

August 2024



# Lake Wylie Flotilla 26-02

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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**Flotilla 26-02**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Southern Region Division 26**  
**Lake Wylie**

## IN MEMORY OF

**Hanna Hayes DeLuca**

(May 19, 1997 - August 6, 2024)

*Lake Wylie Flotilla 054-26-02 said farewell, fair winds and following seas to dedicated member, Hanna DeLuca, who endured cystic fibrosis, succumbing after a bout of pneumonia and sepsis. Attending her funeral were Rick Croasdale and Beverly Butlin of the Flotilla.*

*Hanna had previously served in the Auxiliary (095-33-02) in Michigan City, Indiana, from July 17, 2015 to December 14, 2017. BQ qualified on February 3, 2017. She served as FSO-SR and FSO-MA, and was certified as an Instructor January 21, 2017. Her other records are archived.*

*She loved animals, especially horses. Her hobbies included cooking, art (especially painting), gardening, sewing and reading novels.*

*Hanna joined Lake Wylie flotilla after a strenuous process of providing documentation and was finally made a member on July 2, 2024. Prior to that, however, she kept working with Rick Croasdale to get her paperwork cleared since late 2023. She recently married another dedicated member, Adam DeLuca, on May 4, 2024, after dating approximately two years.*

*Adam credits his relationship with Hanna as his reason for joining the Auxiliary. He stated, "The Coast Guard has interested me since I was young, but life took me on a different path. I first learned of the Auxiliary last year when Hanna told me she was a member back in Indiana. I was immediately interested and sent in an interest form right away. Hanna inspires me with her drive and desire to work and serve as much as she possibly can, even with all the difficulties she faces on a daily basis. Being a member of the Auxiliary allows me to see and learn how the USCG operates while serving my community. I am excited to learn even more as I continue to serve."*

*Even as she was hospitalized, Hanna reached out during and after a long process of joining Lake Wylie flotilla. She kept in touch with what classes she was going to work on and asked how she could still serve and help, even after being admitted to hospice care. A truly dedicated member, Hanna was an inspiration for all of us and showed a great deal of Devotion to Duty.*

*On August 5th, FC Mark Briggs presented a special Flotilla Devotion to Duty Certificate Award and Challenge Coin to Hanna, as she lay in hospice care. Adam accepted the award on her behalf. Also attending were her parents, brother, Division Commander Ziad Nazif, and VFC Beverly Butlin.*

*Her husband is also to be commended for his Devotion to Duty to the Flotilla during this difficult time. Adam DeLuca earned the AUXOP member status in late May 2024. He also served at scheduled Vessel Safety Checks and performed Program Visitations, earning his PV certification. Hanna encouraged him, even as her health declined.*

*We will miss Hanna's dedication, resilience, perseverance and her heart for service. May she be remembered by us all as an exemplary example of **Honor, Respect, and most of all, Devotion to Duty.***

## Calendar of Events

- **September 5-8 - D5SR - DTRAIN.** Richmond, Virginia.
- **September 9 - Flotilla Meeting.** Cabela's Outfitters, Ft. Mill, SC 29708 (or Zoom). 1900-2100.
- **September 22 - Flotilla Social.** Tega Cay Beach Club, Tega Cay, SC. 1600-1800.
- **October 14 - Flotilla Meeting.** Cabela's Outfitters, Ft. Mill, SC 29708 (or Zoom). 1900-2100.
- **October 15 - Annual Dues.** Our annual flotilla dues of \$60.00 for 2025 are required by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to **USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 26-02** and bring to our next meeting or mail to Steve Whittaker.

## Announcements

**Assignment to Duty (ATD)** - Remember - Do not forget to notify the FC or VFC of any Auxiliary travel, on-the-water patrols, SARs, etc. In most cases, a verbal or email **Assignment To Duty (ATD)** is sufficient, but would suggest email.

- ✓ **FSO-AS vacancy.** We still have an opening for the (FSO-AS) Scouting Staff Officer position. If interested contact Mark Briggs or Beverly Butlin for details.
- ✓ **Membership Status.** Our head count shows 6 members in AP status, 18 in BQ status and 10 in AX status for a total of 34 current members.
- ✓ **Inflatable PFD's - Remember - Do not use!** Return to Mark Briggs or Rick Croasdale at next meeting.
- ✓ **Member Accountability.** During Hurricane Season (Jun 1 - Nov 30), please respond to this message when received.
- ✓ **Annual Uniform Inspections** have been implemented.

## Report Your Hours

And don't forget to **Enter, Save and Submit** your Auxiliary hours and mileage at end of each month to **AUXDATA**.

**SEMPER PARATUS**  
(Always Prepared)



*Hanna Hayes DeLuca*  
*May 19, 1997 - August 6, 2024*



*If I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
so that where I am, there you may be also.*

John 14:3