



The Coast Cutter

October 2022



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

Message from the Commander

It's hard to believe but this November's flotilla meeting will be the last of 2022.

As you all know, I stepped into the role of Flotilla Commander to fill the position and retain control over our own fate. I'm not getting any younger and have some medical issues usual for an old lady my age. When I took on the position, I asked you all for your help and I want to say that you all stepped up to the plate. Your enthusiasm and participation as we were trying to "get the band back together" after the ravages of COVID were an inspiration.

Our November meeting features our annual election. To date, unchallenged are Flotilla Commander (FC) and Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) so this coming year, Tom Maloof will be your incoming FC and Ernest J. Cannon, II will be your incoming VFC. I know that you will support them like you did me by simply showing up and doing your jobs. I feel I'm passing along a flotilla that has come a long way since last year.

The American Legion Post 26 Hall is nearing completion on its renovations and it's going to be a great home for our Boat America (BA) classes so that's another area where we can pick up the pieces and start filling our coffers again. Thank you to all the wonderful folks who are going to be taking on the instructors' roles. Our storage fees have made a real dent in our finances and hopefully, we can start replenishing.

In lieu of our December meeting, we will be having our holiday party. There's a flyer in *The Cutter* with more details and I truly hope that many of you will come, bring your spouses or significant others, and share some quality socializing time with your shipmates.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for.

Joan Jennings, Flotilla Commander



Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:

Communications: 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.

Marine Safety Report: Tom Luncher, FSO-MS:

- Collecting / documenting red tide water samples off western side of Anclote Key Preserve Park.
- Plan on "fixing up/re-doing" our "environmental garbage game" that we use-display at public events.
- Plan on participating in Dunedin Causeway beach cleanup with Keep Pinellas Beautiful environmental group on November 12th.

Member Training: Tom Maloof, VFC:

- New member Jeff Robinson just received his member number and is excited to begin taking AUXCT and BQII courses.
- Tom Maloof and Ernest Cannon begin TCO class in November. progress .
- We had to cancel all missions on our facility Try Knot until a leak can be repaired.

Finance 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 J. Cannon, II, FSO-PB:

- *The Cutter* was published.

Public Education Report: Vacant, FSO-PE:

- No report.

Program Visitor Report: Mike Vaughn, FSO-PV:

- Program Visitors (PVs) had 12 marine location visits in October. Any flotilla member interested in becoming a program visitor or to learn more about what we do can contact me (mva1102@yahoo.com.) for more information.

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

- No report.

Vessel Examinations Report: Bob Gailey, FSO-VE:

- No report.

Navigation Services Report: Vacant, FSO-NS:

- No report.



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Tarpon Springs Holiday Safety event at Lowes October Photos



Top photo is of Ernest Cannon's nephew.

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

November 21: Flotilla Meeting

**December 4: Holiday Party 1400 25 dollars
at the door at AHEPA**

January 16: 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 Vice Commander
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