

Guardians of the River

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Getting to know our Vice Flotilla Commander

Welcome to another special edition of Guardians of the River. This edition highlights our Vice Flotilla Commander, Patrick Benoit. Patrick and his wife Selena joined our flotilla back in 2023. Since then they both have been very active members with Patrick being elected as our Vice Flotilla Commander for this year. Fellow member and co-editor, Scott Organek coordinated the interview.

What brought you to the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

Safe boating, there are far too many uneducated boaters out there that are not aware of the rules and regulations to make boating safe and joyful for everyone on the water. Plus, the ability to wear the uniform of the USCG, to represent them to the public, I take pride in that.

What are your hopes for our Flotilla?

Bottom line...growth. We need growth, as well as to draw in younger boaters into our ranks.

Where are you from?

Montpelier Vermont.

Do you have a boat, and if so, what type of boat do you have?

We have a 33ft Sea Ray Sundancer.

Are you a veteran? If so what branch served?

Yes. I am currently serving in the Navy Reserve and supporting the Funeral Honors program in CT and Western MA for the Sub Base in New London. I will be retiring on 01 Jan 2026 as a Senior Chief after 27 years of service.

What is your history with boating?

I have been boating in one way or another since 1989. I grew up on boats, going everywhere from NYC, through all the NY state canal systems over to Lake Ontario, through the St. Lawrence Seaway, Montreal, and all over Lake Champlain.

Are you a sports fan? What teams? What are your favorite sports moments you have seen live and in person?

I love sports, huge Navy football fans and are season ticket holders this year. We also love the Washington Commanders, Boston Bruins, and San Diego Padres. Best sports moment I ever saw in person was seeing the Bruins beat the Maple Leaf's at the Garden in Game 7 of the 2017 NHL Playoffs.

What's one interesting thing about you that most flotilla members don't know?

Pretty decent at basketball, still have a few moves and a jump shot left in me.

What are the most important things in your world?

My family, I am beyond lucky to have such an amazing wife and kids/step kids, could not ask for more.

Thank you Patrick for taking the time to let our flotilla members know a little about you.

We hope to continue this special edition to introduce our flotilla leadership to our members.

V/R-The Editors of Guardians of the River

