

Reno Flotilla 3 News

Sierra Division 11, District 11 North



John Boyne
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John is one of our Flotilla's hardest workers. Although often working behind the scenes, he is always available to help. John has worked on the Melroy, been the Sierra Division Commander and passed Coxswain certification a couple of years ago.

John worked for UPS as a long haul trucker until he retired a few years ago. He is enjoying his retirement fishing, throwing darts in tournaments and for fun, and is a member of the "Clampers". Thanks John for your hard work. You make a difference!

Upcoming Flotilla 3 Events

- June 30th
On the Water Training Preparation for Optrex Lake Tahoe
- July 14th
Optrex Lake Tahoe
- August 4th
Boating Safely Class Cabela's Reno
- September 15th
Optrex Lake Tahoe

National Safe Boating Week



The kickoff event for our Flotilla for National Safe Boating Week was the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" event held at the Cabela's store in Reno on May 19th and 20th. Reno Flotilla Crewmen Robin Morgan (L) and Keith White (R) helped members of the public. Reno Auxiliarist Ken Messenger and Lauren White, Keith's eleven year old daughter also helped with the fitting and selection of the life jackets.

During the two days at Cabela's they helped fit approximately 15 inflatable PFDs, 20 different styles of Type III life jackets and 15 youth sized life jackets.

This event was truly a team effort thanks to Jamie Klund, Event Coordinator and Ken and Tammy who are Outfitters for the Cabela's store. The Reno Auxiliarists also had the pleasure of working with the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Lieutenant Mike McKusker and Game Warden Ron Breaux. Fred Messmann, the Deputy Director of the National Safe Boating Council also helped with this very successful event. In addition to fitting life jackets, the Auxiliarists also conducted three vessel safety checks, and signed up six people for the next Boating Safely Class.



Cabela's is offering their employee discount to all Coast Guard Auxiliarists from June 27th to the 29th. Take your purchases to the checkout register and show them your Coast Guard Auxiliary ID to receive the discounted price.

National Inflate a PFD Day 2012



The National Inflate a PFD Day wouldn't be complete without, yes, a demonstration of PFD inflation! From left to right are Nevada Department of Wildlife LT Mike McKusker, Game Warden Ron Breaux, Reno Auxiliarist Robin Morgan, National Safe Boating Council Deputy Director Fred Messmann, and Reno Auxiliaries Ken Messenger and Keith White.

One of the best PFD fitters was 11 year old Lauren White (front) who helped fit children and even pointed out to Director Messmann that one of the PFDs was incorrectly labeled as to the type of PFD it was!

Kid's Free Fishing Day 2012



The annual Kid's Free Fishing Day was held at the Sparks Marina. Reno Auxiliaries John Boyne, Jim Kreamsner and Robin Morgan staffed the Flotilla's information booth, Lil Toot for the event.

Fred Messmann, National Safe Boating Council Deputy Director



Fred Messmann, previous NV Department of Wildlife Director, helps fit a life jacket at Cabela's



The first Division 11 Optrex or Operational Training Exercise of 2012 will be held on July 14th at Lake Tahoe. Reno Auxiliaries Keith White (Crew), Jim Kreamsner (Coxswain) and Tom Komadina (Coxswain) will be tested by Qualification Examiners from District 11 North. These requalification exams are conducted every three years and are required to maintain currency.

The second Optrex will be held at Lake Tahoe on September 15th. The Reno Flotilla hopes to get initial qualification for several more Crew.