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Members of Flotilla 84's New Bridge

At the Change of Watch dinner held on December 10, 2012, at the Elks Lodge in Charlottesville, members of the new Bridge of Flotilla 84 pose for this annual pre-holiday gathering. Left to right: Tom Campbell, Tom Shepherd, Bob Rorick, Robert Cardell, Robert Fryman, Angela Daniels, Jane Yager, Scott Berry (foreground), Frank D'Alessandro (background), Dwight Harrington, John Flood, Lynn Shpeherd, Jerome Ix, and Peter von Keyserling. Staff officers missing include Mary Maher, John King, Norman Riggins, Douglas Hensley, and Ed Hollowell. All photos thanks to Mandy Shepherd.



Tom Shepherd



Tom Campbell, Frank D'Alessandro



Division Commander (elect)
Dave Gruber.



Alan & Terry Bream, Jane Yager



Tom Shepherd, Robert Cardell



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Mickey Frece Laid to Rest at Sea | Bob Rorick

On September 20, 2012, former DCDR Mickey Frece was buried at sea by his long time fishing buddies. Former DCDR Bob Rorick and Jack Thompson (Flotilla 84), and Jim (Butch) Furniss of Flotilla 85, from aboard Bob's FAT CAT II, put Mickey's ashes into the ocean three miles out of Oregon Inlet, during their annual fishing trip to Duck, N.C.

Mickey (a member of the auxiliary for over 25 years), passed away on August 31, and had been planning on going on this particular fishing trip for over six months. Bob Rorick remembers, "We kept his wish and took him on this trip with us. With the help of members of CG Station Oregon Inlet, who escorted us out to the three-mile point, we also kept his long time wish to be buried at sea."

We know that now he has calm seas, with fair winds and a following sea. This former QE and Operations Officer will be sorely missed by many members of Division 8.

—Bob Rorick, FSO, Information Services



Andy Gibson

Mickey Frece



Following his wishes, Mickey Frece's ashes were released into the Atlantic Ocean three miles beyond Oregon Inlet on September 20, three weeks following his August 31st death, by fishing buddies Bob Rorick, Jack Thompson, and Butch Furniss.

Education Training: Key to Boating Safety

John King

FSO, Marine Safety & Environmental Protection

By now you have probably seen (or heard of) the boating video that's been making the rounds on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQpq1_pfIgk) depicting a near boat crash at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO, last summer. The video is a close-up of the occupants of the boat and little else, so you can't really see what's going on in the water around them. What is amazing about the video is the operator of the boat, who seems unfazed with what is occurring on the water and is pulling on the throttle as if he's driving around on land.

After seeing this video, I decided to do some investigating as to how something like this could have occurred. I found out the driver was traveling around 70 mph when he ran over the wake of passing boat, which caused his boat to pitch out of control. Googling "Lake of the Ozarks," I found out that there are 92 miles of lake that boaters can cruise through with NO speed limit during the day. In addition, the lake is at most 3/4 mile wide so that they have lots of problems with boats affected by other boats' wakes. Also, the lake is normally very crowded. Armed with this additional information, it is easy to see how the boat got into the situation it did. If the driver had known this (or the others in the boat), do you think this would have transpired? In the end, 7 boaters were injured, and 5 people ended up in the hospital, but outside of a few broken bones, no serious injuries were sustained.

In Virginia, we are blessed with somewhat smaller lakes, and we don't have the same types of conditions as those found in Missouri. However, our lakes present their own sets of problems. There were 3 drowning at Smith Mountain Lake in the month of September. In one case, 1 child drowned; in the other 2 men drowned when one jumped in trying to save the first man who was floundering in the water. In both cases, no one was wearing personal flotation devices (PFD). Again, after doing some research I found that 70% of all fatal boating accidents involved drowning, and of those cases 84% were not wearing PFDs. Do you think the people in the scenario above would still be alive if they (or their loved ones) were aware of those statistics?

Why do I bring these 2 disparate incidents up? Because when you do a little research and study the statistics you learn about lake conditions and how you should handle your boat. You understand the true hazards of being on the water and what types of equipment you need to enjoy yourself safely. In essence, understanding what the dangers are in advance is the biggest preventer of boating accidents on our waterways. It is said that the number one cause of boating accidents is the lack of education about boating and boating injury risks. Effective, enforceable education for boaters will go a long way toward reducing the number of injuries and fatalities on our waterways. Until we can fully educate the boating public we must remain vigilant for the conditions that cause accidents and fatalities on the waters we patrol. SEMPER PARATUS!

Boating Skills & Safety Class Starts Wednesday, February 13, 2013

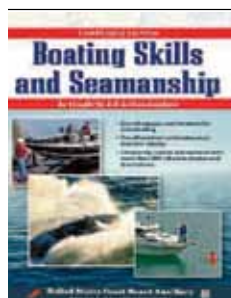


Start the New Year off Right: Improve Your

Boating Skills

Topics Include

- Which Boat Is For You?
- Equipment For Your Boat
 - Trailering Your Boat
 - Handling Your Boat
- Your "Highway" Signs
 - Nautical Road Rules
 - Inland Boating
 - Boating Safety
- Introduction To Navigation
 - Powering Your Boat
- Lines & Knots For Your Boat
 - Weather & Boating
 - Your Boat's Radio



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2013 Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

Class #5018. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the novice and experienced boater. The course consists of 8 core required two-hour lessons plus five elective lessons, providing up-to-date knowledge (equipment, weather, navigation, trailering, engines, radio and much more) for handling boats in all conditions.

The 2013 Boating Skills and Seamanship Course is presented by members of the **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 84 Charlottesville**.

Cost: \$35, includes book and workbook.

Date: Starts Wednesday, February 13, 2013
(8 consecutive Wednesdays)

Time: 7:00PM to 9:00 PM

Place: National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) at the University of Virginia, also called Stone Hall, located at 520 Edgemont Rd.
(Directions below)

Methods of Registration and Dates:

- 1) Online registration at www.opendoors1.org (payment by credit card) started on December 23, 2012
- 2) Registration by phone at (434) 975-9450 starts January 7, 2013
- 3) Registration and payment deadline is February 1, 2013.

Directions to NRAO: Go south on 29N and take a right onto Thomson Rd. (just past Memorial Gym). Go to the end of road and take a left onto Alderman Rd. Head south (towards Scott Stadium) to the traffic light and turn right onto Edgemont Rd. Go to the stop sign and take the right (still Edgemont Rd.). Go to the first road on the right and you will be in front of NRAO. If you go to Shelbourne Hall, you have gone too far. Auditorium is in front door and on the left. Students coming from the south should get off the bypass at 250 and turn at Alderman between the bank and St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Angela Daniels, FSO Public Affairs, designed this very nice poster (a reduced version pictured above) announcing Flotilla 84's upcoming BS&S course. Frank D'Alessandro, FSO Public Education, sent a PDF copy of this poster to all Flotilla members on December 28, 2012. Members are encouraged to make copies and post them in places for more exposure. The more exposure, the more likely more people will sign up. The course is also listed in the Albemarle County winter classes brochure and on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) website for those people looking for boating courses.

New Flotilla Website under Construction

Temporary address to the new flotilla website!
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-08-04>.

Once John places this site into full production, our current web address of www.a0540804.uscgaux.info or www.aux84.com will bring up the new site.

Please take some time to look at the site and give John Flood, FSO Communications Services, some feedback on what you would like to see! His email address is jjflood7111@gmail.com.

Coast Guard ATON Maintenance, Chesapeake Bay, Virginia



Late last summer Peter von Keyserling and Robert Cardell took a sailing trip with Alan Bream on the Breams' Hunter 42 Passage Sara V sailboat. They spent three days sailing around the Chesapeake Bay and came across the Gold side doing maintenance on the ATONs in the area (pictured in photo above). Robert reports that all of them "had a great cruise and lots of opportunity to practice our navigation skills learned over the past year as we found ourselves cruising to our anchorage spots each evening in total darkness."

Flotilla 84 is an active unit in the 5th District, Southern Region. Its members work with boaters on Lake Anna, Smith Mountain Lake, areas of the southern Chesapeake Bay, and Washington, D.C. We provide direct operational assistance to U.S. Coast Guard Stations Washington D.C. and Milford Haven (Matthews, VA). We conduct safety patrols, perform free vessel safety checks, and teach boating safety classes.

The Flotilla, chartered in 1974, currently has 36 members who serve at all levels of the organization from the flotilla to national staff. For more information, please visit our website:

www.aux84.com.



At Change of Watch dinner, Peter von Keyserling, FSO Member Education (center), enjoys dinner with his wife (left) and Jerome Ix, FSO Operations (right).

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