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Flotilla 43

Division 4

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Mid-Florida Lakes, 201 Forest Drive, Leesburg, Florida 34778

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by John Lockwood, FC

As we find ourselves now winding down from the hot summer months, it's hard to believe we are heading into the last weeks of the summer season. I hope that all have had a chance to take advantage of all the many activities that this summer has afforded us and that you have been safe in doing them. Now that we look to our many fall events that come every year such as our yearly NACON and D-Train of which both will be held in Orlando this year, I hope many can take advantage of this excellent training and fellowship opportunity. Two other big items coming up on the agenda for the fall are our yearly dues which will be due to Mel starting September and our need to form our leadership election committee for elected officers to be held after the division holds theirs in October. So start thinking now if you would like to be on this committee and if you would like to be considered for an elected position.

In the mean time, please enjoy the remainder of your summer and for all the safe return of our "Snow-Bird" members. We look forward to seeing all of you back at the meetings. Best Regards. Semper Paratus!

FROM THE VICE

by Dan McFadden VFC

I think we can all agree that the last few months can be summed up in a few words, HOT, HUMID and WET. It is sometimes difficult to leave the air conditioning and go outside. The weather has taken a toll on some Auxiliary programs such as Operations. Some patrols were cancelled due to the weather and others because of lack of crew, which could be weather related too. We are fortunate that we are in Florida where patrols can be conducted year-round. It will be cooler in October I am told.

Overall, our programs are breaking records. Vessel Examinations and Program Visitors are way beyond expectations. Bravo Zulu to our Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors and their Flotilla Staff Officers, Kevin Leary and Jose Villafana for their hard work. Other areas of note are Public Affairs and Marine Safety, both programs are managed by Bob Musco. Bob continues to keep Flotilla 43 in the spotlight in Lake County through his Public Affairs program. In Marine Safety, Bob has taken the bull by the horns and has become trained in Marine Safety, and shares what he learns at flotilla meetings. The upcoming Uninspected Passenger Vessel training will offer a new area where our members can get involved and make an impact as a force-multiplier for the Coast Guard.

As always, thank you to all the FSO's for the timely reporting of their program activities. Keeping everyone informed of your successes and problems helps us grow in so many ways. Lack of communications can kill even the best programs.

FLOTILLA 43 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

August 16-26	NACON in Orlando
August 25-26	Mount Dora Seafood Fest
September 2	Labor Day
September 7	Regular meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes at 1000 hours
September 11	Patriot Day
September 28	Uninspected Passenger Vessels Class (see below)
October 5	Regular meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes at 1000 hours
November 2	Regular meeting at Mid-Florida Lakes at 1000 hours
November 11	Veterans Day

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.

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS

TITLE	FSO
FC Flotilla Commander	John Lockwood
VFC Vice Flotilla Commander	Dan McFadden
IPFC Immediate Past FC	Joe Goloversic
CM Communications (Radio)	Jamey McKinley
CS Communications (Internet)	Shane Goodwin
DV Diversity Training	Tony Kurth
FN Finances	Mel Borofsky
HR Human Resources	Joe Goloversic
IS Information Services	Bill Griswold
MA Materials	Mel Borofsky
MS Marine Safety	Robert Musco

TITLE	FSO
MT Member Training	Shane Goodwin
NS Navigation Systems	John Lockwood
OP Operations	John Bennett
PA Public Affairs	Martin Goodwin
PB Publications	Richard Stephenson
PE Public Education	Dan McFadden
PV Program (Marine) Visitor	Jose Villafana
SR Secretary of Record	Manuel Gonzalez
VE Vessel Examinations	Kevin Leary
Proctor	Joe Goloversic
Quartermaster	Tony Kurth

UPV

by Robert Musco FSO-PA

Flotilla 43 will be hosting a class on Uninspected Passenger Vessels for all who are interested in becoming UPV qualified. The class will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 0830 to 1700 hours in our regular meeting room at Mid-Florida Lakes. The instructor for the class will be George Peek. Please bring a 'brown bag' for lunch if you feel the need.



PUBLISH OR PERISH

by "Steve" Stephenson FSO-PB

The U.S. Coast Guard we know today manages the tasks needed to complete its mission handed to it by the Department of Homeland Security. The guarding of our coast of yesteryear has always been one of being prepared to adjust to the needs of the American people. In 1790 the Revenue Cutter Service was created, and became the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915, when it merged with the Lifesaving Service.

The Lighthouse Establishment was created in 1789, then in 1852 it was renamed as the Lighthouse Board, and then renamed again as the Lighthouse Service in 1910. Then in

1939 the U.S. Lighthouse Service was added to the Coast Guard.

Lighthouses have been in existence for a long, long time. The first lighthouse ever built was Pharos of Alexandria, located at the mouth of the River Nile and the Mediterranean Sea. It was built between 280 and 247 BC. It was damaged by earthquakes in 956, 1303 and 1323, and was finally made into a fortress in 1480. The light was 449 feet in height.

In the United States the first lighthouse was the Boston Light, built on Little Brewster Island; first lit in 1716, was 75 feet in height. It was destroyed by 'rebels' during the American Revolution because the British were occupying it and using it much to our detriment. In 1792, the Cape Henry Lighthouse was the first lighthouse built by the Lighthouse Establishment. Another first was the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the first lighthouse authorized by congress in 1794, and completed in 1803 with a height of 90 feet, and increased to 150 feet in 1854. In 1870 the second light was constructed at 208 feet in height. The first light was then destroyed in 1871.

The first lighthouse in Florida was the St. Augustine Lighthouse, built in 1824. However, earlier lights have been known to exist at the north end of Anastasia Island, under Spanish and British rule. The lighthouse today was built in 1871, and a marking similar to that of the Cape Hatteras light. There are more than 30 lighthouses in Florida today.



The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse with its spiral marking for day navigation, and the remnants of the first lighthouse in the foreground in 1981. Today the remnants are long since washed away, and in 1999 the light was moved about 1,500 to the southwest.





Upcoming Elections

by Dan McFadden, VFC

At the November meeting we will hold our annual election. In my 19 years in the Auxiliary, I have only witnessed a few elections that have had two or more candidates for any one office. Usually, we have someone step up at the last minute and agree to be the only candidate for an office, then put into office by a single vote cast by the FSO-SR. I have been elected this way at least three times. It is the old, "It's your turn to serve" method of electing our leadership for the coming year or two. It works but it isn't always the best method to define our future. While all candidates must meet the same qualification standards to be nominated, not everyone has the same outlook for the future of the flotilla. I encourage all candidates to put their names into the nomination process early so that members have an opportunity to ask questions of you about your management style and especially, your vision for the future.

A few years ago, in District 5NR, DIRAUX had to eliminate or consolidate flotillas that were on a downward spiral for several years. One of the leading criteria in their decision process was the existence of recycled flotilla leadership where the same people kept running for office repeatedly. Sometimes it is done as a safety measure to prevent a flotilla from going off the tracks but most times it is a view that no one can do the job as well as me. Fortunately, we are not anywhere near going off the tracks. In fact, we are full speed ahead.

I am going to do my part to prevent recycling by not running for reelection. When I agreed to run as VFC last year it was to use my years of experience to help John Longwood during his first term in office. While I enjoyed being the VFC, my work is done here after one term. This office is open and up for grabs. Candidates step forward please.

PUBLIC EDUCATION UPDATE

by Dan McFadden FSO-PE

On Saturday, 17 August we will have the unique opportunity to train a group of young adults at the Leesburg Boat Club. These are the children of club members ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old. They are called the deckhands at the club and at the end of the day they will have met the requirements for Florida Boater Education Cards. Many thanks to Captain Kerry Kline of Sea Tow and Karen O'Brien of Leesburg Boat Club for helping to arrange this event. I

hope it is one that we can repeat in the future.



Auxiliarist McKinney gets his rewards, at the August flotilla meeting.



At the August flotilla meeting VFC Dan receives award from FC John

FELLOWSHIP

by John Lockwood, FC

Fellowship is the glue that holds Auxiliarists together. On August 10, 2019, this adage was found to be true, and photographs prove it!



John Lockwood's pontoon serves as the day's docking station for the PWCs. And a good time was had by all the families involved.



Always be safe on a PWC is the thought as Shane passes the PFD to Martin. Fellowship is the best when safety is first.