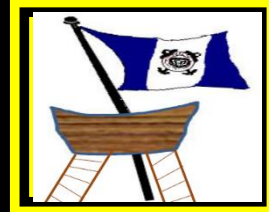


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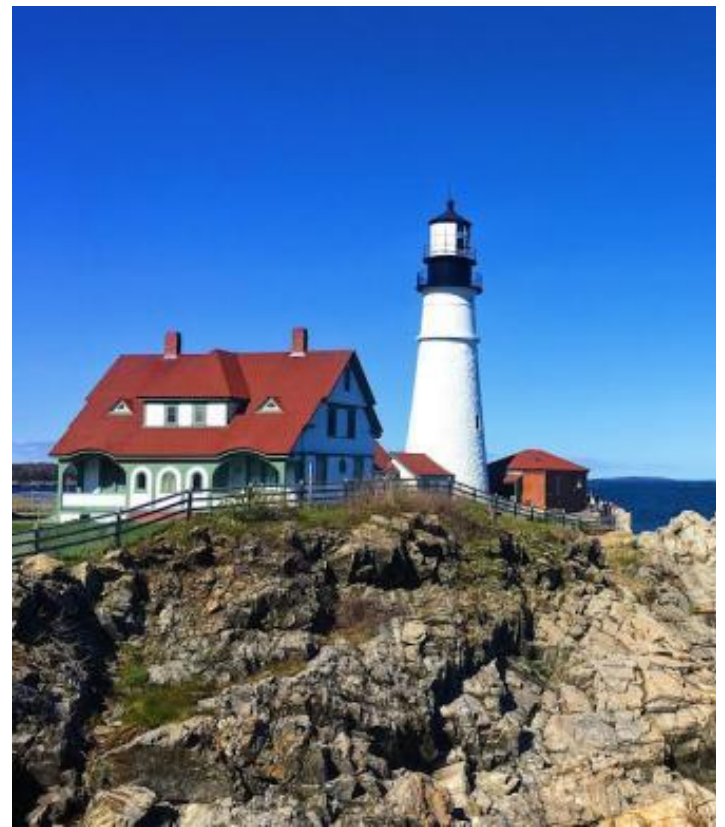
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Wednesday**  
**1900 3 April 2024**  
**Coast Guard Station Georgetown**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff Officer Reports: 30 March 2024  
Flotilla Meeting: 2 April 2024  
Marina Appreciation Day: 18 May 2024  
Heritage Plantation Marina  
National Safe Boating Week: 18-24 May 2024  
Proclamations

### **2024 Flotilla Elected Officers**

**Flotilla Commander: Susan Hastings 843-222-8015**  
**Flotilla Vice Commander: Jack Margolis 410-610-1849**  
**Immediate Past FC: Jack Margolis 410-610-1849**



**Museum at Portland Head Light**

**FSO-CM: Evans Holland**  
**FSO-CS: Tony Fox**  
**FSO-DV: Tony Fox**  
**FSO-FN: Richard Schmidt**  
**FSO-HR: Ollie Leimbach**  
**FSO-IS: Susan Hastings**

**Flotilla Staff Officers**  
**FSO-MA: Mark Mercer**  
**FSO-MS: Jack Margolis**  
**FSO-MT: Bill Unger**  
**FSO-NS: Jack Margolis**  
**FSO-OP: Bill Unger**  
**FSO-PA: Ollie Leimbach**

**FSO-PB:**  
**FSO-PE:**  
**FSO-PV: Evans Holland**  
**FSO-SR: Jack Margolis**  
**FSO-VE: Mark Mercer**

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**1.0 The New Crow's Nest:** This is Edition 11 of the new Crow's Nest. I hope everyone is satisfied with the new format and Crow's Nest content. Comments, input and content gladly accept. And, deletions of content that you would rather not see. Thank you Bill for the link to Karin Hollar's Obituary. **The New Crow's Nest is your "newsletter" so please help me make it better by sending me content.** I welcome all content input. I am merely the person who puts it together. I will endeavor to make continued improvements to our Crow's Nest with your assistance.

*The Editor*

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## FROM THE HELM

Flotilla Commander: Susan Hastings

I am sad to report that one of our Retired Members – Karin Hollar passed away on March 13, 2024. She was also a long-time member of the Flotilla and had been very active in the Flotilla. She and her husband Reggie, who passed away last year had been members since 1995 and retired in 2022.

Also, one of our long-time members has retired from the Auxiliary. Vito Giardina had been Flotilla Commander in 12-10 and Division 12 Commander. He was very active in the Flotilla until health issues forced him to slow down. He was Coxswain, Watchstander at Station Georgetown, Vessel Examiner, and ran our Public Education program for many years. We wish him the best in his retirement.

As our older members are slowing down because of age and health issues, we have to think about the growth of our Flotilla and the new members who are coming in. I am happy to say that our newest member Joseph Dawson is off to a good start and has already completed his Auxiliary Core and Basic Qualification courses. He is going to work on getting his Safe Boating class and on getting Vessel Examiner qualification. Please give him any help he needs in becoming an active member of the Flotilla. The future of our flotilla is in the new growth that will enable us to support the Coast Guard in its duties.

*Sue*

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## 2.0 Draft Minutes of 6 March 2024 Flotilla Meeting:

The March meeting was called to order at 1904 at CG Station Georgetown, with Zoom feed, by FC Sue Hastings. These are considered Hybrid meetings. The FSO reports, and FC & VFC inputs, contained in the Agenda, was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

**Members in Attendance:** Susan Hastings (FC), Evans Holland, Oliver Leimbach, Jack Margolis, Mark Mercer, Lane Moore, and Bill Unger. A quorum was present (7 of 16 members) allowing flotilla business to be conducted.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mark Mercer

**Invocation:** Jack Margolis.

**Introduction of Guests:** BM1 Zachary Niedermier, OIC ANT Georgetown, and Patrick Natalie, a member of Flotilla 092-02-02, who spends his winters actively participating in Flotilla 12-10 activities.

**Uniform Inspection:** Conducted by VFC Jack Margolis on all those members attending in uniform, Evans Holland, Oliver Leimbach, and Bill Unger, including ID Card inspection. Jack was inspected by Bill Unger, also including ID card.

**Secretary's Report:** Jack Margolis (FSO-SR): Jack reported that he had submitted the January 2023 7000 Form since we had a quorum at the February Flotilla meeting and had voted to approve the January meeting minutes. Bill Unger made the motion to approved the February Meeting Minutes. Evans Holland seconded the motion. The February 2024 Flotilla meeting minutes were approved by voice vote. Jack will finalize the February 7000

form and submit it to the SO-SR. With the new format, the list of attendees, Agenda containing the FSO reports, and the Finance Officers report are attached to the 7000 form when submitted.

**Financial Report:** Jack Margolis presented the Finance Officer's report for March 2024 since Richard was not able to attend the meeting. There were no Credits or Debits in February 2024. The Flotilla however, had received the invoice from division for Division, District, and National dues for 2024 based on 16 members for \$640 that Richard would draft a check to Division 12 for. Jack reported that according to SR training that there is no longer a requirement to approve the Finance Officer's report, and the finance officer's report will be attached to the Meeting Minutes 7000 Form. And, the Finance Officer's report will no longer reflect the Sunshine Fund as directed by the FC at the February flotilla meeting.

**Coast Guard Station/ANT Georgetown:** BM1 Zack Niedermier spoke to the membership about the mission of ANT Georgetown and how the flotilla can assist the ANT. He mentioned verification of PATONs, ANT on the water training on Mondays and Wednesdays and welcomed our participation. He discussed his meeting with SO-NS, Jack Margolis, and that Jack had created a spreadsheet listing all the PATONs from the list he provided that ANT Georgetown is responsible for, and that the Auxiliary has been tasked with verifying. He also spoke about the contribution that Flotillas 12-4 and 12-10 made on 1 September, assisting with the verification of ATONs following hurricane Idalia passage in late August.

**Division 12 Commander:** No one in attendance from Division 12 leadership.

**Flotilla Commander:** Sue Hastings' FC report was in the agenda. She was on Zoom but had to tune out after roll call and the pledge due to illness.

### **Flotilla Staff Officer Reports:**

**FSO-CM – Evans Holland:** Report in the agenda, and mentioned that our Mobile Radio Facility requires a reinspection, but that he is not authorized to perform the inspection. Evans also mentioned that he will be working on his TCO qualification that Jack is authorized to sign off his PQS for.

**Watchstander hours:** 8 hours Radio Watchstanding in February. 4 by Evans and 4 by Tony Fox.

**FSO-CS – Tony Fox:** Not present. No report.

**FSO-DV – Tony Fox:** Not present. No report. Need to do Diversity training this year.

**FSO-HR – Oliver Leimbach:** Ollie reported that Joe Dawson is now our latest new member, and that he is still waiting to hear back from another prospective new member. It was also reported that Vito Giardina, a long-time active member of Flotilla 12-10 has retired from the Auxiliary. Ollie mentioned that with Vito's retirement we no longer have a Finger Print Technician and therefore do not have anyone authorized to verify citizenship for new member applicants, even though finger prints are no longer required. Sign off must be performed by either by a Citizenship Verifier or Finger Print Technician.

**FSO-IS – Susan Hastings:** Report in the agenda that AUXDATA has been updated for 2024 that Aids to Navigation Verifiers must complete the Annual RM/TCT Refresher Workshop, which was not mandatory in the past. Ollie reported that he is in REYR for Aids Verifier since he had not done the workshop in 2023. Sue's report also mentioned that National is still working on getting glitches out of AUXDATA for REYR and REYR archiving.

**FSO-MA – Mark Mercer:** Reported that he had placed an order for supplies and had also restocked some of the materials that were in stock, and had performed an inventory.

**FSO-MS – Jack Margolis:** Report in the agenda that he had 50+ MS Hours direct support to the DDO Myrtle Beach, mostly prepping for the upcoming SMART Safety inspection scheduled for mid-March. He also assisted with 1 T-boat Annual inspection.

**FSO-MT – Bill Unger:** Report in the agenda. Bill mentioned the Division wide boat crew training. He mentioned that we are scheduled for supporting the training in our AOR on 13 April and that he had arranged for the use of the Bunnelle Center for the classroom work and was working on the dock-side and on-the-water facility location. He will find out on 9 March at the 1st training session what will be needed from us. It was decided that we would again conduct the flare shoot before the April Flotilla meeting. Jack was asked to interface with CG Station Georgetown for the LNM from Sector for the flare shoot and to see if any of the station personnel would want to participate again this year. Completed 2024 training and proposed training for the remainder of 2024 were listed in the agenda.

**FSO-OP – Bill Unger:** Current Resources: Two Operational Facilities: Holland, Georgetown Landing Marina (Winyah Bay); Margolis, Osprey Marina (Waccamaw River, Socastee). Currently certified Boat Crew: Holland (Coxswain trainee), and Lanford (Coxswain trainee). Currently certified Coxswain: Unger and Margolis. No patrols scheduled due to cold water temperatures. Discussed scheduling a patrol for PATON verification the weekend of 23 March on Evans Holland facility. Operations Workshop via Zoom on 7 February and RM/TCT Refresher on 13 & 15 February were attended.

**FSO-NS – Jack Margolis:** Report in the Agenda that we are waiting for the water to warm up so we can get underway to verify PATONs. While participating with DDO Myrtle Beach, during the underway portion of a T-Boat annual inspection, was able to view a PATON outside of Lighthouse/Coquina/Myrtle Beach Yacht Club Marina in N. Myrtle Beach that was mostly submerged. Pictures sent to the ANT OIC.

**FSO-PA – Oliver Leimbach.** Report in the agenda. Ollie mentioned the upcoming PA events of the Blessing of the Inlet on 4 May that we support Flotilla 12-4 with last year, as well as NSBW, 18-24 May, and that he would be scheduling Proclamations with both the city of Georgetown and Georgetown County. He also brought up that the trailer needs some repairs. Some lights are out and Coastie's microphone is not working.

**FSO-PB – No one assigned:** Need a volunteer to assume the FSO-PB position. We have reincarnated the Crow's Nest as a monthly newsletter to include the minutes of the meeting as 12-6 does, and that help is needed.

**FSO-PE – No one assigned:** No activity. Need an FSO-PE to plan and advertise boating education classes. It has been brought up that our new member Joe Dawson requires a Safe Boating class for BQ status.

**FSO-PV – Evans Holland:** 4 PVs total in February. 3 by Evans Holland, and 1 by Rick Bankert.

**FSO-VE – Mark Mercer:** Report in the Agenda that he had received the VSC decals for 2024, and that there had not been any Vessel Exams performed yet by the flotilla in 2024, but that a few have been scheduled for March.

### Old business:

- **FSO Positions:** Looking for volunteers to assume FSO-PB and FSO-PE. With an FSO-PE we could conduct Boating Safety classes, which are an important part of



our Safe Boating interface with the community, and a possible source of recruiting new members. We really need to get back into Public Education.

- **National Safe Boating Week:** 18-24 May 2024. Activities that we could engage in during NSBW. Sue has compile into a reply to Walter Runck.

**New Business**

- **ID Cards:** New regulations for issuing updated ID cards was discussed as addressed earlier.

**Awards:**

**None**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:** Oliver Leimbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Unger seconded the motion.

**Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

**Member Training:** None.

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**4.0 Karin Hollar**

*Special thanks to Sue Hastings for the highlights of Karin's flotilla membership history.*

Karin and Reggie Hollar were long time members of our flotilla, having joined in 1995. Both retired from the Auxiliary in 2022. Karin had held auxiliary offices of FC, VFC, FSO-MA, FSO-VE, SO-VE and ADSO-VE. Reggie likewise held numerous Auxiliary offices notable that of District Captain-North. Sue mentioned that they were both very active and attended National and District Conferences, and Division meetings.

**Obituary for Karin Ann Zeiglar Hollar, 81, widow of Reginald Bruce Hollar, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at her home.**

Born on October 17, 1942, in Florence, she was a daughter of the late Marion McLain Ziegler and the late Sadie Valentine Townsend Ziegler. Mrs. Hollar was a member of the Screven Baptist Church and was a part of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for more than 20 years. In her younger



years, Mrs. Hollar enjoyed spending time on the water and enjoyed working in her yard and shopping.

Survivors include a grandson, Allen G. Hollar, Jr. (Malyne) of Andrews; two great-grandchildren, Coleman Hollar and Goldie Hollar; daughter-in-law, Teresa Hollar of Georgetown; special friends, Becky and Louie Britt of Georgetown; a nephew, Tommy Witherspoon of Hickory, NC; and a niece, Beth Witherspoon of Hickory, NC.

She was preceded in death by a son, Allen G. Hollar, Sr. and a brother, Francis Marion Zeigler.

Graveside services were conducted at 3 PM on Sunday, March 17, 2024, in Pennyroyal Memorial Gardens, Georgetown. It was mentioned by the paster that Karin had not let on that she was sick, but had concentrated on tending to Reggie during his final days. Sue will be sending a condolence card from the flotilla.

## 5.0 Operation Dry Water 2023

EXTRACTED FROM: National Association of State Boating Law Administrators website [www.nasbla.org](http://www.nasbla.org)

### Awareness Campaign Fact Sheet **OPERATION DRY WATER** July 4 - 6, 2024

#### About Operation Dry Water:

- Operation Dry Water 2024 is taking place July 4 – 6, 2024.
- Operation Dry Water (ODW) is a national awareness and enforcement campaign focused on reducing the number of alcohol- and drug related incidents and fatalities and fostering a stronger, more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water.
- Operation Dry Water is coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Agencies from all 56 U.S. states and territories are expected to participate Operation Dry Water 2024, and in the ODW 2024 heightened awareness and enforcement weekend July 4 – 6.
- Launched in 2009 by NASBLA, in partnership with the United States Coast Guard, Operation Dry Water has been a highly successful campaign, drawing public attention to the dangers of boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol and drugs.
- Since the inception of the Operation Dry Water Campaign in 2009, law enforcement officers have removed 6,869 BUI operators from the nation's waterways and contacted over 2.8 million





boaters during the annual three-day weekend. The campaign continues to make a significant impact on boater safety and spreading the message of the danger of boating under the influence.

- Operation Dry Water weekend is held annually near the Fourth of July holiday, a time known for increased boating activity and prevalent alcohol use, leading to subsequent boating incidents and fatalities.
- The Operation Dry Water outreach and awareness campaign is in effect year-round. Through the efforts of NASBLA, the U.S. Coast Guard, participating law enforcement agencies, and boating safety partners nationwide, Operation Dry Water aims to raise awareness about the dangers of boating under the influence and change the cultural acceptance of drinking and boating.

### Operation Dry Water 2023

- In 2023, 488 local, state, and federal agencies participated in Operation Dry Water. Over the three-day heightened awareness and enforcement weekend law enforcement officers contacted 302,146 boaters, made 717 BUI arrests, and issued 42,822 citations and warnings for safety violations.
- In 2023, over 7,700 officers from 488 local, state, and federal agencies participated in the 72 hours of heightened BUI enforcement.

For the complete Operation Dry Water 2024 ***Awareness Campaign Resources Kit*** go to the following link: [ODW2024\\_AwarenessCampaignResourcesKit\\_compressed.pdf](#)

#### NASBLA Definition of BUI:

“Boating under the influence (BUI) continues to be a major factor in accidents and deaths on our nation’s waterways. Organizations and outreach partners are teaming up for Operation Dry Water, a national boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign. Use these talking points to highlight the mission and purpose of the ODW campaign.”  
[ODW2024\\_OutreachTalkingPoints.docx \(live.com\)](#)

*SOURCE National Association of State Boating Law Administrators*

### 6.0 Coast Guard History (a new feature)

25 March 1822: Alabama captured three slave ships. By 1865, revenue cutters had captured numerous slavers and had freed almost 500 slaves

16 April 1820: Landing parties from cutters Louisiana and Alabama destroyed a pirate base on Breton Island

**7.0 Trivia: From our purveyor of the trivia question.**



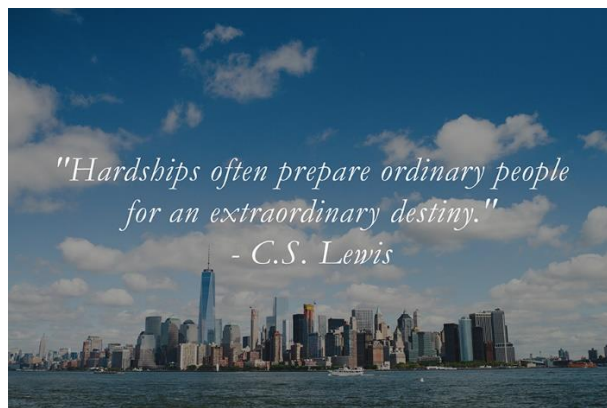
*Purveyor of Trivia*

What is the most ancient tree on earth?

**8.0 Laugh Corner:**



**9.0 Final thought: From *Words of Wisdom***



## Useful Links and Information

### **Flotilla 12-10, Georgetown, Website**

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-12-10>

### **U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary**

<https://www.cgaux.org/>

### **PDF Forms for Auxiliarists**

<http://forms.cgaux.org/forms1.php>

### **What's New in the Auxiliary**

[http://blogs-it.cgaux.org/member\\_news.php?cat=18](http://blogs-it.cgaux.org/member_news.php?cat=18)

### **The Virtual Museum of the Coast Guard Auxiliary**

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=A-DEPT&category=history-museum>

### **United States Coast Guard**

<https://www.uscg.mil/>

**MyCG** (a one-stop information gateway that brings together essential Coast Guard news, resources and announcements)

<https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/>

**USCG Navigation Center** (here you can report a problem, find local notices, light lists and much more)

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>

**Marine Traffic** (see what vessels are operating in Charleston or anywhere in the world)

<https://www.marinetraffic.com>

**National Weather Service Marine Weather for Charleston** (information on local weather and tides)

<https://www.weather.gov/chs/marine>

### **National Hurricane Center**

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>