or more hours in PA and/or 40 or more PVs.)

Phil Landry - Operations, PV
Ed Gray - Operations, PA
Don Chamberlain - Operations
Charles Thomas - Operations
Joe Riley -PE, PV, PA
Sal Puglisi - PV
Gary Palsgrove - Operations, VE, PE
Oliver Knight - Operations, PE



Member Mission Award

(most hrs in category)

Most Program Visits - 146	Joe Riley
Most Vessel Safety Checks - 122	Gary Palsgrove
Most PA Hours - 213	Joe Riley
Most PE Instructor Aide Hrs - 34.3	Gary Palsgrove
Most PE Instructor Hrs - 20	Joe Riley
Most MT Instructor Hrs - 12	Joe Riley
Most Crew Underway Hrs - 106.3	Phil Landry
Most Coxswain Underway Hrs - 88.8	Charles Thomas



2015 Flotilla 3-10 Auxiliarist of the Year

(The Carl and Jane Vogt Award)

Selected by the Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander of the year of record (2015) the award is given to the member whose activities, accomplishments, dedication and service to the Auxiliary and to Flotilla 3-10 and its programs for the year merit this special recognition.

JULIAN EVERLY

Joe Riley FC 3-10 (I) presents the Flotilla
Auxiliarist of the Year Award to **Julian Everly**

Julian was also selected 2015 Division 3 Auxiliairst of the Year

AND THEN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



The most valuable assets of Flotilla 3-10 and the Auxiliary, our wives, significant others and retired members. Those present: Jeanette Amato, Patricia Baltins, Mary Barrack, Ann Brack, Sherry Larue, Jean Everly, Brenda Gray, Glenda O'Neil, Mary Palsgrove, Laura Woodard, Pim Montgomery (not in any specific order)



AND THEN MORE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



At the March Flotilla fun and food fest, Jeanette had several requests for her pie recipe, she's asked me to publish it for those who would like to enjoy more.



PEACH CREAM PIE



Preparation: 20 minutes Bake @350 for 45 min

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 package vanilla pudding
- 1 lg can (29 oz) canned peaches, drained
- 8-ounce package of cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons peach juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon sugar



Combine first 7 ingredients together in a mixing bowl and blend well. Pour into a deep pie plate. Cover with peaches. Beat the cream cheese, sugar, and peach juice until smooth. Pour over peaches. Combine cinnamon and sugar, sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes. Enjoy!

Jeanette Amato jamato@wildblue.net

**DAVID DeGRAZIA QUALIFIES
AS PROGRAM VISITOR**



Joe Riley FC 3-10 (I) presents **David DeGrazia** with his RBS Program Visitor (PV) Qualification Ribbon and Medal at the March 19, 2016 Flotilla meeting. David also received his Good Mate Examination Memorandum

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Maritime Domain Awareness



Practice and Preach . . . *Maritime Domain Awareness and America's Waterway Watch*



Past St. Patties Day Remembered!
Pim and Red Montgomery



FLOTILLA APRIL CALENDAR

- Saturday April 9, 2016 1 Hr TCT – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Callao, VA**
- Saturday April 16, 2016 4 Hr TCT – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Callao, VA**
- Monday April 18, 2016 Flotilla Meeting, Snacks–Gary Palsgrove**
- Saturday April 23, 2016 PE Class – Stratford Harbour Clubhouse**
- Fri/Sat April 29-30, 2016 S Train – Ft. Eustis, Newport News, VA**
- Saturday April 30, 2016 VE Day at Coles Point, VA –
FSO-Reports and Calendar additions**



National Safe Boating Week May 21 – 27, 2016



FLOTILLA 3-10

MAKING WAVES . . .

HAVING FUN !



REMINDER: The Flotilla Web Site is alive and well!
All Newsletters, Press Releases and PE Class
Flyers are now posted – Check it out!

www.Flotilla3-10.org

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

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(Editors Reminder - all that you do is significant and
important! Share it with others in this publication.)

Fifth Southern Flotilla 03-10 Elected and Appointed Officers 2016

Flotilla Commander	Joseph C. Riley
Flotilla Vice Commander	G. Edward Gray, Jr
Communications	Donald Chamberlain
Communications Services	Erik H. Amato
Finance	Oliver M. Knight
Human Resources	Gary I Palsgrove
Information Services	John F. O'Neil
Materials	Glen R. Thomason
Member Training	Julian W. Everly
Navigation Systems	Charles B. Thomas
Operations	Joseph C. Riley
Public Affairs	G. Edward Gray, Jr
Publications	Erik H. Amato
Public Education	Vacant
RBS Program Visitor	Philip K. Landry
Secretary/Records	Andris Baltins
Vessel Examinations	David J. Brack