



# *The Coast Cutter*

*June 2022*



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

## Message from the Commander.

On June 18, I was privileged to participate in Tarpon Springs "Hope Day," an newly created annual event that honors the past and looks to a brighter future. Tarpon Springs is rich in maritime industries and it is still a working port. It is also considered to be a "safe harbor," for any vessels in distress during bad weather.

In my capacity as Flotilla Commander of the Tarpon Springs US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-9, I was asked to read a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson. He wrote the poem in 1889, three years before his death and it represents his placid and accepting attitude towards death.

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crost the bar.

"Crossing the Bar" is an extended metaphor representing travelling serenely and securely from life through death. The Pilot is a metaphor for God, whom the speaker hopes to meet face to face (Wikipedia).

As we begin our an especially hot summer here in Tarpon Springs, I can only hope that our message about boating safety has gotten out and that both our Coast Guardsmen, Auxiliarists, and boaters come home safely from their water-borne activities.

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:**

-Three orders went into Central supply for Vessel Examiner (VE) supplies .

### **Marine Safety Report: Tom Luncher, FSO-MS:**

- Getting red tide water samples on the west side of Anclote Key State Park for Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) every two weeks. Plan on participating in a beach cleanup at Fred Howard Park the end of July.

### **Member Training: Tom Maloof, VFC:**

-We now have two current and qualified instructors and are planning our first boating safety course. We have several new applicants whose interest was piqued due to our National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) displays. Hopefully, they will process quickly and begin training. I've been tracking down, and gently reminding members still in Approval Pending (AP) status on the requirements for upgrading to Basically Qualified (BQ). Some started, but have not completed Core Training (AUXCT). Others have not started online courses since joining over two years ago.

### **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:**

- No report.

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

- No report.

### **Vessel Examinations Report: Bob Gailey, FSO-VE:**

- Flotilla 11-9 completed 22 vessel exams for the month of June. Weather again played a major factor and limited our ability to accomplish more exams. We did have a good July 2nd exam day and hope again to have another VE Blitz on the 20th of July. A big thanks to all our Vessel Examiners for their time and effort.

### **Navigation Services Report: Vacant, FSO-NS:**

- No report.



## Photos from June Vessel Exams



Photos Courtesy of Bob Gailey.



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

**August 15: Flotilla Meeting**

**September 19: Flotilla Meeting**

**October 17: Flotilla Meeting**

**October 23: Auxiliary Barbecue**

**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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