



WET GAZETTE



Department of Homeland Security
USCG Auxiliary
Flotilla 11-10
Dunedin, Florida

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Commander's Corner



October has been an active month for our Flotilla. During the Division meeting, our immediate past Commander Sam Walker received the Soaring Eagle Award for his hard work coordinating the hurricane drill with all of Division 11 Flotillas. We are proud to say that our Division was the only one to achieve 100% responses in less than twelve hours. Again, I want to thank our Flotilla for a job well done.

Our Flotilla was also one of four in our Division to receive the Diversity Management 3 STAR Award of Excellence for creating a positive environment, valuing all members and promoting individual success. Special thanks go to Rob Bonnem and Larry Gilbert for pulling the application together and getting it submitted on time. Kudos to you both.

Our monthly luncheon at Umberto's in Dunedin is growing. This month we had 14 people attend and look forward to the next one.

We held a Boating Skills and Seamanship class and submitted our own version of a Navigation Seminar for approval up the chain thanks to Judy Deeley and Buddy Casale. This will allow us to teach navigation and plotting to our ABS students and/or teach it as a stand-alone class. Great job for creating this course.

On October 25th we had eight members participate in the Tampa International airport downed plane emergency drill. Take a look at the write up and pictures inside. Thank you for stepping it up and volunteering for this important event.

November 9th is a Touch-A-Truck event in Palm Harbor and we can always use more volunteers. That same weekend we have an ABS class going on.

November 14th is our Flotilla Elections and **I NEED Everyone** to attend this meeting at the Clearwater Air Station. Please come out and show me your support. We will have a sign-up sheet for our Holiday Party in December at the meeting.

Don't forget to take your required core classes before December 31st.

All Members must take these core classes when you first enroll and then every five years, except ethics.

AUXCT - CORE TRAINING

Task	CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	ETHICS TRAINING (502306)	PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COURSE (810000)	PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS (810030)	WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)
Frequency	Five Years	Permanent	Five Years	Five Years	Five Years	Five Years

All New Members must take these courses under BQII. Everyone is encouraged to take this.

BASIC QUALIFICATION COURSE II

Task	BQC CORE VALUES & MISSIONS	BQC COURTESY AND PROTOCOLS	BQC HUMAN RESOURCES & AWARDS	BQC MEMBER TRAINING & UNIFORMS	BQC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & STRUCTURE	BQC REGULATIONS & POLICIES	BQC SUPPORT AND MATERIALS & REIMBURSEMENT
Frequency	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent

All Boat Crew, Telecom Operators and Watch Standers must take these courses.

Task	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	ICS-700 INTRO TO NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	ICS100 - INTRODUCTION TO ICS ON LINE	INTRODUCTION TO RISK MANAGEMENT LMS COURSE (100202)
Frequency	Annual Sliding	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent



Kristi Mackey, Flotilla Commander

Semper Paratus

Member Training Update



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

Auxiliary Trivia

The following questions were from Auxiliary websites. Can you research and find the answers that you don't know? Have fun looking thru Auxiliary websites!!!

1. For what is form 7055 used?
2. What publication includes channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge & cable clearances, small craft facilities and routes?
3. What is an AUXLWO?
4. The USCG External Affairs Manual provides instructions and policy guidance for the conduct of what programs?
5. Which Directorate includes CS & IS officers?
6. Can an Auxiliarist currently employed by a marina or marine retail outlet become a Program Visitor?
7. What do Auxiliary coxswains have to do every five years?
8. May 17, 2019 was what special day in the boating community?
9. What do you need to be part of the SHARES program?
10. When can Auxiliary vessels use their civilian MMSI number?
11. Auxiliary Tilley hats may be worn with was uniform(s)?
12. How many different Polo shirts are approved for Auxiliary use?
13. What device do you wear on the Cold Weather Cap?

14. **How many rings may an Auxiliarist wear?**
15. **What months may Winter Dress Blue uniforms be worn?**

Answers will be in the November Newsletter.

C-130 Training Missions



Each month, during the day and at night our Flotilla supports the Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater by participating in C-130 training missions. We do this by signing up as Boat Crew aboard one of our Facilities (Auxiliary Boats). Typically, two Coast Guard members from the Air Station will join us aboard the boat. Then we get underway to our destination about four-six miles out from Anclote Park to wait for the C-130 plane to arrive. These training missions are called Air-Sea Rescue Kit Delivery (ASRK).



Day Flight



Night Flight

To start the training mission, the airplane will fly over and drop two flares, which will become their markers for deployment of rescue rafts and dewatering pumps. Several times a week the Coast Guard schedules these practices in order to be ready at any moment for an emergency such as a sinking vessel. First, the pilot announces he will be dropping the can (P-6 Pump), which looks like a large drum and attached to a small parachute. The pilot and crew fly over and attempt to drop this can between the two flares. Once it lands in the water, the boat crew maneuvers over to retrieve the equipment, lines and chute quickly. Next, the pilot circles around a few times and then drops 3 large bags and 2 small bags (K-5 Pack), which are all tied together. In an emergency, these bags would become rescue rafts. Again, the pilot trains frequently to perfect his or her aim when dropping these bags between the flares.

What makes these trips so interesting is, many times things can go wrong especially if the weather is bad. Wind and high waves at night can cause poor visibility in trying to retrieve the equipment that has been dropped from the back of the airplane. Other times the bags and cans break apart from the lines, which allows them to drift apart and take more time to locate. When things go really south,, the cans have been known to fill with water and sink or the bags are never located and eventually float ashore. The worst thing that could happen is to get the line tangled in the boat propeller. However, no matter what excitement comes our way, we always have FUN and learn something on every mission.

Article and photos by Kristi Mackey, FC



The "Can" P-6 Pump



K-5 Pack



Recovered Equipment

Tampa Bay Emergency Drill

Tampa International Airport sought out volunteers to participate in their full-scale mass casualty emergency response exercise held October 25, 2019. The exercise simulated an off-airport aircraft accident in Tampa Bay with a multiple agencies from around the region responding.

Volunteer accident victims were needed to portray passengers from the downed flight along with friends and family members at the airport. The Volunteers who portrayed accident victims were “triaged” by first responders at Tampa’s Gandy Boat Ramp.

Flotilla 11-10 had eight people volunteer to be victims at the boat ramp and we recycled a couple times as injured, scared traumatized victims.

Flotilla 11-1, 7-5 and 7-9 also participated in the exercise.

Article and photos provided by Kristi Mackey



11-10 Volunteers



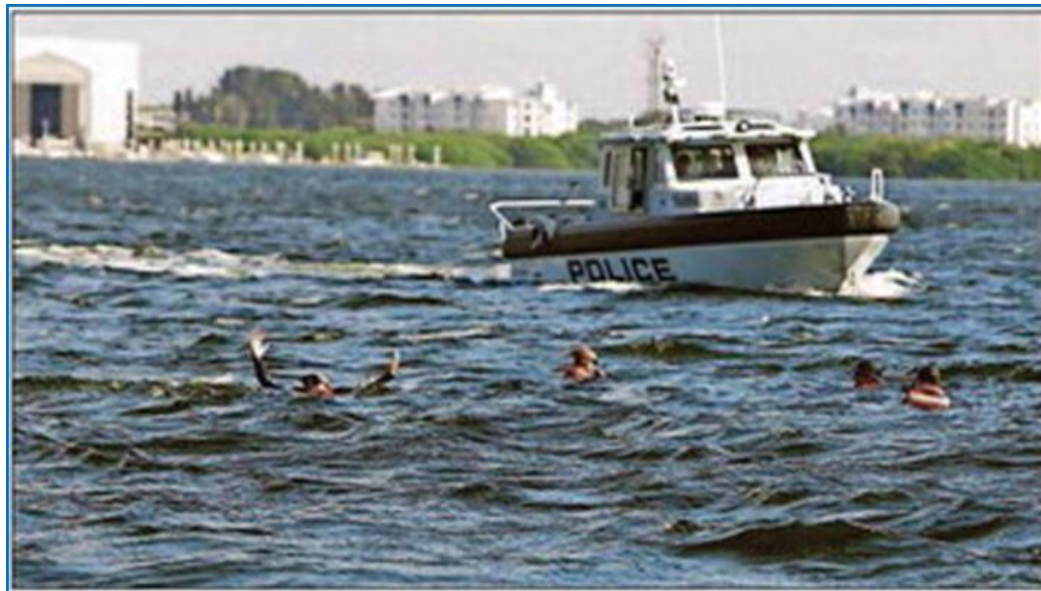
Boat Ramp Casualties



Decontamination Tent



Fire Boat



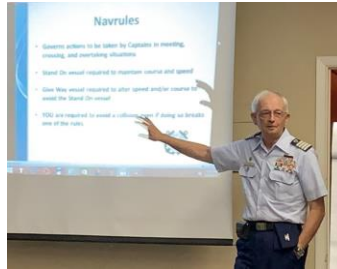
Rescue Swimmers

Eagle Award

Sam walker, Immediate Past flotilla Commander, received the Eagle recognition award at the last Division meeting for coordinating the Ever-Bridge Drill for Division 11 during our last hurricane.



Inspirational Woodworking



When our member Doug Simpson, FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, is not teaching a boating safety class or volunteering at Mease Countryside Hospital as a driver, Doug is working on hand made crosses.

Each year Doug and a few friends spend hours making wooden crosses of all sizes. The crosses are all blessed at his church before being donated to the local hospitals and nursing homes to bring cheer and comfort to those going through difficult times.

Last summer they made over 500 crosses in less than five months. The feedback Doug has received from the local Chaplin just fills their hearts with joy and contentment. Recently Doug did some special cutting of the breast cancer awareness symbol and then painted them pink before donating to the women at his church.

Doug is truly an inspiration to us all.

Article and photos provided by Kristi Mackey



Flotilla Fellowship Events

On October 4th we held our monthly fellowship event, a luncheon at Umberto's Italian Restaurant in Dunedin. The Flotilla turnout is growing each month with 14 in October and Buddy Casale wants to fill the restaurant! Please join us in November.

We plan to meet on the first Friday of each month at noon at Umberto's. Everyone is welcome.



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	Larry Gilbert
FSO-PV Partner Visitor	Rob Bonnem
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

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon	November 8
About Boating Safety Class – Dunedin	November 9
Dunedin Touch-a-Truck	November 9
Flotilla Meeting and Elections	November 14
CPR/First Aid Course	November 16
Division Change of Watch Dinner	December 7
Flotilla Christmas Party	December 12
Dunedin Christmas Parade	December 14

Boat Safety tips

In 2008, there were 4,789 reported boat accidents across the country resulting in 709 deaths and 3,331 injuries. Here are some facts and tips from the Coast Guard to keep you and your family safe this boating season.

90
PERCENT

of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket

10
PERCENT

of fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had received safety training

+66
PERCENT

of all fatal boating accident victims drowned

Before the season starts

Be sure your watercraft is safe by arranging with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for a courtesy vessel examination. Call 262-857-2181 in the Kenosha area to set up a vessel examination.

Before you leave the dock

Have a boater's checklist and run through it prior to embarking. Have a life jacket (personal flotation device, PFD) for each person on board. By law, children 12 and under must be wearing a life jacket at all times. Review emergency procedures with all passengers.

Once under way

Never drink alcohol and pilot a boat; it is illegal and carries a hefty fine. Alcohol is the leading factor in deadly boating accidents. Maintain a safe speed, be aware of other boaters and swimmers. Know the right of way while on the water. Be familiar with the waters you are navigating.

Be smart

The top five contributing factors in boat accidents are careless or reckless operation, operating inattention, no proper lookout, operator inexperience and improper passenger or skier behavior.

Be prepared and informed

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers affordable ABC-Safe Boating classes throughout the year. The nine hour course, divided over three sessions, include in-depth training on many pertinent boat safety topics. Wisconsin DNR hold one more class this season starting June 10. This course will qualify the attendee to operate a PWC without adult supervision for ages 12-18 and those born after Jan. 1, 1989 (this is a new law in Wisconsin this year). The classes are three consecutive Thursday from 6-9 p.m. at Gander Mountain in Kenosha. Course registration is required and may be made by calling 262-492-6479.



Throwable PFD

Must have at least one approved PFD on board and easily accessible



Sound producing device

Must carry a horn, whistle or have a bell on board



Fire extinguisher

Fire extinguishers are required on boats with a motor



Life vest (PFD)

One for each person on board. Children 12 and under must be wearing life vest at all times.



Visible Distress Signal (VDS)

Must have on board a light producing (for night time) and one daytime smoke producing visible distress signal. Example: Daytime flare (smoke) night time flashlight

Registration stickers

By law, state validation and number stickers must be affixed to front of boat

On board safety checklist



SOURCE: Coast Guard Auxiliary

graphs.net

KENOSHA NEWS GRAPHIC BY KRISTIN FINALDI



DIVISION 11 Change of Watch



12-7-19, Saturday



**Dunedin
Golf Club
1050 Palm Boulevard
Dunedin, FL 34698
727-733-2134**

1800—Attitude Adjustment Hour
1900—Dinner
2030—Ceremony



DINNER MENU

Choice of:

- **Salmon topped with lemon dill cream sauce**
- **Chicken Princess (chicken breast with creamy roasted garlic butter sauce)**
- **Pork Loin with mushroom gravy**

**Includes: Italian Seasoned Squash Medley and Parmesan Garlic Orzo
Garden Salad with Italian and Ranch Dressing
Red Velvet Cake and Tea or Coffee**

Uniform
Service Dress Blue
Tropical Blue
Appropriate Civilian Attire



\$35
per
person

Please use this reservation form and submit it with a check to your flotilla. **Deadline is November 30**

Division 11 Change of Watch — December 7, 2019

\$35 per person

Name _____ Member # _____

Choice of Entree: _____ Salmon Lemon Dill
_____ Chicken Princess
_____ Pork Loin



Please make check payable to USCG Auxiliary Division 11 Send check and reservation according to flotilla policy.