



## 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Region - Division 26, Flotilla 07

**"TO SAVE ONE LIFE"**

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ALBEMARLE, N.C. — Members from Flotilla 054-26-07 held their Change of Watch on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event was held at The Lodge on Hatley Farm.



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SERVICE to NATION ★ DUTY to PEOPLE ★ COMMITMENT to EXCELLENCE

This is Who We Are, What Matters Most to Us, and How We Serve

S e m p e r P a r a t u s



Flotilla Commander (Top Pettigrew) and Vice Flotilla Commander (Mike Mize) are sworn in by Brad Simpson (IPFC)



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Newly elected Flotilla Commander Top Pettigrew swears in the 2025 staff officers.



### 2025 staff.

- FSO-CM Communications – Michael Parks
- FSO-AS AUX Scouts – Don Murray
- FSO-CS Communication Services – Chris Parrish
- FSO-FN Finance – Mike Bales
- FSO-HR Human Resources – Top Pettigrew
- FSO-IS Information Services – Brad Simpson
- FSO-MA Materials – Tom Earnhardt
- FSO-MS Marine Safety – Jim Monroe
- FSO-MT Member Training – Mike Mize
- FSO-NS Navigation Systems – Don Murray
- FSO-OP Operations – Tom Earnhardt
- FSO-PA Public Affairs – Michael Parks
- FSO-PA Publications – Brad Simpson
- FSO-PE Public Education – Chris Parrish
- FSO-CR Secretary of Records – Brad Simpson







Flotilla Staff Officers for 2025 are sworn in by Flotilla Commander Top Pettigrew



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Tom Earnhardt awarded  
1st Place On the Water Missions



Joanna Hersey awarded  
Fast Start Award



Tim Nall awarded  
Top Gun Award



Michael Parks awarded  
Auxiliarist of the Year





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# CENTRAL CAROLINA BOAT SHOW & FISHING EXPO



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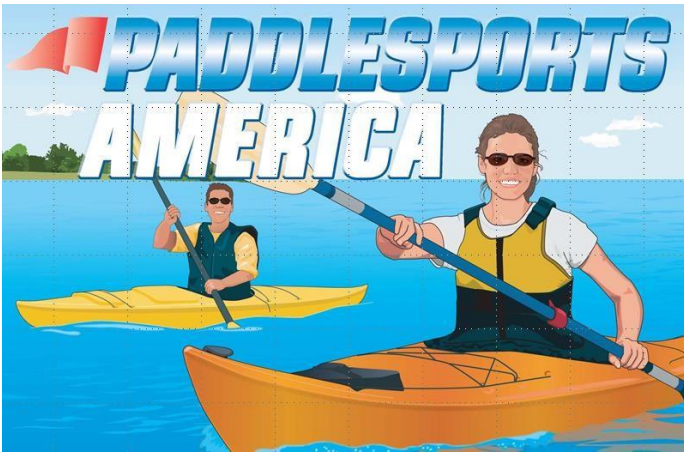




# Featured Safe Boating Class

## Paddle Sports America

### Course Overview



Canoeists and kayakers are boaters also. Now, there is a course available to address the unique needs of this audience. Paddlesports America is an exciting safety course designed to attract the novice paddle enthusiasts. This four-hour course presents five chapters of safety information.

Topics include:

- Know Your Paddlecraft - parts of a canoe and kayak; understanding paddlecraft characteristics such as basic types, hull shapes hull materials, lengths and widths and weights; selecting your paddle for both canoe and kayak.
- Before You Get Underway - knowing your paddlecraft's capacity and how to file a float plan; transporting your paddlecraft; conducting a pre-departure check; dressing for a safe trip; loading gear in a canoe or kayak; storing paddle craft; the responsibilities when paddling with others.
- Operating Your Boat Safely - how to enter and exit a canoe or kayak safely; securing the paddlecraft and sharing the waterways with others; the U. S. Aids to Navigation System (ATONS); learning about local hazards on waterways.
- The Legal Requirements of Boating - vessel registration, hull identification numbers and who may operate a paddlecraft; unlawful operation of paddlecraft; Homeland Security restrictions; policies on alcohol and drugs. Life jackets; navigation lights; sound-producing devices and visual distress signals; protection of environment and what to do in a boating accident. State specific information may be added at the end of this chapter.
- Boating emergencies... What to Do - minimizing the risk of drowning, capsizing, swamping or falling overboard; emergency techniques; how to deal with cold water immersion and hypothermia; understanding heat related illness; dehydration; handling weather emergencies.



# Boating Safety Education

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating courses provide instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. Our classes are taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard.

For further information about upcoming courses near you, please visit our Public Education Zip Code Course Finder!

[http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class\\_finder/index.php](http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php)

## Overview

The National Public Education Calendar Database provides a single, unified national database that holds and displays all public education courses taught by our various flotillas nationwide. In addition, a Zip Code search permits members of the general public to enter a Zip Code of interest, and find all public education courses being taught within a selected distance from that Zip Code.

To find a class near your home, office, boat, weekend home, or other convenient location, please enter the appropriate Zip Code, select "Distance In Miles" appropriate to your travel goals, and press the SUBMIT button.

Courses meeting your criteria are returned. Identify the course of interest and click on "Flyer" for detailed information. You may also reach a contact person via the email address and/or telephone number shown.

## 2025 National Safe Boating Week

May 17 - May 23, 2025

The North American Safe Boating Campaign (Wear It!) educates the recreational boating public by promoting the importance of life jacket wear at all times while boating.



National Safe Boating Council

Safer Boating Through Education, Outreach and Training



Semper Paratus  
"Always Ready"





# Crossing the Bar

Timothy 'Tim' Ray Nall



Tim was born June 17, 1957, in Moore County, a son to Gurney R. and Joyce Miller Nall. As a resident of this area all his life, he was owner/operator of A&M Crane Service, where his motto was "Tim Nall, One Call Does It All". He worked hard and was always devoted to his family, friends, and clients.

Tim held dual

membership at both Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Trinity and Chandlers Grove United Methodist Church in New London. He was a dependable, good Christian and whos big heart, unconditional love, and smile that lit up a room was evident to all. He loved having fun and especially loved when everyone else was having fun. Tim was a Master Mason with the Masonic Lodge Thomasville #214, an Oasis Shriner, past President of the High Point Shrine Club, a member of The Royal Order of Jesters, a member of the Quetzalcoatl #99, and past Camaxti, and also a longtime member of High Point Crime Stoppers. He used his extensive social connections to constantly serve his fellow man. Tim never missed an opportunity to disciple and spread Gods message with everyone he knew. He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Miller Nall; and his son, Seth Nall.

Surviving is fiance, Kim Curry of Trinity; his daughter, Anamarie Nall (Tom Ervin) of Colorado; son, Donny Mabe (Vickie) of Thomasville; father, Gurney Ray Nall of High Point; sister, Lori Graham (Cecil) of Archdale; brother, Terry Nall (Robin Dillard) of Archdale, half-sister Misty Nall of High Point; six grandchildren, Sutton Marie Ervin, Alexander Ervin, Seth Carter Ervin, Austen Mabe and Kailee Thomas(Ethan), and Bryson Curry; two great grandchildren, Dawson and Riley Mabe; a niece, Emily Feezor (Sam); and nephew, Wesley Graham (Eileen). Tim was a loving and caring dad, fiance and pawpaw. He loved nothing more than knowing he was going to Denver to visit his grandkids. Kim, the love of his life, will always carry a piece of him in her heart. The love they shared was very special and she passionately loved Tim with every ounce of her soul.

## Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the  
bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems  
asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of  
farewell,  
When I embark;  
For though from out our bourne of  
Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

