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From the Bridge



Important—all members need to read the alert sent by email regarding the Everbridge Communications Drill which will take place later this month.

Thanks to **Dan White** and his fellowship committee, the gathering on Saturday, May 4 was enjoyed by all. **George Bogdan** used his expertise at the grill and **Judy Milkowski** provided my favorite apple pie dessert. The surprise culinary highlight was the sumptuous carrot cake from Truluck's brought by **Mike Donnelly**.

Please join us at the next **fellowship** (time & date TBA). In addition to great camaraderie, and good food and drink, it is an opportune time to converse with me about any of your concerns in an informal setting.

We are forming a **boat crew instruction class** to start after June 6. Let me know if you are interested in becoming qualified for boat crew. To date, three members have signed up.

Our flotilla patrolled the Great Dock Canoe Race on May 11. The spectators and participants were fewer than in past years and it was an uneventful mission. However, it was a useful experience for **Barbara Davin**, a new boat crew trainee. Barbara was able to observe boat crew techniques and become familiar with the vessel.

Form 7029 is due for each flotilla member at the end of each month. Please remember to send me a copy. All members of Flotilla 93 who were required to take the **Introduction to Risk Management** course have done so and passed. Congratulations to all!

We will be scheduling a **Vessel Safety Check blitz** as part of National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24). Please contact me if you want to participate.

Respectfully,

Roy Williams, Flotilla Commander



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Contact information for Flotilla 93 Leadership may be found in the Flotilla Membership Directory or online in the Auxiliary Directory.

Flotilla Meetings

Flotilla meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at the flotilla station located at 1099 9th Street South, Naples, FL 34105.



Upcoming Events:

- MAY 18-24** National Safe Boating Week
- MAY 27** Memorial Day
- JUNE 5** Flotilla Meeting
 - ◆ FSO meeting at 1800
 - ◆ Fellowship at 1830
 - ◆ Member meeting at 1900
- JUNE 23** USCG Auxiliary 80th Anniversary
- JUNE 29** Division Meeting

May Member News

At the monthly flotilla meeting on May 1, **Roy Williams, FC**, welcomed several visitors. Paul Macaluso, originally from Connecticut, is in the membership process. Mike Shaw, and Paul and Becky Lamb were students in the spring Boating Safety and Seamanship class.

John Sollecito, FSO-OP, will set up a **tour of the Coast Guard Station at Fort Myers Beach** for anyone who is interested. Tours will take place on Wednesdays and will include “lunch with the troops”. ODU is preferred, but tropical blues are acceptable. Contact John at jsnaples3@gmail.com or 239-641-1179.

George Kartsimas, FSO-PE, did a presentation on the **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreters Corps** of which he is a member. George said there are currently 450 interpreters speaking 200 different languages, but there is always a need for more. The Interpreter Corps is a component of the USCG Auxiliary International Affairs Department. They offer their linguistic skills to the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies of the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense. More information can be found at <http://icdept.cgaux.org/>.

Dan White, IPFC, announced that there are life jackets in inventory for the **Life Jacket Loaner Program**. If anyone is interested in helping with the program, particularly at the life jacket stand at Naples Pier, contact Dan at danielwhite@comcast.net or 239-248-9632.

Roy Williams, FC, announced the following:

- ◆ Review the **updated uniform manual** that was emailed out last month.
- ◆ The **hot weather ODU** is in effect from May 1 through October 31. If you are with active duty Coast Guard, you must wear what they are wearing.
- ◆ Note the **expiration date** on your Auxiliary ID card. Let Roy know at least one month ahead of expiration.
- ◆ When submitting a 7029 at the end of the month, send a copy to Roy. Use the 7028 to update personal information. If you take a test, send a copy of the completion certificate to Roy and **Bill Wildman, FSO-IS**.
- ◆ If you would like to participate in the **boat crew instruction class** set to start after June 6, contact Roy or **Mike O'Brien, FSO-MT**.



John Sollecito, FSO-OP, received a Certificate of Appreciation from Roy Williams, FC, for facilitating the Intro to Risk Management class.



John Reisner received a certificate for 15 years of service from Roy Williams, FC.



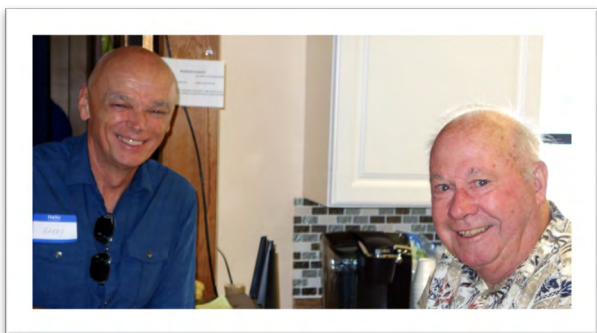
George Kartsimas, FSO-PE, received the “commander’s cup” for a successful winter season of public education classes.

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Fellowship Barbecue—May 4, 2019

A good time was had by all at the Fellowship Barbecue on May 4. Twenty-five members and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of camaraderie. A special bonus was watching the Kentucky Derby with its historic challenged, and then reversed, finish—the first time in 145 years that the horse that crossed the finish line first was not the winner!

If you haven't been to a fellowship event yet—or haven't been to one in a while—you should definitely make it a point to attend one. It is a great way to get to know your fellow flotilla members and enjoy an evening of food and fun!



Barry Sullivan and Roy Williams



**Jean Adubato, Judy Milkowski,
Bob Adubato**



**George Bogdan and Forrest
Milkowski**



George Bogdan



**Janis Kelly, Mary Donnelly, Joy
Williams**



**Janis Kelly, Barbara and George
Davin**



**Background: Dan White
Center: Jean and Bob Adubato, Barry
Sullivan, Joy Williams
Foreground: Kathleen Sullivan**

International Water Safety Day Proclamation

On May 15, George Kartsimas, FSO-PE, attended a ceremony at Naples City Hall. Naples Mayor Bill Barnett proclaimed the day International Water Safety Day. Paula DiGrigoli, Executive Director of the NCH Safe & Healthy Children’s Coalition of Collier County, was present as well. Flotillas 93, 95 and 96 work with the coalition to maintain 15 life jacket stands in Collier County as part of the Life Jacket Loaner Program – “Kids Don’t Float, Life Jackets Do!”

The Life Jacket Loaner Program was established in 2014 after a child drowned at Sugden Regional Park in Naples. The proclamation stated that the program has saved countless lives in the City of Naples and in Collier County.

International Water Safety Day is designed to help spread global awareness of the ongoing drowning pandemic and to educate young people on becoming safer in and around the water. According to the World Health Organization, 372,000 people



Paula DiGrigoli and George Kartsimas

around the world lose their lives to drowning each year.

Also present at the ceremony was “Stewie the Duck” who is the mascot for the Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation. The foundation was established by Kim and Stew Leonard in memory of their 21 month old son who drowned on January 1, 1989, on a family vacation in St. Maarten. To date the foundation has raised more than \$2 million to go towards water safety awareness and education, including providing swim scholarships and lifeguard training.



George Kartsimas, “Stewie the Duck”, Paula DiGrigoli, Mayor Bill Barnett

Put Down Your Phone: Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation’s Tips for a Safer Summer at the Pool & Beach

The following is excerpted from the website of the Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation’s website (<https://stewietheduck.org/>):

As Memorial Day weekend shepherds in the unofficial start to summer, Kim and Stew Leonard Jr. are urging parents to put down their smart phones and designate a water watcher when children are around pools and at the beach. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause of injury death in children aged 1-4 and a lapse in supervision is one of the top risk factors.

“When Stew and I lost our 21-month-old son Stewie in a drowning accident in 1989, it was due to a momentary lapse in supervision – not a lack in supervision,” says Kim Leonard, co-founder of Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation. “Today, parents have more distractions than ever because of our smart phones. We hope that parents, grandparents, and caregivers put away their smart phones while enjoying a visit to the pool or beach this summer and keep their eyes on their children at all times.”

Safe Boating Tip—Knot Knowledge is Essential

Daniel White, IPFC

All boaters should be familiar with the various types of knots that are essential to safe boating. Good knots are easy to tie, easy to untie, and hold well. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is an excellent source for learning which knots are preferred for specific boating applications. There are also websites that will explain these knots and how to use them. One example is www.animatedknots.com.

The following is a listing of commonly used knots within the boating world:

- ◆ Bowline
- ◆ Half Hitches
- ◆ Two Half Hitches
- ◆ Rolling Hitch
- ◆ Clove Hitch
- ◆ Slip Cove Hitch
- ◆ Timber Hitch
- ◆ Single Becket Bend
- ◆ Double Becket Bend
- ◆ Reef Knot
- ◆ The Monkey's Fist
- ◆ Figure Eight
- ◆ Sheepshank
- ◆ Crown Knot



Each of these knots have specific uses. Practice working with the knots that are best suited for your applications and perform periodic refresher training. We encourage boaters to sign up for a safe boating class at the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary location. Remember - have fun, but be safe!

Humor In Uniform

One day a fellow Coast Guard Auxiliary member delivered a water-safety speech to a group of Brownies. Having served a career in the Air Force before joining the auxiliary, he wore a chestful of award ribbons. After his talk a little girl in the front row raised her hand and asked him how he had gotten so many medals. My friend pointed to the top half and said, "The Air Force gave me these." Then he pointed to the lower half and said, "The Coast Guard gave me these." The little girl paused, frowned and replied, "In the Brownies, we have to earn them."

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Collier Lee Honor Flights Transport Local Veterans to War Memorials in Washington, D.C.

On May 4, 2019, a group of local veterans traveled to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Collier Lee Honor Flights (CLHF), on a one day trip to visit the memorials honoring veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Designated as Mission 19, the 86 travelers comprised the largest contingent since the organization was established six years ago.

The veterans, each accompanied by a CLHF designated guardian, left Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers at 0600 and flew to Reagan National Airport. There they were greeted by a 32 piece concert band from Falls Church, VA, and many well-wishers. After witnessing the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, they visited the war memorials.



The group returned to RSW at approximately 2100 and were met by the largest welcoming committee to date. The crowd, estimated at 3,000, included family members, local servicemen and servicewomen, local law enforcement personnel, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior ROTC members and veteran's groups.

The mission of CLHF is to transport local veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. CLHF was established on September 25th, 2013 and the inaugural flight, Mission 1, took place six weeks later. To date CLHF has transported nearly 1,200 World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans to Washington, D.C.

CLHF is a 501(c)3 organization and is comprised completely of volunteers. The organization receives no government funding and is funded solely by donations from individuals and local businesses. All donated funds go directly towards transporting veterans to Washington DC.

The next Honor Flight, Mission 20, will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019, and Mission 21 is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019. For more information: <https://www.collierhonorflight.org/>

Red Tide Status Information Available

Red tide greatly affected the beaches of Southwest Florida in 2018. An explosion in population of the microscopic algae *Karenia brevis*, red tide is a natural phenomenon. As the summer of 2019 nears, below are some helpful resources to keep on top of the local red tide status.

- ◆ The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website has a "red tide daily sample map". You can also sign up for periodic email updates of red tide status. Go to <https://myfwc.com>
- ◆ The Collier County government website provides red tide status information. Go to <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/> and click on the "residents" tab and then look for "red tide information".