

Percy Priest Flotilla 11-04





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Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Facility 18928-E, Nashville, TN. Coast Guard Auxiliary 2014 file photo by Timm Meunier, 11-06, 8ER

Nashville Fireworks Event Fuels Multiple Boating Emergencies

We arrived on scene at the Riverfront Park area around 1700 hours. The river was up about 10 feet, the current was running at 5 to 6 MPH, and the sea state was one to two foot waves.

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Four 11-04 Aviators to Participate in Annual Summer Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation Safety Workshop

Four 11-04 aviators (Campbell, Gallagher, Ring, and Williamson) will be attending the annual Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation Safety Workshop in Mobile, Alabama this month.

A full schedule includes: briefings on the 8th Eastern Region (8ER) and the gold side (active duty), water survival//swim//life boat egress (in the pool and lecture), and topics on aeromedical factors, spatial disorientation, aircraft maintenance, flight safety, weather, new technologies, ditching techniques, crew resource management, mission planning, risk assessment, search patterns, airspace and Federal Aviation Regulations, and an awards ceremony.

Air Station Mobile (AL) is home to the Coast Guard's Gulf Strike Team, and training for the Coast Guard's 4 aircraft (144 Ocean Sentry, C-130 Hercules, and Jayhawk and Dolphin helicopters), is also completed there.

Contributed by Jim Williamson, 11-04

Electrical Voltage Monitors Will Be Installed On Cherokee Reservoir

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NASHVILLE – Voltage monitors will be installed on Cherokee Reservoir to collect data during the next two weeks that investigators hope reveal more details about the possible cause of low-voltage electricity discovered in the lake.

In July, a team comprised of the Tennessee State

Numerous vessels, especially smaller recreational vessels, were unequipped and untrained to pilot under those conditions.

We attempted to counsel as many as we could, but many vessels ignored us and attempted to anchor. The typical result was that either the anchor line would be swept into the propeller causing total loss of command of the vessel, or an inadequate hold that would eventually give way, causing the vessel to careen downstream out of control.

Vessels that maintained position by using their engine power consumed far more fuel than anticipated which resulted in them later running out of fuel.

Between our two vessels – 18919 (coxswained by Bill Weeks and crewed by Richard Papineau Jr, Richard Papineau Sr, and Patrick Brown), and 18928 (coxswained by Phil Mammano and crewed by Rosemary Halldorsson and Brad Cochrane) – we affected 7 rescues of boats that had slipped their anchor and/or fouled their propulsion. Our partner agencies (TWRA, Metro Fire, Metro Police and Metro OEM) were equally as busy the entire event.

Once we were returning home we encountered a vessel with seven persons on board that had lost power, had no anchor, and was in danger of being run over by the General Jackson. It took over two hours to get them one mile upstream and assist them to get their vessel and personnel out of the water safely. We very likely saved their lives, we definitely saved their property, and we weren't mission complete until 0330 hours.

Our crewmembers from Flotillas 11-04 and 11-05 performed with great alacrity, situational awareness and adaptability under very difficult and unprecedented circumstances, safely completing multiple high-stakes evolutions while preventing dozens of spectators from certain distress. Bravo Zulu!

Contributed by 082-11-04 Flotilla Commander, Phil Mammano

AUX-12 C School for Public Affairs Training

Are you interested in Public Affairs?

The AUX-12 course is basic training in how to convey the Coast Guard and Auxiliary story. Students learn essentials of news writing, editing, marketing, branding and digital photography, along with how to handle interviews and meet the press. Various disaster scenarios put students in key roles as part of a Joint Information Center.

The course is being offered at the following venues:

NACON San Antonio, TX (24 - 26 August)

Base Alameda, California (11 - 13 September)

You must complete the online course Introduction to Auxiliary Public Affairs (AUX-20) prior to class start date.

For more information go to: http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=A-DEPT&category=aux-12



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015 NACON (NATIONAL CONVENTION)

PLACE: SAN ANTONIO, TX DATES: 25 – 29 AUG 2015 http://cgauxa.org/nacon-2015.php

| Flotilla 11-04 Meeting Location: | PAUL B. HUFF ARMY RESERVE CENTER 3598 BELL ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37214 |
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| Meeting Time: | 3rd Monday of each month, at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.) |
| Contact Phone: | 615-346-5362 |

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Fire Marshal's Office, Tennessee Valley Authority and Appalachian Electric Cooperative began examining this issue shortly after homeowners first made complaints about a mild electrical current in the lake. The electric current is a low voltage that does not pose a life safety hazard.

Engineers hope data gathered during the next two weeks by the monitors will help them diagnose the source of the electrical current and correct the problem.

The monitors will be installed at two sites: A location on Pointe Drive in Talbott, TN, and at a location in Lakewood Drive in Jefferson City, TN.

- See more at:

http://www.tn.gov/commerce/news/16693#sthash.GXollDk H.dpuf and http://www.wsmv.com/story/29626060/state-warns-ofelectrical-shocks-at-cherokee-reservoir-docks

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If You Have to Rescue an Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)

Victim

Know how to distinguish drowning from ESD.

Tingling, numbness, and pain all indicate ESD.

- Fight the instinct to enter the water. Many rescuers have died trying to help ESD victims.
- Call for help. Use 911 or VHF Channel 16 as appropriate.
- Turn off the shore power connection at the meter base and/or unplug shore power cords.
- Get the victim out of the water. Remember to reach, throw, row, but don't go.
- If the person is not breathing or you cannot find a pulse, perform CPR until the local fire department or emergency responders arrive.
 - For more information, see: <u>http://www.paristn.net/articles/2015/06/07/state-fire-marshal-urges-tennesseans-to-take-precautions-on-the-water-this-summer/</u>

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- 1. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are members of the Association.
- 2. Associate Membership, either as an Individual or as a business/corporation, is available to others. The level of Associate membership is determined by the support contribution provided.

http://www.cgauxa.org/membership.php

August is Back to School Month, as well as the start of a new business season.

The <u>Office Depot/OfficeMax</u> discount program, through the CG Auxiliary Association, can help you save money for your children's or grandchildren's back-to-school expenses, as well as your own business or Auxiliary business expenses. Save **up to 80% off** preferred products in-store and online. Print your discount card today at <u>this link</u> to start the savings. The <u>Office Depot/OfficeMax</u> discount program is yours with:

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