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FROM THE HELM



The lazy, humid, and hot days of summer are certainly upon us. Vacations and summer trips took a toll on our membership and canceled our July meeting. Obviously, all of us have other interests and hobbies, so this is always expected at this time of year.

The summer has not stopped the intent of our operations team. Fifteen patrols were scheduled between New Bern and Oriental. They managed to complete five. Seven were canceled due to weather with two still pending.

Although the hot summer has slowed the outdoor activities, we continue to plan for the upcoming months. August will provide us with our first joint flotilla meeting

with 20-02 at the Station Fort Macon. 11 August will restart our PE activities with a navigation course at Fairfield Harbor. Local Waters, Suddenly in Command and an ABS are planned for the fall.



Mike Ott, FC



Photo courtesy of TJ Bendicksen

We are also starting our planning for our major PA event in October, which is MUMFEST. Bob Manning has agreed to again champion the great public event. Please save some time to help out that weekend, 13 and 14 October.

Semper paratus

Always Ready, since 1939

Events and Dates

August

- 02 Flotilla Monthly Meeting at Station Fort Macon. Tour at 1730. Meeting at 1830.
- 11 Basic Navigation course – 0830 at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center
- 12 PFD swim for crew candidates at the New Bern YMCA starting at 1200.

September

- 06 Flotilla Monthly Meeting

August Meeting

The August meeting will be held at Station Fort Macon. It will be a joint meeting in conjunction with Flotilla 20-02. A station tour will begin at 1730 with the meeting scheduled for 1830. A pizza dinner will be available for a \$5.00 donation. RSVP to Mike Ott, Flotilla Commander.

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USCG AUXILIARY Flotilla 20-04

Minutes of the 07 June 2018 Regular Meeting

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1800 prior to the flotilla cook out.

Members present: T. Bendicksen, S. Bonforte, J. Cox, B. Cunniff, L. Deglandon, D. Fort, E. Gillespie, D. Jessup, M. Kent, K. King, B. Manning, G. Maravelas, B. McClard, K. Mielenhausen, B. Neilson, M. Ott, F. Pagano, J. Phillips, L. Robinson, M. West.

Guests present: Elaine Mielenhause, Daniel Boyette, Wendy Boyette, Maura Garritz, Sara Ott, Carol McClard, Jana Kent, Barbara West

A motion was made by Fort, seconded by Pagano to approve the May minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Pagano, seconded by Fort to approve May finance report. The motion passed.

FSO Updates

VE: One vessel examination is scheduled to be done today.

New Business

A staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 10 June, at Mike Ott's house.

New Business

A cake was presented to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Flotilla 20-04

The Blue side will be present with a boat at Bridgeton Blueberry Festival on 16 June. Members are encouraged to provide Auxiliary presence in tropical blue uniform.

Awards

BQ and VE certificates were presented to K. King.

The meeting adjourned at 1820.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kent, FSO-SR

FSO Reports for July

TJ Bendicksen, FSO-CS

Scheduled classes, activities and events have been posted to our flotilla Website calendar. An updated flotilla directory was added to the Members Only section of our flotilla website. The July *Channel Marker* newsletter was posted. Email and other communications were shared regarding updates.

Bill Neilson, FSO-CM

No activity to report for July.

Kip Williams, FSO-FN

Checkbook Balance as of 01 July 2018	\$6,555.75
<u>Deposits</u>	
None	<u>0.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 0.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
William Flynn – OPFAC Insurance	\$ 360.00
USCGAUX Div. 20 – BS&S Course Books	395.23
USCGAUX Div. 20 – Prorated Dues	<u>35.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 790.23
Checkbook Balance as of 31 July 2018	\$ 5765.52

Bud McClard, FSO-HR

No activity to report for July.

Mark West, FSO-IS

During the month of June members of Flotilla 20-04 contributed 748.3 hours of service to the Coast Guard.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Marine Patrols	90.60	168.60
Coast Guard Administrative Support	14.40	0.00
Coast Guard Operation Support	63.00	62.00
Recreational Boating Safety	504.00	573.00
Member Training	0.00	29.50
Search and Rescue	23.50	0.00
Marine Dealer Visits	8.00	4.00
Public Affairs	9.30	50.00
Public Education	18.50	2.00
Vessel Safety Check	<u>17.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>
	871.80	905.10

William Flynn, FSO-MA

All requested orders for supplies have been processed and received.





FSO Reports for July (con'd)

Ralph Azersky, FSO-NS

No activity to report.

Fil Pagano, FSO-OP

There were 13 patrols scheduled in the month through 26 July. However, due to inclement weather only seven of those patrols were completed with five cancellations. Two more patrols are scheduled for 26 July through 31 July, weather permitting. Training missions are progressing, though they have been limited due to weather conditions such as storms and extreme heat. The facility is running within acceptable limits to date. We will be acquiring a new GPS Chart Plotter as well as an aerial (A) banner for air-ops. The boat crew program is on target for putting Karl Mielenhausen up for coxswain QE testing. One patrol

was done on 3 July in conjunction with Operation Drywater.

David Fort, FSO-PE

A Basic Navigation class, consisting of chapters 5, 6 and 9 of the BS&S course book, is scheduled for 11 August.

Ed Gillespie, FSO-PV

Forty-two dealer visits had been conducted through 23 July.

Kip Williams, FSO-VE

Vessel examiners are reminded to submit their completed 7038 forms to Mark West, FSO-IS, for processing.

Two Boat Patrol with Station Hobucken

On Tuesday, 17 July, members of Flotilla 20-04, led by coxswains Fil Pagano and David Fort with Don Jessup and TJ Bendicksen as trainees, conducted two boat training exercises with Coast Guard small boat 24507 from Station Hobucken. Towing evolutions and man overboard drills were among the training exercises performed during the patrol.



(Photo courtesy of Station Hobucken)



(Photos courtesy of TJ Bendicksen)





U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 20-04 - New Bern

BASICS OF NAVIGATION!



How to read a chart, understanding Aids to Navigation, and more....

- When:** Saturday, August 11 • 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Where:** Fairfield Harbour Community Center at the Tri-Community Firehouse, 859 Broad Creek Road, New Bern, NC
- Cost:** \$35.00 (additional household members \$5.00); includes the *Boating Skills and Seamanship Manual*, an excellent reference for new boaters

Basics of Navigation — a hands-on class taught by certified USCG Auxiliary Instructors — will introduce you to chart reading, chart plotting, Aids to Navigation and the Rules of the Road. This full-day, information-packed session gives the new (and not-so-new) boater the skills to: 1) know where you are; and 2) chart where you want to go. You also will learn about the various types of Aids to Navigation that guide you on the water. You may bring your own plotting tools and charts (NOAA chart 11552) or we will supply them for class purposes.

Registrants also may bring their trailered boats to the parking lot for a *free vessel inspection*.

For more information and to register for this class, e-mail David Fort at dbfort@gmail.com or leave a message with name/contact info at 252 672-1653.

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