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Commander's Corner



Shipmates, our main objective in the Auxiliary is to promote boating safety through public education classes, vessel exams and safety patrols. Summertime is here in full force and so is the boating population. According to Florida Fish and Wildlife, there are over 950,000 boats registered in the state of Florida and an estimated 1 million unregistered boats. The community is counting on us to help remind everyone to be safe on the waterways.

This month we participated Operation Dry Water campaign with the US Coast Guard. On June 21st FWC announced that their boats and officers are now equipped with breathalyzers to help crack down on intoxicated boaters. This will help speed up the process for boaters boating while under the influence (BUI).

A reminder to everyone who is in need of a class or wants to learn more. NACON training and workshops will be held in Orlando August 18th-26th and DTRAIN will take place in Orlando September 19th -22nd. All members are encouraged to attend at least once for the experience. You will get to interact with members from other Divisions.

A big Thank You to everyone who participated in our Island Clean-up and Picnic at the end of June. It was a huge success and the day turned out to be perfect. We had

so much fun, that we are working on a Kayak trip in August. We have a Fellowship Game Night coming up on Sunday July 28th 4-6pm. Bring a snack to share.

We are now well into Hurricane season and I would like to remind everyone to start preparing his or her emergency kit, stock up on non-perishable food and water, and know your evacuation routes. We have already had two named storms and the Gulf water temperature is around 90 degrees. So be prepared!

You never know when you might have to evacuate quickly.....

Kristi Mackey, Flotilla Commander

Semper Paratus



Member Training Update



Harvey Prior, harvb4@aol.com, is the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) for member training.

For those members who need or want the new TCT (Team Coordination Training) refresher course, it is being offered three more times. First, it is being offered locally at the Clearwater flotilla classroom on Sunday, August 11 at 1400. You need to sign up soon as class size is limited, and some spots are already filled. Due to vacation schedules, the deadline thru me (as FSO-MT) is July 27th. From then thru August 7th, final deadline, you would need to sign up thru Rob Bonnem as VFC.



The other opinion is to take it in Orlando at either NACON on August 24 at 1300 or DTRAIN tentatively scheduled on September 22 at 0800. Either class will require you to pay to register for that conference and go to Orlando.

The course is required for some members but any member who has thoughts of working for the Marine Safety Office (MSO), getting into any operations area such as boat crew or becoming a Telecommunications Operator (TCO) should take it as well.

Show up, sign in, participate and you have completed it for this year. If you have already completed the course then tell another member how easy it is and how they can become more involved.

Remember that you need to have completed the Introduction to Risk Management Course before taking TCT. The Risk Management course is available online.

Clearwater Air Station C-130 Update



As reported in a previous Newsletter, John Tassinaro retired from his Auxiliary duties at the Coast Guard Clearwater Air Station after ten years. He was the main person who would maintain the Garman and Jeppesen flight maps loaded into the C-130s. He served in this capacity

from January 2009 to January 2019. Joan Gutek was his backup but didn't get to do it very often since John was there all the time.



Currently, Gordon Thomas and Joan Gutek (both of Dunedin flotilla 11-10) have now taken over those responsibilities. Flight maps for Garmin and Jeppesen must be download almost every week to all four C-130s. It is a highly computerized time critical event which often runs up against glitches that must be handled.

Since this can take up lots of time, having the two of us makes the job flow more easily over the week. We start working with this on Tuesday and if lucky, finish by Wednesday. More often than not, planes are deployed days at a time or are busily going out a few times during the same day resulting in incomplete downloads to their devices. Therefore, our job sometimes requires one of us to come back later at night or later in the week to get the final updates loaded.

We are also responsible to make sure that connections are working properly especially the antennae and have them replaced or fixed as needed. Computer glitches must be solved on the fly especially if a plane is needing to deploy.

Occasionally more reticent problems must be worked out with the software companies tying up much time.

Article and photos by Gordon Thomas, FSO VE

Public Education Update



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

We are always looking for qualified instructors to help teach our popular About Boating Safety and Basic Skills and Seamanship Classes.

It's easy to qualify as an instructor by completing the Instructor Development Course (IDC) and allows members to participate in another of the primary missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Instructor (IT) certification will allow you to participate in the promotion of recreational boating safety through Public Education and to instruct in the many Auxiliary Member Training courses. The course is conducted by an IT mentor working with the trainee to pass an open book exam and successfully complete Performance Qualification System (PQS) tasks. Following the completion of PQS tasks, the trainee will be required to conduct training events in accordance with the IDC course material. A certified mentor instructor will evaluate the event presentations. Course material is available from ANSC or can be downloaded by visiting the National Education Department website.

You can login through the Flotilla website : Wow.uscgaux.info,

Login ** ** login: Flotilla website, Aux Members, my member portal then navigate to:.

Aux members

Aux testing center

Training course links

Student course book (IDC)

Review appendix A, B

ENJOY 🎉

Complete final exam and copy results to FC.

Contact FSO PE to set up a 20 minute and a 1 hour training recital event. 🤝 🗣️

Record all times on form 7029, include preparation and activity.

Check out the two courses we offer, About Boating Safely, Basic Skills and Seamanship.

Go to : our website, Directorates, Public Education, Multi- lesson Courses, login,select ABS or BS&S, pick a chapter.

Monthly Vessel Exam Blitz

Gordon Thomas, (FSO) Vessel Examination, schedules a vessel exam blitz at one of the local marinas on a monthly basis during the boating season.

On July 21, 2019 Dunedin flotilla 11-10 did a VE blitz at the Dunedin Marina. We did three VEs that day and talked with many who thought they would see us when they got back from their boating. Unfortunately, they they were not able to due to a fast approaching storm one hour before the end of our duty and so we packed up.

Remember, strong storms can pop up quickly on the bay, so keep an eye on the weather and an ear to channel 16 on the marine radio wherever you are on the water!



*Keith
Betzing,
Gordon
Thomas,
George
Inderwies,
Robin
Turner, and
Karen
Meade.*

*Not shown:
Harvey
Prior.*

While we were there, an off-duty fireman from Orange City was donning his Santa outfit to give out gifts for little children from his PWC (in the heat of July!).



*Unnamed Orange City fireman and Robyn Turner
Photo by Gordon Thomas.*

He needed someone to dress up as an elf to assist him (he had the costume), so Robyn decided to ride along on the other PWC in an elf costume to help out!

Flotilla 11-10 Annual Spoil Island Cleanup

This was our annual Spoil Island Cleanup and our monthly fellowship event. We had 7 vessels along with 24 people, 11-10 members and guests. A great time was had by all. The weather was clear although warm.



Flotilla 11-10 Members and Guests, All photos by Walter Murray

There were 6 vessels anchored off the Island & Walter Murray's Carolina Skiff, a shallow water boat use to ferry in the people.



Buddy Casale manning the bow



Buddy Casale (Supervising)???



Relaxing after cleanup



Anchored off Island



Kristi Mackey & daughter Brittany



Another Group shot



Jimmy Ryder with his son, grandson & daughter-in-law visiting from Indiana

Coast Guard Auxiliary Eightieth Anniversary



When the Coast Guard "Reserve" was authorized by act of Congress the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilian volunteers to promote safety on and over the high seas and the nation's navigable waters. The Coast Guard Reserve was then a non-military service comprised of unpaid, volunteer U.S. citizens who owned motorboats or yachts.

Two years later, on Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian volunteers, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary.

February 19 is formally recognized as the birth of the Coast Guard Reserve while June 23 is recognized as birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

When America entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort. They guarded waterfronts, carried out coastal picket patrols, rescued survivors from scuttled ships and did anything else they were asked to do. Many of their private vessels were placed into service.

After the war, Auxiliarists resumed their recreational boating safety duties. The Auxiliary's four cornerstones--Vessel Examination, Education, Operations and Fellowship--were established and remain the Auxiliary's pillars today.

Today's Auxiliary

Auxiliarists continue to be a vital part of the Coast Guard. Under legislation passed in 1996, the Auxiliary's role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant.

Thus, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels, flying in C-130 aircraft, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars. The three components of the service--the active duty Coast Guardsmen, the Reservists, and Auxiliarists--truly constitute TEAM COAST GUARD.

Auxiliary members:

- Perform free Vessel Safety Checks, which helps boaters ensure their craft complies with Federal boating regulations.
- Teach boating safety to recreational boaters of all ages.
- Operate safety and regatta patrols and are an integral part of the Coast Guard Search and Rescue team.
- Stand communication watches, assist during mobilization exercises, perform harbor and pollution patrols, provide platforms for unarmed boarding parties.
- Recruit and can provide initial training for people

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

**Fellowship Night
Flotilla Meeting
NACON Orlando
DTRAIN Orlando**

**July 28
August 8
August 19-26
September 19-22**

Have the Right Life Jacket?



Right Style

Be sure it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved
(Check the label printed on the inside of the life jacket).



Standup Paddlers
(Belt-pack inflatable)



Anglers & Open Motor Boats
(Suspender inflatable)



Personal Water Crafts & Water Sports
(Inherently buoyant)



Kids
(Adult life jackets don't fit kids)



Pets
(Harness with lift handles)



Right Fit

Snug fit and fastened.
• You don't want your life jacket too large or too small.



Right Care

Refer to OWNER'S MANUAL and LABEL for specific maintenance requirements.

- All Life Jacket Care**
- Use properly
 - No rips, waterlogging or mildew
 - Dry after use
 - Hand wash in warm, soapy water
 - Store in a dry place when not boating



- Inflatable Life Jacket Care**
- Test: Orally inflate & holds air for 16-24 hours
 - Inspect cartridge (not discharged & no corrosion)
 - If it holds air, repack & use

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