



8TH EASTERN  
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DIVISION ONE

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**Stan Emerson with  
Students**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*

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# The Taw Line

Summer 2017

## About Boating Safely (ABS Class)

ABS Class was conducted on 8 April 2017. This is a Public Education Course headed up by Stan Emerson, SO-PE. There were 32 people showing interest in the course after the Spring Boat Show. Only five (5) came to the course and an additional five (5) are interested in a course later this summer. Stan got five (5) instructors to put on the course. They in-



**Bob Hendrickson Giving His Part of the Course**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*

cluded Ted Herring, Bill Reisa, Jeff Vail, Bob Hendrickson and Skip Nunweiler.

The topics included: Introduction to Boating, Boating Law, Boat Safety Equipment, Safe

Boating, Navigation, Boating Problems, Trailering Storing and Protecting Your Boat, as well as Hunting

and Fishing, Water-Skiing and River Boating. The five (5) students gave all five (5) instructors, very high marks for their presentations.



**Bill Reisa Instructing the Class**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*

Wallet-sized cards were presented at the end of the course and Certificates were mailed to each student. A fun day for students and instructors.



**Ted Herring in Class**  
*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*

**“... award  
personnel and  
Flotillas ...”**



**Commodore’s Banquet**  
*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*

### Spring D-Train - Huntsville, AL

Headed south for the Spring D-Train held at the Airport in Huntsville, AL. This was an excellent opportunity to fill in any empty areas you have in your training. Many of us arrived on Thursday afternoon and used the time to renew friendships with people from the 8th District Eastern Region. That area covers all or part of 10 states including, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

Friday is the day District Commodore Randy Ventress and his staff help guide the District in its endeavors and award personnel and Flotillas for their hard work. Our



**Opening Ceremony at Spring D-Train**  
*(photo by: Bill Smith)*

Division received several awards. Flotilla 01-09 was awarded for completing over 90% of their mandated training and Flotilla 01-07 received the Public Affairs Chief of Staff Award and Skip Nunweiler received the Public Affairs Chief of Staff Award. Flotilla 01-03 received a 60 Year Award. The evening was topped off with a banquet of fine food with musical entertainment and story telling.

Saturday is a day of training with a multitude of courses. The evening was the Commodore’s Banquet. It was a great and relaxing weekend. Be certain to attend the Fall D-Train in Indianapolis. You will not be disappointed.



**Gathering Before Commodore's Banquet in Huntsville, AL**  
*(photo by: Bill Smith)*

## Armed Forces Day - Indianapolis 500

Armed Forces Day at the Indianapolis 500 was very successful. We manned a Coast Guard booth with the help of Flotilla 01-03, 01-07, 01-09 and 01-10. Our guests were Commodore, Randy Ventress, Richard and Lynn Miles. The Commodore came from Tennessee and the Miles came from Alabama. We also had Rear Admiral, Matthew Bell, Jr. out of Washington, DC and CAPT, Michael Zamperini, Commander of Sector Ohio Valley attending the swearing in ceremony of four (4) new recruits into the Coast Guard.

The booth was setup and open on 19-21 May 2017. A number of people (approximately 300) stopped seeking information about the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

Saturday is also the day the race car drivers begin to qualify for the big race and the first nine fastest drivers succeed in their position for the race. Sunday, the drivers qualify for the remainder of the 33 positions.



**Rear Admiral Matthew Bell at Gasoline Alley**  
*(photo by: Russ Beaver)*



**New Coast Guard Recruits Taking the Oath**  
*(photo by: Russ Beaver)*

Recruiter, Chief Joey Munn saw the enlistees take the oath to become members

of the U.S. Coast Guard. He also helped us in the booth on Sunday.

This ceremony began in 1978 on Armed Forces weekend. All branches of the military setup displays to help recruiting. High ranking officers of all branches and many politicians attend the ceremony. This year there were over 90 new recruits taking the oath. This is a very time honored practice and many people look forward to attending.



**CAPT Michael Zamperini**  
*(photo by: Russ Beaver)*



**Commodore Ventress at Borg Warner Suite**  
*(photo by: Russ Beaver)*

“... number of people ...”



**COMO Randy Ventress, Lynn Miles, Rick McFall and Richard Miles**  
*(photo by: Russ Beaver)*

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**Division One Picnic After  
the QE**

*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*



**Division One**

**Qualification Examination (QE)**

Many were practicing to become qualified Boat Crew members since winter exited our area. It culminated on 24 June on Geist Reservoir near Indianapolis with the QE. All five (5) Flotillas participated in it. Some re-qualifying and others as new qualification as Boat Crew. Many have practiced knots, line handling, towing, etc.

The Examiners were Bob Hendrickson, Bill Reisa and Walt Guntharp. We appreciate their dedication to ensuring we have top quality Boat Crew members and Coxswains. They receive a list of members needing a QE that has been approved. Approval requires certain training courses to be completed.

All who were listed as able to QE, passed their qualifications. We welcome the new qualified Boat Crew members. This will make the local lakes and Ohio River waters of Division One much safer as they patrol.  
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**On-Shore Testing**  
*(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)*



**Towing Test**  
*(photo by: Ric Wiseley)*

After the QE, the members



**On-Water Testing**  
*(photo by: Ric Wiseley)*

went to Bob and Dee Hendrickson's house for our Division One picnic. The food, friendship and fellowship was great. We even had a humorous episode occur. Their were snacks in a bowl on the table and several people tried to snack on them. They found the flavor to be rather bland. When they mentioned it, they found they were eating dog treats and the bowl was on the table because of a visiting dog in the house. No harm, but they now have an urge to chase cars.