



WET GAZETTE

USCG AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 11-10

Dunedin, Florida
Seventh Coast Guard District



COMMANDER
VICE COMMANDER
PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

Sam Walker
Allen Leimbach
Joan Gutek

samiee1117@gmail.com
noquarter102@gmail.com
jg346811@msn.com

Commander's Corner

By Sam Walker, FSO-FC



Our flotilla has the most enthusiastic shipmates who give constant support at our meetings. Quality presentations meeting professional standards have been given on important topics. During our March flotilla meeting, Jesse Scott, Division Commander, said the division has looked at our records and has commented on how impressive we are. I agree that we are one of the best flotillas in the country.

BRAVO ZULU Flotilla 11-10.

National Poppy Day

May 25, 2018



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice REMEMBRANCE DAY worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

The American Legion Family

Coming Events

- | | |
|------------|--|
| May 2 | NAV 4 Kids class Guardian Angels Catholic School. |
| May 12 | Four hour TCT 0900 in the Dunedin Flotilla classroom. |
| May 13 | Mother's Day. |
| May 17 | National Safe Boating Week Proclamation at City Hall 1800. |
| May 5, 6 | ABS class in Dunedin Flotilla classroom. |
| May 25 | National Poppy Day. |
| May 28 | Memorial Day |
| June 1 | Threshers baseball game flotilla social event. |
| June 2 | First aid/CPR. Location to be determined. |
| June 5 | Crew College begins. (Eleven classes) Location to be determined. |
| June 9 | Four hours TCT. Time and location to be determined. |
| June 9 | Flotilla 11-10 Anniversary Dinner Dunedin Country Club. |
| June 9, 10 | ABS class In Dunedin Flotilla classroom. |

Early registration for classes is important so that adequate materials can be ordered. Also, some class sizes are limited. Contact Harvey Prior, Flotilla Member Training Officer (FSO-MT).

And the Winner is.....

The Division 11 Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 7, 2018, at the Dunedin Country Club. Among the honored Auxiliary guests were National Commodore Rick Washburn, District 7 Commodore Judith Hudson and Gary Barth, District 7 Chief of Staff.



The evening began with a social hour and music was provided by our own musician extraordinaire, Scott Birdwell.



Photo by Walt Murray



Commodore Washburn gave a special citation to Flotilla 11-10 in honor of our upcoming sixtieth anniversary.



Photos by Jon Nicholls

The Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation was presented to members of the Station Sand Key Burial at Sea Support Team. The team planned and executed a burial at sea for Auxiliarist Erik Wekerle after his sudden death. His good friend was present to extend her thanks and appreciation for the care taken in his burial at sea. Among those receiving the award were members of Flotilla 11-10 Sam Walker, Harvey Prior, Jon Nicholls and Jimmy Ryder.

Other Award Winners from Flotilla 11-10



Photo by Jon Nicholls

Rob Bonnem received a plaque for the most vessel examinations at 335.



Photo by Joan Gutek



John Tassinaro received an award for the most hours of operational support in our flotilla with 383 hours. The award was presented at Air Station Clearwater by Lt Matt Humphreys and LTJG Bradley Parker.



Photo by Jon Nicholls



ToonClips.com #2770 service@toonclips.com

Walt Murray and Buddy Casale each received two awards for outstanding performance. Buddy received an award for most hours as an instructor/aide with 63 and for public affairs with 34 hours. Walt received an award for most hours in public affairs at 88 and as an instructor/aide with 53 hours.



Photo provided by Sam Walker

Our last award goes to Sam Walker for the highest number of program visits with 102.



Congratulations to all our winners and congratulations to Flotilla 11-1 for being named Outstanding Division 11 Flotilla for 2017.

Auxiliarists to the Rescue

Article and Photos by Walt Murray

I had the boat out today, April 28, 2018, fishing but there was a 15 to 20 knot wind out of the north. The fishing was off due to the winds. I heard a distress call from the Coast Guard on the radio about a skiff with four people in the water after their boat capsized. I called the Coast Guard and said I was in the area and could offer assistance. When I arrived, another boat had gotten the people out of the water and secured the boat with a line. However, some equipment was floating away in the choppy water. I retrieved a cooler, a paddle, a knapsack and a cushion. I returned the equipment and asked if I could offer any more assistance. A Coast Guard Auxiliary boat arrived and escorted them back to port. Everyone was okay. The Auxiliary facility was from Tarpon Springs and Kristi Mackey from Flotilla 11-10 was crewing on the boat.





Be Prepared for the Unusual

By Harvey Prior, FSO-MT

When you journey into the Gulf of Mexico on a Coast Guard mission, it rarely happens the way you anticipated. On a lucky day things are good. But, those days don't happen every time.

Recently, an evening C-130 drop training support mission had an unusual twist of events. The first drop of a Portable Aerial Drop System (PADS) kit had everything come down as a single unit instead of a metal can under a parachute with a long floating line and a drogue (sea anchor) attached to the other end. The parachute and the sea anchor were still in the pack that had not been properly attached to the aircraft. The unusual did not end there. By the time the second PADS kit was dropped, it was dark enough that none of the crew aboard our vessel saw it come down. As we were slowly approaching the area we had been told the drop occurred,



While proceeding towards the PADS kit can, the coxswain saw the sea anchor as the facility passed over it. Fortunately, the line was deep enough underwater for the vessel to clear. As we pulled alongside the can, the crew reported lines going in two directions. The sea anchor line had wrapped around a crab trap buoy line causing both the can and the sea anchor to be down current from the buoy. After a little extra work, everything was onboard. Now it was time for the usual avoiding of crab trap buoys on the ride home.

Thank you to my two Auxiliary crew members and the two Coast Guard line crewmen for a safe and interesting evening on the water. To find out what unusual twists can happen on your mission, volunteer today.



the aircraft informed us that they were going to go ahead and drop the second Aviation Search and Rescue Kit (ASRK) and depart. Soon, we had two different sets of gear in the water with none actually in sight.

After a little searching, the crew spotted something and we found bag number two of five in the ASRK kit. The coxswain made the decision to have the crew pull bags and line from both directions. Bags two through five were onboard when bag one was pulled alongside. Bag one had brought a crab trap and line to the boat. Somehow, the trap line had hooked into the bag's carabiner.



Photos by Walt Murray

April was a Busy Month for Flotilla 11-10



A blitz of vessel exams was done on Caladesi Island for the Grady White Boat Club by George White, Gordon Thomas, Allen Leimbach and Harvey Prior.

Photos by Gordon Thomas

Another blitz at Speckled Trout Marina with Allen Leimbach, Ron Shebanek (a new examiner), Buddy Casale, George White and Gordon Thomas who took the picture.



Judy Deeley, Division Secretary-Records (DSO-SR) taking notes at the division meeting.

Photo by Sam Walker

And There is More.....



Photo by Gordon Thomas

An ABS course was given by Flotilla 11-10 at the Dunedin classroom. Allen Leimbach, Vice Commander, is shown instructing the class on legal requirements. Buddy Casale instructed the class on new legal information and Gordon Thomas instructed on emergency procedures.



Photos by Walt Murray



Two-boat training was done with Broad on the Bow from Flotilla 11-1. Walter Murray and Wally Weakley are training for their qualification examination (QE) as boat crew and Steve Hinkind is training for his QE as coxswain.



AND.....

Parks Honeywell began teaching interested members the art of sailing.

First came the classroom work attended by Sam Walker, Buddy Casale, Walt Murray, Wallace Weakley, Ron Shebanek and me, Joan Gutek.



Our next class was held at the boat. Hopefully, we will soon be on the water.

Photos by Joan Gutek

