

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

FLOTILLA 3-10

Callao, Virginia



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***Boating
Safety***

Bridge Talk

October/ November 18

As we approach our October meeting some thought must be given to our flotilla Bridge election which occurs at our November meeting. Our Division bridge elections just occurred this past Saturday, October 6, at 1000 hours. The results were easily predictable as only one person for each of two electable positions had signed up to run. There is really nothing wrong with that because each slot, Division Commander and Vice Commander, were filled by the same individuals as the previous year, Eric Perkins and Ed Gray. Our flotilla hosted the meeting at Nino's Pizza restaurant in Callao. It turned out to be a great meeting, excellent presentation by Tom Panther, good food, and fellowship. Charlie Thomas and Sal Puglisi were also in attendance as well as members from Flotilla's 33 and 12 for a total of 19 people. I realize that Saturday morning may not be a good time for a meeting with patrols and

other commitments we may have, however remember the members of our flotilla run the flotilla and your voice and vote do matter. Additionally, we are all volunteers and make a lot of sacrifices to fill the needs of the flotilla. But we need to honor our commitment. There are changes that can be made in the running of our flotilla as long as we stay within the standing rules. Monday for example, may not be the best day for our meetings. As most federal holidays fall on Mondays, many family members may be visiting as well as we may be out of town visiting them. The time of the meeting could be changed. Anything is possible but we have to hear from you and the best way to hear your proposal is to be at the meeting and participate! Honor your commitment. It takes more than paying your dues.

Respectfully, **Andris Baltins, FC**

A PIECE OF CG HISTORY



U.S. Coast Guardsmen pose with a captured Japanese flag Shortly after landing on Leyte Island on October 20, 1944

Submitted by Erik Amato FI 3-10 5SR

St. Clements Island State Park



On March 25, 1634, the first English settlers under the Baltimore proprietorship sailed to St. Clement's Island on the Ark and the Dove from Cowes on the Isle of Wight in England four months earlier. The date is commemorated annually as Maryland Day. The island was a convenient, temporary base of operations for the 150 settlers as they negotiated with the Yaocomico Native Americans for land for a permanent settlement. They named the island in honor of Pope Saint Clement I, patron saint of mariners. It was the site of the first Roman Catholic Mass

celebrated in the British-American colonies, said by Jesuit Father Andrew White. It is widely believed that the Mass took place on the day of the landing. The island measured "not above 400 acres" at the time of the settlers' landing, according to White's account of the journey.

Five years later, in 1639, the Surveyor General measured the island and found that it was about 80 acres. It formed part of St. Clement's Manor, which was granted by the Second Lord Baltimore to Dr. Thomas Gerard in 1639. Gerard subsequently became a major landholder and political figure in Maryland and Virginia. After the island became the

property of Gerard's daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Nehemiah Blackstone, it became known as Blackstone Island.

After the Blackstone family took ownership in 1669, the island remained in the family for 162 years. It was taken over by the US Navy in 1919, at which time a landing strip and piers were built while the island's buildings and trees were removed. In 1962, the property was designated as a state park when it was leased from the federal government and its name reverted to St. Clement's Island. The name change was made official by the Board of Geographic Names in 1965.

Today **St. Clement's Island State Park** is a publicly owned historic preservation and recreational area that encompasses **St. Clement's Island**, an uninhabited Potomac River island lying one-half mile southeast of Colton's Point, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The island's 40-foot stone cross was erected in 1934 in celebration of Maryland's 300th anniversary, recognizing the location as one of the foundation sites of religious toleration in the United States. A replica of the Blackstone Island Light was completed in 2008 through the efforts of the St. Clement's Hundred community organization. The original lighthouse occupied the island from 1851 until 1956 when it was destroyed by fire. It is the central feature of the **St. Clement's Island Historic District** that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The 62-acre park is accessible only by boat.

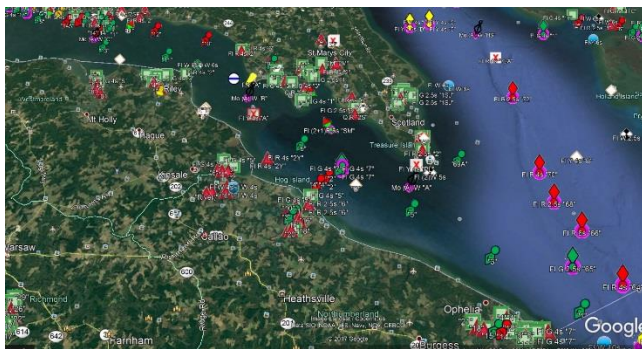
Boat tours to historic St. Clement's Island are offered on a weekend schedule. The 26-passenger vessel, *The Water Taxi II*, is fully insured and a certified tour boat by the U.S. Coast Guard. *The Water Taxi II* leaves the St. Clement's Island-Potomac River Museum beginning the first weekend in June and continuing every weekend through September 1st. Call ahead for an updated schedule for time of departure. Passengers are welcome to leave on the early boat and return on the last trip.



Submitted by Linda Steele, picture by Joe Riley

Flotilla 3-10 Aids to Navigation Program

Aids to Navigation, the so-called highway signs on the water, are managed by the United States Coast Guard. In our area the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Potomac located at Station St Ingoes, has jurisdiction over Federal and private aids. Traditionally, private aids are assigned to the Coast Guard Auxiliary to monitor on behalf of the ANT teams.



Flotilla 3-10's Staff Officer for Navigation Systems, Charles Thomas, oversees the program in our area of responsibility. Currently five members are certified as Aid Verifiers. Aid Verifiers in the Auxiliary have completed a Program Qualification Standard, a comprehensive set of knowledge and expertise concerning the proper marking and location of navigation aids, Federal and private. ANT Potomac has hundreds of aids, Federal and private, from the Patuxent River, down the Bay to Smith Point and up the Potomac River including its tributaries to Washington, DC. After a severe storm the Auxiliary is often tasked by the ANT Potomac to help examine many of the aids throughout the area. Another ANT Team has jurisdiction over the Rappahannock River. Over the

years, especially after severe storms, Flotilla 3-10 members have been tasked with examining aids to navigation on the Rappahannock River from below Tappahannock to beyond Port Royal.

In our area of responsibility there are some 120 private aids—typically at entrances to marinas and smaller tributaries of the Potomac River. Private aids are also used to show safe navigation routes farther upstream of the Federal Aids which primarily mark safe routes for commercial traffic. We have examined and reported each and every one of them with, as necessary pictures to indicate how some are “not up to par”—Discrepant.

A course of instruction leading to Aid Verifier status is being scheduled later this year as part of the Flotilla Member Training Program. This is being opened to members of Flotilla 33 as well.



Submitted by Joe Riley

Past member of Flotilla 3-10



On a recent trip into Harrisonburg I, happily, ran into Paul and Judy Kennedy, where we were both waiting for tires to be installed on our cars in Costco.

Paul is a past member of Flotilla 3-10 and was active in the Operations program as qualified crew.

Paul wanted me to pass on his “HELLO” to everyone, and remembers his time with the Flotilla fondly.

Submitted by Erik Amato FI 3-10 5SR

Division 3 Bridge Elections meeting



On Saturday, October 6th, Division 03 held its fourth quarter meeting in Callao, Va. hosted by Flotilla 3-10. Tom Panther handled the training with a presentation on the Incident Command System and how it would function if we had a plane crash in our

AOR. There were a lot of questions asked and this presentation may have set the stage for a ‘hands on’ practicum at a later meeting. The major part of the business meeting was the election of the Division Commander and Vice Division Commander. Eric

Perkins was reelected as Commander and Ed Gray was reelected as Vice. They will both serve in this capacity for 2019.

Submitted by Ed Gray

FLOTILLA 3-10 2018 CALENDAR

October

- 6 – Division Meeting (hosted by 3-10) Callao 10:30
- 15 – Flotilla 3-10 meeting (Canceled due to road closures)
- 30 - FSO Reports and Calendar additions due

November

- 5 – Fall State Instructor Workshops (Lancaster Library 7-9 PM)
- 19- Flotilla meeting – Flotilla Election – Snacks, Andy Baltins
- 30 - FSO Reports and Calendar additions due

December

- 1 – Division COW
- 7 – Flotilla COW Dinner
- 11 – Radio Drill 1730 hours
- 30 - FSO Reports Due

January 2019

- 21 - Flotilla meeting – Snacks,
- 31 - FSO Reports Due

February 2019

- 18 - Flotilla meeting – Snacks,
- 20-24 D-Train, Greensboro, NC

Flotilla 3-10 COW Dinner December 7
Cost \$35 pay Ollie Knight
Fellowship starts at 1700, dinner at 1800
Location: **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**,
1717 Hampton Hall Rd, Callao, VA
Dress to be decided at November meeting

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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 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
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 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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