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On The Radar

Mike Medley takes over long vacant staff position

7-16 gets new IS

Source: David Main, FSO-PB, 7-16

For some time now 7-16 has been without an IS (Information Services) officer. Since this position has been vacant Bunny Johnson SO-IS, has been gracious enough to help out with getting information into the District database. Now, new 7-16 member Mike Medley has volunteered to take over the IS duties for the flotilla.

Mike is in the process of making a new email for 7-16 IS info. "Mike and I did training Tues night. We entered all 7-16 IS forms that were outstanding." Said Jim Newman FC, 7-16. "Now all 7029's need to go to Mike. Mike will reply with a done status via email when entered into AUXDATA." Jim said. Jim will be Mike's assistant to help with the transition. "This is great, 7-16 has not had an IS person since I have been a member." Jim added. Flotilla 7-16 is very grateful to Bunny for her hard work as interim IS.



Mike Medley now 7-16 new IS

Becky McCoy officially Auxiliary member

Active for nearly two years she finally receives card

Source: David Main, FSO-PB, 7-16

In a classic case of better late than never, Becky McCoy FSO-HR, 7-16, has finally received her BQ (Basically qualified) and Coast Guard Auxiliary ID card.

Although Becky has been heavily involved in 7-16 for quite a while, a snafu in getting her paperwork processed has delayed her from getting the official cards. After many inquiries and some cajoling from Jim Newman FC, 7-16, the paper work finally came through August 15, nearly two years after being submitted. So welcome Becky, to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.....Officially.



Becky McCoy FSO-HR, 7-16

Rimel receives Performance Award

Source: David Main, FSO-PB, 7-16

Donald Rimel FSO-PV, 7-16 received the Auxiliary Performance Award for outstanding volunteer contribution for VSC (vessel safety check) and RBSVP (The recreational boater safety visitor program). The award is a compilation of Public Education, Vessel Exams, Prevention and Public Affairs that provides information to the boating public through a variety of methods. The primary focus here is on the Marine Dealers and Marine Suppliers who service the boating public.



Peter Lore to head up flotilla 7-16 election screening committee

Other committee members to be announced.

Source: David Main, PB, 7-16

Peter Lore IPDC, Immediate Past District Commander, 7-16, has agreed to head the election screening committee for flotilla 7-16.

Members desiring to run for Flotilla Elected Office may submit a "Letter of Intent" indicating their intent to seek elected office to the Flotilla Commander. The Screening Committee will confirm that the candidates who have submitted a Letter of Intent are eli-

gible for each elective flotilla office to be filled for the ensuing year. The Screening Committee shall meet and report its findings to the Flotilla Commander within 15 days thereafter. Flotilla's hold annual elections of officers for the ensuing year, usually at the November meeting, but prior to 15 December and after the Division Elections.

Bosun's Pipe

Announcement of WOW 2 at National Convention.

"Push Button" website creation makes flotilla sites easy.

Source: Robin Conn SO-CS USCG Aux Division 070-07

The big news this weekend announced at the NA-CON AUX National convention is the rolled out of the WOW 2 website development platform. WOW refers to a data driven "Push Button" Coast Guard Auxiliary platform that creates standardized websites on demand for every Flotilla and Division in the Auxiliary with the simple push of a button, hence the term "push button". This web solution can be used as a stand-alone site. Nationally the use of the WOW Platform is highly recommended for all CS officers. It requires no coding, no uploading, updates, HTML/PHP or coding of any kind. It is hosted on the national server, therefore no local server charges. Your flotilla will want to consider using the WOW website platform if it does not have a nationally approved website, you have trouble maintaining your website or you have trouble keeping it current. Having an approved website means your site is linked

from all of the national sites up the chain. Approved websites generally get more referral traffic, thereby helping to increase numbers at our Boating Safety Classes, VE's and new members! To look at YOUR WOW Website configuration screen, go here and login. <http://wow.uscgaux.info> Commanders, Vice Commanders and CS officers have the clearance to edit and enable their website. Enabling your wow website does not affect your current website. When enabled, your site will appear on all national links, almost immediately. You can be up and running in minutes! Currently the WOW 2 is so new, the documentation is not complete, but is promised shortly. If you have questions or would like help setting up a new WOW site, please call or email Robin Conn SO-CS USCG Aux Division 070-07 at 813-239-4501. Here is a link to view a Powerpoint presentation. http://wow.uscgaux.info/user_docs/WOW_pres.pps .

The Deck Watch

7-16 VE and PV teams continue to reach for year end goals.

Source: Donald Rimel FSO-PV, 7-16

Don Rimel and Donald Hershman have been going out to the Fort DeSoto Boat Ramp on four consecutive weekends to do Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). Between them they have completed 34 vessel exams for this period. The Vessel Examiner team has ten members doing vessel exams and already reached their goal of 300.

The Program Visitor (PV) team has completed 220 visits to date and will do many more this month due to having five Program Visitors. On August 06, 2011 Don Rimel took Donald Hershman to do his two required-supervised Program Visitor visits. "He will be a great addition to the team." Don said. Don is mentoring Mr. Hershman to earn his Recreational Boating Safety Device (RBS) and he has 83 points to date of the required 120 points for this year.

Vessel Examinations and Program Visits by the numbers

VESSEL EXAMS



The two Illustrations show the numbers of Vessel Exams (left) and Program Visits by Flotilla 7-16 to date. While the Program Visits have just passed the halfway point, Vessel Examination numbers have surpassed the 300 exam goal set for this year. The new goal for vessel examinations for the year is now set for 400. Go VE team!

PROGRAM VISITS



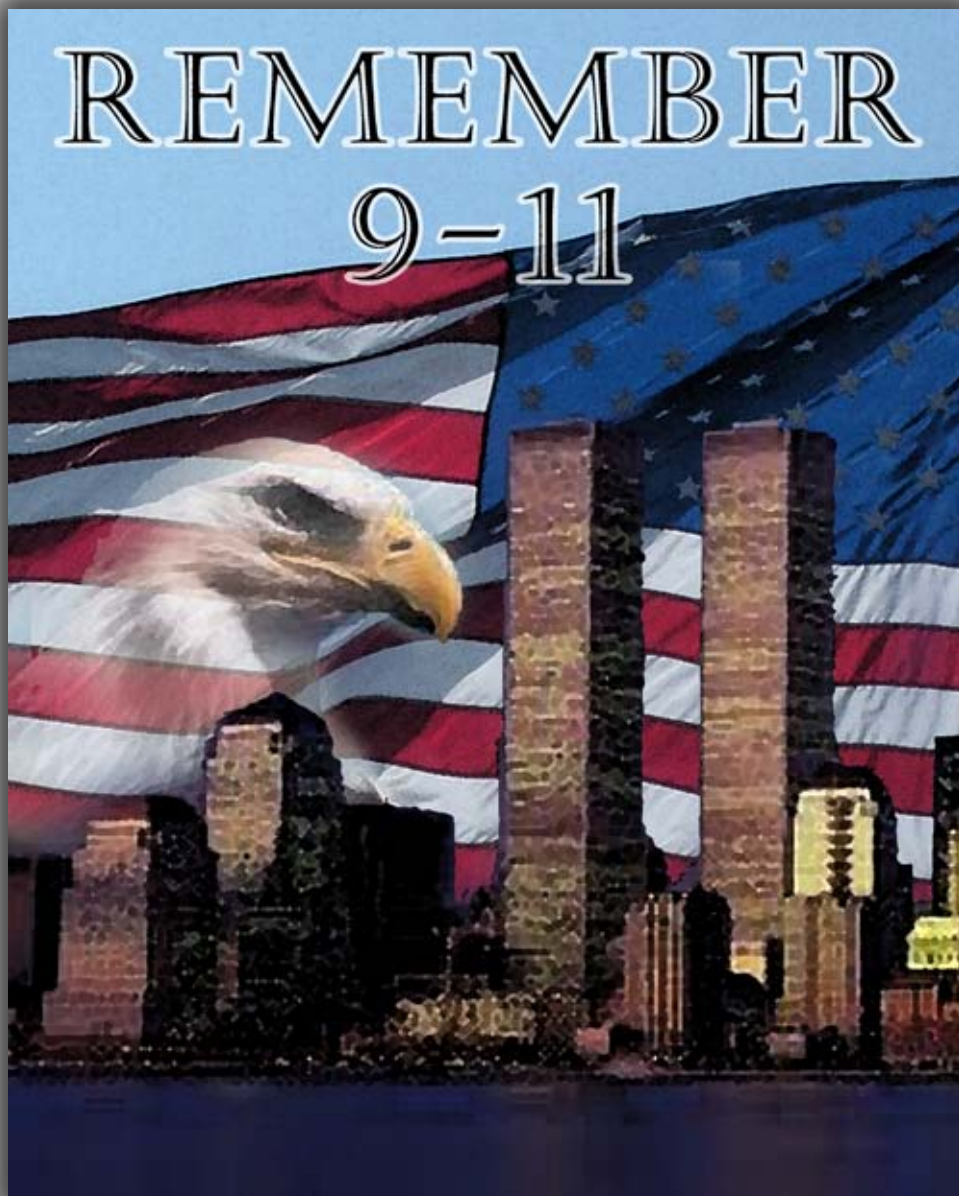
PB's Log



Flotilla 82 has a new staff officer and Publications Officers around the Division have a new asset for getting their newsletters proof read. A recent email from Dorothy Riley announced that Stephen Ellerin, Flotilla 82 new ADSO-PB D7, Communication Systems, whose background includes English language education and computer skills and e-Magazines. Stephen has agreed to proofread our newsletters. FSOs-PB will benefit by publishing a better reading newsletter with fewer errors. This is a win-win for everybody. While Stephen will be proofing the newsletters he will also receive a crash course in Auxiliary publications. Stephen will not critique newsletters or criticize Publications officers. He will proofread your newsletter for grammatical errors only. This is strictly voluntary, but all Publication Officers should take advantage of his English language skills. Ultimately, your newsletter will reap the benefit. Welcome Stephen Ellerin and thanks for your help!

Happy reading!

David Main, FSO-PB, 7-16



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