

the 7:15 express

your Division communicator - March 5, 2018



A message from the Division Commander

Commander Xaimara Vicencio-Roldan, Director of Auxiliary District 7, asked all the Division Commanders to forward her an article about a success story of their division for a Newsletter her office plans to publish. I thought that you might be interested in the article submitted by Division 15.

It's almost impossible to summarize the accomplishments of Division 15 in a single newsletter! Our members have stepped up and accomplished a multitude of missions in supporting Station Yankeetown, the boating public, and the communities in which we live. It's actually a disservice to attempt to mention their success for fear of omitting many of their other outstanding accomplishments!

Each year countless hours are devoted to the auxiliary's core principle of Recreational Boating Safety which is highlighted with their involvement in National Safe Boating Week. Along with these functions, our members excel in providing free life jackets to children, taking a leadership

role in community events ranging from local fairs, blessing of the fleet, and boat shows. They also conduct the *Annual Douglas Munro Memorial Event*, which honors the only member of the Coast Guard to be presented the Nation's **Medal of Honor**.

Working hand in hand with Station Yankeetown, Division 15 members provide Food Services support, stand radio watch, provide backup support when Rescue 21 is down, and a number of other activities. The division sponsors the Station Yankeetown Annual Chili Tasting Contest, their Annual Ethnic Luncheon, and helps plan the Annual Coast Guard Birthday Picnic. Our members developed a "Caps for Coasties" program in which all of the station's crew were presented with "Station Yankeetown" ODU ball caps. As new crew members come aboard, they also receive a station cap. A member of the division is the Station's Ombudsman, who greets new arrivals and their families as they report to station. The MAYDAY is a monthly web letter sent to the Station crew's families.

There are also the additional activities which so often go unmentioned -- aiding in pollution control, shoreline clean up, retrieving discarded crab pots, working hand in hand with county EOCs, and countless other community involvement programs.

To say that our members are dedicated is an understatement. Division 15 is "SERVING FLORIDA'S NATURE COAST"

Semper Paratus - Andy Render, Division Commander, 15

Happy St. Patrick Day from your Division 15 Staff Officers.



Great Yankeetown Chili Taste-Off Fellowship with Commodore Judith Hudson

Friday, March 23, 2018

Set up: 11:00 AM - bring your own crock-pot

Tasting: 11:30 AM - lunch after tasting

, you and all members (that includes your significant other) are invited. If you don't want to make chili, bring a dessert. Please notify Linda Jones by phone or email to let her know you are participating. H: 352-503-6199 C: 352-423-0712 ljones1501@gmail.com



Flotillas Share Training Opportunites

Division members from any flotilla are welcome to attend these training sessions with advance registration.

Mar. 10th, Mar. 17th, Mar. 24th, Mar. 31th - AUXPAT -

Flotilla 15-4, 1000-1200 hrs. - Flotilla building on Green Acres Street, Homosassa - Register with Patricia Dooris pdooris@dooris-assoc.com

Mar. 26th - 4-hour TCT - Flotilla 15-8, 1800 hrs. - Flotilla building at corner of Shoal Line Road and Calienta Street, Hernando Beach - Register with Paul Pelletier paul.pelletier@uscgaux-fl.org



Apr. 16th - 1-hour TCT - Flotilla 15-8, 1800-1900 hrs. - Flotilla building at corner of Shoal Line Road and Calienta Street, Hernando Beach - Register with Paul Pelletier paul.pelletier@uscgaux-fl.org

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National Safe Boating Week: May 19-25, 2018



Now is the time to start planning. Visit [Safe Boating Campaign](#) for resource materials. Click on the left image to view a Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Interactive Calendar added to Division 15 Website

By clicking on the calendar tab of the [Division 15 website](#) you will notice that a second calendar has been added. The original PDF calendar is still there with all the Division 15 Dates listed. In addition, an interactive Google calendar has been added. The Google calendar displays the current month but permits you to scroll forward or back using the arrows at the top of the calendar. The primary reason the interactive calendar was added is its capacity to display more detailed information for a particular date. If you click on one of the Member Training dates, you will notice that the time, location and other relevant information can be displayed for that event. The PDF calendar is limited to the amount of information that can be fit into the date box whereas the Google calendar provides more flexibility. Some of the other features of the interactive calendar are related to its display and printing options. You can display the current month or week or a simple 'to do' style listing of events. We encourage you to explore the [Google calendar's](#) options as one more tool at your disposal. Special thanks to Dave Lemon for his work on the Google calendar.



Linda Jones Honored for Ombudsman Performance

Linda Jones, Flotilla 15-1, was recognized for her work with the members of Station Yankeetown. Visit [Press Release](#) on the website for the full story.

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