

Reno Flotilla 3 News

Sierra Division 11, District 11 North



Reno Outdoor Recreation Travel & Vacation Expo 2012

The annual "Boat Show" was held at the Reno Sparks Convention Center the weekend of March 23rd – 25th. Reno Auxiliarists Keith White (L) and John Boyne (R) manned the booth signing up boaters for the Boating Safety Class and to have Vessel Safety Checks done on their boats now that boating season will soon be underway.

Upcoming Flotilla 3 Events

- April 28th
The 8 hour TCT class will be held at the St. Mary's Urgent Care Center on Mt. Rose Highway. This is a Division 11 event which was organized by Dee Dee Kincade.
- May 19th and 20th
National Safe Boating Week Training at Cabelas.
- June 2nd
Boating Safety Course held at Cabelas.
- July 14th
Crew & Coxswain Requalification at Lake Tahoe.

Commissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton



First Lady, Michelle Obama, gives the command, "Bring the Ship Alive" to the 148 crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton at its commissioning ceremony held at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California on March 31st. Mrs. Obama is the first First Lady to request to be a sponsor of a Coast Guard Vessel. The Stratton is named for Dorothy Stratton, the first female officer in the Coast Guard. Captain Stratton was part of the SPARs, the nickname for the first women Coast Guardsmen. SPARs stands for Semper Paratus, Always Ready. Despite the inclement weather, the event was heavily attended and Reno Auxiliarist Tom Komadina and his wife Ellen had a great time at the commissioning. After the commissioning, Tom and Ellen toured all the compartments of the ship. Members of the crew were on station at their usual posts to explain the functioning of the ship. The Stratton is the third National Security Cutter and all three cutters are stationed at Coast Guard Island in Alameda. The 4th, 5th and 6th cutters are under construction. These will replace 378 foot cutters that are 40 years old.



The Coast Guard Auxiliary Memorial

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Memorial was dedicated last fall at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California. This memorial is dedicated to members of the Auxiliary that have passed away and who have served the Auxiliary for more than 15 years.

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Sierra Division 11 Vice Commander, Bill Stolz helped staff the Auxiliary booth at the 2012 Expo. Bill is a member of Flotilla 1 on North Shore of Lake Tahoe.



Ed York, a member of Flotilla 5, talks with boaters about various aspects of boating including the Auxiliary's Boating Safety Course.

Reno Expo Booth Setup

The Reno Flotilla is the main sponsor of the Auxiliary booth at the annual Outdoor Expo held in the Reno Convention Center.

Reno Auxiliarists John Boyne, Jim Kremsner and Dee Walter helped set up the Melroy, the Flotilla's boat facility on the Wednesday prior to the show's opening on Friday, March 23rd. Thanks to them our booth looked great!

Other members of our Division that helped man the booth included Bill Stolz, Pat Walter and Jerry Gilmore from Flotilla 1, and Ed York from Flotilla 5.

The annual event at the Convention Center has been one that takes considerable time and preparation so the work of the group that set up the Melroy booth is greatly appreciated.

Good job Jim, John and Dee!



Reno Auxiliarist Dee Walter took a break from staffing the Flotilla's booth and ran into Smokey the Bear.

Dee gave Smokey some advice about the different types of fire extinguishers and the ones most appropriate for a boat before returning to her post at the Melroy!