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(Left to Right), Jim Farley, Kim Hillhouse (event organizer), Ira Smith (Little River Marina), Larry Cook
Flotilla 2-2 Receives \$ 500.00 Donation from Honu Stand UP Paddle High Country Outfitters, and Little River
Marina Toona Challenger at Little River Marina on August 29, 2013
(Photo by: *Donna Saunders*)

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The next Flotilla 22 Meeting is Saturday, Sept 21, 2013 starting at 1000 AM at Roberts School



HOT ITEM: Dues Time is HERE once again and Members are asked to remit their dues so that they are in hand by Monday, 30 September 2013. Your check for dues should be made out to 'U.S.C.G. AUX. – FLOTILLA 22' and given to or mailed to **SUSAN CUMMINGS, FSO-FN, 22 D7, 2835 PINE MOUNTAIN CIRCLE N.W., KENNESAW, GEORGIA 30152.** This is a reminder, as an E-Mail was sent to all Members the first of the month.

Let's keep **Jack Ball** and **Don Servais** in our thoughts and prayers. **Don** seems to be progressing in his recovery, but it takes a while to regain one's strength. Meanwhile, **Jack** is receiving good news, according to his website and my telephone call to him last evening. First, **Jack** is now officially finished with the clinical trial/research study he has been participating in. While he had the final testing for that, he also was "checked out" and found to be fine. The best news is that he saw his original oncologist this week and they did a battery of blood work and found that his "m spike" is a big fat zero! That means that he is in remission!! On the upcoming back surgery, he finally has all the needed surgical clearances so they are praying that when the doc is back in his office on the 23rd, they can get **Jack's** surgery scheduled for the near future. Since he is not having a fusion done they may be able to work him in on a Friday. He needs relief from the pain and needs to be able to walk upright again - even just to walk further than only several feet!

Incidentally, years ago, perhaps back in the Dark Ages, **Jack Ball** was Flotilla Commander and **Don Servais** was Vice Flotilla Commander. **Jack** recently retired from the Auxiliary and says that he will be able to attend the October Flotilla Meeting, at which time we are planning a Retirement Ceremony and the presentation of his Retirement Certificate. **Don** says that he will be able to attend and we will have a Service Anniversary Award Certificate (a big number) to present to him. Also, **Ted Kirk**, who retired from the Auxiliary earlier this year, we are hoping, will be able to attend the October Flotilla Meeting to be presented with his Retirement Certificate.

It still sort of amazes me that the Auxiliary keeps up with the Retired Auxiliarists (a Member can retire with 15 or more years of service) and keeps information on them in AUXDATA. Flotilla 22 now has four Retirees, **Jack Ball**, **Pat Fox**, **Gene Funderburk**, and **Ted Kirk**, and I am getting indications we will two more Members joining them in 2014. While Retired Auxiliarists can no longer participate as Auxiliarists, they are welcome to attend Meetings and Social Functions and receive the Auxiliary publications. They can even wear their old uniforms (if they still fit) to our formal occasions. We keep our Retired Members on our E-Mailing List for the Allatoona Log and for our Social Functions.

Are you happy with what you are doing in the Auxiliary? Do you want to continue doing what you are doing or do you want to 'change your career field'? Now is the time to start thinking about this and your desires should be made known to me now or to whomever is elected Flotilla Commander for the calendar year 2014. If you are interested in moving up to a FSO position, let's talk about your desires and qualifications. If you are a FSO and want to start being active in another area, let me know. If you are a FSO and are just tired, let me know that also. If you know someone that you think would make a good whatever, pass that on to me too. If elected to the position of Flotilla Commander for 2014, I have some changes in mind for FSO positions that I will be implementing. I am open to suggestions from and desires of the Members.

I will be presenting for vote to the Flotilla at the September Flotilla Meeting a change in the Standing Rules to have dues payable in the month of September for the following year. This will provide a more reasonable schedule for collecting dues and processing requested and required dis-enrollments in time to meet the schedule of DIRAUX. This was discussed in detail at the August Flotilla Meeting.

And don't forget, the October Flotilla Meeting, scheduled for 19 October, 2013, is the meeting when we hold the election of officers (Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander) for the coming year. Hats are in the ring for **Jim Farley** for Flotilla Commander (Incumbent) and **Ron Argo** for Vice Flotilla Commander. Anyone else interested in running for these positions may do so by being present and having someone nominate them from the floor at the October Meeting.

While vacation time for most has passed, and with the Fall Equinox occurring Sunday, September 22, 4:44 P.M. EDT, there is still time for some Fall and Winter vacations. The Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) has good accommodations available, often with 7-night stays at \$299 or \$349. These are timeshare units that are made available to members of the Armed Forces and as Auxiliarists, we are eligible. Go to www.AFVClub.com or call 1-800-724-9988.

Hours...We need Hours...We need lots and lots of Hours. We need to get our time reports thru 28 September to our FSO-IS, Donna Saunders, by early Sunday, 29 September, so that she can input them into AUXDATA and they will then be available for DCDR Nan Ellen Fuller to pull down on reports for the Division 2 Meeting on Saturday, 5 October, and for the District Dashboard. This is the last of the quarterly reports and we want to look good in the Division Reports. We will have a cutoff in December for the last of our 2013 time reporting.

It seems like only yesterday that the AUXMAN (Auxiliary Manual) was updated. And then an E-Mail came out with changes and the AUXMAN was annotated with the changes. And just now, more changes have been made. It is said that the updated AuXMAN will be online in mid-October. In the meantime, if you are looking something up, be sure to check the just released E-Mail ALCOAST message that went to all Members.

Survey Results: We recently sent out a survey by E-Mail, with 18 out of about 60 Members or 30 percent submitting answers. The possible answers below ranged from (1) Very Poor to (5) Average to (10) Very Good. Comments shown are summarized.

I am valued and appreciated in my Auxiliary work? (5) 2, (7) 3, (8) 3, (9) 3, (10) 6, Total Respondents 17, Average Rating 8.3 Comments: None.

I receive the right amount of information and training that I need from Flotilla 22 to meet my goals in the Auxiliary? (4) 1, (5) 1, (6) 2, (7) 2, (8) 5, (9) 2, (10) 5, Total Respondents 18, Average Rating 7.9 Comments: Continuing Education should be made more simple. Courses should not be up to Active Duty USCG standards. I need individual training in operating/handling my boat singlehandedly, e.g., docking.

I am happy with communications I receive from Flotilla 22? (5) 2, (6) 1, (7) 2, (8) 3, (9) 4, (10) 6, Total Respondents 18, Average Rating 8.33 Comments: Perhaps we need a 'What's Happening Next Week' issued each Friday, covering the following Monday thru Sunday; it would serve as a mind-jogger.

I am effectively utilized within the Flotilla? (4) 2, (5) 1, (7) 1, (8) 6, (9) 2, (10) 6, Total Respondents 18, Average Rating 8.1 Comments: None.

The possible answers below ranged from (1) Never to (5) Sometimes to (10) Always.

I would encourage others to become volunteers of the Coast Guard Auxiliary? (5) 1, (7) 1, (8) 2, (9) 3, (10) 11, Total Respondents 18, Average Rating 9.2 Comments: I would like the USCG Auxiliary to do more USO type activities, maybe greet returning service members at ATL airport, send phone call cards to Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard soldiers, send gifts, food, etc, to sponsored units or vessels. As long as the individual is interested in actively participating and can offer something to the Auxiliary.

I wish the 8-hour training courses were scheduled... Thursday 1, Friday 2, Saturday 12, Sunday 2, Spread across 2 days during one weekend 2, Spread across multiple weekends on a Saturday 4, Total Respondents 18. Comments: I wish they were on-line. One day is sufficient; otherwise the CGA takes time away from family and other events. I would prefer not to have to choose. I am working a non-standard schedule.

I don't attend Flotilla 22 Meetings because... Personal commitments, plus travel and distance. Mainly because of the time, was able to make afternoon meetings. I live too far away. Working or traveling on meeting dates. When family activities are planned, I do not attend. Have higher priority items on Saturdays. Working non-standard schedule.

I don't attend Flotilla 22 Social Functions because... I don't have a \$500.00 dress uniform, I don't have \$30.00 for the event, and I don't have \$30.00 to go to northern Cartersville. Personal commitments plus travel and distance. Mainly conflicts with work or other functions. My Wife and I have other persons/groups we meet with for social outing and sometimes there are conflicts, also, my Wife and I normally look at the cost involved and tend to stay away from the more expensive functions. Work non-standard schedule.

I don't attend Flotilla 22 pre-meeting training because... I have to drive my wife to work at that time. Personal commitments plus travel and distance. My required training for what I do is provided by the Gold Side. I am working or traveling for work on the date scheduled for training. I like this...if I devote the day to CGA coming a few hours earlier only makes good sense, when there are conflicts I may miss CGA. I don't pre-qualify for many of the classes. Usually not prevalent. I am working a non-standard schedule.

I wish Flotilla 22 would... Do more USO type activities to say thank you to the Army, Navy, Air force, and Coast Guard members... Consider changing the meeting time... become more creative. I am satisfied with Flotilla 22 just the way it is. Continue combining training with meetings – just make it a day, have socials on a Friday night occasionally. Have more active members, we could better serve our goals of providing more education and services both on and off the water. Offer individual boat handling instruction for new boaters or old boaters trying to handle new boats singlehandedly. I enjoy being part of the Flotilla.

That is the result of the survey. A lot of opinions are expressed and we need to look at them all. A few appear not to be in line with what is allowed by the Coast Guard, as defined in our AUXMAN, but these will be reviewed. Your elected Leaders and Staff will be going over these ideas as we work toward our planning for next year. I thank all of you who took the time to provide input to the survey.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and all of you at the Flotilla Meeting, Saturday, 21 September 2013, starting at 1000, at the Roberts School Community and Education Center, 4681 School Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

Jim Farley, FC



Flotilla Vice Commander – Larry Cook



Just because Labor Day has come and gone, and cooler temperatures are on the horizon, that doesn't mean the boating season is over. We still have many more weeks of good boating ahead of us, which means we, the Flotilla, will be on and around the water doing Safety Patrols, conducting Crew and Coxswain Training, doing Vessel Safety Checks, and educating boaters on how to be safe on the water. If you are Crew, Coxswain, Instructor, VE or PV qualified and do not have the hours needed to keep you from going REYR, then now is the time to get moving, before it is too late. Reach out to your FSO for VE, PV, PE and Operations, to get yourself scheduled for an event. If you don't yet have these qualifications and want to get started, again, reach out to your FSO and they will see that you get the necessary training material to get started.

Interested in doing something other than what I mentioned above? How about volunteering for one of the Staff positions? It will soon be time to elect our Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander for 2014, and they will be looking for members to serve as Staff Members. What better way to serve your Flotilla and the Auxiliary, than to serve as a staff member.

Luis Cribeiro and I participated in a "meet and greet" session at Kennesaw State University, in association with Auxiliary University Program he is leading. I got to meet three of the four candidates and was very impressed with their enthusiasm for the program. I see this Program as a huge source of potential new members for our Flotilla. Once Luis gets this program fully up and running, he is going to need your help. Reach out to Luis and let him know you are here to support his efforts with this Program.

Reading back over this Article, it seems like all I am doing is asking you to volunteer. But in reality, isn't that what being a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is all about..... volunteering your time in support of the Auxiliaries goals of making your Community a better educated and safer place to boat.

Larry Cook, FSO-VFC





September is normally our last month of the year for routine Patrols and therefore for Radio Watchstanding. We have Patrols scheduled for Sunday, 22 September 2013 and Saturday, 28 September 2013, which is the date of the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup. We have Radio Watchstanding scheduled to support both of these Patrols. The weather is getting cooler and the lake is dropping in both depth and temperature, so we probably will not have much activity in October, especially late in the month.

Don Servais has qualified as Telecommunications Operator (TCO) and has applied and been approved to have an Auxiliary VHF Radio Station in his home. As soon as the paperwork arrives, we plan to resubmit for authorization for **Don** to be active on the Auxiliary HF Radio Nets. **Al Miles** also is approved and active on the HF nets and this will give Flotilla 22 the only HF Net operators in Division 2 and we will have two. The big criteria for obtaining such authorization are to be a TCO (or have completed AUXCOM prior to 1 August 2008), and have completed ICS-100 and ICS-700, and be current in Team Coordination Training (TCT), both the 8-Hour (now 4-Hour) course and the annual 1-Hour Workshops.

If you are interested in becoming a TCO, but are a little leary of what will be required as far as training goes, let me know. We can arrange to have training sessions at the Operations Center to go over the knowledge and skills and complete the signoffs in the manual, and then the 'OJT (on-job-training)' during a few patrols to complete the qualifications. However, other prerequisites that have to be completed are ICS-100 and ICS-700, and be current in Team Coordination Training (TCT), both the 8-Hour (now 4-Hour) course and the annual 1-Hour Workshops.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and all of you at the Flotilla Meeting, Saturday, 21 September 2013, starting at 1000, at the Roberts School Community and Education Center, 4681 School Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

Jim Farley, FSO-CM



Finance – Susan Cummings



Susan Cummings, FSO-FN

This is just a reminder to send me your receipts for payment. If you have received a payment from me and have not cashed it, please do so now. Also, dues for 2014 are due this month, September.

Communication Services – Arthur Silbert

The website had 66 visitors in the month of August. This is about the average for this time of the year. The trend of visitors coming to our site as the result of searching for boating accidents has dropped off significantly, with only two visitors arriving via that search term. Most of our visitors appear to have been flotilla members or repeat visitors to the site.

There is not much new to report this month regarding the site content. I will pause our Google advertising campaign October 1st. This year has allowed me to develop a budget estimate for future advertising campaigns and I will be submitting that as part of the flotilla budgeting process for 2014.

As always, please send me suggestions, corrections and content ideas. Also forward along any photographs you would like to see posted on the site. Have you visited our website lately? Be sure to check it out at: <http://a0700202.wow.uscgaux.info>.

Arthur Silbert, FSO-CS



Human Resources – Larry Cook



August was a busy month for recruiting, and September is shaping up to be just as busy. I have twelve Enrollment Packages in various stages of the process, and four more from the E-responder List, that I am waiting for a return phone call, to see if they are interested in joining our Flotilla. We also added 2 new members this month, **John Prater Sr.** and **John Prater Jr. (JJ)**, which some of you met at the August meeting and Low Country Boil. If you did not get a chance to meet **John and JJ**, then make it a point to introduce yourself at the September meeting. I also have two Enrollment Packages from two of the four students from the University Program to finish processing.

As I have done in the past, I want to remind you that recruiting is your responsibility. Each member should be actively recruiting for the Auxiliary. Talk to your friends and co-workers about joining the Auxiliary.

Larry Cook, FSO-HR

Information Systems – Donna Saunders



As painful as it is, I have to admit to being human.

This statement: *On July 5 we had 8,761 99 hours. As of August 5 we have 11,910, that's a LOT of hours but it was erroneous.* I had mistyped one entry that should have been 11 to 2000. It inflated our count by 1989 hours. I apologize for misleading everyone, and have learned a valuable lesson; **there can never be enough checking and review.**

What I can now report is that we have 10,621 99 hours. The good news is we have 22.7% of the membership of the Division, but are reporting 40.6% of the overall (all codes) hours. That's VERY GOOD performance!

We have 63 members and only 40 (63%) have recorded hours for 2013.

Remember, I can accept past unreported activity at any time. If you haven't reported your time, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Here's the link to the Electronic Forms site: <http://forms.cgaux.org/email.php>
If you need help with any of the forms, give me a call and I'll walk you through it.

As always, I'll have the list at the meeting for anyone to fill in the hours, for the day or any amount not previously reported (99 codes).

I'm available by email: katyd0@bellsouth.net, or phone 770-591-9022, for any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to hearing from the 'missing' 23 members.

Donna Saunders, FSO-IS

Materials - Hank Bozich



The Seventh District USCGAUX Materials Center (store) is now open. Their contact information is as follows:

7th DISTRICT MATERIAL CENTER

D7 Material Center

P.O. box 1029

Port Richey, Fl. 34673

Web site: <http://d7materials.org/>

Uniform Distribution Center: www.uscg.mil/uniforms/

Email; d7materialcenter@verizon.net

Phone: 727-535-2593

Hours: Monday & Thursday 1000 - 1800 hours.



Remember, before anyone orders from the Seventh District Store, please check with me to see if I have it in stock. Also, you can e-mail me and I will e-mail a list of the items our store has on hand. If anyone has any questions, you can e-mail me or call me.

We DO NOT endorse any particular vendor for uniform items. We recommend the Seventh District Store, but you may need to go to an outside vendor to buy material. If you need sew-on insignia or nametapes, use your favorite search engine to find a vendor, or visit one of these websites:

<http://www.uscg.mil/uniforms/>

<http://www.bentneedle.net/>

<http://www.uniformnametape.com/> (Phone 1-800-237-0011)

<http://www.1800nametape.com/>

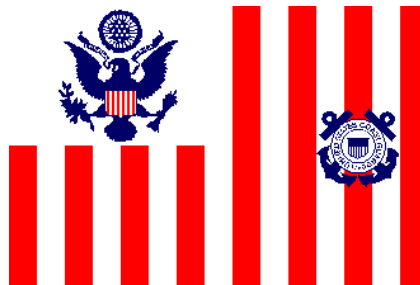
<http://catalog.lighthouseuniform.com/coastguard/>

<http://stores.homestead.com/ShopAuxiliary/Categories.bok?category=Uniforms+%28All+Items%29>

There are some other vendors that do not have web sites. For their phone numbers, link to:

http://www.meiere.com/CGfiles/Uniform_Web/Name_Tape.html.

Hank Bozich, FSO-MA





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Lynn Smith, FSO-NS

Member Training – Jim Farley



We have had a new Coxswain and a new Boat Crew Member, who is preparing to qualify as Coxswain, added to our rolls this summer. Now, with the Summer coming to an end and the cooler weather of Fall approaching, it is time to think about whether **YOU** are interested in qualifying as Boat Crew or Coxswain. The coming fall and spring are the time to get busy with the on-shore training and sign-offs necessary prior to meeting the Qualification Examiner (QE). We also need additional facilities (boats).

This is also a good time for those interested to become involved in training for Telecommunication Operator (TCO). TCO trainees will be practicing radio communications while the Patrols are on the water, but prior to that there is required off-radio training from the TCO/PQS (TeleCommunications Operator/Personal Qualification Standard) which is done in both a classroom setting and in a one-on-one setting.

If you are one of those individuals who want to do it all, I suggest that you concentrate on the Boat Crew/Coxswain training and then go for the TCO training.

And there is training that you can accomplish yourself, on the computer. Coxswain, Boat Crew, and TCO all require ICS-100 and ICS-700, along with the TCT Course and annual Workshop. Coxswains also require ICS-200, ICS-800 and ICS-210 or ICS-300. So, there is something one can do during the dreary winter evenings besides play couch potato in front of the television. If you have not completed the AUXLMS (Auxiliary Learning Management System) courses, available on-line, then now is the time to begin working a little computer time for these courses into your daily schedule. Remember, the AUXLMS courses are **REQUIRED** for all Members and the ICS courses are mandatory prerequisites for many of our Auxiliary activities.

Let's try to get some of these courses completed, because we will again start our Workshops prior to our Flotilla Meetings after the first of the year.

If you have any questions regarding these courses, contact me (jimfarley@att.net) or (H) 770-436-6824.

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Jim Farley, FSO-MT

Public Affairs – Luis Cribeiro



Our PA functions are still going strong. We have several activities on the way like: A Safety Information Booth at Costco Sept 17th and the Lake Allatoona Clean Up Safety Booth on Sept 28th. Also, through the effort of Ron Argo we have been able to publish several articles in the local media as well as in our internal District 7th publication Breeze. I would like to remind everyone that we still need volunteers for the booth on Sept 28th. Thank You for your cooperation.

Luis E Cribeiro, FSO-PA



I would like to thank everyone for all the pictures I have received this past month. I know in the past we have had many different activities supporting boating safety and not receiving documentation for publication. It is good to see that you are now taking your cameras and cell phones with you and documenting our Flotilla activities. Thank You

Please be on the lookout for any articles and pictures you might come across and always take a camera/cell phone with you on all your outings. Always remember to provide: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and who took the picture.

Bob Miller, FSO-PB

Communication Up Date

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: OFFICE OF AUXILIARY AND BOATING SAFETY (CG-BSX) RELOCATION -12/13

1. The Coast Guard Headquarters Prevention Policy Directorate (CG-5P) will relocate from the Coast Guard Headquarters Transpoint Building to the new Coast Guard Headquarters complex on the St. Elizabeths campus this weekend, September 6-8, 2013. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX) will be secured during this entire period, including its capacity for office telephone and email transactions.

2. Upon completion of this transfer, office telephone and email contact information will remain the same for CG-BSX personnel. The following new address must be used for mail bound to the CG-BSX office:

Commandant (CG-BSX)
ATTN: Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety
U.S. Coast Guard STOP 7501
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Washington DC 20593-7501

3. Please bear in mind that all mail (including express mail) bound for the CG-BSX office will still undergo routing and screening through the Department of Homeland Security's Consolidated Remote Delivery Site (CRDS).

This process normally adds about 2-4 days to normal delivery times.

3. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc.

All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

4. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.

5. CG-BSX-1 sends



We have had two successful patrols since the last meeting. However, we had three scheduled. The third one had to be canceled because of administrative failure, mine. Just as Team Coordination Training shows us; you should never assume, or stop asking questions. I may have been able to avoid the whole fiasco if I had asked one or two more questions. My apologies to all involved.



On a much happier note, **Susan Cummings is OFF REYR!** and is now looking forward to getting her final 12 underway hours logged.

I can also report that we now have four new members who are interested in becoming Boat Crew Qualified. Thank You! They have been added to the Flotilla 22 Operations distribution list and will receive all future transmittals. If you no longer want to receive these communications or if anyone would like to be included, please let me know.

New member, there is a good bit of the Boat Crew Program Sign-Off work that only needs to be done "on shore". We will be working with you to set up Member Training sessions over the winter months. This will help you all get your bearings before we have to get to the underway portion of the Boat crew Program. No, this does not preclude you from participation underway before the on shore work is completed.

For the remainder of the month of September we have Patrols planned to two (2) start at 1400 at the OPCEN Sundays 15 and 22 Sep. and one to start at 0700 at the OPCEN Saturday 28 Sep. (Lake Allatoona Clean up)

The on the water Patrol Uniform for the remainder of the September Patrols will be the 7th District Hot Weather (T shirt, Shorts, Approved Ball cap or Tilley) unless otherwise notified. Communications watch standers uniforms will be Tropical Blue or ODU.

As has been the case most of the last few years or so we continue to have a shortage of qualified Coxswains. Therefore, we have had to establish a priority system for accepting Crew and Trainees. Priorities are as follows:

1. Coxswains (This is simple - no coxswain, no patrol)
2. Coxswain or crew who has yet to meet their 12 hrs. minimum. This only comes in to play the last few months of the boating season.
3. Coxswain Trainees Coxswain trainees are by definition Qualified Crew
4. Qualified Crew
5. Crew Trainees

Happy boating,

Ross Kist, FSO-OP



Program Visitor – Luis Cribeiro



The summer is almost gone and so is our supply of GA Law and Regulations Booklets. We need to replenish the safety pamphlets at the local displays and we don't have the GA Law and Regulations to distribute. We have a variety of others safety and informational booklets at the Operation Center. If you don't find what you need let us know and we will get them for you.

Reminder: We need your visitation reports and time. Please contact **Donna Saunders** if you have a problem reporting. Let us not wait until the last month of the year. Always Report early and frequent.

Luis E Cribeiro, FSO-PV

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection – Richard Henderson



The Marine Safety and Environmental Protection report will be given at the flotilla meeting.



Richard Henderson, FSO-MS

Diversity Advisor – Kim Cotter



Apologize---still out of town on deployment.

I have nothing to report for Diversity Advisor at this time. Hopefully I will be back for next month meeting.

Kim Cotter, FSO-DV



Boating is a great adventure on any type of boat and is being enjoyed by many on a daily basis, but with that comes a great responsibility. Although it is not mandatory to take a boating course in some states, there are some very good reasons to get yourself informed about the rules of the road.



- 1) You will learn about safety equipment and what you are required to have on your boat before you undertake any boating excursion. This is very important because what you don't have with you could make the difference between being able to handle a situation or not. Also, that outing for the day could cost you if the authorities stop you for a spot check of your boat and fine you for not having all the safety equipment required for your specific boat.
- 2) You will learn that driving a boat is vastly different from driving a car. You are dealing with air and water currents. If you have never docked a boat you may think that it is easy, until that is, the current is pulling you in the opposite direction that you want to go. Understanding air and water currents and tides will help you learn how to dock your boat.
- 3) Knowing how to work with lines and tying knots is part of boating. You have to be able to secure a boat properly. If your boat gets away, it is amazing how quickly the current or tide will take it out of your reach and you will probably require the assistance of another boater to help you get to it. So learn your knots.
- 4) You will learn what the channel markers mean. Knowing what the markers and lights mean can keep you from going aground in a shallow channel or running in to another boat because you were in the wrong lane.
- 5) There are speed limits on certain water ways but unlike the roads, they may or may not be posted. Ignorance may not be enough to get you out of a ticket.
- 6) Using charts for coastal navigation can be a life saver. It's your road map that helps you stay away from the shallows and shows where all the markers and bridges are, and by using measurements you can calculate the distance and time it will take to get somewhere. It can be valuable tool for navigation.
- 7) Just like on the roads, you sometimes have to give way to the other guy. In a boating course you will learn who does that and why.
- 8) Every boat should have a horn. You may hear one long toot or 2 short toot and so on, and you'll learn what they mean.
- 9) There are boating regulations and laws that must be followed by all boaters, for example, in many jurisdictions you are not allowed to sit on the bow of the boat with your feet hanging over board. There are many more regulations to learn and not knowing them can cost you.
- 10) Anchoring a boat is not just a matter of plopping a big chunk of iron down to the sand. There is a mathematical technique applied to anchoring that has to do with the size and length of your boat. Knowing

how to do this correctly will give you that extra insurance of knowing your boat is going nowhere until you want to move it.

There are different ways to enjoy pleasure boating such as the fast pace of ski boating or the slow pace of a trawler, kayaking or canoeing. In whatever way you want to do it, it is a good idea to know the rules of the road. Then you can avoid potential situations and get on with the fun of being out there with all that sky, sun, water, family and friends.

Jonathan J. Dawe, Ph.D., FSO-PE

Secretary/Record – Karl Scheele



The minutes from the last meeting are included in this newsletter. The remainder of this month's report will be given at this month's flotilla meeting.

Karl Scheele, FSO-SR



Vessel Examiner – Paul Grenier



We have made it through Labor Day and boating is winding down for this season. Don't pass up the chance to return to marinas and pick up a few extra safety examinations. Make sure to send your reports to **Donna Saunders**. If it doesn't get reported, it didn't happen!

In your enthusiasm to examine more boats, don't lose track of the items on the checklist. Check all navigation lights and be sure to check registration numbers on both sides of the hull.

Thanks for another great job!

Paul Grenier, FSO-VE

Captain of the Port – Jim Farley



The Operations Center remains available for training sessions and meetings. It is a good place to gather for Patrols and to critique Patrols afterward. Remember, you have access to the Weather Radar, courtesy of TV Channel 11-2, to see if any storms are approaching. And hopefully soon we can commence with Crew on-shore classroom training sessions. And if you are looking to meet with your fellow Auxiliary Members, this is a good location.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and all of you at the Flotilla Meeting, Saturday, 21 September 2013, starting at 1000, at the Roberts School Community and Education Center, 4681 School Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

Jim Farley, COPT



Auxiliary University Program (AUP)

The program is going steady. we have already four, possibly five, prospective students on the way to enrollment. We successfully conducted our first meeting at the University in order to review our objective and planned for the future. We are still in need of a sponsor. Hopefully, we will have one in the near future so we can proceed with the request for authorization to form the unit to the USCG-AUP Directorate.

Luis E Cribeiro AUP-SO

Social Committee Report

The Low Country Boil that was held after the Membership Meeting on August 17th and was an enormous hit. The one and only Loren Emery or as he is better known Chef Loren prepared a wonderful Low County Boil. The Social Committee and the Entire Flotilla wants to think Chef Loren for his service.

And despite the cold wet Saturday, everyone had a grand time eating and socializing.

The September B.Y.O.M (Bring Your Own Money) event is planned for 27th of November at the Pacific Buffet at 2475 Chastain Meadows Pkwy Marietta, GA 30066. We will start gathering at 6:00 p.m.

We have a room reserved, and the cost is \$9.99 per person. They have everything from Sushi to Steak.... So hopefully everyone will be able to find something they enjoy.

October's Social event is shaping up to involve Chili So stayed tuned for further details.

As always, the Social Committee is looking for ideas and locations for our events, so if you have something or someplace you would like to share with your Ship Mates, please email ronargo.uscgaux@outlook.com

Pacific Buffet



Special Report

August 29th- Lake Allatoona –Flotilla 22, received a donation of \$500.00 from Honu Stand Up Paddle, High Country Outfitters, and Little River Marina for their support of the Little River Toona Challenge.

Flotilla 22 provided a safety patrol during the Little River Toona Challenge. The event, a Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) race, drew the top southeast SUP racers and their families to Little River Marina on Sunday, August 4th. The Patrol ensured that the event was safe as possible for the racers and boaters.

Event organizer **Kim Hillhouse** of Honu Stand Up Paddle praised Flotilla 22 for their support. “I can't thank you enough for coming out and ensuring the safety of all the paddleboarders at the Little River Toona Challenge SUP Race and Festival”, she said. “We had rough wind conditions and later, boat traffic. Knowing that you were out there, looking after the racers, put my mind at ease and allowed me to concentrate on the land-based activities.”

Flotilla 22 Commander **Jim Farley** added, “With Honu teaching people to paddleboard, **Bubba Sloan** and High country outfitters providing state of the art paddleboards, plus Little River Marina ensuring that they have a safe area in which to race, the Coast Guard Auxiliary was free to focus on our primary mission: Recreational Boating Safety.”

The \$500 donation will help support recreational boating safety and outreach.



From left to right, Flotilla 22 Commander Jim Farley, Kim Hillhouse of (Honu Stand Up Paddle), Ira Smith (Little River Marina), Flotilla 22 Vice Commander, Larry Cook
(Photo by: *Auxiliarist Donna Saunders*)



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Schedule of Events

September, 2013

14 ABS Roberts School 8 AM- 6 PM
 21 Flotilla meeting Roberts School 10 AM – 12 PM
 17 Costco RBS Safety Info Booth 10 AM – 3 PM
 28 Lake Allatoona Clean Up 9:30 AM – 2 PM

October, 2013

5 Div 2 Meeting 10am FL 29 - Lake Lanier, GA
 12 ABS Roberts School 8 AM- 6 PM
 19 Flotilla meeting Roberts School (Election Meeting) 10am- 12pm

November, 2013

9 ABS Roberts School 8 AM- 6 PM
 16 Flotilla meeting Roberts School 10 AM – 12 PM

December, 2013

7 Marietta Santa Day Parade - TBA
 21 Wreaths Across America - TBA

Lake Allatoona Elevation

(Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <<http://water.sam.usace.army.mil/allafc.htm>>)

Current Lake Level/Elevation for Lake Allatoona, Georgia

Updated On:	Sept. 17, 2013	24 our Change:	- 0.07 feet
Current Lake Level:	840.00 MSL	Full Pool:	839.93 ft. MSL

(Lake Level Alert <http://lakelevelalert.com>)



Flotilla 2-2 Activities



(L-R) Hank Bozich, Skip Yost, and Jerry Sullivan conducting vessel safety checks at the Blockhouse on August 24, 2013 (Photo by: *Bob Miller*)

Flotilla 22 Meeting August 17, 2013 Low Country Boil at Allatoona Landing Marina Dock (Photo by: *Bob Miller*)







Auxiliary Policy Changes – 13/13

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: AUXILIARY POLICY CHANGES -13/13

1. Since the issuance of changes to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1G, approximately one year ago (ALAUX 019/12), many other Auxiliary policies described in the Manual have been reviewed for appropriate updates. The attached PDF file

(<http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/AUXMAN-CHANGE-SUMMARY-09SEP13.pdf>) contains new chapter-by-chapter, section-by-section descriptions of changes to the Manual that are effective immediately. The file's first three pages provide a snapshot summary of the sections of the Manual that have been changed. These changes center around updates to Auxiliary administrative and training processes. A brief summary of highlights follows:

A - Numerous sections throughout the Manual - The term "Employee ID Number (EMPLID)" no longer applies to Auxiliarists. The appropriate term is now "Member ID Number."

B - Section 2.B.2. - The "Auxiliary Chef (AUXCHEF)" program has been renamed the "Auxiliary Food Service (AUXFS)" program. Qualified Auxiliarists are referred to as Auxiliary Food Service Specialists (AUXFS).

C - Section 3.D.2.c. - Auxiliary ID card issuance reverts to prior policy in which they shall only be issued upon receipt of a Favorable Personnel Security Investigation (PSI). The membership pledge and certificate may still be issued prior to such receipt, preferably at an appropriate ceremonial opportunity.

D - Section 4.A.9. - Flotilla voting policy has been modified to authorize the Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), with District Commodore concurrence, to waive the minimum 25% quorum threshold. DIRAUX may waive this threshold down to a minimum of 15%, and must specify its effective duration. Such waiver is not

expected to be in perpetuity as a flotilla in receipt of waiver is expected to make all due effort to achieve the 25% threshold.

E - Section 4.E.9. - Policies regarding the conduct of unit meetings using electronic/telephonic means have been significantly broadened. They formalize guidelines that have been issued during the past couple of years.

F - Section 5.J.10. - Policies regarding the use of service animals have been developed.

G - Section 5.N.1. - Policies regarding Auxiliary unit financial reporting have been revised. The most significant aspect is the requirement for unit financial reports to be received by the cognizant DIRAUX through regionally prescribed routing by March 1 each year.

H - Section 8.B.11. - TCT Facilitator policies recently issued in ALAUX 10/13 have been memorialized.

I - Section 8.C.1. - The AUXOP program has been significantly broadened by inclusion of 29 acceptable National Incident Management System (NIMS)-compliant Type 3 ICS courses. These courses count as two credits for successful completion of all required elements (i.e., the in-class course, the corresponding PQS, and the associated oral board - all as applicable).

Tasks for them have been created in AUXDATA (all assigned to the Non-mandatory ICS Tasks competency). Their acceptability is immediate, but their integration into AUXDATA's AUXOP calculation is not expected earlier than January 1, 2014.

J - Section 8.E.2. - The Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) is now operational and can be used to complete all Auxiliary mandated training courses. Accordingly, enrolled Auxiliarists have until December 31, 2016 to complete this battery of courses. Newly enrolling Auxiliarists must complete this battery within the first year of membership as defined in the provisions.

K - Section 10.A.7. - Wearing of the Auxiliary member device on collars and hats reverts to prior policy in which such wear is required when an Auxiliarist works as crew on a Coast Guard vessel. The requirement for such wear no longer applies when working as crew on other Coast Guard units.

L - Numerous sections throughout Chapter 10 - Many other uniform policy changes have been made in accordance with recent changes to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 series (ref: ALCGPSC message 048/13 of April 19, 2013). This includes memorialization of the Auxiliary Health Care Services insignia and restoration of authority to wear the Service Dress Blue Alpha uniform.

2. The Auxiliary Manual posted on the Chief Director's (CG-BSX-1) web site (<http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/default.asp>) is being annotated to reflect these changes. That effort will be completed and available for use no later than October 18, 2013.

3. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc.

All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

4. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.

5. CG-BSX-1 sends

Feature Article

(Source: http://www.boatus.com/gov/fed/fed_archives/fed_sequestration.asp)

Federal Boating News

Sequestration, Boater Impacts still Possible

February 13, 2013

Over the last two years, there have been several budget crises in Washington, each averted by passing a Continuing Resolution that allows the government to keep operating for a set period of time. During the last major budget impasse, Congress and the White House agreed to the Deficit Reduction Act in August of 2011. It called for establishing a “Supercommittee” in Congress charged with cutting at least \$1.2 trillion in spending. If it could not reach consensus, across-the-board cuts would be set in motion, called sequestration.

In October of 2011, that Supercommittee, a bi-partisan group of 12 Senators and Congressmen, failed to agree on a plan and the clock started to wind down toward sequestration. Then, in late December 2012 Congress and the White House passed another Continuing Resolution, only delaying sequestration and the negative impact that it could have for boaters. As things stand now, if all parties do not agree on a budget by March 1, 2013, it will trigger \$110 billion of across-the-board cuts including sequestering – or withholding - \$43 million in Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) dollars.

That trust fund derives about \$650 million annually from sales and excise taxes boaters and anglers pay on boat fuel and fishing equipment, and while a “user-pay, user-benefit” type of fund is rarely placed on the chopping block, we have been apprised that this time it will be affected.

At this point a portion of your federal boating dollars, \$9 million in boating safety funds plus about \$34 million for fisheries conservation, will be frozen until a budget agreement is reached.

The trust fund itself will continue to accumulate revenue but the money will not be available until the House and Senate can agree on a budget and the President approves it.

BoatU.S. Government Affairs staff continues to monitor this issue to protect these important boater dollars, so please stay tuned to www.boatus.com/govaffairs for sequestration updates

Minutes of the August 17, 2013 Flotilla Meeting

Dept. of Homeland Security U.S. COAST GUARD CG-8017 (Rev. 04-09)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING			
UNIT NO.		UNIT NAME (in all caps)		Meeting BY - AA	
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UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT (Use office title and last name only)					
FC CM MT COPT J Farley, VFC HR L Cook, CH-SO R Argo, MA H Bozich, PA PV CH-AUX L Cribeiro, FN S Cummings, LAYDR L Emery, OP R Kist, PS R Miller, IS D Saunders, SRL K Scheele					
GUESTS PRESENT					
Wanda Acevedo (FLTZF), Juan C Soto (FTLZB), John M Prater Sr, John "JJ" Prater Jr					
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MATTERS WORTHY OF NOTE					
<p>Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM. VFC Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance. Former and now renewing AUX Member John M Prater Sr and his son John "JJ" Prater Jr. introduced themselves as guests, and guests Juan C Soto and Wanda Acevedo are transferring to us as members from another flotilla. FC J Farley wants officers for next year. Minutes voted and approved. AUX Members were reminded to turn off the AC in the DPS Center, the monthly electric bill was high. Cook and Farley mentioned ICS Courses. MA H Bozich mentid the supply of Boating Safety brochures and an upcoming VE Blitz. Farley reminded AUX members to take the required ICS courses. OP R Kist mented upcoming patrols on the following day. PV L Cribeiro will do merchant violations and has distributed 2,000 Georgia Boating booklets. PS R Miller also mentid a marina visit. Farley and Cribeiro spoke about the AUX Univ Program and that we do not currently have an adviser or sponsor and that we need to find one. New Members have to get fingerprinted, usually at the Cobb County Government Center. CH-SO R Argo mented upcoming BYOM restaurant events and the change of Command in Dec. OLD BUSINESS Farley did a recap of the nomination process and details on the screening committee. Argo wants to be VFC next year. Deregulation packets went out in July, three came back with dues payments. Cook mented that we were asked to come back next year for the paddleboard event at Lake Arrowhead. NEW BUSINESS Farley congratulated new Boat Crew members and Vessel Examiners. Dues should be paid by end of Sep. Cook suggested a new method to make the Boating Safety courses more affordable by replacing the paper books with disk files, and how other flotillas have done this. Cribeiro suggested Safe Boating Courses at public libraries and colleges. Farley reminded members to go to Miller with Calendar requests and questions, and he mentid a USCG notice on changes in rulemaking, such as PFD type codes and AUX Date changes. Meeting adjourned 11:40 AM.</p>					
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED					
Farley reminded Members to take the required ICS courses.					
REMARKS (include special events, dates, place, amount, personnel, etc.)					
<p>Cribeiro listed details on upcoming PA events at Colton: Lake Allatoona Clean Up, Patrols on the lake. Argo mented upcoming Bring Your Own Money restaurant events and invited members to attend. Farley mentid that the Elbowt Boat Club is interested in taking Boating Safety Courses. J Sullivan is now BQ qualified. Members present J Alexander, R Argo, E Ashton, H Bozich, L Cook, L Cribeiro, S Cummings, L Emery, J Farley, S Gineberg, R Kist, R Miller, D Saunders, K Scheele, J Sullivan, J Sweeney</p>					
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING (Date, Time, Date, and Location)					
09-21-13 Roberta School, Acworth, 1000 Hours					
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT			
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