

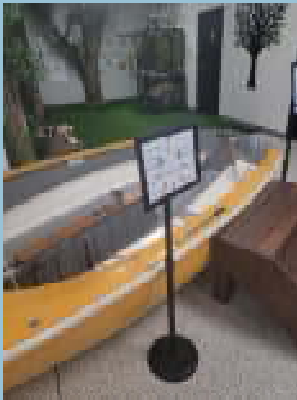


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Safe Boating Course



Sample at Boat America
(photo by: Paul Mullin)

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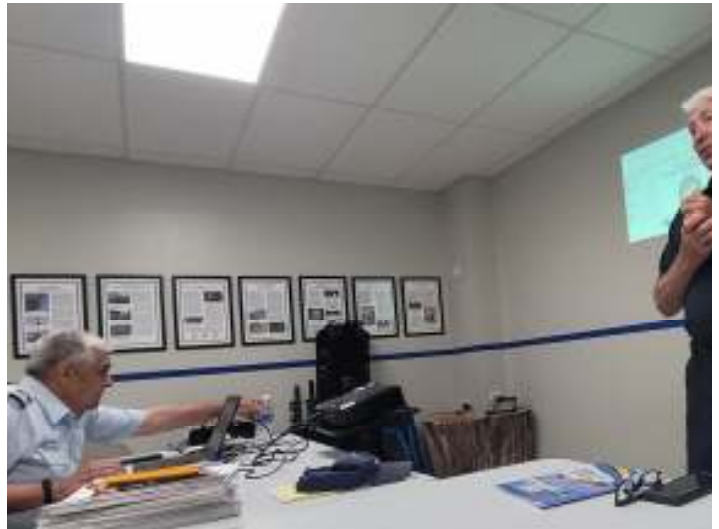
Fall 2025

Boat America - Safe Boating Course

On 19 July 2025 lead instructor Walt Guntharp conducted a boating safety class at Prairie Creek Reservoir in Muncie, IN for those wanting to take Boat America.

Also attending was DCDR, Michael Richardt, FC Richard Freidman of Flotilla 7, IPFC Mark Lambert of Flotilla 9 and Paul Mullin a new member of Flotilla 7. We need to thank IPFC Mark Lambert for setting this up. The facility was ideal for teach boater safety class Boat America an eight (8) hour class.

AUXDATA-II contains information that has been recorded regarding Auxiliarists'



Walt Guntharp (Lead Instructor)
(photo by: Paul Mullin)

activities. Information such as member activities, personnel

training tasks, current qualification status and more. It also contains awards and devices received during their careers in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



DCDR Mike Richardt
(photo by: Paul Mullin)





Fireworks Display On Geist Reservoir

(photo by: Geist Lake Coalition)

“... facility Tail Walker Too ...”



View of Geist Reservoir

(photo by: Bryan Runion)

Independence Day Geist Safety Patrol

On 4 July 2025 Coxswain Walt Guntharp, and Boat Crew of Dan Gillahan, Doug Jave, Tom Foreman and Brent Abshier went to Geist Lake to run a Safety Patrol for the 4th of July. They were aboard the beloved facility Tail Walker Too.

The day began with rain, but eventually cleared. The precipitation kept many boaters away, but Coxswain Walt provided security for the fireworks crew as they prepared the fireworks barge for their show. Once complete they setup a no enter zone around the perimeter to keep boating spectators safe while enjoying the fireworks display.

Their patrol started after the 1730 meeting. They were busy all evening and completed the patrol at 0300 on 5 July 2025. Some of their tasks were keeping spectators away from the explosives on the barge. They did have at least one task of towing a boat and spectators to safety.

They also patrolled the lake for any boater having problems. Their patrol was proof to all boaters that day that help is there if it is required. After all we are:

America's Volunteer Lifesavers



The View of the Coxswain

(photo by: Doug Jave)



On Station With Coxswain and Boat Crew

(photo by: Doug Jave)



Carmel Safety Days

On Saturday, 16 August 2025 we attended Carmel Safety Day in the same place as last year. Tom Foreman brought his facility for the public to view. We also had the 10' x 10' canopy advertising the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This has been the normal spot for many years.

We setup early and ready when it opened at 0900. It was a good day to interface with the general public. It finished at 1300 after a great day of communicating with those attending.

Of course Theodore Edward Bear (AKA TE. Bear) drew plenty of attention from the children passing by. That gave us a chance to tell people what we do on local lakes and the Ohio River.

Tom Foreman was there with his facility for display. DCDR, Mike Richardt to help setup. This brings up another request that those helping, please arrive about an hour and a half prior to opening to help setup. That will relieve extra work on



The Booth at Carmel Safety Day
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Theodore Edward Bear (AKA Ted E. Bear) on Display
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

DCDR, Mike Richardt to help setup. That will relieve extra work on setup. Also

there was Flotilla 1-7 FC Richard Friedman, VCDR, Bob Fiers, Past DCDR, Tom Foreman and SO-PA Skip Nunweiler.

This was a full day of fun and learning for young children as well as those a little older. We did our job of Recreational Boating Safety and also known as "America's Volunteer Life-savers."



Tom Foreman's Facility on Display
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

**United States
Coast Guard
Auxiliary**



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**Carmel Fire Department
Displaying U.S. Flag**
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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Bear) drew
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**Doug Jave, Walt
Guntharp and Vern
Smith on the Bridge**
(photo by: Doug Jave)



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Riverfest - Cincinnati, OH



Fireworks Display Coordinated with Music

(photo by: Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau)

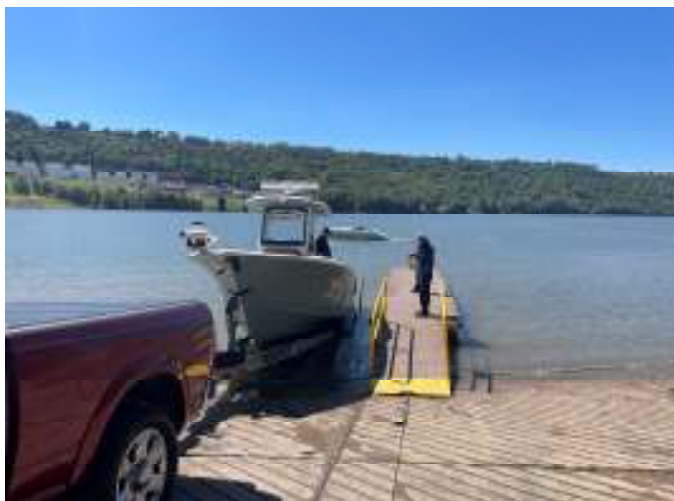
This Labor Day Weekend, gave summer the proper send off by attending the largest firework displays in the Midwest, Western & Southern / WEBN's Riverfest! Come to Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove in downtown Cincinnati for a mid-day extravaganza as you patiently wait to witness mesmerizing firework explosions above the Ohio River. Grab quick bites from local food vendors, listen to live music and participate in fun activities that are perfect for the whole family to enjoy. Once night hits, be among the excited half a million festgoers as Rozzi's Famous Fireworks launches a series of breathtaking fireworks displays that illuminates the starry sky, while WEBN (102.7 FM) plays music to correlate with the show.

Celebrate the final days of summer and end the season with a bang during Western & Southern / WEBN's Riverfest!

Coxswain Walt Guntharp led Division I in the annual

event. Those who crewed for Walt Guntharp was Vern Smith, Dan Gillahan, Emmanuel Ugono and Doug Jave.

Coxswain Jeff Vail had engine failure and was unable to patrol.



Launching Tailwalker Too On Patrol at Riverfest

(photo by: Doug Jave)