

SO-MS STAFF REPORT

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Plans should be well underway in each Flotilla to implement our Marine Safety Prevention Outreach Program into the RBS operations. Encouragement has been given to each FSO-MS to work closely with VE, PV, OP, PA and PE. Our Marine Safety program has something to offer all divisions and we need to gather more support from our Flotilla membership.

Following are some points suggested for each FSO-MS to bring to the attention of fellow Flotilla members:

- Encourage Flotilla members to take the Good Mate course for an introduction to our program.
- Ask to be put on the Flotilla meeting Agenda training time to make presentations on Prevention Outreach topics such as America Waterway Watch, Marine debris and the effect on our waters and sealife.
- Encouraged all FSO-MS sign up for the monthly Marine Forums to gain more of an insight and knowledge of Marine Safety.
- Encouraged all FSO-MS ask to be included in Vessel Safety Check venues, PA outings and to ask Program Visitors to include more Marine Safety pamphlets and material.
- Ask that each Flotilla purchase long handled dip nets and proper trash recepticals to have on board Operations Facility patrols to pick up the occasional floating trash and properly dispose of when on shore.
- Asked that each Flotilla work with local marinas and boat launch sites to educate the importance of good clean water "best practices"

I am in the process of getting my AUXMEES certification. When this certification is complete it will open more avenues to raise interest in Marine Safety as I will be more educated myself and able to give more valuable input to all members.

Looking forward to Making the Marine Safety Outreach Program just a vital to the Flotilla operation as all the other RBS programs that are currently heavily backed by the rank and file.

Awareness and education are the primary goals going forward.

Respectfully

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