



The Inlet News



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Happy New Year 2013

Congratulations to our 2013 Officers

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USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 58 2013 Calendar of Meetings & Education Programs

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Monthly Meeting
Staff Meeting
VE Blitz
Special Event
Public Education



FLOTILLA 58 - Looking Back at 2012

January Our first meeting of the year was devoted to organizational and administrative duties. In addition to swearing in the 2012 Flotilla 58 Staff Officers, we approved our budget, addressed the revised Standing Rules and posted our working calendar. We also had a training presentation by Division 5 Information Officer, Hal Harger and Bill Boluk, FSO-IS. As a result of a generous donation from a deceased member, we established the Rose Fund.

February The hard work has started. We conducted a work party over several days. We removed four pickup truck loads of disposable materials from the storeroom and the attic at the Flotilla Building. Special thanks to Tony Elvas, Tom Butler, Gene Costa, Terry Barth and Joe Walsh.

March Our March meeting featured a traditional Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We had over fifty guests attend including members from the Vero Beach Flotilla. Two members passed their QE exams; Mary Taylor and Frans Eyberse.

April On April 17th, we celebrated our 70th Anniversary at the Fort Pierce Coast Guard Station in a joint ceremony with Flotilla 59. Afterwards, we adjourned to the Pelican Yacht Club for a Flotilla 58 Luncheon and Celebration.

May Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce conducted an Open House in May in connection with National Safe Boating Week. The local Flotillas joined Flotilla 58 in operating informational tables during the Open House. A life jacket event was conducted, a helo/swimmer event thrilled the crowd and a dunk tank was a fun break on a hot day. RM1 Raymundo Santillian served as the Master of Ceremonies for the estimated 2,000 people who attended the Open House.

June Our vessel training program was in high gear. We conducted one of our most interesting training events. During the late afternoon hours, we went "outside" the Fort Pierce Inlet to the open sea. We took the 33' Coast Guard vessel in tow several times. We were constantly adjusting our lines due to the sea conditions. Upon returning, we maneuvered the tow vessel to the dock several times. Under night conditions, we conducted search pattern training off the JC Park area. This was done with Tom Butler on his boat as Coxswain and CWO Lodomirak, Gary Barth and Joe Walsh on board as crew. It was a very realistic training event! We celebrated Flag Day on our meeting night and served traditional hot dogs, root beer floats, etc. We also presented a gift to Mr. Lodomirak for his service.

July On July 6th, CWO4 Randal Ryan relieved CWO3 David Lodomirak as Commanding Officer of Station Fort Pierce. Mr. Ryan joined the Coast Guard in 1986 and has had a very diverse background in positions of significant responsibility, including two command tours. He has had several afloat assignments and holds a 100 Ton Master License. Welcome aboard! CWO3 Lodomirak has transferred to Kings Bay, Georgia where he will head a port security team. We wish both Officers the very best in their new assignments.

August During the hottest month of the summer, our members did their finest work. Upon learning of an active duty Coast Guard member's child in need of a medical device, Flotilla 58 members stepped up to support the acquisition of the needed equipment. A check in the amount of \$2,500 was presented to the family within a couple of days and the youngster has benefited greatly from this donation.

September On a hot Saturday at the Smithsonian Museum site at the foot of the Fort Pierce South Bridge, Flotilla 58 operated a marine safety/safe boating kiosk in conjunction with the National Estuary Day.. Thanks to John Tice, Moe Zaidan Gary & Terry Barth, Tom Butler and Joe Walsh. This was organized by FSO-MS John Thompson.

October We conducted our Annual Election of Officers, reelecting Joe Walsh, Flotilla Commander and Tom Butler as Vice Commander. We also featured a Columbus Day Italian Dinner attended by over fifty people. The dinner was prepared and served by our dependable Kitchen/Social Group which includes Midge Watts, Bobby Costa, Agnes Mical (from Flotilla 56 helped), Terry Barth and our newest additions, Roberta & Paul Richichi.

November As the year began to wind down; we continued to operate at high levels. November marked the successful QE event for Joe Walsh as a new Coxswain and John Tice as a new Boat Crewman. Thanks to all of the crew who supported the training, the active duty Coast Guard boat crew and the training master, Tom Butler.

December Flotilla 58 provided a vessel for the Coast Guard exam of CWO Ryan and CWO Gatti (of Station Lake Worth.) The two Officers were required to supervise the towing of a vessel using the 45' Coast Guard vessel. This test was administered by Coast Guard Officers from Sector Miami. On another day, we provided a large vessel for legal operations training of the Fort Pierce Boarding Officers. December also marked the Division 5 Change of Watch Banquet where Gary Barth DCDR 5 turned over the helm to Les McDermott. Thank you to Gary Barth for your leadership and dedication. You have set the standard!

I hope you have enjoyed this flashback of another great year for Flotilla 58, Fort Pierce. I would like to thank all hands for their hard work in making the year successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Walsh, FC-58



Open House Ft. Pierce Coast Guard Station – 2012



Life Jacket Event at Open House



45' Coast Guard Vessel Underway



Tom Butler and His Vessel



Helicopter Rescue Swimmer



Coastie



Mr. Ladomirak

FORT PIERCE OPEN HOUSE PHOTOS

Here is the link for the photos taken by Terry Barth at the Open House at Station Fort Pierce.

<http://s252.photobucket.com/albums/hh24/Flotilla58/Ft%20Pierce%20Open%20House%202012/>



FSO-MS John Thompson



FC Joe Walsh & John Tice



FC Joe Walsh is all wet

TRAINING PHOTO

Linda Boluk



J. Walsh vessel prepares to take a vessel in tow.

EVENTS AT FT. PIERCE COAST GUARD STATION

Photos by Terry Barth



Dale Cawthorne



CWO Ladomirak, Commanding Officer USCG Station Ft. Pierce



FC Joe Walsh & Admiral Baumgartner

Link to all photos by Terry Barth

<http://s252.photobucket.com/albums/hh24/Flotilla58/FL%2058%2070th%20Anniversary/#!cpZZ1QQtpZZ20>



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Terry Barth, FSO-OP

TRAINING OPS

We recently had a meeting with BOSN Ladorimirak at Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce concerning how the Flotilla's in the Fort Pierce AOR can be better utilized. The goal is to not only maintain a safe environment for our boaters, but to increase training in both land and on the water tasks for our boat crew and coxswain. We will be working more closely with the active duty side to achieve these goals. Some training will be scheduled at the Coast Guard Station and some will be done on the water during 2-boat training. For example, while on patrol, we were asked to join the 45 in a training exercise. Prior to a towing evolution, Gary Barth went aboard the 45 to observe how the Coast Guard did their pre-towing checks. During the tow, Tom Butler joined Gary on board and took the helm for a while. In the future, the Coast Guard will join us on our facilities to observe our routines and offer suggestions.



Terry Barth & Tom Butler



Tom Butler Aboard the CG Cutter



Gary Barth & CWO Ladorimirak Aboard the CG Cutter

EVENTS AT PELICAN YACHT CLUB FT. PIERCE

Photos by Terry Barth

Link to all photos by Terry Barth

<http://s252.photobucket.com/albums/hh24/Flotilla58/FL%2058%2070th%20Anniversary/#!cpZZ1QQtpZZ20>



USCG Admiral W. Baumgartner & Richard Weronik



USCG Admiral W. Baumgartner & Dr. W. Tejerio



Div. 5 G. Barth, CWO Ladorimirak, Admiral Baumgartner



Flotilla 58 – 70th Anniversary Event

On April 15th, 2012, Flotilla 58 celebrated our 70th Anniversary of service to the maritime community and our nation. The day featured a split program.

The first half of the day featured a joint ceremony with Flotilla 59 of Stuart joining us at the Fort Pierce Coast Guard Station. Proceedings commenced at 8 Bells sharp (noon time) with remarks and presentations by USCG Officers: Admiral William D. Baumgartner, Captain Gregory Depinet and CWO David Lodomirak. Some of the Coast Guard Auxiliary officials present included Commodore Walter Jaskiewicz, Captain Judith Hudson and our Division Commander Gary Barth. Navy Captain Robert Bedingfield (Chaplain Corps) led us in the invocation.

One of our most senior members, Dale Cawthorne, presented the history of Flotilla 58. Despite a gust of wind that scattered his notes, his presentation was perfect.

After the remarks, CWO Lodomirak welcomed all hands to visit the station and the patrol vessels. It was a great opportunity for our families and friends present to visit and learn about the Coast Guard team.

The second half of the event commenced at 3 PM at the nearby Pelican Yacht Club in the Great Room overlooking the Fort Pierce Inlet and the USCG Station. The luncheon was intended to be less formal and more of a social atmosphere to allow folks to mix and talk. Remarks were generally lighter and more informal.

I would like to remind you of three things we did, somewhat different from the usual banquet events, to commemorate our history and tradition of service. Those events included a cake cutting ceremony using Mr. Lodomiraks' sword. Pat Cawthorne, our most senior member, cut the cake and served it to John Tice, our most junior member to symbolize the passing of knowledge.

Another interesting occurrence was the assembly of all the surviving Flotilla 58 Commanders. In addition to photos, we each received a commendation certificate from Admiral Baumgartner. This will be a great "spot" for the 100th Anniversary!

We also had a special table to honor our Fallen Warriors and Prisoners of War. We must never forget our comrades.

The Coast Guard Officers and Auxiliary Leaders made short speeches and presentations. We were delighted to have the nearby Flotilla Commanders from Flotilla 56, Flotilla 57 and Flotilla 59 present and several members of the other Flotillas, as well. Even the weather smiled upon us with a beautiful, clear, mild day!

During the time leading up to the Anniversary Event, I was nervous because we did not have a template to follow and I wanted this to be a First Class event. I was wasting my time worrying. Actually, we had a First Class high energy team in place. I would like to thank each one of them: Jim Mullinax, Gary Barth, Terry Barth, Tom Butler, Dale Cawthorne, Pat Cawthorne, Bob Clarke, Gene Costa, Debby Lambert, Dave McCullough, Joseph Ryker, John Tice, Richard Weronik, Ed Watts, Joanne Walsh, Dr. Bill Tejerio and three volunteer civilians: Linda McKay, Bobbie Costa and Ginny Mitchell. Thank you, you are a championship team and I shudder to think of things without your great work.

I would like to thank the Coast Guard Officers for taking the time to come to Fort Pierce to support our Flotilla. I know it was a busy time for the Coast Guard. It is an honor to be a part of the Coast Guard team.

I would also like to thank the Coast Guard Auxiliary leaders who came to Fort Pierce to support our anniversary event. Your support and appreciation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

I would like to thank CWO Lodomirak and the entire Station Fort Pierce crew for hosting us at the Station. 4.0. Nothing else needed. Great Shipmates!

I would also like to thank all the members of Flotilla 58 both past and present. You have built a rich and proud history of service to America. I am proud to be associated with you. Thank you!



Flotilla 58 Commanders



Remarks by Adm. Baumgartner



FLOTILLA COMMANDER COMMENTS

Joe Walsh, FC-58

I hope you enjoyed the looking back article. It was meant to be a report of the work and achievements during 2012. I do believe we have accomplished some very good things and hope you are proud of your work. I want to thank the FSO's for their hard work. They are the backbone of the Flotilla. In addition, some other members also made significant contributions as Instructors, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors, Crew Members, Ambassadors of the Auxiliary and our Volunteers for our Social Events. Thanks to each of you for your work.

We were lucky this year. We held several events and fair weather smiled upon us. We also saw the Coast Guard commission two new vessels in the Florida waters. We dodged the wrath of hurricanes this year, but our new member, Paul Richichi's home in New York was devastated. Keep him in your thoughts for his recovery.

A California based Coast Guard member was killed during a legal operation patrol. Please always remember the dangers we face going to sea, but also the dangers our guardians face in their day to day duties.

Last year, I set five goals for the year. They were reasonable goals.

1. Membership: expanding our membership. We had six dis-enrollments and seven new members join Flotilla 58.
2. Expanding our boat operations crew: We lost three Boat Crew members, two dis-enrolled and one member went ashore. We got one new Coxswain and one new Boat Crew Member. We kept our folks out of REYR and have several solid Boat Crew students.
3. Greater value and support to the Coast Guard: We have four members who work at the Fort Pierce Coast Guard Station; Joe Ryker, Julie Lewis, Tony DeMarco and Richard Timm. Their efforts are of great benefit to the station. In addition, Gary & Terry Barth and Tom Butler have conducted several training classes for the Coast Guard. Thank you for your direct support.
4. Get Flotilla 58 out into the community: The passing of our FSO-PA Dan Herman was a great loss. The PA spot will be filled and aggressive plans are in the works for this year.
5. Have fun doing our work: This year we have had two Holiday Dinners, one cookout (Hot Dogs) and our 70th Anniversary Banquet. Our Boat Crew Members are a happy, hardworking crew. We want everyone to feel welcome and invited to participate. There are many different things to do in the Auxiliary from vessel exams to teaching boating safety, to underway operation and even working as a Chef. Your satisfaction is determined by your involvement. Join us!

I think these continue to be reasonable goals for 2013....please help to achieve them.



Your "*The Inlet News*" Editor
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Your involvement will make a difference.

NAVIGATION TIP

Joe Walsh



Please note the picture!

What does this symbol mean? We all enjoy the beautiful local waters. We all want to keep the local waters in good condition. One way to do that is to

Avoid Polluting!

Bring all trash, garbage and recyclable materials ashore for proper disposal.

Not Over The Side!

Is your holding tank secured? Locked to prevent overboard discharge? Discharging sewage is not only icky, it is

Against the Law!

This symbol shown in the picture marks the local pump out facilities at marine and dock locations. Some Pump Out Stations in our area are listed below:

Vero Beach Municipal Mar	772-231-2819	Channel 16/66	P
Pelican Yacht Club Ft P	772-464-2700	Channel 16	P
Ft. Pierce Inlet Marina	772-464-8451	X	P
Riverside Marina Ft Pierce	772-464-5720	Channel 16	P
Harbourtown Marina	772-466-7300	Channel 16/68	P
Ft. Pierce City Marina	772-464-1245	Channel 16/09	P
Harbor Isle Marina	772-461-9049	Channel 16/69	P

Give a Hoot – Don't Pollute!

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THE POWER OF NEGATIVE THINKING

M. John Thompson, FSO-MS

As part of my mission as FSO MS I'm shifting my focus slightly this fall to talk about marine safety and survival at sea rather than strictly environmental issues. Part of this shift has been prompted by the number of news stories I've read recently detailing people doing amazingly stupid things. Last weekend I read the story of a young man taken to a hospital in California with third degree burns on the soles of his feet. It seems he'd been attending one of those Zig Ziegler seminars on positive thinking and the concluding exercise was a walk over hot coals. Now, when coals have burned down to a certain state they don't transfer heat very fast, and exercising the right technique it is possible to "walk across hot coals", but doing so requires technique, not belief. The laws of physics will not be suspended because "you believe".

The laws of physics are also not suspended because you are; 1) on vacation; 2) on a boat; and 3) on the water on a beautiful day. It has been my observation that many people seem to think of outdoor activities such as boating or white water rafting the same way they think about a Disney water ride. I've been amazed at the number of people who can't even swim showing up at a class five white water river with paddles in their hands. I drive over south bridge here in Fort Pierce on a Saturday and look out at the boats in our inlet, I have to make a conscious effort not to image the number of non-swimmers frolicking on those vessels. That's not Pirates of the Caribbean out there!!

So with the laws of physics firmly in mind, I'm devoting this column to the "Power of Negative Thinking", or the art of visualizing the worst case scenario and planning what you are going to do deal with it. Some of us would call this "risk assessment", but it actually goes a little beyond what we are taught in TCT class. Risk assessment teaches us how to evaluate the risk of performing a particular action. What I'm talking about is a philosophy of preparation for the unexpected.

History has shown us over and over again that those who survive disasters at sea (as well as in other outdoor environments) have certain things in common. Over the past few years I've been trying to distill this accumulated lore into some basic principles that I try to apply to my own outdoor activities. These principles are:

- Never assume that a survival situation will not occur someday;
- Understand and respect the environment you are operating in;
- Plan safety and survival strategies for your activity in advance;
- Revise those plans as situations change (i.e. weather, light conditions, or seasons change);
- Be sure you have an emergency "grab bag" with the appropriate contents for the environment where you are operating;
- Make sure your equipment is regularly serviced and up to date;
- Visualize the "worst case" scenario and practices drills

(mentally and physically) for addressing that situation; and

- Always remember that no matter how hard you plan, the real emergency will probably take you by surprise. Be prepared to be flexible and revise strategies as the situation requires.

Remember that in a real survival situation survival depends on: 1) actions taken before the disaster occurs; 2) actions while a disaster is in progress (i.e. fighting a fire, abandoning ship, etc.); and 3) actions taken while awaiting rescue (in our case, what you do in the water).

DID YOU KNOW?

Submersion in water with your head out generates a negative pressure in the lungs relative to the surrounding tissue and causes a 65% increase in the work of breathing.

Thank You, Flotilla 58

To the Crew of Flotilla 58, thank you very much for your gift to my son Jackson Smith; the helmet that you have purchased for him will help to form his little skull the way it is meant to be and stop any brain damage from every happening due to the skull bone not forming correctly. You have never met my family and I, but yet you where so quick to help us in this time of need and we can never say thank you enough for the gift you have given to my 5 month old son Jackson. I have yet learned again how close the Coast Guard Family is, and how my shipmates are always willing to help each other in times of need. We will be coming to visit your Flotilla to let you see the helmet that you have purchased and to meet Jackson, and personally thank you.

Sincerely
Petty Officer John S. Smith



MEMORIAM – Robert E. Sievers

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Mr. Robert E. Sievers on June 30, 2012 at his home in Okeechobee, Florida. Bob was very proud of his 13 years of USCG Auxiliary Service. Several months ago we published this picture of Bob putting lifejackets on his two great grandchildren while on vacation in Michigan.

Bob's wife, Sylvia, also a longtime member of Flotilla 58, reports a memorial service was held in November in Okeechobee, FL. We extend our profound sympathy to Bob's wife Sylvia and his family and friends on their loss. Mrs. Sylvia Bedell Sievers continues her membership with Flotilla 58. We hope to see her at a meeting or event sometime soon.



USCGAUX FLOTILLA 58
Member Achievements

I would like to take notice of the achievements and happiness beyond the realm of the USCG Auxiliary. I wish to congratulate Past Flotilla Commander Bob Clarke on his recent job promotion to a senior management position in his civilian job. Also, another "well done" to Bob on his recently becoming a 3RD Degree Mason.

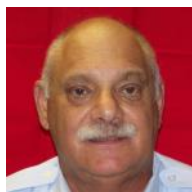
I would also like to congratulate Grandpa Joe Yurillo on the birth of his granddaughter. She is a cutey!



Bob Clarke



Bill McMahon



Joe Yurillo

VA COUNSELING SESSION: On January 21st, Flotilla 58 will host a Veteran's Affairs Counseling Session at our Flotilla hall from 9 AM till Noon. Veterans Administration Agent Denis Latta will conduct this session. He will discuss VA programs, benefits and the application process. Special thanks to Joe Yurillo and Bill McMahon for coordinating this event.

E-15 GASOLINE ALERT

THE EPA OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY AUTHORIZED THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF E-15 GASOLINE. THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL CHANGE TO TRADITIONAL GASOLINE WHICH (MOST) HAS 10% ETHANOL.

Ethanol is a corn based additive which is blended into the gasoline. It is blended in locally. It is not shipped through the transcontinental pipelines. It would damage the pipeline.

The E-10 fuel has been around for a few years and has raised havoc with boat owners. Now, along comes E-15.

Most engine manufacturers will not honor warranties for engine damage using E-15 fuel. It seems to cause extreme damage to engine, piping, hoses and gaskets. Usually, E-10 and E-15 is posted at lower prices than gasoline without ethanol. The ethanol gasoline has less energy per unit and also reduces OCTANE rating.

Not only to you get what you pay for, you may find yourself alone without any warranties or guarantees of manufacturers support.

THANKS TO JOE LAMBERT FOR THIS INFO!



FLOTILLA 58 AWARDS

AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
GARY BARTH



AUXILIARY COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION
TOM BUTLER
JOHN THOMPSON
JOANNE WALSH

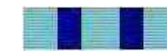


SUSTAINED SERVICE AWARD
TOM BUTLER
DEBBIE LAMBERT
DAVE MCCULLOUGH
JOANNE WALSH
JOE WALSH
ED WATTS



(15,000 HOURS OF SERVICE)
GARY BARTH # 11

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD
NANCY COUTANT
TONY ELVAS
JOE YURILLO



EXAMINER RIBBON Aids to Navigation Vessel Examiner
JULIE LEWIS
JOHN TICE



AUXILIARY PERFORMANCE AWARD (PE)
BOB CLARKE
GARY BARTH
TERRY BARTH



AUXILIARY PERFORMANCE AWARD (RBS/VE)
MOE ZAIDAN



BOAT COXSWAIN
JOE WALSH



BOAT CREW
JOHN TICE

BOAT CREW (RECERTIFIED)
MARY TAYLOR

SPECIAL AWARD CERTIFICATE NON POWERED VESSEL EXAM PROGRAM
Gary Barth & Terry Barth

MERITORIUS TEAM COMMENDATION AWARD – 70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

GARY BARTH, TERRY BARTH, TOM BUTLER, DALE CAWTHORNE, PATRICIA CAWTHORNE, ROBERT CLARKE, EUGENE COSTA, DEBORAH LAMBERT, DAVE MCCULLOUGH, JIM MULLINAX, JOSEPH RYKER, JOHN TICE, JOANNE WALSH, JOSEPH WALSH



MERITORIUS TEAM COMMENDATION AWARD – NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

GARY BARTH, TERRY BARTH, VALENTINE BONAFILIA, TOM BUTLER, PAT CAWTHORNE, ROBERT CLARK, GENE COSTA, TONY ELVAS, DEBORAH LAMBERT, JOSEPH LAMBERT, JULIE LEWIS, PAUL MACCARONE, DAVID MCCULLOUGH, PAUL RICHICHI, JOSEPH RYKER, JOHN THOMPSON, JOHN TICE, JOSEPH WALSH, HENRY WARD, ED WATTS, MOE ZAIDAN.





MECHANICAL TIP

Joe Walsh

Over the last few months, I have tried to offer some interesting mechanical tips to head off repairs and make your boat operations more efficient or make periodic repairs easier. This month I would like to share some thoughts on a low tech maintenance tip, Bottom Cleaning!

Frequent hull cleaning is a “new” item for those of us who are new to Florida’s warm waters. The warm local waters cause growth and incrustation to form at a rapid rate. This happens despite the use of anti-fouling bottom paint. It seems that modern brands of bottom paint do not have the same “punch” as earlier bottom paint.

Folks who trailer their boats for day to day usage often do not paint their boat bottoms. Also, the more rapid speed of their boats seems to limit growth. They may be exempted from this discussion.

Southern boats that remain moored in the water do face the challenge of marine growth. Not all growth is the same.

On the underwater surfaces; running gear, water pick-ups and transducers, barnacles and incrustation will form. Over time, this can grow to large proportions and be very hard. Along the water line, green seaweed slime can grow, especially in areas of less sunlight. The under hull incrustation generally grows more on the sunny side of the vessel.

Cleaning along the water line is fairly simple and can be handled by a good swimmer or from a dinghy with a scrub brush.

Under hull barnacles and incrustation are another story. You need to go under the hull and stay there to work. Most often scuba gear is required.

SAFETY NOTICE! Do not dive without another person as your safety watch. Working under a vessel can be dangerous. Do not dive alone or beyond your skill level. Instead, a professional diver may be a good choice.

Some methods to reduce growth, in addition to trailering, also include the use of boat lifts.

A more fun way to reduce growth is to get the boat off the “coffee grounds” and get the vessel underway frequently.



JUST THE FACTS - 2012

Flotilla 58 Operational Patrol Hours – Total for year 1,072.3

1. Tom Butler - 198.9
2. Gary Barth – 175.4
3. Joe Walsh – 167.6

Flotilla 58 Vessel Exams – Total for year 375

1. Paul Richichi – 133
2. Joe Walsh – 57
3. Moe Zaidan – 53

Marine Dealer Visits – Total for year 112

1. Joe Walsh – 29
2. Paul Maccarone – 25
3. Moe Zaidan – 21



CRITTERS CORNER

By Sammy Walsh



Thanks to the family of ducks for stepping in to promote “Wear Your Life Jacket”. This is very important not only for kids but also adults who think they swim like a duck and of course your family pets. We need a hand, too.

Tigger Butler and I have been beached lately. Tigger was hit by a truck and I had ruptured discs in my back. I went lame. We were both in grave condition but recovered after a week in the animal hospital. We were patients at the same hospital at the same time! We both had excellent treatment, including surgeries and Hyperbaric Chamber treatment. Poor Tigger lost his tail and even had a broken jaw. He is back running okay now. I couldn’t walk, but I am getting around okay now. Our families and our friend, Dave McCullough, took good care of us giving us at home therapy and treatments. Our fathers really worked hard as this happened during the November “QE” event.

Tigger and I will both be out and around promoting boat safety and life jacket usage. By the way, my life jacket was used in my recovery as a kind of support for my back during healing. It definitely helped me to start walking and standing. It saved my life for sure.....my Doctor was pleased with this unique aid to my recovery. See you next month!

Thanks to Terry Barth for hunting down the ducks.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2012

I would like to remind all hands of our new members that joined in 2012. We welcome them aboard and invite them to get involved in the Auxiliary Programs in the upcoming year.

Steve Bohovsky, Jim Mullinax, Crystal Piva, Steve Piva, Richard Vassar, Reed Stanton and Paul Richichi (transfer from New York.)



IS (INFORMATION SERVICE)

Gary Barth, FSO-IS

I recently had the pleasure to attend Aux10 "C" School for "IS" (Information Service). There have been many changes in the "IS" department and the way members handle and submit their various forms. I will continue to send a reminder at the end of the month so members hopefully send their paperwork for hours to be entered. Each hour that is worked by the Auxiliary is worth \$23.75 per hour to the Coast Guard.

- Listed below are some of the changes to the "IS" department. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
- On the 7030 E (electronic version) form, use a comma between email addresses to send to more than one person
- If you complete a 7030 with a person not in your Flotilla, the person making out the 7030 needs to put the other members Flotilla number in the remarks section
- Workshops form 7039 can only be used for workshops from National that are either mandatory or optional. Workshops not from National cannot be put on a 7039, but are just listed on the 7029 99D column
- Sexual harassment – This workshop is required to be put on EACH year by EACH Flotilla.
- District 7 8 hour TCT is not entered by "IS" officers. It goes via the TCT chain
- Changes in AuxOfficer take up to 3 weeks to show even though the AuxData information is correct
- On authorized workshops, members are listed at Trainee's

ATONS AND PATONS

- Verification of ATONs MUST be requested by the Coast Guard. The remarks section of the 7030 needs to have who requested the patrol. Requests for verification ATON patrols for Division 5 will be made by the Coast Guard to the SO-NS. The SO-NS will then contact the Flotilla Commander and FSO-OP for that Flotilla and advise them
- PATONs MUST be requested by the Coast Guard, DSO-NS or the SO-NS. The remarks section of the 7030 needs to have who requested the patrol. Requests for verification PATON patrols for Division 5 will be made by the Coast Guard to the SO-NS. The SO-NS will then contact the Flotilla Commander and FSO-OP for that Flotilla and advise them
- Discrepancies of any ATON or PATON may be made at any time. If done during a patrol, a 7030 for 1 hour paperwork will be submitted at the end time for the patrol
- Reporting a regatta on form 7030 requires the Marine Permit number issued by the Coast Guard in the remarks section in order to enter into AuxData. Otherwise, without the Marine Permit number the patrol will be entered as a Marine Observation Mission, not as a Regatta Mission
- Coxswains cannot change mission codes without direction from Order Issuing Authority and need remarks with the name and rank of Coast Guard Personnel notifying the Coxswain to change the mission code
- 7030 mission using code 23A is a standby break
- 7030 mission using code 24 is time spent on a SAR case under-

way or SAR callout – This requires a unit case number or MISLE number on the 7030

- For a 7030 using 06A Operation Training, the member must be "IT"
- For a 7030 using 06B Member Training, the member must be "IT"
- For a 7030 using 06C AuxSC&E, the member must be a Aux SC&E instructor
- For a 7030 using 07A OPCON code is required
- For a 7030 using 07B must be a QE on shore side check off
- For a 7030 using 07C must be a QE underway check off
- For a 7030 using 07D for AuxChef, must be AuxChef rated
- For a 7030 using 20B Radio Watch Standing
- For a 7030 using 22B Operations training NOT underway
- FSO-MS and SO-MS should use form 7030 70K to list their hours performing duties as FSO-MS or SO-MS, not on the 7029
- FSO-HR and SO-HR should list their hours spent recruiting on a 7030 90C

If having a vessel exam blitz and not much luck members can get credit for hours even though they did not have many VE's as shown below:

- VE blitz 1000-1300
- VE's done 1
- Do a 7038 for the 1 vessel and claim 1 hour
- Do a 7030 using code 10J the other 2 hours

Filling out the 7029

- 99A Auxiliary Leadership- Report all time spent by elected and appointed staff performing National, District and Flotilla position duties. This includes all time spent for preparation and travel for these duties.
- 99B Recreational Boating Safety- Report all time spent in RBS Support that is NOT otherwise reported on a 7030, 7038, 7039 or 7046. This includes all time for preparation and travel in support of missions reported on 7030 and 7038.
- 99C Marine Safety- Report all time spent in MS Support that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7038. This includes all time travel in support of Marine Safety and Marine Environmental Protection. FSO-MS and SO-MS should report their hours on 7030 70K.
- 99D Training Support- Report all time spent in Training Support that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7039. Any hours spent as a Trainee, other than attending a workshop, should be reported here. This includes all time for preparation, study, homework, and travel regardless of the level of training.
- 99E Auxiliary Adm./Logistical Support- Report all time spent for Auxiliary and Coast Guard Support missions not otherwise reported on any other form or any other Mission Code above. Include all time working on committees or attending meetings (if you are NOT an elected or staff officer). This includes all time for preparation and travel.

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