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Gerrish Township Marina  
103 Mill Street  
Roscommon, Michigan

# Northern Skies

Flotilla 26-03 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Central Region,  
Roscommon, Michigan



Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday 7pm ~8 pm,  
Gerrish Township Marina

## JOIN THE AUXILIARY

*With nearly 27,000 members, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary actively provides safety patrols on area waterways and regularly meets with the boating public at marinas and in classrooms. We also directly assist the U.S. Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as search and rescue, and marine environmental protection.*

### Division Staff Officers from 26-03

Agnes Feldman	Computer Services
Dennis Duford	Member Training
Frank Homola	Vessel Examination
Chuck Feldman	Public Affairs and Program Visitation

### Coast Guard Auxiliary Officers 26-03

Bill Kumpula	Flotilla Commander
Ernie Stuart	Vice Flotilla Commander
Charles Feldman	Materials FSO-MA
Gary Jurkovich	Communications FSO-CM
Agnes Feldman	Computer Services FSO-CS
Tammy Mitchell	Finance FSO-FN
Dean VanOstran	Human Resources FSO-HR
Wayne Schoeppach	Information Services FSO-IS
Wayne Schoeppach	Public Education FSO-PE
Frank Homolo	Marine Safety FSO-MS
Dennis Duford	Member Training FSO-MT
Dennis Duford	Operations FSO-OP
Donald Burke	Public Affairs FSO-PA
Gary Rapelje	Publications FSO-PB
Daniel Newport	Program Visitor FSO-PV
Marilyn Stuart	Secretary FSO-SR
Richard Mitchell	Vessel Examinations FSO-VE

## WELCOME TO BILL KUMPULA THE NEW 26-03 FLOTILLA COMMANDER FOR 2013

Bill Kumpula takes over as the elected Flotilla Commander from Chuck Feldman who served several dedicated and successful years in this position. The office of Flotilla Commander is not an easy one. This article will give a brief history of FC Kumpula as he helps guide the Roscommon Flotilla forward over the coming year.

Bill has lived in Houghton Lake since building his home there in 1986 and eventually moving to the community permanently in 2003. Always having been drawn to the water Bill has owned one water craft or another since 1981. His love of the water lead him to attend the Coast Guard themed movie "the Guardian" in 2007 where he was introduced to the Auxiliary by Chuck Feldman who was distributing enrollment brochures. The love of the water and helping other boaters made the Coast Guard Auxiliary a perfect fit for Bill and he joined that same year.



Since joining in 2007 Bill has worked hard to stay active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In those 6 short years since joining he has become a certified boating class instructor where he can help share his years of knowledge out on the water. Bill also became a vessel safety examiner



*Mr. and Mrs. Kumpula at the Change of Watch Dinner December 2012*

where he has used his knowledge to help other boaters keep themselves safe while enjoying the beautiful Northern Michigan waterways. Not to rest on his laurels Bill also became qualified as a coxswain where his knowledge of operating watercraft helps him safely guide Flotilla vessels as evidenced by his participation with the Coast Guard and other flotillas providing security for the Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge Walk.

In his time away from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Bill enjoys: watercolor painting, woodworking, church functions and recreational firearms shooting. Bill brings a vast knowledge from many areas in his life to his current role in the Coast Guard Auxiliary as Flotilla Commander, which was immediately preceded by 3 years in the Vice Commander role. Please welcome Bill Kumpula as your 2013 Flotilla Commander and join him in helping make 2013 another successful one for Flotilla 26-03!

### Higgins Lake Update:

The South State Park boat Launch will be closed until 28 June and this will increase boat activity at the Gerrish Marina.

Marine Safety FSO-MS Frank Homala is trying to facilitate a Marine Safety Training event between the DEQ, Coast Guard Marine Safety and the Gerrish Fire Department. The tentative scenario for this spring event would be a fuel spill on an inland lake near the shoreline. More details on the training will be shared once information is available.

## 2012 Coast Guard Change of Watch Awards

Coast Guard Meritorious Team  
Commendation for the Auxiliary Search and Rescue Training Team

### **Congratulations**

Dennis Duford, William Kumpula, and Chuck Feldman

Coast Guard Meritorious Team  
Commendation for the Auxiliary Flotilla 26-03 Renovation Team

### **Congratulations**

*Don Burke, Dennis Duford, Chuck Feldman, Frank Homola, Gary Jurkovich, Bill Kumpula, Dan Newport, Wayne Schoepach, Don Sherman, Ernie Stuart*

Division Top Performers In Public Education, Public Affairs

### **Congratulations**

*Agnes and Chuck Feldman*

## Flotilla Welcomes

### New Members

2013 brings many new opportunities for Flotilla 26-03 including two new members! Lori Billiard transfers into the Roscommon Flotilla from another in state location. We look forward to seeing and learning more about Lori hopefully at the March meeting. A second new member arriving in March is Bill Torongo. Bill will be joining us on the flight side of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and has worked at Weyerhaeuser in Grayling for 29 years. He currently works as the preventative maintenance lead in the wood room. Enjoying the outdoor life in Northern Michigan Bill canoes in the warmer weather, bow hunts for deer in the fall and exercises his dogs bird hunting. He has two planes which include a 59 Cessna 150 and a 56 Beechcraft Bonanza. It will be great to welcome Lori and Bill to the Roscommon Flotilla just as this writer was a year ago!

## Flotilla 26-03 Commander's Report FC Bill Kumpula 2February2013

Topics addressed here were selected by the Division Commander.

### **Recruit and Retention**

Help members to feel of value in working in areas of their training while highlighting the importance of those areas to the Coast Guard. Increase social activities, especially in the non-summer months. Run a newspaper ad for two weeks indicating the, Roscommon U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has immediate openings available. . . Complete job of making our meeting room more functional and appealing. Have FSO-HR assign a member to be a mentor for a new member. Emphasize to members the importance of their Auxiliary staff positions.

### **SABOT and Other Training**

As we have our Boat Days this year with the Bay City flotilla, we will include SABOT updating as much as possible. We will have additional crew and coxswain review of SABOT procedures. Have training as needed on other days than meeting nights. I will encourage crew and coxswain to take part in all division planned SABOT training.

### **Multi Mission Support of the Coast Guard**

All of our missions, whether they be VSC's, boater classes, water operations, etc. are in support of the Coast Guard. Members will be encouraged to broaden their time on tasks in areas they are certified. They will also be encouraged to work directly with the Coast Guard in special events and emergencies.

### **Public Education**

This year we will again strive to have at least two, one day boater safety classes and more if we determine there is a need. We will attempt to have a Boating Skills Class at a later time of the season to encourage more public participation: we need to investigate whether it makes a difference where the class is offered, as far as number of students is concerned, in the Higgins Lake area or Houghton Lake area. We will endeavor to get at least one additional person trained as an instructor.

### **In General**

We will again make use of committees in the flotilla. Creating committees for Safe Boating Week, Budgeting/Acquisitions, Meeting Room Improvements as examples.





The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary provides free Vessel Safety Inspections for your Boat. Our knowledgeable Vessel Examiners will go over your boat and equipment with you and if your boat meets the safety requirements they will issue you a Vessel Safety Check Sticker for your boat which shows the world that you are a Safe Boater. More information: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=091-26-03>

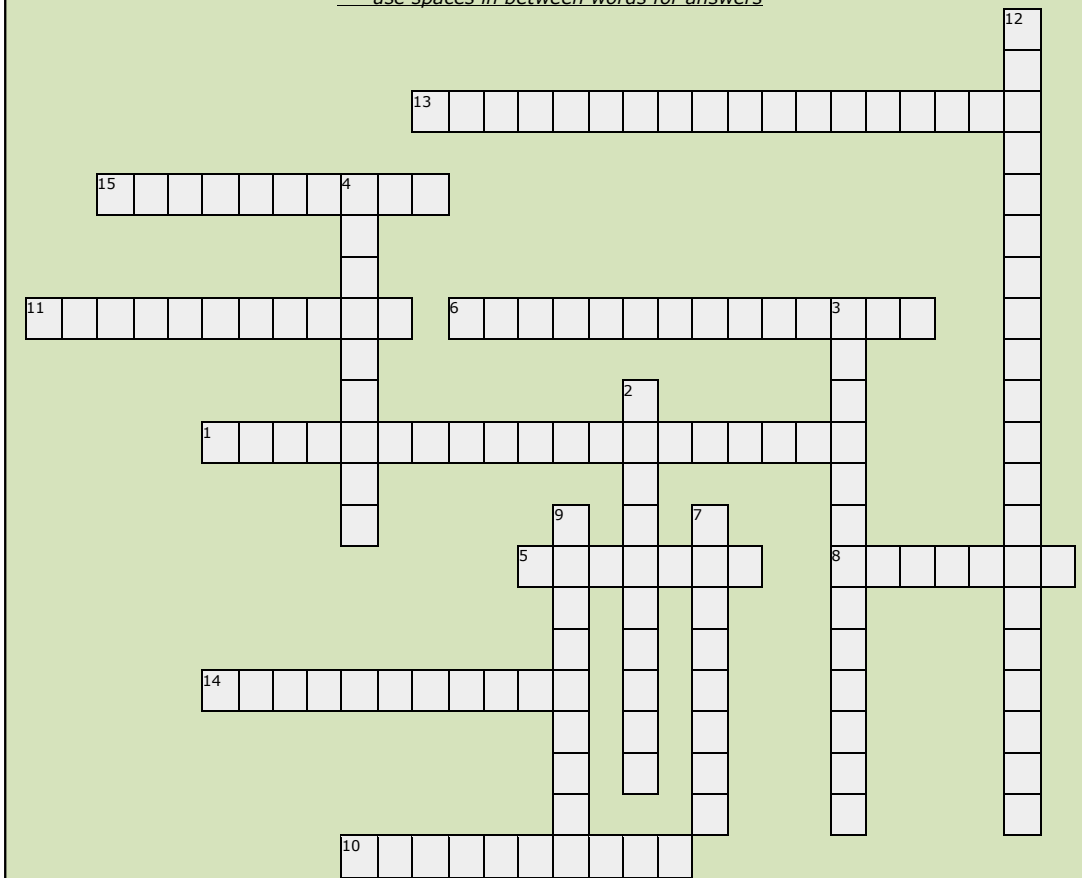
## Upcoming Events

Highlighted Items Indicate the 26-03 Flotilla Meetings \*\*

January 19, 2013	Tip Up Town Parade	Houghton Lake, MI
February 2, 2013	Division Meeting	Station Ste. Ignace
March 28, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
April 7-14, 2013	Spring Symposium	The Henry, Dearborn
April 25, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
May 4, 2013	Division Meeting	Station Ste. Ignace
May 23, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
May 18-24, 2013	National Safe Boating Week	Nationwide
May 27, 2013	Memorial Day Parade	Houghton, Lake
June 2-4, 2013	Division Boat School	USCG Station Charlevoix, MI
June 8-9, 2013	Michigan Free Fishing Weekend	
June 21-24, 2013	Operation Dry Water	Alcohol Free Boating
June 22, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
June 29-July 6, 2013	National Cherry Festival	Traverse City, MI
July 4, 2013	Independence Day Parade	
July 13-15, 2013	Chicago To Mackinac Sailboat Race	Lake Michigan
July 20-22, 2013	Port Huron To Mackinac Sailboat Race	Lake Huron
July 25, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
July 20-21, 2013	Ausable Canoe Marathon	Grayling/Oscoda, MI
July 26-August 4, 2013	Coast Guard Festival	Grand Haven, MI
August 3, 2013	Bud Bash	Houghton Lake, MI
August 10, 2013	Hessel Boat Show	Hessel, MI
August 21-25, 2013	National Conference	To Be Announced
August 22, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
September 2, 2013	Labor Day Bridge Walk	St. Ignace, Mackinac City
September 6-8, 2013	Fall Conference	Shanty Creek Resort,
September 18-22, 2013	Fireman's Memorial	Roscommon, MI
September 26, 2013	Flotilla Meeting **	Gerrish Township Marina
October 5, 2013	Division Meeting/Election	Station Ste. Ignace
October 24, 2013	Flotilla Meeting/Election**	Gerrish Township Marina
December 7, 2013	Division Change Of Watch	Indian River Golf Course

# MODU Crossword Puzzle

Please complete the crossword puzzle below  
 \*\*\*use spaces in between words for answers



- LCDR Corl
- wettability wet oil
- humping
- undershooting
- heavy oil free
- water fluid loss
- froth flow
- bottomhold
- pressure natural
- flowing well
- drilling fluid
- drilling detergent
- pipeline zip collars

## Across:

1. The pressure, usually measured in pounds per square inch (psi), at the bottom of the hole.
5. Oil that contains basic sediment and water
6. Any of a number of liquid and gaseous fluids and mixtures of fluids and solids (as solid suspensions, mixtures and emulsions of liquids, gases and solids) used in operations to drill boreholes.
8. The abnormal behavior in a buildup curve caused by phase redistribution in a wellbore.
10. The leakage of the liquid phase of drilling fluid, slurry or treatment fluid containing solid particles into the formation matrix.
11. Drill collars (usually straight drill collars) that have been machined with a reduced diameter at the box (up) end so that they may be more easily handled with open-and-close elevators.
13. A surfactant-type mud additive intended to prevent formation shales and clays from sticking to the drilling assembly
14. The preference of a solid to contact one liquid or gas rather than another.
15. A multiphase flow regime in near-vertical pipes in which large slugs of gas move up the center of the pipe, usually carrying small droplets of oil or water with them.

## Down:

2. In cementing, any water in the slurry that is in excess of what is required to fully hydrate the Portland cement and other additives.
3. A technique for acquisition of seismic data beneath areas that are difficult to access at the surface of the Earth, such as near rivers, drilling rigs, production platforms, environmentally sensitive
4. Best Ships and Maritime Systems Teacher
7. A tube or system of tubes used for transporting crude oil and natural gas from the field or gathering system to the refinery.
9. Crude oil with high viscosity (typically above 10 cp), and high specific gravity.
12. A well in which the formation pressure is sufficient to produce oil at a commercial rate without requiring a pump.