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Flotilla 20-06, D5SR, Washington, North Carolina

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From the Helm—Dale Benson, FC

Greetings to everyone. Where has the first part of the year gone?

Two Change of Commands have been completed. The new USCG Station Hobucken OIC is BMC Tyler White and the new USCG Commander, Sector North Carolina is CAPT Tim List. Numerous VSCs, PE classes, and PA events have been completed. Hurricane season has started, and we have already had three named storms starting on.

I am exceptionally proud of all our members for our response to the Hurricane Awareness drill. We had 100%! Congratulations and well done to all. I would expect another drill soon as not every flotilla was as responsive as us.

FC and VFC nominations and elections as well as nominations and elections for DCDR and VCDR are approaching. If you are interested in any of these positions, make your interest known to the Chain of Leadership.

Finally, the flotilla is planning a picnic for all our members on Saturday, 28 August, at Andy Anderson's residence. We have not held a picnic since pre-Covid, and felt like this is an excellent time to restart this event. More details will be promulgated shortly and I hope you all consider attending to have a relaxing and rewarding time with all your friends in the flotilla.

I hope everyone continues having a safe and enjoyable summer with your family and friends. And remember Happy Birthday again to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on 23 June, and to the Coast Guard on 4 August.

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Web Site

<http://Flotilla2006.org>



August

7 Flotilla Meeting 1900

September

10 Flotilla Meeting 1900

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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Old Business

New Business

Member Comments

Adjourn



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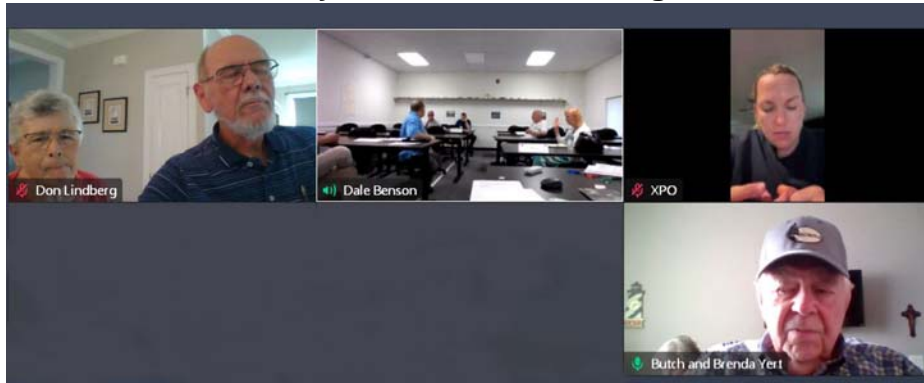
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Two-Boat Training



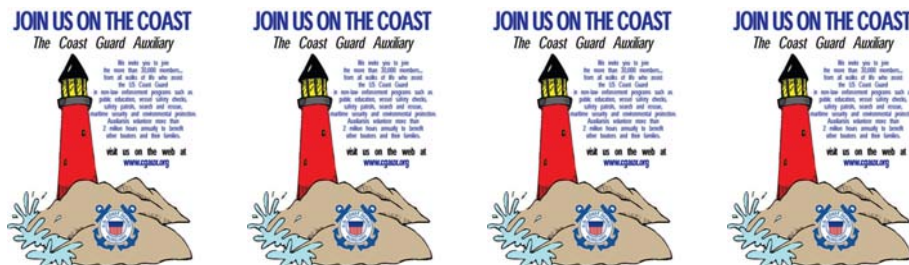
On 13 June, Flotilla 20-06 conducted Two-Boat Training on Andy Anderson's facility, *Hi Priority*. Aboard were coxswains Andy Anderson and David Silberstein, crew Melissa McLauren, and crew trainee Daryl Shaw. Station Hobucken has been a great training partner for our flotilla for many years.

July Flotilla 20-06 Meeting



On 10 July, Flotilla 20-06 held its monthly meeting. 14 members, 1 USCG member, and no guests attended. Topics included patrols, training opportunities, scout activities, and up-coming PA/PE events.

Recruitment



Let's make 2023 a record-setting one for new members. Bring a friend to a meeting – discuss the Auxiliary with neighbors – get the word out that we exist, do very useful services, and enjoy ourselves in the process. One excellent way to get our message out is to address local service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Elks, Ruritan, VFW, etc.). Our PE classes and PA events are other great sources of new members.

Report Your Hours

It is essential for the good of the Auxiliary and for the good of the USCG as well, for all members to report their hours and missions. Only half of our members file their 7029s regularly. Aside from the flotilla records and the addition to the USCG budget that those hours represent, the mileage is usually deductible on income tax. Please file your 7029s regularly—everyone benefits.

IBX STEM Center Boating Camp Field Trip



Alvin Powell aboard a USCG Cutter at Station Hobucken before campers boarded

On 27 June, Station Hobucken hosted an Inner Banks STEM Center Boating Camp Field Trip. Auxiliarists Alvin Powell (head of the IBX STEM Center) and USCG members XPO Farmer and BM3 Bales led eleven STEM center campers on exercises for physical fitness and boating safety. They also explained the opportunities presented for travel, education, and enjoyment in the USCG.

Station Hobucken Change of Watch



BMC Tyler White



CDR Courtney Sergent

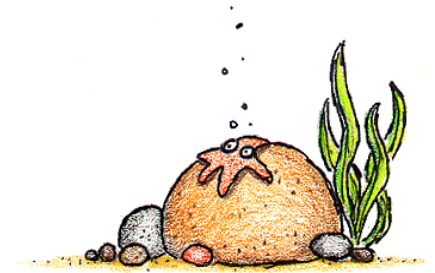
BMC Tyler White has assumed command of Station Hobucken. CDR Courtney Sergent has assumed temporary command of Sector NC.





July 2023—August 2023

Flotilla 20-06, Washington, NC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20 World Chess Day	21	22
23 Parents' Day	24	25	26	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29
30 International Day of Friendship	31 FSO reports due to FSO-SR and VFC	August 1	2	3	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5
6	7 Flotilla Meeting Purple Heart Day	8	9	10	11	12 International Youth Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 National Aviation Day