



**8TH EASTERN
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DIVISION ONE**

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Special points of interest:

Change of Watch



Tables at Change of Watch

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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The Tow Line

Spring 2024

Change of Watch

On 6 January 2024 we had Division I Change of Watch. It was held at White River Yacht Club (WRYC) in Indianapolis, IN. Active duty call it Change of Command. It has been held at WRYC for many years. It is located along the east bank of the White River at 74th Street.

Change of Watch is where newly elected and appointed officers are sworn into their perspective offices as required per our By-Laws. It is also a time to witness our proceedings in action as well as enjoy good food and fellowship.

Our new DCDR, Michael Richardt and VCDR, Erol Cetinok were sworn in by 8th Eastern and Western District Director of Auxiliary, Adam Cernovich and Sector Ohio Valley Commander



Swearing in Ceremony with CDR Adam Cernovich and CAPT Heather Mattern

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Newly Installed DCDR Michael Richardt

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

CAPT Heather Mattern whom also swore in Division and Flotilla Staff Officers. DCDR Richardt wants mentoring as job one.

Our guest speaker was CAPT Heather R. Mattern Commander of Sector Ohio Valley who gave a great speech and told about her great grandfather was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania many years ago.



Boat Crew Academy



Vern Smith, Rich Clements and Dan Gillahan
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Doug Jave and Walt Guntharp Instructing
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

“... defined as Boat Crew Basic Training.”



DCDR Mike Richardt
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

The Boat Crew Academy was held at American Legion Post 3 in Broad Ripple on 3 February 2024. It started at 1000 hours and was complete by 1400 hours. This can be defined as Boat Crew Basic Training.

The teaching is out of the Boat Crew Manual. Most everything covered is out of the manual. By the end off the day most of the trainees can pass that part of the test which must be



Past DCDR Tom Foreman
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Students Ready to Learn
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show

The Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show ran 16-18 and 21-25 February 2024 in the Champions Pavilion at the Indiana State Fair Grounds with 19-20 February off. Division I had its normal spot in aisle 3300 (3-booths wide) that is donated by Renfro Productions and Management, Inc.

Our booth was setup on 14 February 2025 (Valentines Day) with the help of plenty of members of Division I. The booth was 10' deep and 30' wide. As editor I want to thank Tom Foreman, Mark Keith and Richard Friedman for their help during the setup.

This is a time for Division I to recruit new members, schedule Vessel Safety Checks (VSC), preform Marine Dealer Visits (MDV) and educate the public of Boating Safety in which we use Boat America a full day course. That course is set for 23 March 2024 at Southport Masonic Lodge at 5678 S. East St. 46227. or US-31 South.

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Setting Up At The Boat Show

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Our Booth Showing the Overboard Dummy

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

this newsletter of that day of training. Many who signed up for the Boat

America class at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show attended that full day class. We want safe boaters no matter what body of water they are on for fun and relaxation.

Late News

Eighth District Eastern Region is releasing a new recruiting and retention program named "Catch and Keep" to be released at the Fall D-Train this year with more details.

**United States
Coast Guard
Auxiliary**



Ted E. Bear On Watch

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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Yogi Bear In A Nearby Booth

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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Boater Safety Training

Location: Southport Masonic Lodge
5678 S. East St., 46227
Date: March 23, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Boat America Flier
(photo by: Sktp Nunweiler)



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Boat America

The Boat America course is approximately eight (8) hours of learning boating safety. It was in a Power-Point Presentation in six (6) Class titles:

- Know Your Boat
- Before You Get Under-way
- Operating Your Boat Safely
- Legal Requirements Of Boating
- Boating Emergencies What to Do
- Enjoying Water Sports With Your Boat

Those subjects are covered in six (6) to eight (8) hours including questions and answers.

Boat America course was held 23 March 2024 at Southport Masonic Lodge 270 at 5789 S. East St. in Indianapolis, IN starting at 0900 and went nearly until 1700. The lead instructor was Walt Guntharp and aided by Jeff Vail. Both instructors are owners of facilities with a great knowledge of boating.

It was successful by the hard work of Richard Friedman who contacted those expressing an interest in Recreational Boating Safety at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show in February. This was a team effort by several members of two Flotillas.

Those completing the course will be aware of Recreational Boating Safety. We are "America's Volunteer Lifesavers."



Jeff Vail and Walt Guntharp Trainers
(photo by: Sktp Nunweiler)



Jeff Vail Training the Boat America Course
(photo by: Sktp Nunweiler)



DCDR Michael Richardt Observing Training
(photo by: Sktp Nunweiler)