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On The Radar

7-16 July fourth patrol helps out during Independence Day celebration in bay.

Patrol helps passenger aboard Starlight Princess

Source: Jim Newman, FC, 7-16



The fireworks display on the Williams Pier in Gulfport. Photo by David Main, FSO-PB, 7-16

On July fourth the city of Gulfport celebrated Independence Day with a parade, street fair and its renowned fireworks display. From the Williams Pier that jets out into Boca Ciega Bay, the city of Gulfport launches its 30 minute aerial pyrotechnics display over the water while hundreds watch from the beach and nearby parks. Dozens of vessels stream into the bay as well to watch the event keeping a 7-16 patrol busy warning boaters with swimmers in the water to display a dive flag and others to display proper lights on their vessels.

At around 9:08pm the Captain of the Starlight Princess, a dinner boat charter, requested assistance with a 70 year old female named Deliska Farmwale from Sarasota, Florida. She was reported to have chest pain,

was cold and clammy and complained of pain on the back of her head. She had reportedly passed out and hit her head while on the upper deck of the Starlight Princess. The patrol called a Gulfport police boat and made a request for an EMS. After being fitted with a PFD she was transferred on board the patrol vessel LayLow. It was believed she might have been a stroke victim, but she appeared alert and stable with no pain or tingling in the arms, no slurred speech and said her vision was good. She did not recall passing out, but said she had eaten a huge meal and felt like she had indigestion. She was then transferred to the police vessel around 9:22pm and was taken to Gulfport high and dry marina for immediate care then taken to Bayfront hospital.

With donated pole and flag Old Glory to fly over 7-16 once again.

Jim Newman, FSO-FC, 7-16 requests work party to help install pole.

Source: David Main, PB, 7-16

For some time now 7-16 has been without a United States flag flying over its building. Several months back Jim Newman made a request to the city of Gulfport, the owners of the building, to remove an old decayed cement slab that the old flag pole was sitting on. Jim and a crew took down the old pole and waited for a Gulfport work crew to dislodge and remove the slab. However when the crew finished they not only took away the concrete block but hauled away the flagpole as well leaving 7-16 nowhere to fly the stars and stripes.

Now, thanks to Louis Miosi and Marcel Traficante Old Glory will soon be flying once again over 7-16. Louis has graciously donated a yardarm style flag pole and prospective new member Marcel will donate a U.S flag that flew over his FOB (forward operating base) in Afghanistan.

Jim Newman is currently putting together a work party to help install the new pole. If you would like to help out, contact Jim at: gyc@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

Bosun's Pipe

BREEZE now offered exclusively online and new look in the future.

Editors receive mostly positive response.

Source: Dorothy Joan Riley, District Staff Officer-Publications D7

In the last issue of the Breeze, Spring 2011, it was announced that its publication would no longer offer the Breeze as a print edition and solicited feedback. From the nearly 6,000 members, fewer than ten comments were received. All except one was positive and complimentary. The only negative comment came from a member who was unable to view the Breeze correctly. This may be a software issue. Breeze editors recommend downloading and installing the most recent version of Adobe® Reader and use the controls at the bottom (visible only when the cursor is moved over the bottom of the screen) to decrease the size of the display (press the minus sign until the page display suits your preference). One idea that Breeze editors are

definitely pursuing is producing fully electronic editions. With the software that District 7 recently provided them, editors will be able to produce both printable PDF files and files viewable on eReaders. The electronic editions will begin in 2012 as it will take several months to learn the software and produce professional quality ePubs. Anyone who has ever worked in Adobe® InDesign will appreciate this. Acquiring proficiency in Flash®, InDesign® and Illustrator® is no small feat. The new Breeze will look very different and hopefully, have great appeal. The software offers the ability to embed links, videos, slideshows and animations, all fully visible with software already installed on most computers.

The Deck Watch

More certifications this month for 7-16 members.

Christa Berger, FSO-SR, 7-16 received her Program Visitor certificate this month. Since becoming a member of 7-16, Christa has also received certificates as Boat Crew Member, and Vessel Examiner. She has also finished her book test for BS&S instructor.



Christa Berger and Donald Hershman receive their certificates from Jim Newman, FSO-FC, 7-16.

Also this month, Donald Hershman received his Public Education certificate. This is also Donald's third certification since becoming a member of 7-16. He has also received certificates as Vessel Examiner and BS&S instructor. Great job guys!

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 are near the halfway point, Vessel Examination numbers are 11 exams away from the yearend goal.

PROGRAM VISITS

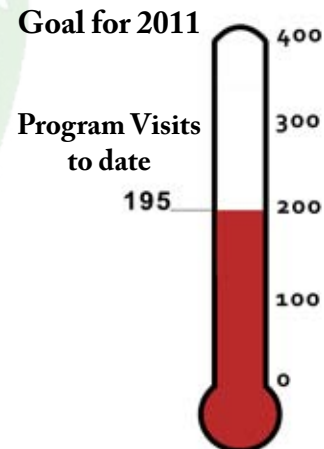


Photo Recon

July Fourth Patrol on Boca Ciega Bay



The Fourth of July patrol from left to right, Paul Wisniewski FSO-MS, 7-16, Jim Newman FC, 7-16, Becky McCoy, FSO-HR, 7-16, Christa Berger, FSO-SR, 7-16, and Casey McCormick FSO-NS, 7-16.



Casey McCormick, FSO-NS, 7-16, at the bow of the facility vessel "LayLow" as it patrols Boca Ciega Bay



Paul Wisniewski FSO-MS, 7-16, keeps watch on the stern as the patrol reminds boaters to be safe while watching the fireworks.



Christa Berger, FSO-SR, 7-16, at the helm of the facility vessel "LayLow" as it cruises the bay.



Becky McCoy, FSO-HR, 7-16, ready to take her turn at the con of the "LayLow" as it heads out to help the "Starlight Princess". (See Page 3 for details.)

Casey McCormick FSO-NS, 7-16, on bow watch just after sunset in Boca Ciega Bay.



The patrol had its work cut out for them as dozens of vessels streamed into Boca Ciega Bay to watch the firework display from the Williams Pier and nearby St. Pete Beach.

Photos by Jim Newman

PB's Log

From: Tim Teahan, SO-PA, Division 7, summer issue of the D-7 Connection

Congratulations are in order for Dottie Riley, FSO-PB, SO-PB, DSO-PB. Just recently, Dottie's long-standing efforts on newsletters for Flotilla 79 (the Seven-Niner) and Division Seven (the Intercom) were similarly recognized, with first-place finishes in a District-wide competition. Out of 12 District flotillas submitting newsletters for judging, the Seven-Niner finished at the top. In the Division newsletter category, Division Seven's Intercom finished first of four entrants from Division 3 (Fort Lauderdale), Division 6 (Miami) and Division 9 (Ft. Myers). The competition was tough; the judging criteria even tougher. Each top-quality newsletter from the 12 flotillas and four divisions were reviewed by three Public Affairs and Publications officers from around District Seven, who evaluated the publications in 14 categories. Criteria included overall publication appearance, editorial and information quality, adherence to Coast Guard and Associated Press style manuals and photograph attribution.