WET GAZETTE

USCG Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-10
Dunedin, Florida

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WHAT A WEEKEND!

Whoever said "weekends are for loafing" is not a member of Flotilla 11-10! The weekend of November 15-16 found our members heading out to Sunderman Park, to our island in the Intracoastal Waterway, to our classroom, and to Station Sand Key for two days full of boating activities.

Saturday, November 15, was Palm Harbor's first Touch-A-Truck event. Coast Guard Station Sand Key participated with their new 29 boat, assisted by twelve members of 11-10. Working under the skilled leadership of Karen Montembeault, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs (FSO-PA) and Carolyn Hughes, Flotilla Staff Officer for Diversity (FSO-DV), our Auxiliarists spent the day playing the pollution game, assisting people on and off the boat, handing out literature, and of course applying tattoos!

On Sunday, November 16, enthusiastic volunteers packed up their trash bags and set out for our island. Roger Montembeault, Flotilla Staff Officer for Marine Safety, organized the event. Carolyn Hughes, Jack Kuhlmann, Kristi Mackey and Scott Birdwell provided boat transport to the island. Following a bit of hard work gathering and bagging trash, the grill was fired up and everyone had a chance to enjoy delicious food and perfect weather.

But our weekend wasn't over yet. Operational Excellence (OE) crew candidates Ed Burgess and Larry Gilbert spent Sunday on board Harmony with OE Coxswain Tom Loughlin for their initial screening and performed both dockside and on water tasks successfully.

Meanwhile, back at the classroom, our intrepid band of instructors, Charlie Gilbert, Allen Leimbach, and Doug Simpson were conducting the Flotilla's eighth About Boating Safely class of the year. They were joined by Steve Sumner from Flotilla 11-7 who is completing his instructor training.

See the Photo Album, pages 5 and 6, for pictures of these events.

EVERBRIDGE SYSTEM

Division 11 is changing the way by which members are contacted in the event of an emergency. Here is an explanation of the new system from Karen Miller, Division Commander.

Division 11 will use the Everbridge System to provide mass communication to all Division 11 members in the event of a crisis, emergency, or issue which necessitates mass notification (weather, power, etc.) or other division-wide or even flotilla-wide notices. The methods of communication may include email, telephone, cellular phone, and paging device numbers.

The member contact information comes from AuxData, which is why it's so important to keep your AuxData information up-to-date.

We will use this tool to contact you during emergency events. In some cases, you may receive a combination of email, voice mail, and text (SMS) messages, depending on the information in AuxData. Each message will have an introduction, main content, and a confirmation component lasting no longer than 45 seconds. When received, please follow the instructions to confirm receipt of the message.

How Do I Respond?

EMAIL

- The email will be sent from: USCGAuxAIMS2cgaux.org
- Read the entire message
- Click the link provided within the email to confirm receipt of the message

Telephone/Voice

- The caller ID will be 111-111-1111
- You must press "1" after the system greeting to hear the message
- The main content of the communication will follow
- To confirm receipt of the message, press "1" a final time.

SMS/TEXT

- You will receive a text message on your mobile phone, tablet, or PDA
- Read the entire message
- Reply with "Yes" and send to confirm receipt of message

Please do not re-dial the caller ID number (111-111-1111)

We will test the Mass Notification system on a monthly basis.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Division 11 is compiling a roster of our members who are veterans. If you are a service veteran, please complete the following survey and send it to Manny Sosa, Division Staff Officer for Diversity (SO-DV) at mannyjr@verizon.net with a copy to Carolyn Hughes, our Flotilla Staff Officer for Diversity (FSO-DV) at CarolynHughes46@gmail.com

First Name_____Last Name_____Gender (M/F)
Flotilla_____Service Entry Date:_____Separation Date:_____
Total Years of Service (excluding Auxiliary)_____Viet Nam era: (Y/ N)_____
Branch: (USA, USAF, USMC, USN, USCG, USMM, Other) _____
Wars, Conflicts, Campaign, Operations (List All):

World War II
Korean Conflict
Viet Nam
Desert Shield / Desert Storm
Iraqi Freedom
Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)
Other major campaign / operation

Highest Rank:_____Served Abroad or on Foreign/International Soil/Water_____
Highest Award / Ribbon _____Purple Heart(s): (#)_____
Wounded Warrior (Y / N)_____Retired (Y/N)_____Disabled Veteran (Y/N)_____
Comments:

PUBLIC EDUCATION CHALLENGE

The Public Education Challenge has come to District Seven

Why is a PE Challenge needed?
Last year there was a 12% decline in PE graduates in District Seven. This trend has to be reversed because we are witnessing an increase in boating accidents and fatalities in 2014. Many of those accidents include 3 to 4 fatalities in one accident. Sadly, most of those accidents involved boaters who had never taken a boating safety course. The PE Challenge is directed toward increasing the number of our Public Education course graduates with the goal of decreasing boating accidents. We can do it!

How is the PE Challenge set up?
Beginning on November 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015, the District will provide flotillas that **increase** their year-over-year Public Education **graduates** with the following recognition:

2% Increase / minimum of 25 graduates to qualify	$50	Yellow Streamer
5% Increase	$100	Green Streamer
15% Increase	$150	White Streamer
20% Increase	$200	Red Streamer
25% Increase	$250	Blue Streamer

A Challenge Coin may also be presented to those members who demonstrate exceptional performance in PE instruction or a related RBS activity.

Additionally, the two flotillas that achieve the highest number of Public Education graduates during the year will receive a grant of $1000, to be used for the purchase of materials or equipment for the flotilla's PE program.

Educating the boating public on the importance of safe boating practices is a mainstay in our missions. By accepting the PE Challenge flotillas will gain the satisfaction of knowing they have increased their contribution to preventing a boating accident or fatality and have gained a monetary award that helps sustain their Public Education Program. Let's go for it!! Semper Paratus.

Bob Weskerna DCO(e)	Judith Hudson DCOS(e)	John Tyson DCO

PHOTO ALBUM

Long lines waited to board the Coast Guard 29 boat. Our pollution game and tattoos also attracted a crowd.

Touch-a-Truck photos provided by Karen Montembeault

Island Cleanup photos provided by Karen Montembeault

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Opinions needed: Do you have an opinion about the anchoring regulations in local waters? If so, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) wants to hear about it. The FWC recently completed 3 public meetings on proposed anchoring regulations and is now seeking additional comments. Their online survey can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AnchoringSurvey The survey will be available until 11:59PM on December 7.

Newsletter editor: The position of Flotilla Staff Officer for Publications (FSO-PB) is still open for 2015. Put your talents to work – help your fellow Auxiliarists stay up to date with the ever-changing world of Flotilla 11-10 by issuing a brief newsletter. Elaine Clark (emclark1229@tampabay.rr.com) has the details on this position.

White elephants needed: The annual holiday party and white elephant sale is Thursday, December 11. See the attached flyer for details, and start searching your attic, garage, and boat for those hidden treasures.

GENTLE REMINDERS

Team Coordination Training (TCT): The last opportunities for TCT training this year will be December 6 (4 hour class) and December 13 (1 hour class). Contact Bill Clark, Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training (FSO-MT) for details.

New Vessel Exam Manual: If you are an active Vessel Examiner, be sure you are using the new edition of the manual. It is only being released in an electronic format. The manual can be found by going to the National V-Directorate website: http://vdept.cgaux.org and clicking on the link. To print a copy, utilize the FEDEX program. See the D7 Help Desk, knowledge base, and toolbox for instructions.

ONE LINERS

Dunedin Boat Parade: Saturday, December 6.

No Office Hours: Office Hours cancelled in December due to holidays

HOLIDAY PARTY!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

6:00 PM

RED TAIL LOUNGE
CLEARWATER AIR STATION

DINNER IS FOLLOWED BY
OUR TRADITIONAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

BRING A DISH TO SHARE –
APPETIZER, SIDE DISH, OR DESSERT

AND BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANTS TOO

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE DINNER
AND GIVE THE NUMBER WHO WILL ATTEND
BY DECEMBER 3
Emclark1229@tampabay.rr.com

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** Change of Watch	**6** 4 Hour TCT Dunedin Boat Parade
7 **Pearl Harbor Remembrance**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11** Holiday Party & White Elephant	**12**	**13** Dunedin Street Parade
14	**15**	**16**	17 Hanukkah begins	**18**	**19**	**20** Division Planning Meeting
21 Winter begins	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** Christmas	**26** Kwanzaa begins	**27**
28	**29**	**30**	**31** New Year's Eve			

Dunedin Flotilla 11-10 is a uniformed unit of America's Volunteer Life Savers, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The 70+ members of Flotilla 11-10 augment the US Coast Guard (Sector St. Petersburg, Station Sand Key, Air Station Clearwater) and provide assistance to boaters in distress along the Gulf coast of Florida as well as vessel safety checks and safe boating courses to prepare boaters for safe and enjoyable times on the water.

Flotilla meetings are every second Thursday evening of the month, beginning at 1900, at the Red Tail Lounge at the Clearwater Air Station, unless otherwise announced

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS	
Flotilla Commander	Larry O'Brien
Flotilla Vice Commander	Elaine Clark
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander	Maxell Garrison
Communications	Guy Warner
Communication Services	Walter Murray
Diversity	Carolyn Hughes
Finance	Christine Carlson
Human Resources	Ed Burgess
Information Services	Walter Murray
Marine Safety	Roger Montembeault
Materials	Scott Birdwell
Member Training	Bill Clark
Navigation Systems	Doug Simpson
Operations	Harvey Prior
Partner Visits	Rob Bonnem
Public Affairs	Karen Montembeault
Public Education	Larry O'Brien
Publications	Your name belongs here!
Secretary	Barbara O'Brien
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www.Dunedin-CoastGuardAux.com

complete officer reports

current information and photos

helpful links

(Walter Murray, Webmaster)