

Pamlico Watch

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Flotilla 20-06, 5th Southern Region, Washington, NC



From the HELM

Shipmates,

Summer has blasted by. I hope you had a great time with your family and friends and continue to do so.

This month I would like to highlight the concept of "Floating Your Boat."

I don't want to talk about your boat on the water, but doing what YOU believe "Floats YOUR Boat."

Point one—The Auxiliary has a number of things that you can do—Not just be crew. Members are in the Food Service/Culinary Arts program, some are on division and national staff as editors, photographers, graphic designers, instructors and program members and managers for the Auxiliary, to name a VERY FEW. Looking for what "Floats YOUR boat" takes a little effort on your part to look for and ask about things that interest you. Chances are there is something you can become interested in and hopefully passionate about.

Point two—Sometimes you have to do some self-bailing to make your boat float. There is nothing wrong with changing your mind or level of involvement in one area so you can focus on something else. It is, in my opinion, therapeutic to do new things and not get bogged down with things that do not "float YOUR boat." Change is good.

Point three—Avoid having only one thing "Float YOUR Boat." Certainly have your family and friends be one of the major factors that keep your boat afloat. Church, other volunteer work, music, arts are but a few of others.

The Auxiliary can be one of the things available to you that can "Float YOUR boat." Look for what does pique your interest, don't be concerned about sampling some of the many things available. The auxiliary can be one of the things you do that makes you feel good and "Floats YOUR boat."

Andy

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Upcoming Events

October

26 Station Hobucken's celebration of USCG Day.

September

11 Flotilla Meeting—Frank's Pizza 1900

October

2 Flotilla Meeting—Frank's Pizza 1900

November

6 Flotilla Meeting—Frank's Pizza 1900

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Visitors

FC/VFC/IPFC Announcements

MT section

FSO Addenda & questions

Old Business

New Business

Member Comments

Adjourn



I WANT YOU!
FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD
AND COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Bring a friend to a meeting

August Flotilla Meeting/Picnic



Minutes: (to be approved at next meeting)—Susan Lindberg—5 August 2017—Quorum present. John (Andy) Anderson called the meeting to order at 1735 and led the Pledge of Allegiance—Moment of silence.

Welcome Guests: Tony Weichel, Ken Grande, Lynne Anderson, Marie Benson, Karen Midgett, Lorrie Reed, Elaine McClure.

FC/VFC Comments: Andy Anderson reminded members that we need DCDR and VCDR candidates—must file letter of intent. Don Lindberg gave flotilla statistics. We also need candidates for FC and VFC.

Awards: Facility service awards for Andy Anderson, Don Lindberg, and Butch Yert.

FSO Report additions

PB: Don Lindberg ascertained that all members had read the minutes in the July newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes as published in last month's newsletter—seconded and approved.

IS: Ben Reed reminded members to submit their 7029s.

MT: On-water crew/coxswain training on 15 & 17 AUG. Meet at 0900 at Pamlico Plantation. Two facilities (Don's & Butch's).

Old Business: None.

New Business: Andy Anderson reminded members of D-Train. The election screening committee will consist of Sue Lindberg, Holly Marchisello, and Ben Reed.

Other Member Comments: BSA camp needs VSCs done. Al Powell thanked the flotilla for the support we gave for the PAL summer programs.

Adjourn time: 1755

Report Your Hours

It is essential for the good of the Auxiliary and for the good of the USCG as well, for all members to report their hours and missions. Only half of our members file their 7029s regularly. Aside from the flotilla records and the addition to the USCG budget that those hours represent, the mileage as recorded in the Annual Member Letter is usually deductible on income tax. Please file your 7029s regularly—everyone benefits.

September is Dues Month

Please remember to bring your check for \$45 to the September meeting (11 SEP) at Frank's Pizza. The break-up of the money: \$10 for the flotilla, \$24 for National, \$6 for District 5SR, \$5 for Division 20. Note: [AUP members and interns pay \\$35 because the flotilla waives our part of the dues for these members.](#)



Flotilla 20-06 Operations



On 12 August, Flotilla 20-06 supplied support to a marine event (Shred the Gnar—a wakeboard contest) in Bath Creek from 0930 to 1315. Although the weather cooperated, Don Lindberg's facility, *Turncoat 3*, developed propulsion problems on its way to Bath and had to return to her slip. Andy Anderson then received oral orders from Station Hobucken and with his facility, *Hi Priority*, and Don Lindberg and Dale Benson as crew, completed the mission. The event was well-managed with PWCs to recover downed wakeboarders and no time wasted between trials. With divisions from novice to pro, the wakeboarding talents of the competitors were astounding.

Flotilla Elections

Our flotilla elections are held in November. Members wishing to run for elected office must file a letter of intent no later than September and be vetted by the election committee. All terms are for one year. The FC may serve two consecutive terms. The VFC does not have that restriction.

As a general rule, the first job of any elected or appointed officer is to begin training a replacement. A flotilla has major problems if a long-standing FSO retires or gives up the position suddenly with no one competent to fill that position. Consider which positions you are most interested in, and if you are not currently an elected or appointed officer, work with the current officer to learn the duties of that position so that you may fill that slot when it becomes vacant.

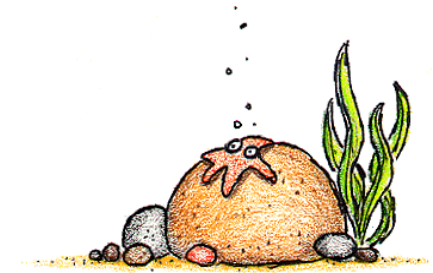


Photographers wanted: Bring a camera to all flotilla activities. SHOW is always better—clearer and more concise—than TELL. Help capture the history of your flotilla by photographing all our missions and submitting articles and photos to editor Don Lindberg at dlindberg1@embarqmail.com.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 National Aviation Day
20	21 Senior Citizens Day	22	23	24	25	26 Station Hobucken's celebration of USCG Day. Women's Equality Day
27	28	29	30	31	September 1	2
3	4 FSO reports due to FSO-SR and VFC Meeting Postponed Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 National Grandparents Day	11 Flotilla Meeting—Frank's Pizza 1900 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	16