



TELL TALES

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary East District - Southern Region Flotilla 26-2 Lake Wylie

13 October Flotilla Meeting

This month's meeting was held in the newly renovated Terrapin Room, located on Pool Point Lane in Clover, South Carolina. If all proceeds as planned, this will serve as our regular meeting venue.

Mark Briggs expressed concern that after three emails informing us of the new location, some members may have mistakenly tried to attend at the old venue. To prevent this, Mark proactively installed signs to notify attendees of the new location.

Crossing the Bar

Reported by Ziad "Z" Nazif, AX
Division Commander, 054-26

Members of Division 26:

It is with sadness that I am informing everyone that Scott Wigginton has passed away.

Scott, who held various leadership and staff positions, including Flotilla Commander and Division Commander, was an integral member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at all levels. Until his passing, he remained an active



and valued member of the District and Division staffs and, for the majority of the recent D-trains, collaborated with Sandra Stewart to organize, prepare, and manage them. He consistently demonstrated a willingness to assist, not only his own flotilla but also other flotillas within our Division, whether it involved providing advice, instruction, or even assisting others in obtaining qualifications.

He will truly be missed. A moment of silence was observed, and Scott was eulogized by friend and flotilla member Rick Croasdale.

To respect the family's wishes there will be no memorial or funeral. As a military family, we will honor Scott at the division meeting, 18 October, 0845 at the Denver Fire Department, 3956 North Business Highway, Denver, North Carolina. All are invited to attend. You do not need to be a staff member to attend.

AUXDATA II is now online

The temporary offline situation has been resolved, and you may now log your time and verify that all data was transferred accurately. While we are unaware of any issues, it is your responsibility to review your records.

Dues are Due

Mark Briggs asks for your dues. Dues must be paid to Steve Whittaker; at this time there are six that haven't paid. As of 1 November 2025, Mark needs to start the dis-enrollment procedure.

Change of Watch

Change of watch for Flotilla 26-2 has been scheduled for 8 December 2025, during our usual meeting date, at a golf course restaurant in Tega Cay. All members are cordially invited to attend. Members order from the menu according to their budget and dietary needs. The preferred uniform for this occasion is dress blues, tropics or, formal wear. More information to follow.

Awards

Presented by Mark Briggs



The Lake Wylie Marine Commission honored Rick Croasdale, left, David Wascher, right, and Darren Sanchez, missing, with a letter of



recognition for their invaluable assistance in the search and rescue operations conducted on Lake Wylie on 7 September 2025. This recognition was presented by representatives of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Lake Wylie Flotilla 26-2.



Beverly Butlin, has completed the requirements of the Recreational Boating Safety Award, (RBS) and received her RBS pin. To receive this award a member must earn 120 points each year for two years. Points are received for vessel exams, program visitations, public affairs and public education events.

Elections

During our November meeting, Flotilla 26-2 will conduct elections for the upcoming year. Currently, Beverly Butlin is seeking the position of

FC, Richard Teufel is running for VFC, Mark Briggs is vying for VCDR, and David Ray is seeking the DCDR position.

It is important to note that the FC position is limited to two consecutive years, which necessitates Mark's advancement from this role. Nominations are open to candidates who meet the necessary coursework and experience requirements.

Additionally, staff officers are needed. We encourage volunteers to apply for flotilla and division positions. There are available mentors who can provide guidance and support to help you succeed.

If it is not in AuxData II, it never happened!

Calendar

Please ensure that you visit our website for the most current information regarding all events. Beverly Butlin, VFC, and Mark Briggs, FC, diligently maintain the calendar's accuracy. As our activities have recently decreased, it has become challenging to compile all dates in this newsletter. Therefore, we recommend consulting the public and members-only sections of our website for the most up-to-date information.

Look for the social dinner location in your email! This month the day and time is 1730, 26 October 2025. If your birthday is in November or December you get to help choose the restaurant! This is the last social dinner this year.

Flotilla Calendar

Edited by Tom Edwards, FSO-PB