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USCG Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-10
Dunedin, Florida

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Commander's Corner



As we enter into the New Year with our new staff positions, excitement and enthusiasm is over flowing. YES, we have been delayed by the government shutdown with our planned activities coming out of the gate. However, we received word from District that we have the green light to move forward with our Flotilla public education classes, vessel exams and meetings.

I ask all of you to hang in there while we work through this and to participate as much as possible. Two of our goals for 2019 are to be more visible in the community with additional public affairs events and to host more social events to help build our fellowship.

I encourage all members to get involved, to stay active, and to be helpful in running our flotilla. We have a good thing going and with continued commitment from all of us we can accomplish even more.

We as a flotilla have been around long enough to have a rich past to reflect on, but we also have a bright future to look forward to. Our best is yet to come!

Help me make this a truly successful year!

Crossing the Bridge



Former 11-10 Flotilla Commander Max Garrison passed away last December and will truly be missed. He was a great man and true friend of many Auxiliarists.

Max was a Flotilla Commander for Dunedin and over the years held many other staff officer positions. Max was one of four men from Dunedin who won the International Search and Rescue (ISAR) competition after beating out several United States and Canadian teams in 2007. Max served as Flotilla Commander in 2010-2011.

His son Bill Garrison and neighbors will be hosting a memorial service on Feb 16th at 1400 hrs. (2pm) after the Division meeting. Please plan to wear your Tropical Blues if possible.

The address is: Highland Lakes – 127 Lakeside Drive, Palm Harbor

Crossing the Bar by Alfred Lord Tennyson

“Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.”

Member Training Update



Harvey Prior, harvb4@aol.com, is the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) for member training. The FSO-MT exercises staff responsibility and supervision over all matters pertaining to the flotilla member training program and keep all members updated on new developments.

Renewal

A new year has begun and for many this is a time of new resolutions. Sometimes people also renew resolutions from previous years. Whether we resolve to lose some weight or to redecorate a room, it is a renewed resolution for many of us.

Another renewal that we should add to the list is to renew our Auxiliary knowledge and skills. Crew members can practice heaving a line in their yard. Vessel examiners can renew the requirement for a vessel's installed head. Instructors can review the material that they teach and perhaps create a new visual aid.

Maybe it is time for some uniform renewal. Are your boots and dress shoes polished? Are your ribbons in the correct order? There is a ribbon checker on our flotilla website.

You can order uniform components online from various sources such as the Uniform Distribution Center, the Auxiliary Association and district stores in several other Coast Guard districts.

While new resolutions are great, what are your renewal resolutions?

Upcoming Courses

The following Auxiliary member courses are scheduled. If you would like to take any of these courses, please contact your FSO-MT so he can submit your registration.

Some courses like CPR/First Aid have limited enrollment and a priority list so improve your chance of enrollment by signing up today. The location of most courses will be determined by what location is closer to the majority of the class members, usually Dunedin or Clearwater Auxiliary classrooms.

February 16 Annual Operations Workshop at Air Station Clearwater after the division meeting

March 7 TCO (Telecommunications Operator) Location to be determined
Class 2A March 11
Class 2B March 12
Class 3 March 19
Class 4 March 21(Includes final)

March 16 CPR/First Aid At Clearwater Flotilla classroom (
Next CPR course after this one will be June 01)

March 26 Plotting 2.0 Location to be determined
March 26 Class 2

Because of Max Garrison's Memorial on February 16, I am planning an additional Operations Workshop offering for March 14 at 1730 at Air Station Clearwater before our flotilla meeting.

Don't forget to file your 7029 if you haven't already filed one this month. You can claim hours just for reading these emails so file today.

Flotilla Staff Officers

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| ELECTED OFFICERS | |
| FC Flotilla Commander | Kristi Mackey |
| VFC Vice Flotilla Commander | Robert Bonnem |
| IPFC Immediate Past Flotilla Commander | Samuel G. Walker |
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| FSO-DV Diversity | Robin S. Turner |
| FSO-FN Finance | Jimmy R. Ryder |
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| FSO-IS Information Services | Walter P. Murray |
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| FSO-OP Operations Lawrence | Larry Gilbert |
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| FSO-PB Publications | Ronald Shebanek |
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| FSO-PV Rbs Visitor Program | Robert Bonnem |
| FSO-SR Secretary/Records | Robin S. Turner |
| FSO-VE Vessel Examination | Gordon Thomas |
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Division 11 Change of Watch Ceremony



Capt. Edward W. Sandlin Commanding Officer Air Station Clearwater



Chief Warrant Officer Tracy Randall Commanding Officer Station Sand Key



Kristi Mackey receiving award

All photos by Walter Murray



Leslie Long and Sam Walker



Buddy Casale, Kristi Mackey and her Mom



Scott Birdwell

Holiday Party and Auction

Our annual holiday party was a huge success and we want to everyone who helped and those who attended. A special thanks goes out to our auctioneer Jimmy Ryder and his helpers Buddy Casale, Jon Nicholls and Don Hoge.

We also appreciated Scott Birdwell providing the music entertainment and Walt Murray for the pictures.



The Auctioneer Jimmy Ryder



Buddy Casale



Auction items



Kristi Mackey with her Mom



Harvey Prior with family and friend



Rob and Sharon Bonnem



Don Hoge, Kristi Mackey and Ron Shebanek

John Tassinaro Air Station Award

Retirement ceremony at the Air Station for John Tassinaro. John is a member of our flotilla and is now retiring from his Air Station duties there.

He has volunteered there for about 10 years working on updating the Garmin and Jeppesen flight maps into the C-130 planes. He was also involved with updating equipment to keep those products repaired and renewals for the various programs.

Photos by Gordan Thomas



Capt. Sandlin and John Tassinaro



Todd (John's son), Capt. Sandlin, and John



Commendation Medal Certificate



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Let us enlighten you about LED lighting!

Potential interference of VHF-FM Radio and AIS Reception.

The U.S. Coast Guard has received reports from crews, ship owners, inspectors and other mariners regarding poor reception on VHF frequencies used for radiotelephone, digital selective calling (DSC) and automatic identification systems (AIS) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) lighting on-board ships (e.g., navigation lights, searchlights and floodlights, interior and exterior lights, adornment).



Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lamps were found to create potential safety hazards.



For example, the maritime rescue coordination center in one port was unable to contact a ship involved in a traffic separation scheme incident by VHF radio. That ship also experienced very poor AIS reception. Other ships in different ports have experienced degradation of the VHF receivers, including AIS, caused by their LED navigation lights. LED lighting installed near VHF antennas has also shown to compound the reception.

Strong radio interference from LED sources may not be immediately evident to maritime radio users.

Nonetheless, it may be possible to test for the presence of LED interference by using the following procedures:

1. Turn off LED light(s).
2. Tune the VHF radio to a quiet channel (e.g. Ch. 13).
3. Adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the radio outputs audio noise.
4. Re-adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the audio noise is quiet, only slightly
5. Turn on the LED light(s).

- If the radio now outputs audio noise, then the LED lights have raised the noise floor. (Noise floor is generally the amount of interfering signals / static received beyond the specific signal or channel being monitored.)

6. If the radio does not output audio noise, then the LED lights have not raised the noise floor.

If the noise floor is found to have been raised, then it is likely that both shipboard VHF marine radio and AIS reception are being degraded by LED lighting.

In order to determine the full impact of this interference, the Coast Guard **requests** those experiencing this problem to report their experiences to [Coast Guard Navigation Center](#)¹. Select "Maritime Telecommunications" on the subject drop down list, then briefly describe the make and model of LED lighting and radios effected, distance from lighting to antennas and radios effected, and any other information that may help understand the scope of the problem.

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