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Accidents happen unexpectedly.

Wear It.

- ✓ Check weather forecast
- ✓ Fishing gear
- ✓ Life jacket
- ✓ Successful trip
- ✓ Return home to loved ones



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HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

➔ Boater Safety Education



The Auxiliary's most prominent role is promoting recreational boating safety ("RBS") among the general public. The Auxiliary has several distinct programs that support this mission.

Providing free Vessel Safety Exams to recreational boaters is one of the Auxiliary's longest running and most visible activities.

➔ Public Affairs



Public Affairs (PA) assists in publicizing the missions and accomplishments of Team Coast Guard. Public Affairs provides a direct link between the Auxiliary and the public through

recruitment and retention of membership. Public Affairs is important for recruiting membership, and providing boating safety education to the public.

➔ Augmenting The Coast Guard



The Auxiliary serves as a force multiplier for the Coast Guard by promoting safety, security, and assisting boaters and paddle-craft using our national waterways, via ports, bays, rivers, lakes, and coastal areas.

Improving recreational boater safety was delegated to the Auxiliary as our "job one". The Auxiliary also directly supports active duty and reservists in carrying out search and rescue, marine safety, waterways management, environmental protection, and homeland security missions.



ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) is the uniformed auxiliary service of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The Auxiliary exists to support all USCG missions except roles that require "direct" law enforcement or military engagement. As of 2019, there were approximately 24,000 members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Established by Congress in 1939 the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary motto is *Semper Paratus (Always Ready)*. We invite you to learn more about who and what we do as members of *TEAM COAST GUARD*.

The Auxiliary operates in:

- Recreational Boating Safety and Education
- Public Affairs and Community Outreach
- Safety and Security Patrols – Ports/Waterways
- Search and Rescue Mission Support
- Chefs/Food Specialists for USCG events/ships
- Mass Casualty and Disaster Assistance
- Pollution Response & Patrols
- Commercial Fishing Vessel and Recreational Vessel Exams
- Platforms for USCG Training – Helicopter OPS
- Recruitment for Coast Guard Auxiliary/USCG

In addition to the above, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary operates in any mission as directed by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or Secretary of Homeland Security. Our mission is to promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety, to provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions, and to support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Shown here:
Andrew Niquette, FSO-PB

2020 is finally here! The beginning of a new decade signifies another decade of volunteer lifesavers protecting our nation's waterways and all of those who traverse on them. 2019 was filled with activity from our flotilla, and I am optimistic as ever for what we can accomplish this year and beyond.

Article submissions are always encouraged for Savannah Underway, and comments/suggestions are always welcome as well. Take some photos while conducting Auxiliary missions, and send them our way to publish! They make a huge difference.

Very respectfully,



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DIVISION 10



Flotilla 10-1 (Port Royal Sound, South Carolina)

Serving the Port Royal Sound in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, South Carolina area, Flotilla 10-1 serves as the northernmost Flotilla in Division 10.

Flotilla Commander: Patricia McGowan

Flotilla Staff Officer - Publications: Joseph Dondero

Meeting Location: Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 19:00 hours.



Flotilla 10-2 (Savannah, Georgia)

Located in historic Savannah, Flotilla 10-2 plays a vital role within the Chatham County, Georgia waterways, including the Savannah River.

Flotilla Commander: Phillip Deloach

Flotilla Staff Officer - Publications: Andrew Niquette

Meeting Location: U.S. Coast Guard Station Tybee Island

Meeting Time: 4th Wednesday of each month, at 18:00 hours.



Flotilla 10-10 (Brunswick, Georgia)

Serving in the Golden Isles, Flotilla 10-10 area of responsibility spans Northern Cumberland Island to Sapelo Sound, and includes Darien, Brunswick, Jekyll Island, and St. Simon's Island.

Flotilla Commander: Ralph Ainger

Flotilla Staff Officer - Publications: David Lawrence

Meeting Location: U.S. Coast Guard Station Brunswick

Meeting Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 19:00 hours.



Flotilla 10-11 (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina)

Flotilla 10-11 plays an important role in maritime support in Hilton Head.

Flotilla Commander: Russell Eisenhardt

Flotilla Staff Officer - Publications: Susan Moore

Meeting Location: Waddell Mariculture Center

Meeting Time: 2nd Saturday of each month, at 09:30 hours.

COMMAND



MESSAGE

Q4 MESSAGES FROM THE FLOTILLA 10-2 COMMAND TEAM



Phil Deloach
Flotilla Commander

As we steam ahead into 2020, we are thrilled to see where the new decade takes us as we continue to promote boating safety, protect our nation's waterways, and most importantly, save lives. 2019 was an exciting year for Flotilla 10-2, and with such an incredible group of members serving our Flotilla, we are reminded of the tasks that lie ahead for each of us. As always, our door is always open for mentorship and guidance as we continue to support the U.S. Coast Guard. Here's to a great 2020.

Semper Paratus!

Phillip DeLoach



Paul Poteralski
Vice Flotilla Commander

Happy New Year. It's 2020 the beginning of a new year and a new decade. First off I would like to thank everyone for what you do to aide the Coast Guard in fulfilling their missions, and in helping to keep our Recreational Boating Community "Safe". I am looking forward to working with each of you to continue making this Flotilla a success. To do this takes people like you who are willing to "Step Up", "Take a Chance", "Go For It". So whether you're interested in Air Crew, Boat Crew, Aides to Navigation, Radio Communications or one of the many other jobs available, just Go For It. By the way, you can do as many of these activities as you like. Our Flotilla can only be as good as what we are willing to put into it. I wish everyone the best and let's do great things together this year. Semper Paratus!

Paul Poteralski



A LOOK AT

OUR 2019



A LOOK AT OUR 2019

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY ANDREW NIQUETTE



USCGC EAGLE'S SAVANNAH VISIT

In March, Flotilla 10-2 had the distinction of serving as part of the escort crew for the USCGC EAGLE's transit through the Savannah River. The EAGLE was visiting for the St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration, one of the largest in the nation.

2019 SAVANNAH BOAT SHOW

In March, Flotilla 10-2 represented both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary at the Savannah Boat Show. Over the 3 day event, Auxiliarists manned the USCG booth, attracting members of the boating community to the work the USCG and the Auxiliary does to serve the nation and protect our waterways.

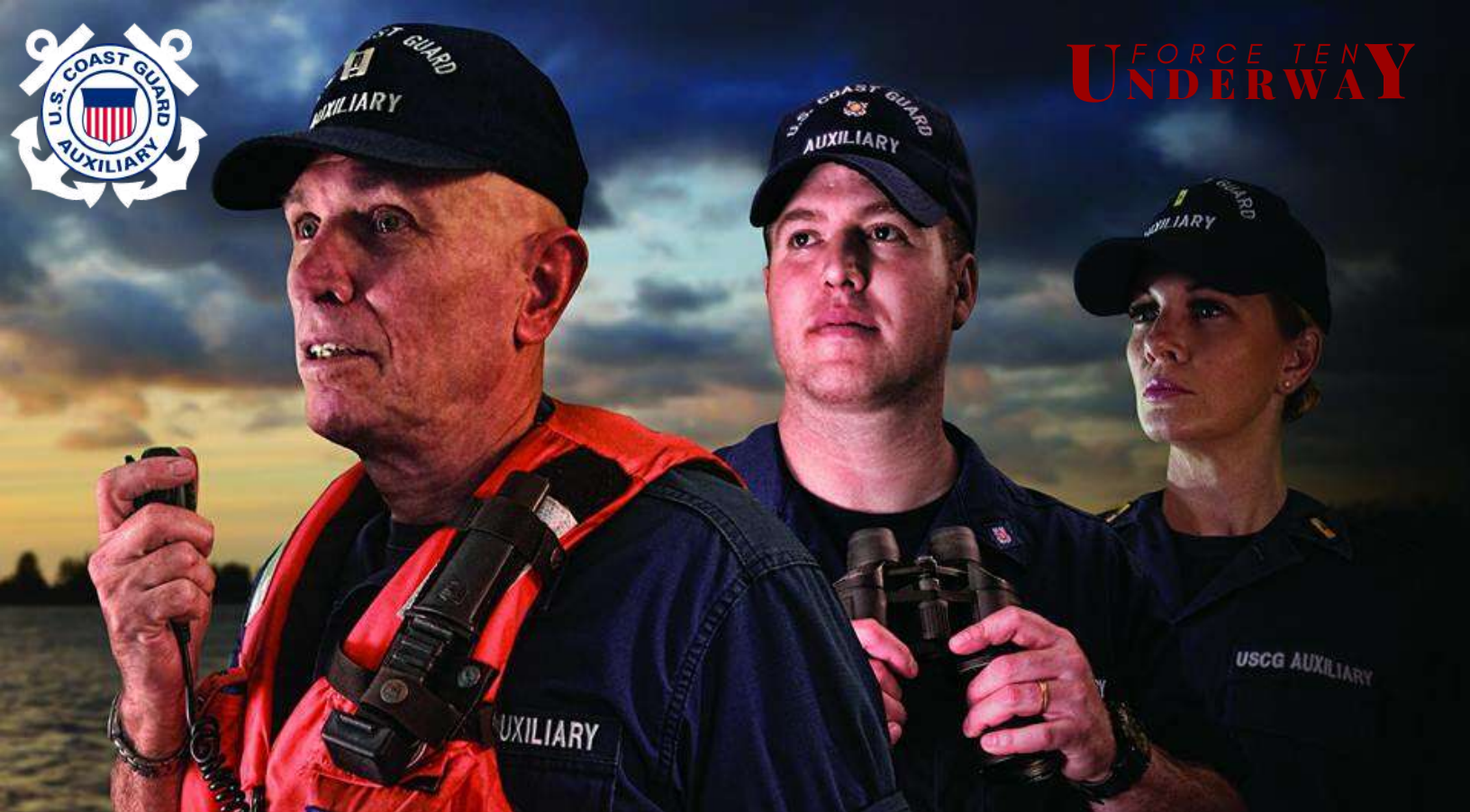


A PARTNERSHIP WITH CHATHAM COUNTY PD

In May, Flotilla 10-2 received a visit by the Chatham County Police Department's Chief Jeff Hadley during the monthly member meeting. Chief Hadley discussed the important relationship both organizations hold in Chatham County, and expressed his interest in partnering with the Auxiliary in keeping Chatham County's waterways safe.



FORCE TEN
UNDERWAY



AMERICA'S VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

JOIN NOW!

The coxswain of USCGC POMPANO's Rigid Inflatable Boat looks towards the cutter after picking up Auxiliarist Andrew Niquette for transport. Photo by Andrew Niquette.



USCG OPERATION SHRIMP AND GRITS

By Andrew Niquette, AUXPA3 & Senior Airman Tenley Long

On August 9th, 2019, Auxiliarist Andrew Niquette joined on-board with USCGC POMPANO during Operation SHRIMP and GRITS to support and document the mission as a public affairs specialist. SHRIMP and GRITS might have a simple ring to it, but it's the acronym for Save Harbor Reach on Intelligence for Multi-state Partnerships and Guarding Responsible Interests for Target Safety.

Operation SHRIMP and GRITS is an annual multi-jurisdiction and multi-state maritime enforcement operation. The operation targets recreational and commercial boaters traveling along the water in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. One of the objectives of this operation is to unify and coordinate investigative efforts between federal, state and local agency assets.

“This is a huge operation for us and it’s all about our inter-agency partnerships,” said Cmdr. Matt Baer, chief of response at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston and the incident commander for Operation SHRIMP and GRITS. “This is our third year conducting Operation SHRIMP and GRITS, and the first year we’ve expanded it down to Florida. The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for over 95,000 miles of coastline around this country and over 360 different ports around the nation. We cannot do it alone. Joint operations like this allow us to ensure a unified response should an unknown or an unfortunate event occur in ports or waterways.”

There are approximately 104 different agencies and 400 people in the states of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina that participated in the operation with the U.S. Coast Guard. The agencies covered about 430 to 440 miles of coastline and about 500 miles of internal waterways. The main objective of Operation SHRIMP and GRITS is ensuring maritime security and boating safety. The Coast Guard, along with the helping agencies, accomplishes this by conducting searches on the water. During these interactions, they conduct boardings to make sure everyone follows the rules and stays safe on the water.

The overall goal is boating safety and maritime security, but this mission also allows the Coast Guard to strengthen their relationships, not only with other agencies, but with the boating public.



Auxiliarist Andrew Niquette stands on the deck of POMPANO before observing a boarding team departs the cutter. Photo by Andrew Niquette.



The POMPANO boarding team lines up to the receiving bay. Photo by Andrew Niquette.



AUXILIARY PROGRAMS

The USCG Auxiliary has a wide variety of programs in which members may participate and make a real difference by serving, supporting, and augmenting the USCG and Auxiliary; as part of America's "TEAM COAST GUARD".



MARINE SAFETY (MS) AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities assist with USCG marine safety and environmental protection.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT (PA)

Auxiliarists are authorized upon qualifying as a Public Affairs Specialist to support both Coast Guard and Auxiliary Public Affairs including publications.

PUBLIC EDUCATION (PE)

The Education Department's mission is twofold: to provide exceptional boating safety education to American boaters with the aim of reducing loss of life, personal injury and property damage to recreational boaters; and to deliver the highest possible quality training, resources and publications for our Public Education and instructors.

RBS PROGRAM VISITATION (PV)

The RBS Program Visitation's intent is to save lives and property by providing marine related businesses with the most current boating safety information for boaters. Marine businesses customers will be able to obtain the most up-to-date boating safety literature and information on Auxiliary Vessel Safety Exams and Public Education boating courses.

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST (FS)

Auxiliarists' augment and support active duty food service in galleys, aboard cutters and during special events.

AUX AIR AVIATION PROGRAM

(SAR) Search and Rescue Patrol Missions as a USCG Auxiliary qualified Pilot, Co-Pilot or Air Observer in AUX Facility.

RECRUITING PROGRAM

Auxiliarists may qualify and be assigned to duty as military recruiters to support the USCG's recruiting program. This assignment includes qualification as a military recruiter, proctoring recruiting examinations, and administrative assistance to recruiting offices and for screening applicants for the USCG Academy.

AUGMENTING USCG

There are many diverse areas available in augmenting the USCG from Marine Safety and the AUXFS program to Public Affairs. Augmenting assignments are coordinated by your Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) or Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) to determine relevant qualifications.



Auxiliarists Andrew Niquette and Donald Funderburk tour the Kinder Morgan plant, inspecting PATONS. Photo by Andrew Niquette.

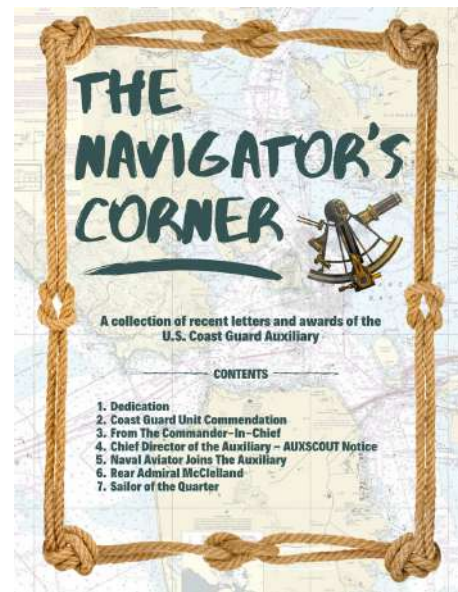
10-2 AUXILIARIST HONORED IN NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

By Andrew Niquette, BA-AMEB

Auxiliarist Donald Funderburk of Flotilla 10-2 was given a distinct honor in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's national newsletter *Navigator Express*. In his former role as FSO-PB, Don published a section of the flotilla newsletter called "The Navigator's Corner", where he shared his passion and knowledge of navigation in the form of educational and training articles.

Navigator Express' own "The Navigator's Corner" is dedicated to Donald's guidance and mentorship, which has been a vital asset to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary for decades. Don holds a wealth of knowledge pertaining to navigation, and has frequently trained active duty guardsmen in the art.

Bravo Zulu!



DEDICATION

By Andrew Niquette, BA(PFA)

We are proud to introduce this new feature of *Navigator Express*, highlighting recent letters and awards that are relevant to the Auxiliary. The *Navigator Express* is dedicated to Auxiliarist Don Funderburk of Flotilla 10-2, District 7 in Savannah, Georgia, where his guidance and mentorship has been a vital asset to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary for decades. Don holds a wealth of knowledge pertaining to navigation, and has frequently trained active duty guardsmen in the art.

In Flotilla 7-10-2, Don has served in many roles, including as the former Flotilla Staff Officer of Publications (FSO-PB) and currently as the Flotilla Staff Officer of Navigation Services (FSO-NS). As the navigation officer, Don works directly with AMT Team Tybee in inspecting and operating both aids to navigation (ATONS) and private aids to navigation (PATONS) within Sector Charleston. In his former role as FSO-PB, Don published a section of the Flotilla newsletter "Now Hear This" called "The Navigator's Corner", where he shared his passion and knowledge of navigation in the form of educational and training articles.

Don's accolades include prestigious recognition, including being one of twelve Auxiliarists to receive the coveted Auxiliary Cutterman insignia, as well as the President's Lifetime Service Award.

Don has served as a great friend and mentor of mine since the beginning of my Auxiliary journey, introducing me to publications where I would continue his work as his FSO-PB successor in publishing "Now Hear This" (renamed "Savannah Underway"), recognized throughout the Auxiliary nationally. His life dedication to the Auxiliary stands true with this dedication of *Navigator Express'* own "Navigator's Corner".

Right: "The Navigator's Corner" cover and dedication pages in the 3rd quarter *Navigator Express*. Photo by USCG AUX Public Affairs.

HELPFUL LINKS

USCG Auxiliary Association

<https://www.cgauxa.org/auxa/>

Auxiliary Food Service

<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/Auxchef.html>

USCG Aux District 7

<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/>

Navigation (Wiki Overview)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navigation#Loxodrome>

Navigation (Detailed)

<https://bit.ly/2df3LhP> USCG

Auxiliary Member Courses (Online & Classroom)

<https://bit.ly/2J1d7fD>

USCG Auxiliary Member Courses (Continued) <https://bit.ly/2xxRl1E>

Light List, LNM, GPS, and MORE!

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightlists>

Free Chart Plotter & Charts

<https://opencpn.org/>



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