



The Coast Cutter

April 2022

*U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - District 7 - Division 11 - Flotilla 9
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689*



Greetings Shipmates!

May is Safe Boating Month and I'd like to thank all the members of Flotilla 11-9 who stepped up to the plate in a big way to help out. Kathleen Curry, an experienced hand, is doing yeoman service to coordinate our NSBW activities which include an information table at the Tarpon Springs West Marine store and a tent at the Tarpon Springs Lowe's. The City of Tarpon Springs will be recognizing our efforts with a Proclamation declaring the week beginning May 21 as Safe Boating Week in Tarpon. It will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM. The city arranges to present these awards at the start of their meetings and it would be a great show of solidarity if as many of you could attend as possible. Uniform is tropical blue; we can leave immediately after the presentation so it will not be a tremendous time commitment. I'd like Kathleen to accept the Proclamation with as many joining her as possible.

I have to also express my deep appreciation for the way in which all of you have supported me in my tenure as Flotilla Commander. Tom Maloof, our Flotilla Vice Commander, has his finger on all the staff officers despite having a full time job. Art Chesley has been processing applications from his office in Wyoming. New member Ernest Cannon is putting out our monthly newsletter and our stalwarts Mike Vaughn, Bob Gailey, Dave Corum, Dick Tome, Constantine Beyko, Gary Davis, Roman Jarmula, Tom Luncher, Joe Tartaglia, and other shipmates have been great in following up on their qualifications and monthly officer duties. I could not have done this without you. Our new members Joanne Sawyer, Gus Koursotis, Bill Von Weyhe, Kenni and Paul Freire Sr. are getting up to speed. Caroline Westerhof participates as often as she can.

I'm encouraged that we are becoming a flotilla again after the ravages of COVID. Thanks also to the American Legion for their meeting space.

Semper Paratus!

Joan Jennings, Flotilla Commander



Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

Communication Services: Vacant FSO-CM:

- No report.

Diversity Report: Constantine Beyko, FSO-DV/CS:

- No report.

Computer Services Report: Constantine Beyko, FSO-DV/CS:

- No report.

Human Resources Report: Art Chelsey, FSO-HR:

- No report.

Information Services Report: Vacant, FSO-IS:

- No report.

Materials Report: Joe Tartaglia, FSO-MA:

- No report.

Member Training: Tom Maloof, VFC:

- Shouldn't courses completed in AUXLMS automatically be reflected in AUXDATA II? It isn't happening so I'm telling members to take a screenshot after completing the course and send it to SO-IS.

Operations Report: Gary Davis, FSO-FN/OPS:

- The Finance report was given at the meeting.

Public Affairs Report: Joan Jennings, FSO-PA:

- No Report.

Publications Report: Ernest Cannon, FSO-PB:

- *The Cutter* was published.

Public Education Report: Vacant, FSO-PE:

- No report.

Program Visitor Report: Mike Vaughn, FSO-PV:

- Flotilla 11-9 Program Visitors conducted 23 marine location visits in April. 11-9 Bob Gailey FSO-VE is in the certification process of becoming a member of the PV team. Becoming a PV is a great way to get our safe boating message out to the general boating public via area marinas, restaurants, bait/tackle shops, marine supply businesses, etc. Our Area of Responsibility (AOR) as 11-9 PVs cover from Holiday south to Palm Harbor, Ozona area.

Secretary Report: Joan Jennings, FC-PA/SR:

- No Report.

Vessel Examinations Report: Bob Gailey, FSO-VE:

- We had 24 VEs for the month.

Navigation Systems Report: Vacant, FSO-NS:

- No Report.



National Safe Boating Week

May 21-27, 2022



We are Semper Paratus

This month on April 30, 2022, there was a instance when Coast Guard Auxiliary Facility “Try Knot”, and its crew consisting of Tom Maloof (Tarpon Springs Flotilla) as coxswain, Dick Erwin (Clearwater Flotilla), Joe Primosch (St. Pete Beach Flotilla), and trainees Tom Luncher (Tarpon Springs Flotilla) and Tom Mann (New Port Rich-ey Flotilla) were on patrol on the Anclote River in which they encountered a vessel that was inoperable. Going out on patrol is something that is always different. They were able to successfully help the boaters and tow them back to Anclote River Park. The Anclote River here in Tarpon Springs is one of the best places for boating in Florida. Many times boaters forget to thoroughly check their motor prior to embarking. Sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances that arise while out on a boat and boaters may require aid. Helping others in our community is key to getting the message out about boating safety and also being sure people have the knowledge to be prepared if an accident happens or if equipment failure. This upcoming month we are planning for safe boating week and the message we put out will help boaters in case of emergency or malfunction in which they may require aid. By doing vessel examinations and by having boating education classes we can help people be informed of what steps they should take to be safe on the waters of our local river. Also by speaking with the public directly. Safe boating week is coming up May 21– 27th and we plan to be at Tarpon West Marine and the Tarpon Springs Lowes’ to deliver our safe boating message to the public. So we can be always ready and help the community be ready as well.



Photo by Dick Erwin



National Safe Boating Week

May 21-27, 2022



May 16: Flotilla Meeting

**1254 S Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL
34689**

**May 24: NSBW Proclamation City Hall
Tarpon Springs, FL**

May 21-27: National Safe Boating Week

June 20: Flotilla Meeting

**To enhance communication between our
flotilla and the public, we now have a new phone
number with automated answering.
Please make a note of it!**

727-279-5426



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FLOTILLA 11- 9**

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