

BOATING SAFETY

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Newsletter



FLOTILLA 3-10



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FLOTILLA 3-10 ASSISTS STATION ST. INIGOES WITH VIP TRANSFER TO THE USCGC *EAGLE*



The United States Coast Guard Cutter *EAGLE* on station just south of the mouth of the St. Mary's River on the lower Potomac, waiting for our Auxiliary facilities to arrive with VIP's. Once the dignitaries were safely on board, the *EAGLE* departed for Annapolis and Baltimore.



The USCGC Eagle (WIX-327) is a 295-foot (90 m) barque used as a training cutter for future officers of the United States Coast Guard. She is the only active commissioned sailing vessel, and one of only two commissioned sailing vessels, along with the USS Constitution, in American military service. She is the seventh Coast Guard cutter to bear the name in a line dating back to 1792, including the Revenue Cutter Eagle, which famously fought the British man-of-war Dispatch during the War of 1812. Each summer, Eagle deploys with cadets from the United States Coast Guard Academy and candidates from the Officer Candidate School for periods ranging from a week to two months. These voyages fulfill multiple roles; the primary mission is training the cadets and officer candidates, but the ship also performs a public relations role for the Coast Guard and the United States. Often, Eagle makes calls at foreign ports as a goodwill ambassador.

WARMER WEATHER POINTS TOWARD MORE **RBS** ACTIVITY



*TRY THIS CONCEPT
AND
WATCH THE VSC NUMBERS
GROW*



**EVERY VESSEL EXAMINER
GIVE US 5 FULL DAYS DOING VSC's
THEN SPEND THE OTHER 360 DAYS ON OTHER
AUXILIARY MISSIONS**

SAL PUGLISI – FLOTILLA 3-10's RBS AMBASSADOR FOR COLONIAL BEACH

Colonial Beach Virginia is a Golf Cart Community bounded by the shores of the Potomac River and



Sal getting "under way" for his RBS activities

Monroe Bay with lots of boats of all makes, models, sizes and types. So it is little wonder that there is a Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check Station on wheels to serve the safety needs of this boating community.



One of Sal's marina visits, keeping all information well stocked

Salvatore "Sal" Puglisi is a Vessel Examiner in Flotilla 3-10 but lives in the midst of this community that boasts 12 marinas and hundreds of boats in slips, on trailers, and on boat racks. Sal reaches out to them all in his mobile Vessel Safety Check (VSC) "buggy". Sal cruises around town in his golf cart with larger than normal wheels, a super battery-powered electric motor that make 22mph, and pull-down canvas sides for protection against

year-round weather. He is continually responding to calls like "Can you do my boat today? Its at "B" dock at (such and such) marina". "Or at my house; you know, you did my boat last year".



Sal has been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2010. He is certified as both a Vessel Safety Examiner and Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor. He completed 89 Vessel exams in 2015, second highest in the Division. He regularly visits 11 of the 12 marinas and several businesses that support boating activities in and around Colonial Beach. In 2015 he completed 61 Program visits. Sal is the Coast Guard Auxiliary's "maritime ambassador" in this community extolling the virtues of safe boating whether it be family recreation, sports, fishing, or paddling and rowing in the quiet coves in Monroe Bay. Everyone that he visits "selling" the boating safety message gives him a "Hey Sal, how you doing today? I think I may be a getting low on that one brochure that everyone likes. You know how to pick the good ones to leave me".

Sal helps out with safe boating education classes given by another Flotilla that serves the community and area. At every class, he adds to his list of



Another well stocked boating safety information display

regulars that will ask him to "check me out again this year, Sal". He is shooting for another good year and perhaps being able to pin on the prestigious RBS Insignia.

Joe Riley FC 3-10





Joe Riley Flotilla Commander 03-10



Shipmates, How Time flies...

We're not quite half way through the calendar year but we are half way between Flotilla elections. So we need to keep an eye in the coming months on election eligibility and candidacy.

The time lines involved in our elections are:

Screening Committee appointed – August Meeting
Interested candidates inform the FC (email is fine) – September Meeting
Screening Committee announces eligible candidates – October Meeting
Elections – November Meeting Nominations can be accepted from the floor.

Too early to care? I encourage everyone to consider being a member of our 2017 bridge. Think on it in the coming months. Talk to Ed; talk to Gary; talk to me.

The Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander are crucial to our Flotilla's continued existence. Both are important and necessary. Without a VFC, an FC cannot single handedly run the Flotilla long, or effectively. It may not even be permitted.

Is there an eligible FC candidate among us who has not already served? Is there an "ineligible" member that would serve? Talk to Ed; talk to Gary; talk to me.

What about a VFC? Who among us is up to the task? Raise your hands!! Talk to Ed, Gary, or me.

Time flies when you're having fun and now is the season to be doing all the Auxiliary things that are fun and that you signed up for. Start or keep having fun. If you're not, tell me or Ed.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Recent reports indicate that 91% of Flotilla 3-10 members have completed their Mandated training requirements ([second in the Division](#)). Members have completed the requirements through the wide variety of available methods as best suited their individual situations.

Thanks to all for completing these necessary tasks.

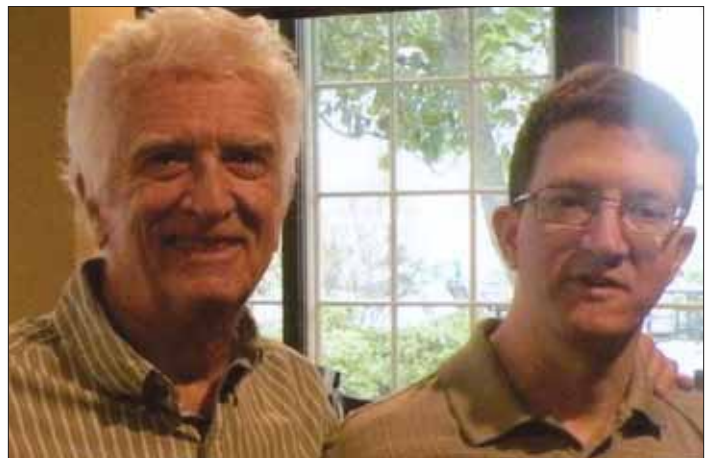
Joe Riley FC 3-10



RYAN PALSGROVE'S NEW HEART DOING GREAT!



Mary (l) Ryan (c) and Gary Palsgrove at NCC Celebration



Gary and Ryan Palsgrove enjoying the moment

In March 2016 my son Ryan Palsgrove celebrated the six month of his new heart. Ryan, who had endured over three years of enlarged heart generated strokes, long visits to the emergency room at Washington Hospital Center and a surgically installed partial artificial heart, finally received the "Call." A new heart was available, get to the hospital.

Ryan is the Assistant Greens Keeper at Norbeck Country Club, and, during his employment there, helped Norbeck attain the reputation of having one of Montgomery County's best golf courses. During his long travail Norbeck had shown both their company and individual member support. A Member-Guest event was held with the money raised given to Ryan to help offset his medical expenses. Many individual members over the years had both personally expressed their best wishes and made financial donations.

My wife Mary and I wanted to say "Thank You" to the club and their members for all they had done for our son. We decided to have a Six Month Celebration and invite all the members to come and have a drink and

some food, on us. Working with the club's event planner an invitation was sent out and Ryan's family and friends were invited to attend.

We were overwhelmed by the turnout! So many Norbeck members came and told us how much they "loved and appreciated" Ryan as an employee, but more so as a person. Nothing can make a parent more proud then hearing those wonderful statements about their child from people they just met. Story's about how Ryan had affected their lives and done something above and beyond that they remembered and appreciated. Although we wanted to have the party for them, we received much more in return.

Ryan continues to improve in health and is now working full time, his checkups are further apart and the long-term prognosis is good. Mary and I want to thank our Auxiliary friends for their cards, wishes and prayers for Ryan. If you aren't already, please consider becoming an organ donor.



Gary Palsgrove IPFC 3-10

BRINGING A WATER SAFETY MESSAGE TO 670 YOUNGSTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

There was a very popular book years ago that was titled "All I Ever Needed To Know I Learned In Kindergarten." Several of our members took that title to heart and put it to good use.



Flotilla 3-10 members (l to r) Fred Woodward, Alvin Lynn and Carroll Barrack

For the last seven years Carroll Barrack, Alvin Lynn and Fred Woodward had been teaching a boating and water safety class in the Essex Elementary School to the students in kindergarten. Every year they taught approximately 75 students how to be safe around the water and in a boat. I heard about these classes but until this year I never took the time to attend and observe what they did. What a job they do.



In 2016 we were able to reach out to other area school systems and make presentations to their classes as well. It was decided to teach to both kindergarten and first graders and the reception was outstanding. Our three instructors taught 237 students in Westmoreland County, 189 in Richmond County, 168 in Northumberland County and 76 students in Essex County. Although we reached out to King & Queen County and King William County as well they declined. Those counties do not know what they missed.

It is amazing to see 3 Auxiliary Instructors structure a class to youngsters. Kids with an average attention span of 30 minutes sat still for 45. They participated

in the class and obviously learned quite a bit. They all wanted to volunteer to try on a life jacket and they all walked away with the knowledge of the importance of wearing that life jacket. Carroll, Alvin and Fred were also able to involve the teachers and other attendees and more than once I heard teachers say they were going to go purchase an inflatable for themselves or their spouses.



Carroll, Alvin and Fred dedicated their time, during the school day, to impart their knowledge on the

kids so they could be safer. 670 kids that otherwise would not have been reached. 4 school systems that have already asked them to return in 2017. Each of us get our 'own things' from our Auxiliary membership. These three guys get to know they have made a difference in young lives and they very well may have saved



a life or two.....or more. Thank you gentlemen, for your membership as well as your dedication. We will never know how many of those kids may have been saved from your instruction but we all know it was a job well done.

Ed Gray VFC 3-10



We have all talked about recruiting and the importance of the Flotilla having new members. What do we tell people when we recruit?



Ed Gray Flotilla Vice Commander 03-10

We can talk about our patrols and our on the water support of the Coast Guard. We can talk about our PE classes and the teaching of boating safety. We can talk about writing articles for the newspapers. We can talk about ordering supplies or checking ATONS or doing finance reports or entering IS data or radio checks or putting together the newsletter or coordinating vessel exams or planning training classes or program visits. We can brag about the fun we have together at our March Awards and Pot Luck dinner, our picnic or the Change of Watch.

Many of the aforementioned things are what we do individually but our strength is when we put all of those efforts together. We function as a **TEAM**. We work together to accomplish a common goal. We work together in support of the missions and objectives of the US Coast Guard. If you step back and look at what we do it is quite a lot. We all meld our talents into a **TEAM** and produce a team effort. I once heard Joe Theismann give a talk on teamwork which ended with "**TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More**". I think that is very fitting for what we do together. Teammates, I'm proud of you and all your efforts, please keep it up! I think the question we should ask of a potential new member is "would you like to join our **TEAM**?"



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are preparing to go to a local marina/boat yard to do several early VSC's for graduates of your just completed Boating Safety Class. Just before leaving home you receive a phone call from the coxswain you usually crew for during the OPS season, asking you to meet him at the same boat yard later in the day to inspect his 32 foot operational facility. You of course say "Sure, see you there!"

After completing the Vessel Safety Checks on your students boats, you drive into the boatyard where your coxswains vessel is blocked up and ready for a new coat of bottom paint.

Your friend is there doing spring maintenance on the boat, giving you his normal warm greeting, you climb aboard and begin the inspection.

Quickly you realize that much of the required safety equipment has not been placed back on board the vessel. You address the situation with your fellow member, asking where are the required items?

Your friend says "Hey you know me and this boat, you know I'd never be on the water without the required equipment, you know I have everything required and more. Go ahead and fill out the paper work, I guarantee that the boat will be right when it goes back into the water, trust me".

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The answer is elsewhere in this issue.



FLOTILLA JUNE CALENDAR

- Saturday June 18, 2016 . . . RIVERFEST – Tappahannock
- Monday June 20, 2016 . . . Flotilla Meeting, Snacks–Carroll Barrack, Alvin Lynn
- Thursday June 23, 2016 . . . Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary (1939)
- Saturday June 25, 2016 . . . ABS PE Class – Bella Pizza–Tappahannock
- Thursday June 30, 2016 . . . FSO-Reports and Calendar additions Due

APRIL 23rd LAUNCHED 3-10's BUSY PUBLIC EDUCATION SEASON

As anticipated, the July 1st end date for the Virginia Boating Education mandate had Joe's phone ringing off the hook almost daily. It quickly became apparent that the original location for the first class was not sufficient to meet the demand, so a larger location was found and the logistics of changing our initial announcements and registration info was quickly modified and put into place, thanks to the PA and PV folks.

The new location at the Stratford Harbour property owners club house would accommodate 45 students,



which was quickly filled and a waiting list established.

As sometimes happens, there were several "no shows" leaving a couple of empty seats. All in all, 38 students successfully completed the class and received their certificates and wallet cards.

Many thanks to all who supported the class effort, exams were quickly graded, documented and certificates presented, along with answering any questions about missed answers.



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

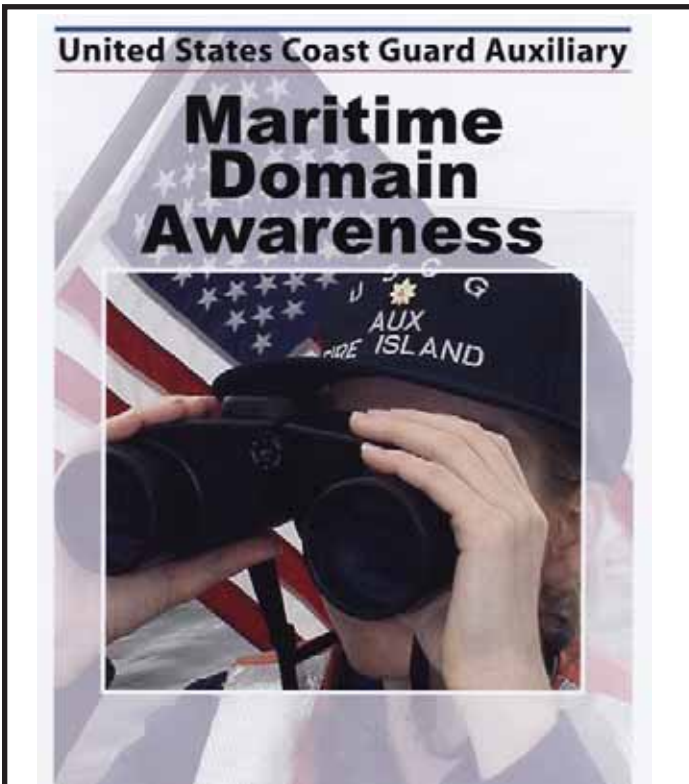


On Monday May 16th, we received a call from the consulting specialist reporting that Carole is not an appropriate candidate for surgery to remove the “mass” on her left lung. We will now explore other possible treatments that may promise positive results.

While we are not out of the woods by far, the thoughts and prayers, cards and well wishes of members have buoyed Carole's fighting spirit and determination. We both thank you.

I hope you will keep Carole in your thoughts and prayers.

Joe Riley



KEEP A VIGILANT WATCH



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Every year Vessel Examiners are confronted with this dilemma, with operational facilities that are out of the water needing annual inspection and all the equipment hasn't been placed back on board yet.

One of the most critical aspects of our VSC program is the integrity that our dedicated VE's must maintain. We can never accept a promise to fix something, or replace something at a later date. Not from the boating public in general or from our own members.

In this situation even though you are 100% sure that your friend and fellow member will have the vessel equipped well above the requirements when it is launched, you must decline to complete the operational facility inspection.

You would obviously arrange for a time to return to complete the check out. It doesn't matter if the vessel is in or out of the water.

Your friend should give you a higher level of personal respect for this action, and feel good that the integrity of the VSC program is at a high level.

AUXFAC AVAILABLE



Fully equipped Auxiliary Operational Facility is now available. Pass this information on to other members. If interested contact Julian Everly, Flotilla 3-10.



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK LETTER TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Every year we kick off the boating season with Safe Boating Week. This is the week we emphasize the importance of being safe when we are on the water. Many people enjoy playing on their boats and around the water but we must all stop for a minute and think about the hazards that exist. That water is not very forgiving when we make a mistake. We all realize that accidents happen but most of us also think that accident is going to happen to someone else. What can we do to ensure it is never us?

Boating statistics are very revealing. Virginia had 77 boating accidents in 2015 involving 90 boats, 37 injuries and 10 fatalities. The total cost was \$441,301. Maryland had 165 accidents, 88 injuries and 22 fatalities with a cost of \$952,349. Of the 32 fatalities **ONLY 5** were wearing life jackets. Alcohol was a factor in 31% of the deaths. The top causes of boating accidents in Virginia were inexperience followed by inattention. The top accidents were collisions with a fixed object and collisions with another vessel. Maryland made 65 arrests for OWI (Operating while intoxicated - a blood alcohol > .08) and issued 223 tickets for impaired operations (blood alcohol < .08). Their top violations were for insufficient life jackets (479), OWI (223), no registration (188) and operating a boat without a boating safety certificate (133). As you read those statistics one thing should jump out at you. It is simple. **YOU** control most of the outcomes. Your attention to details, surroundings and activities can help prevent the majority of these from occurring.

Boating Education is of the utmost importance and now being strongly enforced by Maryland and Virginia. Virginia will require that by July 1, 2016 anyone operating a boat with over a 10HP motor have proof of completion of an approved Boating Safety Course. Does that course help? **Yes! Statistics show that people who have taken the course are 4 times less likely to be involved in a boating accident.**



The easiest thing you can do to be safer on the water is to wear a life jacket. We all think we can swim better than we really can. The question is could you swim if you fell and were injured or hit your head as you went over. Life jackets are no longer the bulky items they once were. The new inflatable life jackets are comfortable and fashionable and they just may save your life.

Let's all make Safe Boating Week the week we change our habits on the water. Take that Boating Class, get yourself a good life jacket, don't drink alcohol and boat and be more aware of your actions on the water. Let's pledge to Boat Safer. Let's be safe so we can all enjoy the water for years to come.

To find out more about the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Course please contact Joe Riley at 804-472-4521 for information.

We also will provide a free vessel safety exam to ensure your boat is safe and ready to go. Please call Dave Brack at 804-472-3534. We are here to help your boating experiences be safer.

Ed Gray USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 3-10 Callao, Va.
www.flotilla3-10.org



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

FIRST AID REFRESHER



Following the April Flotilla business meeting, Julian Everly presented a review of First Aid splints, slings and different ways to restrain injured body parts prior to transporting a casualty. Gary Palsgrove (c) was the volunteer “patient” while Julian Everly (r) applied a restraining sling. Alvin Lynn (l) jumped in to help out.

FLASH BACK

from the District Publication **BLINKER** Fall 1988



Vice Commodore Clyde Hungerford (left) presents the Division XIV Edward C. Cox Award for outstanding Auxiliarist of the Year for 1987 to Julian Everly, IPFC 14-3. Mr. Everly was commended for his 14 years of active service to Division XIV.

Still contributing his time and talents, Julian Everly received both the Division 3 and Flotilla 3-10 Auxiliarist of the Year for 2015



Gary Palsgrove speaks to the membership at the May Flotilla meeting about the importance of recruiting. He spoke towards the methods he has had success with in the past and urges all to consider his strategies.

He presented a two page recruiting flyer and proposed that the flotilla underwrite the printing costs to allow for adequate distribution to the membership.

What is the Coast Guard Auxiliary?
The all-volunteer component of the US Coast Guard.
27,554 Members
2,110 Operational Vessels
178 aircraft
1,528 Communications Stations
185 Personal Watercraft Facilities

What We Do in a Year
Perform 298,750 Safety Patrol Hours
Volunteer 259,386 Hours in Direct Support of the Coast Guard
Perform 97,480 Public Affairs Hours
Teach 75,586 Hours of Public Education;
Teach 66,604 students in 2917 Classes
Conduct 110,960 Hours of Member Training

On an Average Day, the Coast Guard Auxiliary
Completes 70 Safety Patrols
Performs 34 Search and Rescue Missions
Performs 10.2 Vessel Assists
Assists 10 People
Saves one Life
Saves \$54,712 in Property
Educates 369 People about Boating Safety
Performs 299 Vessel Safety Checks

Flotilla 3-10—Serving Potomac and Rappahannock River Boaters
Visit www.Flotilla3-10.org

What Can YOU Do In The Auxiliary?

- Public Education:** Teach classes on boating techniques and safety offered on a scheduled basis throughout the year. Special classes are available to meet local needs including Youth Classes.
- Vessel Safety Checks:** Conduct free, confidential safety checks offered to recreational boaters on their boats, for their benefit. Results not reported to Coast Guard or local law enforcement.
- Safety Patrols:** Conduct patrols on navigable and local waters to promote safety awareness, assist boaters in distress, save lives and property and perform disaster relief operations.
- Regatta Patrols:** Assist sponsors of large marine events in crowd control and spectator safety.
- Aids to Navigation:** Inspect Federal and private aids to navigation for the Coast Guard.
- Marine Dealer Visits:** Establish/maintain partnership with Recreational Boating organizations—marine dealers and marinas and others with safety information, access to Coast Guard resources for recalls and consumer complaints.
- Basic and Advanced Coastal Navigation:** Attend or teach classes designed to educate boaters on the finer points of navigation over the water.

- Chart Updating:** Help the Coast Guard update local nautical charts.
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspections:** Inspect commercial fishing vessels for the Coast Guard to ensure fishermen meet inspection requirements.
- Boat Show Safety Booths:** Set up and staff boat show safety booths, answering questions from attendees, and handing out safety literature.
- Public Affairs:** Organize/Participate in parades; make public appearances and demonstrations; speak at local organizations, write articles and news releases an interview on public Radio.
- Nations Safe Boating Week:** Organize/Participate in week-long efforts to encourage safe boating throughout the boating season. Coast Guard, State and Local Assistance: Assist governmental agencies in activities such as watchstanders, communication stations and logistical help.
- Communications:** Set up and staff radios to provide or supplement communication networks using land and mobile facilities.
- Personnel services:** Spearhead/participate in Flotilla efforts to recruit and retain members.

Have a question? Give us a call
Gary Palsgrove 804-472-3370
Ed Gray 804-799-3497
Joe Riley 804-472-4521

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 3-10 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