



Sawyer Bay, looking west from West Shore Rd, South Hero, VT. (Photo by Ruth Ring, FSO-PB)



Bob Bernier, Rick Moore, Gerry Desmarais, Brendan Day, and Kevin Lamb at the 21st Annual Vermont State Boat and Marine Show, 6-8 Mar 2020.

Boating Safety Factoid

When two boats under power are about to meet head-on, neither has the right-of-way. Both vessels must make a noticeable course alteration to starboard after giving the proper signal of one short blast. When two vessels under power are crossing, the boat that has the other to starboard is the give-way vessel and must avoid the other by passing astern. The privileged vessel should maintain course and speed.

In addition to those shown in the photos (above & below), SN Heilig, FN Dawson, MK2 Williamson, SN Back, BM3 Hercules, and BM3 Strahlman also provided Coast Guard support to the 21st Annual Vermont State Boat and Marine Show. Thank you to all who participated.

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Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

Flotilla Commander: Robert T. White
Flotilla Vice Commander: Bob Bernier
Flotilla Human Resources: Kenneth Watt
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/about.php?unit=014-15-02>
<https://www.facebook.com/US-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-15-02-Burlington-VT-351235695499189/>



Ruth Ring, MK2 Lothers, and Bill Rowe at the VT State Boat and Marine Show. (Photo by VFC Bob Bernier)

EMBEDDED LINKS

Please note: this newsletter contains embedded links. To access the website of the link, just click on the link.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****No Scheduled events at this time ****

Online opportunities include the Basic Qualification Course for New Members, Leadership courses, AUXSEA, Intro to Marine Safety, AUXPAT, Mandatory Training requirements, and many others.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=t-dept>

Double Overhand Stopper Knot



<https://www.animatedknots.com/double-overhand-stopper-knot>

Official Vermont Boating Safety Course Online
<https://www.boat-ed.com/vermont/>

Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Updates

<https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/>

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf)

[ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf)

[https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/FAQ/fbclid/IwAR2K](https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/FAQ/fbclid/IwAR2Kg3w0E2BL043k3cBHDGh3zI8WhFhz7ZAKXP-k-133n2sbt3Z5XAAX3dA/#auxiliary)

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Note: No In-Person meetings at this time due to COVID-19.

Flotilla 15-02:	U.S.C.G. Station Burlington
Meeting Location:	1 Depot Street Burlington, VT 05401
Meeting Time:	1 st Wednesday of each month at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.)

Open Flotilla Positions

FSO-IS
FSO-MS

Information Systems Officer
Marine Safety & Environment Officer

If anyone is struggling with isolation and needs to talk with someone, please reach out to the flotilla leadership. We are all in this together.
FC Robert White

All member activity reports through March 31st must be submitted and entered into the current AuxData by 5 Apr 2020.

Have you submitted your 7029?

Each member should submit one monthly.

4 Key Points to Discuss with Boaters:

1. Always Wear It
2. Take a Boating Safety Course
3. Get a Vessel Safety Check
4. Don't BUI



Wear It! Inflatable Life Jacket Education video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFEDdkhZuAg&feature=email>

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Submit articles/photos NLT 2 weeks prior to the next meeting, or as directed.

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Flotilla Staff Officer of Public Affairs, FSO-PA

The Flotilla Staff Officer of Public Affairs will exercise staff responsibility and supervision over all Auxiliary public affairs and public information matters within the Flotilla and keep members informed of all developments in this area. This officer will work in cooperation with the Division Staff Officer of Public Affairs (SO-PA) and will establish effective working relationships with members of the print media and broadcast media to facilitate coverage of Flotilla activities and missions.

This officer will coordinate and cooperate with the FSO-PE, FSO-VE, and FSO-PB in promoting, advertising, and communicating to the media the activities of these areas and in promoting the best possible public image of the Auxiliary in the Flotilla and Division. The FSO-PA will also originate articles for Flotilla, Division, District and National newsletters and publications, will develop and direct an organized program of activities to obtain Auxiliary publicity, and will assist other officers with the preparation and distribution of advertising and promotional material on Public Education courses and Vessel Safety Checks. Additionally, the FSO-PA will cooperate with the FSO-PB in obtaining action photos of Flotilla activity for publication and for entering Auxiliary photo contests. This individual will maintain close liaison with the SO-PA to ensure an effective and coordinated program within the Division and will assist or take part in planning and conducting seminars, workshops, forums, and panel discussions.

Congratulations and a big Thank You to Karen Weber, FSO-PA, for volunteering for and accepting this position.

