

THE INLAND SEA

USCG AUXILIARY
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020
FLOTILLA 12-1 LAKE MARION, SC

"Life Jackets Worn... Nobody Mourns"

"USCG AUXILIARISTS RECEIVE NO PAY, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS"



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Lake Marion is the largest lake in South Carolina (173.7 Sq. Mi./110,600 acres) (33rd in US), centrally located and with territory within five counties. The lake is referred to as SC's Inland Sea. Combined with Lake Moultrie (60,000+ acres) and the upper Cooper River, Flotilla 12-1's responsibility exceeds 250,000 acres (390+ square miles). We also patrol the Santee and Congaree Rivers.

To paraphrase Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, USN:
The mark of a great boat handler is never getting in a situation that requires great boat handling skills.

A SHIP IS ALWAYS SAFE AT SHORE.
BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT IT'S BUILT FOR.
-Albert Einstein

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER (FC 12-1)

[Perry Moses III](#)



First I want to thank every member of Flotilla 12-1 for their help and participation in the events so far in 2020. First we had probably the largest group at our Division COW in January. Next, we had excellent participation in our January flotilla meeting with all of our boat crew in attendance and completing the Surface Operations Workshop. We also conducted a cold weather familiarization patrol 1 February under cloudy skies with a high of just under 50°. On 8 February we had full participation in our TCT/Refresher workshop. During this same period we have made plans for a very active spring including two ABS classes in March and a major PA event during the Bassmasters Elite series to be held in our AOR during April. All of this is only possible because we have a very dedicated and cohesive unit that enjoys working together to promote recreational safe boating in our area.

I want to encourage everyone to continue their commitment to the goals and mission of the Auxiliary and I look forward to 2020 being a banner year for Flotilla 12-1. Ω



Newest member
Jim Butler

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER (VFC 12-1)

[Bob Young](#)



Exciting is not a word I use very much when talking about our USCGAUX activities, but I will make an exception, this one time, when talking about all of the things our FC has put on our plate for this spring. Let's see, there's two RBS classes in March; support for the Bassmasters Fishing Tournament in April; being in the Manning Striped Bass Festival Parade also in April; support for the Lions Club's Fishing Tournament for the Blind in early May; and, oh by the way, supporting and participating in all of the National Safe Boating Week activities at the end of May; not to mention our routine observation and support missions on Lakes Marion and Moultrie. Yea, I'm excited.

I'M EXCITED!!!

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OPERATIONS

[Joe Livingston](#) IPDCR 12



On 1 February Flotilla 12-1 OPFAC "Surprise" (Bob Young owner) got underway from Pack's landing for a cold weather patrol on the upper part of Lake Marion. On board were Perry Moses, FC (coxswain), Bob Young VFC (boat crew), and William Hayes, VDCDR 12 (boat crew). According to Perry's report, the weather was very cold and heavy cold weather gear was required. Even though a sizable fishing tournament was being held in the area, not many boats were encountered. Several marinas were also visited during the patrol. A sizable area was covered, and the patrol was completed "OPS NORMAL".

This patrol is significant because of the cold weather conditions encountered. It is good for us to patrol in less than desirable weather conditions for two reasons – 1) because boaters encountering problems in these conditions need help quickly so they won't spend an inordinate amount of time in the elements and risk becoming hypothermic. We can provide that help. 2) we need to train in adverse weather conditions to become more proficient at operating effectively in this type of weather. Bad weather changes the dynamics of a patrol substantially. Simply performing normal onboard functions such as line handling, standing bow or stern watch, and especially performing tows, can be different and much more difficult when having to contend with foul weather, and having to function in foul weather gear as well. To prepare for these challenging missions we must train and operate in these conditions and as such I commend the crew of "Surprise" for this patrol. This is what it takes to remain **SEMPER PARATUS!**

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS/MATERIALS

[Ron Cunningham](#)



To those who need to know Spring is on the way. We as teachers and Vessel Examiners need to get our pens and pointers out and dust them off. Also we need to brush up on our rules of the road along with our finesse so we can tell our students and boaters what is correct and what they should be doing to be safe on the waterways of South Carolina and the neighboring states. Ω

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

William Hayes DVCR 12



It is only February, but 12-1 has been very busy already. We have two Boating Safety classes scheduled. Thanks to a donation, an advertisement for the classes has been published in the Lakeside Magazine and is on stands now. In conjunction with the ad, flyers promoting the classes have been placed in multiple locations around the area.

The first Saturday in February, a patrol launched from Pack's Landing. This was a great opportunity to "show the Flag", and interact with boaters at the landing. Jointly several stops were made to visit landings and marinas along the way interacting with the public and distributing literature.

Thanks to everyone who works hard promoting safe boating. There is still many planned events upcoming. Semper Paratus! Ω

MEMBER TRAINING

Perry Moses III

Congratulations to all members of the boat crew and general membership. You have successfully completed the two required workshops for 2020. Also, I think everyone is up to date on their renewal of their core training requirements leaving only our two new members to still complete the core training. I hope that some of our longer serving members will accept the challenge and become VE and PV certified as well as certified instructors. We need everyone to help. Also, as we age our ability to safely participate in on water activity begins to shrink and we are in dire need of more boat crew and coxswains if we are to continue to be able to do two boat drills and to cover our large AOR. I know we have two members who have the experience and the ability to become great coxswains and hope that you will accept this challenge and make 2020 the year you move up from boat crew to coxswain. Ω



TCT refresher workshop participants

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[Bob Young](#), VFC(E)

Challenges of Diversity in the workplace:

Taking full advantage of the benefits of diversity in the workplace is not without its challenges.

Launch a customizable employee satisfaction survey that provides comprehensive reporting.

Use the results to build and implement successful diversity in the workplace policies. As the economy becomes increasingly global, our workforce becomes increasingly diverse. Organizational success and competitiveness will depend on the ability to manage diversity in the workplace effectively. Evaluate your organizations diversity policies and plan for the future, starting today. Ω



PUBLICATIONS

[COMO Jay Dahlgren](#)

ALLOCATING RESOURCES

Through our Auxiliary volunteer efforts, we transmit relatively specific information regarding the Coast Guards demands and preferences for assisting the boating public. This allows the Coast Guard to allocate resources more efficiently. By contributing our time and labor, we Auxiliarists together with the Coast Guard can then work to ameliorate where greater quantities and/or quality of activity are desired.

Remember, we are not the remedy for cutting government payrolls. Instead, our true value lies in supplementing and broadening the services provided by the Coast Guard in assisting the delivery of services to the boating public. Occasionally, this probably does lead to some slight growth in expenditures. Ω

LEXICON: Radio call-letters for drinkers:

W I N O

**DID I READ THAT HEADLINE RIGHT?
AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY
THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON
THE DRAINING BOARD.

(FOR HOW LONG DO THEY HAVE TO DO THIS?)**

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DIVISION 12 CHANGE OF WATCH JANUARY 2020

PHOTOS: BARBARA BURCHFIELD



DIVISION 12 FC'S 2019



IPDCDR 12 2018/2019
JOE LIVINGSTON



2018/2019 DCDR12 JOE LIVINGSTON
2020 DCDR12 RICK BANKERT



2020 DIV12 OFFICERS
DCDR RICK BANKERT
FC 12-1 PERRY MOSES III
VCDR WILLIAM HAYES



DCAPT 7 JOHN HOLMES
ADDRESSING THE DIV12
LEADERSHIP



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AUXLO LT. CORCORAN
IPDCDR 12 JOE LIVINGSTON
DCDR 12 RICK BANKERT



VCDR 12 WILLIAM HAYES
Julie and Savannah Hayes

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Irish Craic and Humour

It doesn't matter how big your house is, how much money you have, or that you wear expensive clothes. Our graves will be the same size. Stay humble.

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Paraprodsokians

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

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15 MAR MTG
11 APR SPRING DIV 12 MTG
Moncks Corner
20 APR MTG
Patrols: Joe Livingston and Perry Moses III
Marine Ramps Project: Perry/Bob/Larry

I've learned that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

COURTROOM QUOTES

ATTORNEY: THE MYASTHENIA GRAVIS, DOES IT AFFECT YOUR MEMORY AT ALL?
WITNESS: YES.
ATTORNEY: AND IN WHAT WAYS DOES IT AFFECT YOUR MEMORY?
WITNESS: I FORGET...
ATTORNEY: YOU FORGET? CAN YOU GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING YOU FORGOT?

WORDS

*Compassion is language
the deaf can hear and
the blind can see*

PEARLS OF WISDOM:

When a man opens the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. - Prince Philip

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BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Regardless of the type or size of the boat or watercraft that you may have, the use of common sense and the following boating and watercraft guidelines will promote an overall positive and safe boating experience.



Each person on board a watercraft is required to be equipped with a government approved life jacket or personal flotation device, or "PFD." Children should be encouraged to wear their life jacket at all times, whenever they are in the vicinity of a body of water such as lakes, rivers, streams, etc. Ensuring that young children to wear their PFD's at an early age will help to make this a common practice as they get older. Parents must, however, always remember that a life jacket is not a substitute for adult supervision.

Illegal, dangerous or negligent activity while boating or operating an air cushion vehicle, jet skiing, water-skiing, tubing, knee-boarding or participating in any other water activity involving an object and/or person being towed in the water, is a criminal offense. Some of the offenses that you could be charged with under the Criminal Code of Canada include: Operating a vessel while intoxicated, towing a person after dark, towing a person without a proper lookout or spotter, failing to stop at the scene of an accident, to mention a few

"Do"

- ~Slow down when passing a non-motorized craft such as a rowboat or a canoe
- ~Always let someone responsible know when you are departing on any watercraft outing and when you plan to return.
- ~Always be alert for debris in the water
- ~Make sure before you depart that your boat or watercraft is properly equipped, i.e., PFD's for each person in the boat, paddles, first aid kit, adequate amount of gas, etc.
- ~Always keep a flashlight and extra clothing in a water-resistant bag in case of emergency.

"Don't"

- ~Stand up while the boat or watercraft is in motion
- ~Put too much weight in the back of your boat or watercraft
- ~Throw garbage in the water
- ~Mix alcohol and boating

Boating can be a great activity for all ages. Using common sense and being aware of the potential hazards can help to ensure everyone's safety.