

Agenda

April 21, 2012

Welcome and Guest Introductions

Pledge Flotilla Commander

Invocation George Collins

Staff Reports Vice Commander

Flotilla 8-1 Staff Officer (FSO) Reports For April 2012

Communications – Chuck Avanzato, FSO-CM.

- No Report

Communications Services – Donna Cassell, FSO-CS.

- As always, visit the website:
- <http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=081-08-01>
- Added ALT Tags to all pictures

Contingency Planning – No report

Finance – Submitted by “D” Linder. Will be on Website in April 2012 reports.

Human Resources – David Cassell, FC-HR

- Have received 3 emails regarding interest in Auxiliary.

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Information Systems – Phil Benefield/Donna Cassell, FSO-IS

- I need your hours to input. Please send them, e-mail them, or bring them.

Materials – Shawn Schooley, FSO-MA.

- No report available

Marine Safety & Environmental Education – Fred Matthies, FSO-MS.

- No report

Membership Training – Lewis Higgins, Jr., FSO-MT.

- Mainly did refresher for everyone, talked about different boating experiences etc.
- Shawn wants to plan some training and I will be working with him on this.

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Aid to Navigation – Don Baker, FSO-AN.

- Anderson will be moving all ATONS back on station

Operations – Chetan Sankar, FSO-OP.

- **Summary of Patrol on 4/14 and 4/15/2012**
- Members from Flotilla 81: Shawn Schooley, Tom Parker, Lewis Higgins, Chetan Sankar
- Members from Flotilla 83: John Belanger, Don Wilborn
- Facilities: Chetan's pontoon boat, Don's boat
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- ATONs verified: 180; Crews trained: 3; Locks crossed: 4; Coxswains trained: 3; Distance Traveled: About 140 miles each way
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- Onward Journey: Eufaula Coast Guard Station to Bainbridge, GA (on Flint River)
- Started on 4/14 at 10 a.m.; Reached at 7.30 p.m.
- Refueled Pontoon's boat twice (given its capacity of 20 gallons with about 3 miles/gallon)
- Crossed 2 locks
- Chetan's boat: Crew: John & Lewis
- Don's boat: Crew: Tom & Shawn
- Don's boat started having problems
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- Stay: Charter House Inn, Bainbridge, GA
- Local police provided transportation from public marina to the hotel
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- Return journey:
- Don's boat had problems and was left at Bainbridge, GA
- All 6 returned by pontoon boat
- Refueled boat thrice (about 2 miles/ gallon)
- Started at 9 a.m.; Returned at 7.30 p.m.

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- Activities completed:
- ATON verification
- Members became familiar with ATONs
- Understood how to cross locks
- Understood how to go on long distance, two-day patrols
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- Lessons learned:
- Pontoon boat has limited fuel capacity and a trip above 40 miles needs refueling
- It travels about 20 mph and takes time (that too when locks are open at particular hours)
- Refueling from gas cans is a difficult operation
- Team coordination training is essential before embarking on such a patrol
- Such patrols take full days and not possible to plan other events on the same day
- Crew need to have specific roles and responsibilities
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- Future plans:
- There is a possibility of a patrol between Lake Seminole and Appalachicola, FL, on May 12-13th. This is contingent on Don's boat being available and Chetan able to figure out refueling strategy for his boat.

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Public Affairs – Phillip Benefield, FSO-PA.

- National Safe Boating Week is May 19-25. We need to brainstorm and decide what we need to do. George Collins is doing a great job representing us out there.

Publications – Donna Cassell, FSO-PB.

- Shawn prepared a newsletter for 2012 for our submission in the National Competition
- Monthly and Quarterly survey tied....

Public Education – Fred Matthies, FSO-PE.

- Boater Safety Course was April 17 & 19, 2012. The schedule is on the website.

Program Visitor – Tom McKoon, FSO-PV.

- Report at meeting

Secretary/Records – “D” Lindner, FSO-SR.

- Minutes online

Vessel Examinations – George Collins, FSO-VE.

- So Far our VEs are off to a great start. WE may beat F 83 this year if we continue with our efforts. So Far I have as listed:
 - John 53-King of VSCs
 - Pat 50-Queen of VSCs
 - George 27
 - Tom 4
 - Shawn 2
- This gives our Flotilla 136 VSCs so far for the year.

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Old Business

Flotilla Commander

New Business

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- Fellowship – May 19
- BSC Sign-up Calendar

Training

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- Suggestions for future.

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Meeting Adjourned

Boater Safety Course

May 15 & 17

Next Auxiliary Meeting – May 19, 2012