



# THE LAKERS



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7<sup>th</sup> District

Flotilla 43

Division 4

Meeting the first Saturday of each month at 1000 hours  
Mid-Florida Lakes, 201 Forest Drive, Leesburg, Florida 34778

Flotilla Commander: John Lockwood

Vice Commander: Dan McFadden

Publications Officer: Richard Stephenson

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by John Lockwood, FC

Greetings to all! We have had our first flotilla meeting of the year which was well attended. The Public Affairs schedule has been posted, and it poses to be a very active one. I encourage everyone to participate whenever you can. Hopefully, we will be able to carry out our planned Operations schedule as well, and avoid another government shut down. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the amazing donations that were collected and were delivered to the personnel at Station Ponce. This was a major outpouring by both the community and the flotillas in our division. You can be justly proud. Our next big social event is planned for 14 March. The Awards Banquet will have good food and fellowship as well as award presentations. We will gather at the B.P.O.E (Elks) lodge in Tavares. Please plan to attend and renew some old and develop new fellowships with your fellow Auxiliarists. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on March 2nd. Semper Paratus!

# FROM THE VICE

By Dan McFadden, VFC

It is a great honor to have been elected the Vice Flotilla Commander for such an active flotilla. While I have only been a member of Flotilla 43 for a little over a year and a half, it has been a great experience. I look forward to supporting our new Flotilla Commander John Lockwood and to assisting all Flotilla Staff Officers to achieve their program goals and objectives in the coming year. Your success is our success.

I have been a member of the Auxiliary since the year 2000 and have worked with many great FSO's throughout the years. I believe that the Flotilla Staff Officers that we have in place in Flotilla 43 for 2019 are some of the best I have ever met. If you look at your program with eyes wide-opened you will see where it works well and where it needs improvement. Remember to use the SWOT method of assessing your program: Strengths; Weaknesses; Opportunities and Threats. From the SWOT you can easily develop strong Goals and Objectives.

Finally, always keep the Bridge and your Division Staff Officer (SO) in the loop. Good communication is a strong asset to the management of any successful program. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Semper Paratus!

## FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>FSO</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>FSO</b>
<b>FC</b> Flotilla Commander	John Lockwood	<b>MT</b> Member Training	Shane Goodwin
<b>VFC</b> Vice Flotilla Commander	Dan McFadden	<b>NS</b> Navigation Systems	John Lockwood
<b>IPFC</b> Immediate Past FC	Joe Goloversic	<b>OP</b> Operations	John Bennett
<b>CM</b> Communications (Radio)	Jamey McKinley	<b>PA</b> Public Affairs	Martin Goodwin
<b>CS</b> Communications (Internet)	Shane Goodwin	<b>PB</b> Publications	Richard Stephenson
<b>DV</b> Diversity Training	Tony Kurth	<b>PE</b> Public Education	Dan McFadden
<b>FN</b> Finances	Mel Borofsky	<b>PV</b> Program (Marine) Visitor	Jose Villafana
<b>HR</b> Human Resources	Joe Goloversic	<b>SR</b> Secretary of Record	Manuel Gonzalez
<b>IS</b> Information Services	Bill Griswold	<b>VE</b> Vessel Examinations	Kevin Leary
<b>MA</b> Materials	Mel Borofsky	<b>Proctor</b>	Joe Goloversic
<b>MS</b> Marine Safety	Robert Musco	<b>Quartermaster</b>	Tony Kurth



## ***FLOTILLA 43 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES***

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| 6 February    | BS&S course at Lake Tech starts – contact FSO-PE to assist on Wednesday evenings |
| 23 February   | Georgefest – Parade - Eustis   |
| 24 February   | Love Our Lakes Cleanup   |
| 1 March       | First Friday Boating Safety Booth - Eustis                                       |
| 2 March       | Flotilla meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes – 1000 hours                               |
| 14 March      | Flotilla Awards Banquet at Elks - Tavares  |
| 22 - 24 March | Antique Boat Show - Tavares  |
| 5 April       | First Friday Boating Safety Booth - Eustis                                       |
| 6 April       | Flotilla meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes – 1000 hours                               |
| 7 April       | Fruitland Park Day – Parade and Boating Safety Booth                             |
| 3 May         | First Friday Boating Safety Booth - Eustis                                       |
| 4 May         | Flotilla meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes – 1000 hours                               |
| 18 May        | National Safe Boating Week activities  |

Please be aware that many of these activities take considerable planning, so volunteers are needed for their preparation as well as being manned, and the taking care of post-event chores. Flotilla operations will be communicated by the FSO-OP.

## ***PUBLIC AFFAIRS by Barbara Howell***

Thank you Flotilla 43 for making my years as FSO-PA a lot of fun! I always enjoy the time I spend with you all whether it's at meetings, parties, outreach events or on the water. Please continue to turn out in numbers for our events. They are all important to getting our message of boating safety out to the public and the more of us who participate, the better the time to be had by all! (Thanks Barbara for the photos. Ed.)



Flotilla 43 Christmas Party at the Fish Camp Restaurant on Lake Eustis



Fred, Jonathan and Ellen Hill at the Flotilla Christmas Party

Martin Goodwin at the Christmas Party



# **FLOTILLA 43 CHANGE OF WATCH**

Due to the longest federal government shutdown in our history, the flotilla's 2019 Change of Watch was postponed until February. The photos tell our story.



Martin Goodwin (L), the Division 4 Commander Swears in Dan McFadden as the new Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) (C), and John Lockwood as the new Flotilla Commander (FC) (R)



The flotilla staff officers were sworn in after the elected officer's swearing in, by the VFC Dan McFadden. (L to R) 'Steve' Stephenson, Jose Villafana, Robert Musco, Shane Goodwin, Jamey McKinley, John Lockwood, Bill Griswold, John Bennett, Martin Goodwin, Manny Gonzalez, Dan McFadden, Kevin Leary



## **BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP COURSE AT LAKE TECH COLLEGE**

by Dan McFadden, FSO-PE

We are pleased to announce that we are again offering the Boating Skills & Seamanship course at Lake Tech College in Eustis which began this month and will continue until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This 13 module course is a must for all serious power boaters. Last year's class included three married couples who enjoy weekend boating as well as extended cruises. Classes are being held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Boating Safely and the Community

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

by Martin Goodwin, FSO-PA  
and Bill Griswold, FSO-IS

Due to the government shut-down over the holidays there was a need to assist the personnel at Station Ponce. The contributions from the Auxiliary and townspeople were bought to the dining area at the station.

Flotilla 43 contributed to the cause, and Marty Goodwin took the donations to Station Ponce on over to the Station on Tuesday, 22 January, that included diapers, personal hygiene supplies, non-perishable food and gift cards. Scott Smith and Bill Griswold went over Thursday with more gift cards, and learned about the outpouring of assistance from the Station's friends and neighbors. Fortunately the shut down was lifted Saturday, but the personnel there really know how the community feels about them, and how proud we all are of their service.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The Christmas parade in Tavares gets bigger and better every year, and our flotilla has participated in this event for a long, long time.



Bill Griswold and Shane Goodwin at the Christmas Parade in Tavares



The parade not only gives our flotilla a chance to be a part of the community, but to remind all viewers that we are there when it comes to boating safety; public education, vessel examinations, search and rescue, and safety patrols.



The flotilla float followed over twenty decorated golf cart in the Tavares Christmas Parade turning in the round-a-out near the Lake County Court House on December 1, 2018



Vice Flotilla Commander-Elect Dan McFadden (L) and Flotilla Commander-Elect John Lockwood (R) at the Christmas Parade in Tavares.



Dan McFadden, John Lockwood, Barbara Howell, Bob Musco, and Rylie Felton readying the Christmas float in Tavares

## **PUBLISH OR PERISH**

by 'Steve' Stephenson FSO-PB

Having been an Auxiliarist for more than forty-five years, I've not only learned a lot, I've seen a lot. More than half that time was in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, primarily the coastal waters of North Carolina.

Like many organizations, we have mentors. I'm happy to say the one we have in our flotilla, Bill Griswold, has kept our flotilla afloat for many years. I've known Bill for twenty years now, a lot of water under the bridge, or over the dam, has flowed. His knowledge and dedication cannot be surpassed!

I had another mentor, forty-five years ago, Earl 'Ace' Childers. He was a former Director of Auxiliary in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, and former LTA (lighter than air) pilot during WWII. I served as his 'vice' when he was the DCP for Division 16 in and around the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I think those two years were the best I've ever

had, bar none. I learned about the Coast Guard mission, and how best to forward that mission as an Auxiliarist. The learning occurred not only in the classroom, but on the water, in the air, at flotilla, division and district meetings, but also after the meetings were over; when we were bending an elbow or two, or three. A lot of what I learned wasn't written in a text book or an instruction manual. The stuff that seemed to stick with me most was fellowship; learning, working, and recreating together. This built a 'trust' that has never ended!

And so it is here in Flotilla 43, learning, working and recreating together: Building a trust for a life time.

## **BUILDING READINESS THROUGH TRAINING**

by Shane Goodwin, FSO-MT

In addition to the basic Incident Command System (ICS) courses that are a normal part of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary training, the FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers a Professional Development Series that consists of seven independent study courses. These courses provide a well-rounded set of fundamental concepts that support emergency management practices and procedures. The FEMA EMI Professional Development Series includes the following courses:

### ***IS-120.c An Introduction to Exercises***

This course introduces the basics of emergency management

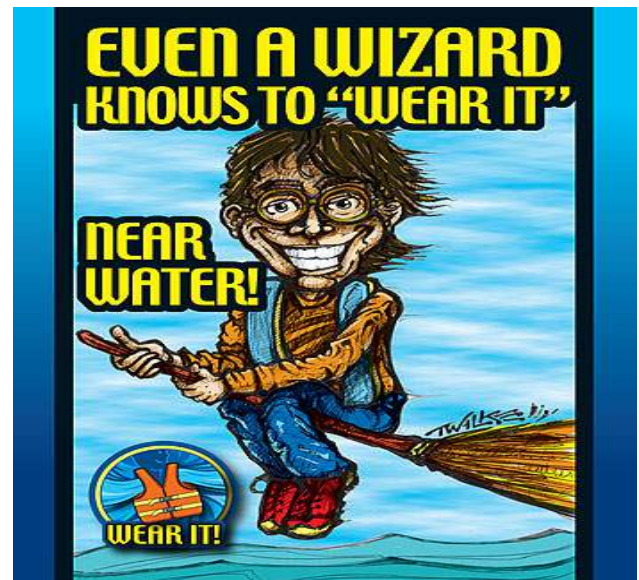
exercises and builds a foundation for subsequent exercise courses which provide the specifics of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEPP) and the National Standard Exercise Curriculum (NSEC).

### ***IS-230.d Fundamentals of Emergency Management***

This course introduces the fundamentals of emergency management as an integrated system, surveying how the resources and capabilities of all functions at all levels can be networked together in all phases for all hazards.

### ***IS-235.c Emergency Planning***

This course offers training in the fundamentals of the emergency planning process, including the rationale behind planning. It will develop your capability for effective participation in the all-hazard emergency operations planning process to save lives and protect property threatened by disaster.



### ***IS-240.b Leadership & Influence***



Being able to lead others - to motivate them to commit their energies and expertise to achieving the shared mission and goals of the emergency management system - is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve your leadership and influence skills.



### ***IS-241.b Decision Making & Problem Solving***

Being able to make decisions and solve problems effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve your decision-making skills. It addresses the decision-making process, decision-making styles, attributes of an effective decision maker, and ethical decision making and problem solving.

### ***IS-242.b Effective Communication***

This course is designed to improve your communication skills. It addresses basic communication skills, how to communicate in an emergency, how to identify

community-specific communication issues, using technology as a communication tool, effective oral communication, and how to prepare an oral presentation.

### ***IS-244.b Developing and Managing Volunteers***

The course provides procedures and tools for building and working with voluntary organizations. Topics include the benefits and challenges of using volunteers, developing volunteers through recruitment, placement, training, supervision and evaluation, and coordinating with voluntary agencies and community-based organizations.

More information on the FEMA EMI Professional Development Series can be found at:

<https://training.fema.gov/is/searchis.aspx?search=pds>



Antique Boat Show – Our History – 2017