

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

FLOTILLA 3-10

Callao, VA



Division 3 5th Southern

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***Boating
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**Advocate
Newsletter**

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BRIDGE TALK

Getting Credit for a Job Well Done

by Andris Baltins, FC

As volunteers of an organization, there are certain rules and guidelines we should follow to make that organization work for the reason intended. If there is no reason or goal of that organization, it will cease to exist.

These rules and regulations have evolved over the life of the organization in order to make it work to an acceptable level of the membership. Times do change and acceptable levels change as does the membership. To this end we as members can change these, under proper protocol. This is why we vote! One of the primary requirements of any organization is to keep record of what it has done and what it is doing. The Auxiliary has adopted a means to track the amount of time its members spend working, learning and performing to the

needs of the Auxiliary. This is done in order for the leaders of the Auxiliary to demonstrate its need and usefulness to the United States Coast Guard and the Congress of the United States of America. Based on this information The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary can and does receive funding and equipment in return for the service it performs for the benefit of the citizens and other indigent population.

It is for this reason that we are asked to submit the time we spend performing any task regardless of how minuscule to track our labors. This is to be submitted to our time keeper Jack O'Neil, FSO-IS on form 7029, monthly if possible, the last day



of the month. The form is easily accessible, and easy to use and save. If the internet is not available, reach out to a member that has access.

Last Month, January 2018, ten members submitted hours and fifteen did not submit any. I know that is wrong! I believe I saw every member, except for the snow birds, and those that are for other reason unavailable, at Auxiliary functions in January 2018. Please review the IS report for January to see where you fall! We may have missed twice the hours we did submit. That's 50 percent. Thanks for your anticipated co-operation.

Andris Baltins, FC

Change of Watch (COW)

by Linda Steele

COW

Due to inclement weather the COW did not happen at our December 2017 meeting. Our COW was carried out at our regular January 2018 meeting. Andris "Andy"



Baltins took over as flotilla commander and Gary Palsgrove

became the Vice Flotilla Commander.

FLOTILLA 3-10's AID VERIFIERS AND COXSWAINS MEET WITH ANT POTOMAC

All of Flotilla 3-10's Aid verifiers (AV) and Coxswains met with ANT Potomac Chief BM1 Thompson, and two of his team members 8 February. The team arrived at the dock adjacent to Charlie Thomas' home utilizing their station boat.

BM1 Thompson had requested the meeting so that he could share the new Coast Guard emphasis on Private Aids in District 5 SR. Acknowledging the failures of the past, he was quite refreshing and enthusiastic.

The ANT team was clearly prepared, and brought updated reports for all Private Aids that Flotilla 3-10 is responsible for in AOR 15 and part of AOR 16. The updated reports showed that the recent reports Charlie Thomas had turned in the previous week for East Cod Creek were already entered into iAtonis. The verifications needed for this year were clearly identifiable in the reports, albeit many were verified in the last several years but not entered into the database.

This is the first time anyone from ANT Potomac has done this kind of outreach, and was greatly appreciated by the AV's and Coxswains in attendance. It would be advantageous if Sector Hampton Roads could generate the same type of outreach and reports for the other flotillas in Division 3, which doesn't appear to have been done in the past.

BM1 Thompson mentioned that they could possibly do training for us; such as the PQS work we did here last year. There were questions about also assisting with the basic AV course for new members, and he thinks he may be able to, but was going to look into this.

As has happened on many occasions, Charlie extended his hospitality and all enjoyed a great lunch prior to BM1 Thompson and his team departing.

Charlie Thomas FSO-AV

2017 AWARDS FOR FLOTILLA 3-10

Six members of Flotilla 3-10 received the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award for performing 60 plus hours of Vessel Examinations and/ or program visits during 2017. Pictured below are Gary Palsgrove, and Joe Riley. Others not pictured are Sal Puglisi, Charlie Thomas, Phil Landry, and David Degrazia. by Linda Steele



OTHER FLOTILLA AWARDS 2017

David Degrazia and Ed Gray received Recreational Boating Safety Awards.

Phil Landry 10 year Auxiliary Membership Service Award

Erik Amato USCG Public Affairs Award
552 hours

Karen Whalen About Boating Safety Completion Certificate

Fred Woodward Aux Annual Service Performance Award in excess of 30 hours for Public Education

Flotilla Awards Division 3 Fifth Southern

Flotilla of the Year 2nd Place

Flotilla Award – Public Affairs

Flotilla Award – Vessel Exams

Flotilla Award – Program Visits

NAV RULES REMINDER

By Eric Amato

Here's a little reminder to all who travel on our waterways, to be vigilant when transiting near dredges.

During dredge operations, mariners should be aware that the dredge pipeline and workboats may be working within the channel. When you come upon a dredge you will see black shapes displayed

in the rigging. You are to pass the dredge on the side with the diamonds. The Black Balls are NO GO! Diamonds are your friend.

Excerpt from MTOA ListServ with permission



FLOTILLA 3-10 2018 CALENDAR

March

- 17 – Sector Maryland – NCR- Winter Workshop – Solomons Island, MD
- 19 - Flotilla meeting – Pot luck dinner ***1700 hrs*** Note***
- 30 – FSO Reports and Calendar additions due

April

- 1 – Winter Dress Uniform back in the closet- Now in Tropical Blue
- 2 – DGIF State Instructor Training at Lancaster Community Library - Kilmarnock
- 16 - Flotilla Meeting – Snacks, Tom Panther
- 20-22 S-Train Sector Hampton Roads @ Yorktown Training Center
- 20-21 – Public Affairs C School (San Diego)
- 30 – FSO Reports and Calendar additions due

May

- 19 - 25 National Boating Safety week
- 19 - Boating Safety Class, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Callao, VA
- 21 - Flotilla meeting – Snacks, Gary Palsgrove
- 30 – FSO Reports and Calendar additions due



National Boating Safety Week
19 - 25 May

Proposed 2018 Public Education
Schedule

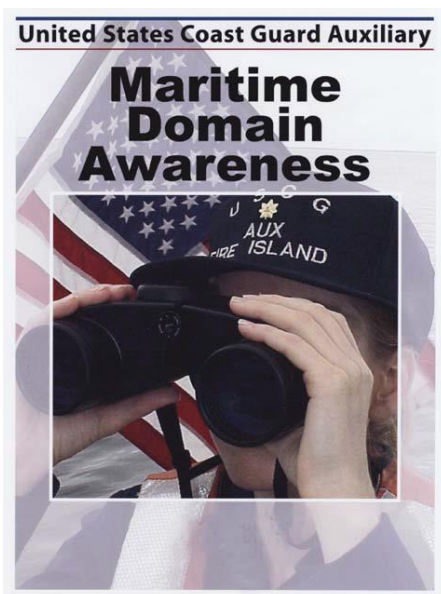
19 May 2018 - 0900 to 1600
Good Shepard Lutheran
Church, Callao, VA

23 June 2018 - 0900 to 1600
Moose Lodge, Tappahannock, VA

28 July 2018 - 0900 to 1600
Good Shepard Lutheran
Church, Callao, VA

Any Flotilla members interested in
taking part please contact:

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- Fifth Southern Flotilla 3-10
Elected and Appointed Officers 2018**
- Flotilla Commander Andris Baltins
 - Flotilla Vice Commander ... Gary I. Palsgrove
 - Communications Donald Chamberlain
 - Communications Services ..
 - 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
 - Public Education Fred Woodard
 - RBS Program Visitor Philip K. Landry
 - Secretary/Records Thomas Panther
 - Vessel Examinations David J. Brack
 - FSO At Large
 - Camaraderie Captain

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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, VA. Fellowship starts at 1600 with the meeting at 1630. New members or those interested in joining are welcomed to attend.

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

Linda Steele at
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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