



WET GAZETTE



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USCG Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-10
Dunedin, Florida

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Commander's Corner



April has been a very busy month with our Flotilla. We held one of our largest ABS classes in several years with 15 students graduating and our Vessel Exams are over 300+. For the first time we attended the Safety Harbor Paddle the Bay for Kids event, which was also a huge success.

A quick reminder for those who have not taken the Intro to Risk Management course, which is due by April 30th. Please contact our FSO-MT officer Harvey Prior if you need help. It only takes 90 minutes to watch a few videos and answer questions. To ensure you receive credit, please take a picture showing your name and completion date.

May is our annual National Safe Boating Awareness month and we have many things planned for our Flotilla. Please check out the calendar and sign up to help us out and show your support. We will have the Dunedin Proclamation, Vessel Blitzes, ABS class, Palm Harbor Fire Department life jacket awareness event and many others. My goal is to make our Flotilla the best in our Division and I can't do it without all of you!!!!



Public Education Update



Buddy Casale, Cono Casale, boatinbud7@gmail.com, is the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) for Public Education.

Public Education is an extremely important function of the US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY.

The Auxiliary has been tasked by the Coast Guard with promoting recreational safe boating.

At Flotilla 11-10 we take this task very seriously, our dedicated Instructors are always available and ready to step up.

Our presentation is monthly and consists of eight “About Boating Safely” and three “Basic Skills and Seamanship” Courses. No courses are taught in December. These courses cover Florida boating laws, boating emergencies, boat handling, knot tying, Florida weather, course plotting, atons, local knowledge and much more.

Upon completion the student receives a temporary Auxiliary Safe boating card and a permanent I.D. card from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and may receive a reduction in their insurance premium.

Flotilla 11-10 also presents Introduction to Basic Navigation to students, affectionately called NAV-4-KIDS.



Photo by Walter Murray

The class was recently presented to seven and eight grade algebra students from Guardian Angels Catholic and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic schools. This program shows the children how mathematics is used for every day activities using formulas to calculate time, speed and distance, compass corrections when plotting and navigating a route when boating. The class on 28 Mar19 was our fourth free presentation.

We also had a very successful ABS class this month with 15 students graduating. It was a large class with Instructors who signed up to teach and also participate in the Public Affairs event on the same day.

Our PE Program generates revenue for our Flotilla and our reward is graduating the students.

Please recognize our dedicated Instructors for their time and expertise. Thank you and Bravo Zulu, Jim Ryder, Harvey Prior, Doug Simpson, Kristi Mackey, Judy Deeley, Walt Murray, Jene Cook, Gordon Thomas, Robin Turner, Norm Robertson, Sam Walker.

Please consider becoming an Instructor/Aide or a Program Visitor or a Vessel Examiner to help promote safe boating, become involved perhaps you will bring new ideas to the programs.

The Monthly Dilemma
By Harvey Prior, FSO-MT 11-10

As a flotilla staff officer, one of the recurring tasks that should happen is writing an article for the flotilla newsletter. The article should contain something besides statistics. As a member reading the article, I don't need to just learn that five people attended the CPR class or that three members are REWK.

Today as the Member Training FSO, I get to write this month's article to encourage you to write an article. There is enough information passing through each officer's area of concern that there should be something to tell others. For member training, I could recommend that you plan on attending DTRAIN in Orlando this year or suggest that there are a number of interesting online courses offered by FEMA.

You don't have to be an officer to write articles for the newsletter. Anything that you know that is of interest to other Auxiliarists could make a good article. Recently, our Vice Flotilla Commander wrote an article about something he did off duty. The article was good enough that it was included in a district publication.

Maybe you want to be a reporter. For example, you could interview one of our qualified crew members about their experiences on missions. Or you could research changes in Florida law that relate to boating. After this start, maybe you would like to take the Auxiliary's series of Public Affairs courses so you could work directly with the Coast Guard's public affairs officers.

Success! I have now written enough to make an acceptable article. I have included information that other Auxiliarists might enjoy or use.

Now... it is your turn. Sit down, relax and start writing your article. Don't get upset when you edit what you are writing like fifty times. I have even started over to make a better article. It is part of the process for many of us. Submit it to our FSO-PB and next month you can call yourself a published author.

Safety Harbor Paddle the Bay for Kids



The Morning Crew

The Flotilla participated in the Paddle the Bay event at Safety Harbor. There were two races, a three mile and seven mile race along the Courtney Campbell Causeway on Upper Tampa Bay.

The Flotilla had two tents setup for the event with information and brochures as well as a tattoo table for children manned by Sharon Bonnem and Brittany Mackey.



Sea Turtle (Div 1)

Flotilla 11-1 Rene De Marina provided the Facility, Sea Turtle, to monitor the boats along with the Safety Harbor Fire Boat. The crew aboard Sea Turtle, Coxswain Rene De Marina and crew Steve Bielanski, and Flotilla 11-10's Kristi Mackey & Rob Bonnem.



Kristi Mackey and Rob Bonnem



Tattoo Station



Safety Harbor Fire Boat



Boats Taking to the Water



Paddle the Bay at the Finish Line

**FSO-PA Judy Deeley did an outstanding job setting this event up. Our thanks to the members who participated throughout the day.
In addition to manning the tent:**

Set up:

**Larry Gilbert
Kristi Mackey
Rob Bonnem
Wallace Weakely**

Tattoo station:

**Sharron Bonnem
Brittany Mackey**

Manning the tent:

**Jimmy Ryder
Karen Meade
Scott Birdwell
Doug Simpson**

Photography (official):

Walter Murray

Vessel

**Kristi Mackey
Rob Bonnem**

In addition to manning the tent:

break down:

**Ron Shebanek
Rosemary Bloomfield**

Assistance in returning materials to office:

**Buddy Casale
Michael Deeley**

Our Thanks to all...

Semper Paratus....

A Tribute and Bravo Zulu to Nicol Nelson



Nicol Nelson is a retired member of Flotilla 11-10. Nick joined the Auxiliary May 2000 and went on to become Boat Crew Member, Materials Officer also was an Aide for Public Education Safe Boating Courses.

As a Boat Crew Mate, he was always willing to volunteer, his friendly manner made him a favorite on board and was well liked. His dedication to Materials Officer duties kept the office well stocked with safe boating pamphlets and booklets.



Nick was an avid bagpiper and belonged to Tampa Bay Pipe and Drum Core and was Honor Guard for five years with the American Legion, Post 275, Madeira Beach playing at over 500 funerals.

Nick became Official Piper for Flotilla 11-10 playing at ceremonies and events.

Thank you, Nicol for your seven years of service in the British Army In the '50's and your fifteen years with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 11-10, retiring in 2015. Bravo Zulu.

At present Nick is residing at Sunset Point Nursing Home and would welcome a visit. Please call his lovely wife, Helen. 727-784-3344

Article and photos provided by Buddy Casale

Boating Safety

NATIONAL
SAFE
BOATING
WEEK

MAY 18-24, 2019



National Safe Boating week is May 18-24, 2019. In Florida with its 1,350 mile coastline, we need to be especially focused on boating safety!

Unfortunately, Florida leads the nation in both boating deaths and boating accidents based on Coast Guard statistics.



Top-Ranking States for Reported Boating Deaths in 2017

Top-Ranking States for Reported Boating Accidents in 2017

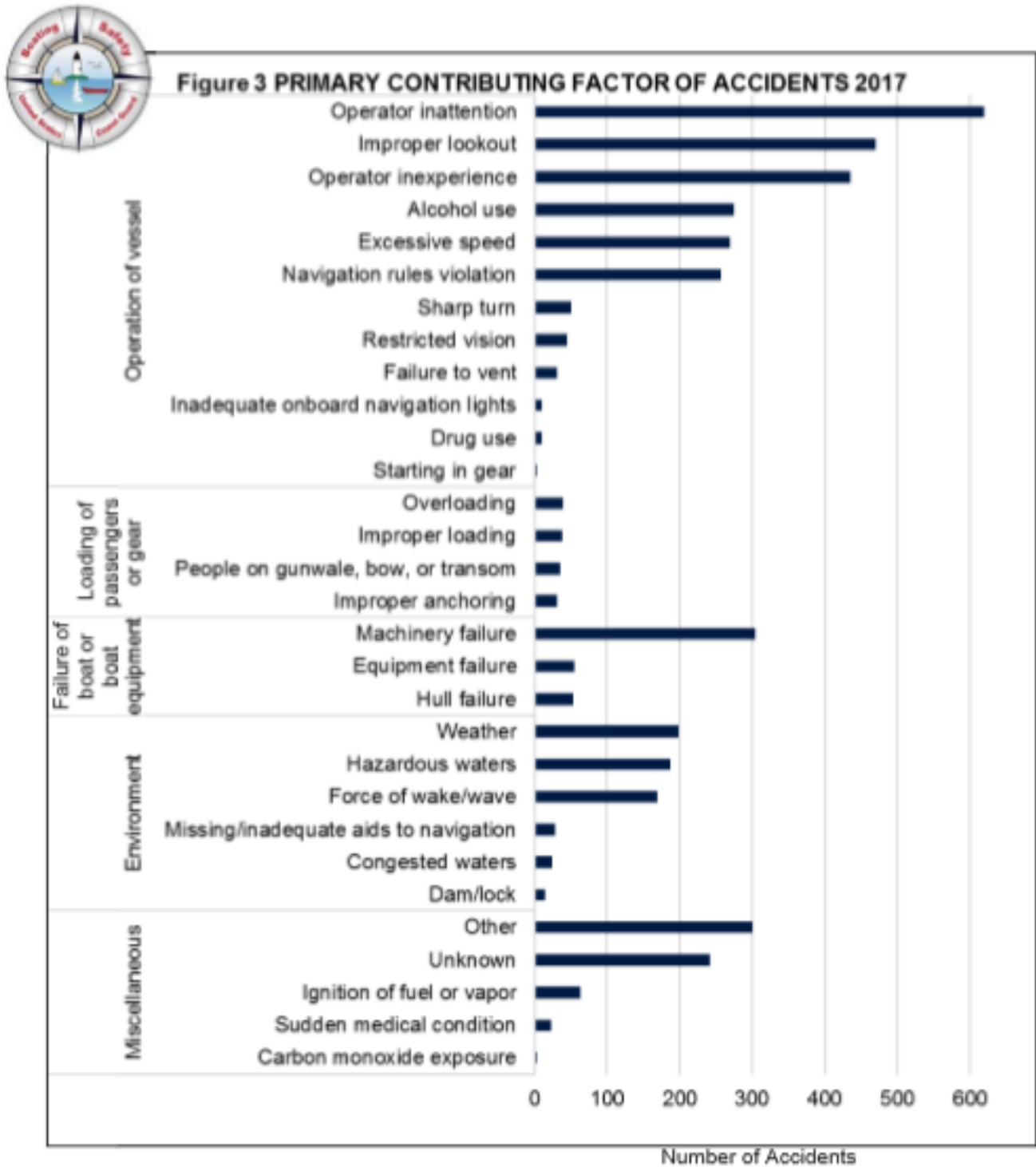
1	Florida: 66	1	Florida: 723
2	Texas: 63	2	California: 350
3	California: 50	3	Texas: 170
4	Wisconsin: 25	4	New York: 167
5	New York: 22	5	South Carolina: 151

Nationwide, most drowning deaths, 82%, occur due to a failure to wear a life jacket!



Table 1 • 2017 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOP FIVE PRIMARY ACCIDENT TYPES						
Accident Rank	Accident Type	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries		
1	Collision with recreational vessel	1145	49	721		
2	Collision with fixed object	470	63	327		
3	Flooding/swamping	435	76	132		
4	Grounding	368	17	224		
5	Falls overboard	306	179	126		
VESSEL TYPES WITH THE TOP CASUALTY NUMBERS						
Casualty Rank	Type of Boat	Drownings	Other Deaths	Total Deaths	Total Injuries	Total Casualties
1	Open motorboat	198	107	305	1367	1672
2	Personal watercraft	17	29	46	624	670
3	Cabin motorboat	15	21	36	220	256
4	Canoe/kayak	122	16	138	107	245
5	Pontoon	28	5	33	133	166
LIFE JACKET WEAR BY TOP FIVE KNOWN CAUSES OF DEATH						
Known Cause of Death Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Life Jacket			
			Worn	Not Worn	Unknown if worn	
1	Drowning	449	68	370	11	
2	Trauma	113	38	65	10	
3	Cardiac arrest	13	6	5	2	
4	Hypothermia	6	4	2	0	
5	Carbon monoxide	4	0	4	0	
TOP TEN KNOWN PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS OF ACCIDENTS						
Accident Rank	Contributing Factor	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries		
1	Operator inattention	620	45	381		
2	Improper lookout	471	23	337		
3	Operator inexperience	436	63	249		
4	Machinery failure	305	9	80		
5	Alcohol use	275	102	227		
6	Excessive speed	269	11	247		
7	Navigation rules violation	257	22	165		
8	Weather	198	40	60		
9	Hazardous waters	187	64	124		
10	Force of wave/wake	169	17	148		



Sobering statistics indeed.

Flotilla Staff Officers

ELECTED OFFICERS	
FC Flotilla Commander	Kristi Mackey
VFC Vice Flotilla Commander	Robert Bonnem
IPFC Immediate Past Flotilla Commander	Samuel G. Walker
FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS	
FSO-CM Communications	Edward Roots
FSO-CS Communications Services	Walter P. Murray
FSO-DV Diversity	Larry Gilbert
FSO-FN Finance	Jimmy R. Ryder
FSO-HR Human Resources	Kristi Mackey Wally Weakley assistant
FSO-IS Information Services	Walter P. Murray
FSO-MA Materials	Charles Whitener
FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection	Douglas W. Simpson
FSO-MT Member Training	Harvey Prior
FSO-NS Navigation Systems	Larry Gilbert
FSO-OP Operations Lawrence	Larry Gilbert
FSO-PA Public Affairs	Judith Ann Deeley
FSO-PB Publications	Ronald Shebanek
FSO-PE Public Education	Cono F. Casale
FSO-SR Secretary/Records	Judith Ann Deeley
FSO-VE Vessel Examination	Gordon Thomas

Upcoming Dates

Deadline to complete Risk Management Course	April 30
Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day	May 17
Safe Boating Week	May 18-24
Palm Harbor Fire Department Boat Safety Event	May 18

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www.safeboatingcampaign.com

2019 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR

JANUARY
Cold Water Boating

FEBRUARY
Communication Devices

MARCH
Take a Safe Boating Course

APRIL
Boating Preparedness

MAY
Boating Safety - Life Jackets
Engine Cut-Off Device

JUNE
Water Sports
Rental Boat Safety

JULY
Boating Under the Influence

AUGUST
Search and Rescue

SEPTEMBER
Fall Cleanup - Storing Boat and Equipment

OCTOBER
Hunting and Fishing

NOVEMBER
Registration Renewals

DECEMBER
Holiday Gift Guides

Mark Your Calendar for 2019 Events

Jan	Various Boat Shows
Feb	Various Boat Shows
Mar 24-27	International Boating & Water Safety Summit
Mar 17-23	Spring Afloat
Mar 6	J 500 Day
May 18	Kids in Parks Day
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day
May 18-24	National Safe Boating Week
May 22	National Maritime Day
May 25-27	National Dry Weekend
Jun	National Safety Month
Jun 3	National Merit Day
Jun 18	National Fishing and Boating Week
Jun 18	National Sea-Fishing Day
Jul	Sun Safe Boating Month
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 5-7	Operation Dry Water
Sep 2	Labor Day
Sep 28	National Hunting and Fishing Day
Sep 26	World Maritime Day
Oct	National Hunting and Fishing Month
Nov	Child Safety Protection Month
Dec	Holiday Parade of Boats (check local community calendar)

Visit your local state boating agency website about boat renewal information.

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