



8TH EASTERN
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DIVISION ONE

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Special points of interest:

Risk Management and Operations Training



DCDR Tom Foreman
(photo by: Mike Richardt)

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Risk Management and Operations Training

We are all familiar with American Legion Post 3 and that is where we had Risk Management and Operations training. It occurred on 6 April 2024 starting at 0900 and went until 1500.

Many times we use GAR (Green-Amber-Red) to review the risk. It is suggested the Coxswain ask the crew for their input. The Coxswain may want to ask the least experienced their thoughts first and work his way up to finally asking the most experienced. This is to not sway the mind of the Boat Crew with the least experience to share his thoughts and opinion.



Members of Flotilla 1-7 and 1-10 Attending
(photo by: Mike Richardt)

The most important job is the safety of the Boat Crew.

Things can change quickly such as a thunder storm arriving quickly. This where situational awareness comes in.

This is required training annually for Coxswains and Boat Crews. Being updated and/or refreshed makes us known as "America's Volunteer Lifesavers."



Instructor Lucinda Hollandsworth at Work
(photo by: Mike Richardt)





Michael Richardt, Walt Guntharp and Richard Friedman

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

“... assigned a mentor to guide ..”

Boat Crew Academy

Boat Crew Academy was held 20 April 2024 at American Legion Post 3 in Broad Ripple. It began at 0900 and finished about 1300. This is an important training session to start those seeking Boat Crew qualification to get the basics on getting their Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) signed off and ready for the Qualification Examination (QE). Each member wanting to become Boat Crew must be assigned a mentor to guide them to prepare for their QE and have them feel comfortable prior to the QE.

Walt Guntharp was the lead trainer and one of the top Coxswains in our 8th Eastern Region District. Walt is very thorough and proficient as a trainer and Coxswain. Those who learn from Walt are people who know how to complete their qualification and be an example for others.

One of the teaching aids (property or prop) is a small scale vessel to learn how to tie up to a dock and tie the basic knots. Also how current and wind affects how a vessel approaches a dock or departs.

Once a person receives the qualification of Boat Crew they can crew on any vessel and feel confident of knowledge of the duties they execute. After all we are “America’s Volunteer Lifesavers.”



A Good Sized Class for Training

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Richard Friedman, Doug Jave and Mike Foster

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Attendees at Training

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Operations Program Ribbon



Night Operation When in Doubt STOP

(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

Armed Forces Weekend - Indianapolis 500

Late Senator Richard Lugar supported Armed Forces Weekend at the Indianapolis 500 on Armed Forces Day. It normally occurs the weekend prior to the Indianapolis 500 race.

This year it occurred on 17 to 19 May 2024. It is always a wonderful weekend also known as qualification weekend on 18 and 19 May. Four intense laps at 230 plus MPH. It is very exciting seeing drivers seeking row one.

Sunday we had the pleasure of having our 8th Eastern District Commodore, Chris Whitacre attend as well as two (2) members of the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders in our booth. Thanks to Past Division I Commander Walter Guntharp for arranging their attendance.

We also had Walter Guntharp's 27' facility with twin 250 hp motors for the public to view. His facility drew many into our booth as well our bear wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD). We call the bear Theodore



Walt Guntharp's Facility The Pagoda in the Background
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



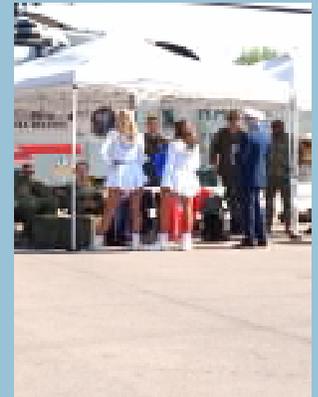
DCDR Mike Richardt and COMO Chris Whitacre Preparing For New Recruits Swearing-in Ceremony
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

Edward Bear or Ted E Bear for short as his nickname.

We really appreciate the attendance COMO Chris Whitacre and the Indianapolis Colts organization for sending two (2) cheerleaders. Those actions add visitors to our booth for us to promote boating safety and making everyone of wearing a lifejacket anytime you are near the water. We promote all children to wear lifejackets when on a dock or boat.



U.S. Navy CH-53 Sea Stallion from Norfolk
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders at Navy Booth
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

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**Vessels Waiting For
Owners**
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



Division One

Morse Lake Boater Safety and Vessel Examination Day

We went to Morse Lake to perform Vessel Examinations (VE) and promote Recreation Boating Safety (RBS) on 22 June 2024. Morse Lake or Reservoir is located in Hamilton Co. just north of Indianapolis. We also setup our booth near the launch ramp to promote RBS.

The day was hot and humid. The temperature was over 90°. It was sweating weather. A day to stay hydrated.

DCDR Mike Richardt brought ice, water and Gatorade for the Auxiliarists attending. He truly was a lifesaver.

There were four (4) members of Division I this day. We had DCDR Mike Richardt, SO-PE Richard Friedman, FC 01-09 Mark Lambert and SO-PA Skip Nunweiler.

This is an ideal location to perform one or many Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). We are in need of Vessel Examiners (VE). We have a total of four (4) VE's in Division I.



DCDR Mike Richardt and FC 01-09 Mark Lambert
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)

There are several members wishing to be classified as a VE. It is up to us to help them become classified as a VE or anything they wish.



Arriving And Ready To Launch
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



**Our Canopy Guarded By Theodore Edward Bear (AKA
Ted E. Bear)**
(photo by: Skip Nunweiler)



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