

Flotilla Commanders Report

Shallotte Flotilla 10-08

We have had a very productive month in March and so far in April. Our members have been working on their mandated classes and several have been getting their needed hours and required classes in for the year.

We had several members attend a Survival Gear Inspections work shop at Station Oak Island. We learned a great deal of information on how to inspect and record the information for our gear. We made a service record for all our gear and have put it on an inspections cycle.

Several members attend the Division Workshop in Wilmington. Kudos to Paul Dowty on putting on a great workshop. We got a lot of our need recertification's and also got a lot more information to use in our duties. Some members even got some of their Mandated classes. Everyone that attended was very impressed with the classes given and the caliber of training. Again, Great Job!!

We have several events coming up shortly. 16April we are setting up a PA and VE event at the Ocean Isle Fishing center. We are manning a PA booth at the marina and setting up a Vessel Safety check station at the adjacent boat ramp. Our people are excited about getting out in the public and meeting some of our local boaters. Not only is this going to be a great event for the fishing center, I look for it being an excellent chance for our flotilla to get together and build some teamwork. I have one person who is finishing his VE course and should be ready to get his initial VE's done for certification. Just hope the weather holds out for us.

We are planning some similar events for Boat Safety week. We will be going out to the public boat ramps to do VE inspections. Different ramps on different days. We have made contact with the Parks department and the Wildlife folks from Lake Waccamaw as well. We hope to get some type of event up that way for the week also.

We are already making contact with the local marinas to see if they want to do any PA events in their stores. Hopefully we get a lot of participation from them too.

We just approved a recruitment flyer at our last meeting and have sent them for printing. We will give each member a handful to put out at any of the local businesses, groups, clubs, etc., that they visit. With the summer coming on, hopefully this might lead to some new recruits.

We are in the process of setting up a date to do a Paddle Sports class. One of our members is very active in a local group, and as soon as the confirm a date, we will hold the class. Not only will the be a great opportunity for contacts, it will also get a couple of our members out of REYR.

With on the water training starting, we hope to get as many folks as we can out on the water. Several people have expressed interest and we are working on getting them their needed skills to get on the boats. One should finish his crew certification this summer and one should finish his coxswain.

Things are getting busy here at 10-08. With all the encouragement from our sister flotillas, the summer is shaping to be a great summer!

Respectfully;

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