

Around The Horn

Gulfport Flotilla 00137 Newsletter

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Comments from the Publisher

This being our first newsletter for the 137th Flotilla in quite some time, I hope you will all be patient with me as I am on a learning curve of preparation. Any recommendations or suggestions that you may offer to help improve our newsletter will be greatly appreciated and considered. I truly hope that you will enjoy keeping up with the activities of our flotilla. Publisher email: richard727@wildblue.net

Commander's Notes

Under the heading of Commander's Notes, the Flotilla Commander will comment, and report on the condition of the Gulfport Flotilla in regard to its readiness and capabilities. This section of the newsletter gives the Flotilla Commander an opportunity to address the entire flotilla, staff and crews on any subject that he feels is pertinent to a more efficient and smoother operation.

Auxiliariest of the Month



Ralph "Rick" Quinn is a man truly dedicated to family, friends, and our flotilla. He is truly a man of great character and his friendship is appreciated and cherished by all who know him. Thank you for being the kind of person we can all look up to as a great example of what we should strive to be.

What's new on the "DOO"



Once again, we had another great day at sea, working with our aircraft friends from the Coast Guard. What a great group.

The bow crew work together like a well oiled machine preparing the deck to receive the equipment on-board. The crew has done this many times before and know exactly what to do and how to do it. They set up the spool to stow the line from the equipment. Each member of the recovery crew has a specific assignment and must perform it flawlessly and with attention to safety.



The recovery process is not complicated, but the tasks are exacting and the crewmen must work together seamlessly to make the recovery process work smoothly and safely. One of the bow crew continuously points to the direction the recovery line is laying so the Coxswain can maneuver the boat during the recovery. It is important to make sure that the line does not go under the vessel and get tangled in the propellers. The Coxswain also must cautiously maneuver the vessel toward each device safely and easily as to bring each equipment packet on board the vessel without damaging the vessel or the equipment

Quote of the Month

When you are at sea, keep clear of the land

Publius Syrus

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