



WET GAZETTE

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Commander's Corner

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By Sam Walker FSO-FC

It's back to school time so here are a few reminders for those of us who will be out driving when children are going to or from school. Be aware that children may be walking or biking so slow down especially in residential areas and school zones. They may appear suddenly or unexpectedly. Pay extra attention in bad weather and low visibility. Don't block crosswalks. Know what to do when approaching a school bus. A yellow flashing light indicates the bus is ready to stop so slow down and prepare to stop. A red flashing light and an extended stop sign means the bus has stopped and children will be getting on or off. Drivers MUST stop in both directions unless

separated by a median. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus. When the red light stops and the sign is back in place, drivers may proceed. It's the law so let's keep our children safe.

Wet Gazette Has New Header

The Public Affairs Directorate has changed the policy for how flotillas are to be designated in Auxiliary publications at all levels. As of August 27, 2018, a flotilla will be described by its name as it appears in the AuxDirectory. Flotilla 11-10 will now be Dunedin Flotilla.

Coming Events

September 3	Labor Day
September 4	Start of AUXSC&E Course
September 6	Flotilla Staff Meeting
September 8-9	ABS Class
September 11-15	Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner Basic Training
September 13	Flotilla Meeting
September 13-16	DTRAIN
September 20	AUXAIR Staff Meeting
September 22	CPR/First Aid Course
September 25	Office Hours
September 30	Super Boat Races

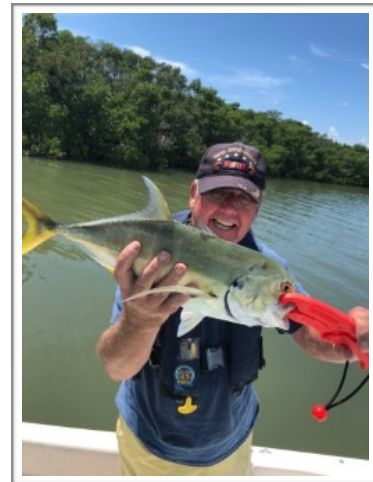
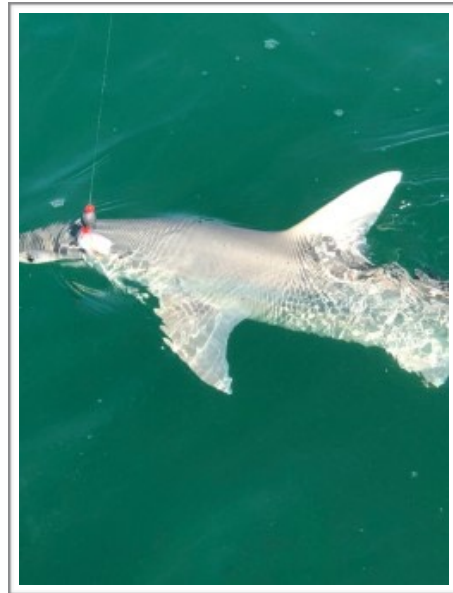
The Shark Wins



Last month we took a survey to determine if the photo Larry Gilbert took while on patrol was of a shark or a dolphin. The shark won by a wide margin.

Walt Murray took this picture of a shark he caught recently to prove his point that it was definitely a shark. He then released it back into the water. That's very brave of you Walt.

Another of Walt's great catches. He is quite a fisherman.



Annual Dues Due

The annual dues are due this month. If paid before September 30, the dues are \$55.00. After September 30 through October 31, dues are \$70.00 and after October 31 they become \$85.00. So, save money by paying early.

Submit a check or money order made out to USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 11-10 and mail to:

Jim Ryder, FSO-FN
953 Bayshore Blvd S.
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Navigation 2.0



Due to technical problems during his first presentation, Steve Henkind continued his navigation presentation at our August flotilla meeting. Steve's definition of navigation is figuring out where you are and how to get to the next place. He explained what techniques ancient mariners used. He also told us some common things we might use, For example, birds fly to land at sunset. It helps to know the range of each species. If we see clouds moving but one cloud stands still, that is the location of an island. Ocean swells can also help us to figure out our direction.

New Staff Officer

Scott Birdwell took the oath of office as our new Public Affairs Officer, FSO-PA, during our August meeting. Welcome Scott.





Purple Heart Day in Dunedin

By Scott Birdwell



Dunedin Flotilla Auxiliarists attended the City of Dunedin Purple Heart Recognition Day. This was a patriotic uniformed assembly to stand in solidarity with the Flotilla's home port. Pictured are Scott Birdwell, Wally Weakley, Dennis McKenna, Allen Leimbach, Heidi Warner, Guy Warner and Buddy Casale.

Photos provided by Scott Birdwell

In 2008, Dunedin was the first designated Purple Heart City in the country. Each year on August 7 the city honors and pays tribute to all veterans with special focus on Purple Heart recipients who have been bestowed the oldest military tribute by virtue of their bravery and sacrifice. In addition to the ceremonies, attending veterans were presented with a unique Quilt of Honor made by the loving hands of countless volunteers who wish to thank those who have served and to honor their service and sacrifice.



Photos by Heidi Warner



Introducing the Director of Auxiliary Seventh Coast Guard District



**Commander Harry D. Mautte
Director of Auxiliary
Seventh Coast Guard District**

CDR Harry Mautte is currently the Seventh District Director of Auxiliary. In that capacity, he provides program oversight, guidance and support to the highly active Seventh District Auxiliary numbering over 4500 strong. The Auxiliary provides critical support and augments the active duty workforce across the spectrum of mission areas.

Prior to his current assignment he served as the Executive Officer of Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, responsible for mission support activities that support Coast Guard operations by the Seventh Coast Guard District and its subordinate commands. It also includes geographically distributed depot-level maintenance functions in Naval Engineering and Electronics Engineering, and provides logistics, administrative, financial, purchasing, and health care services to Coast Guard units throughout Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico.

Previous assignments include Deputy Resource Management Division Chief, Seventh District, Miami, FL, Shore Facilities Manager at Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, VA, Construction Management Branch Chief, Civil Engineering Unit Miami, FL, Assistant Facilities Engineer at Support Center, Elizabeth City, NC, Civil Engineering Coordinator, at Civil Engineering Unit Miami, and Assistant Planning Officer at the Seventh District. He also served as an Engineer Officer in training onboard CGC GALLATIN, Governor's Island, NY.

CDR Mautte is a 1995 graduate of the U.S. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 2011 he earned a Master of Business degree in Finance from Strayer University. He is a certified Project Management Professional and Certified Energy Manager.

CDR Mautte's personal awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and various service and unit awards. He was also the recipient of the 2005 Society of Military Engineers Oren Medal.

Vessel Exam Blitz at Home Port Marina



On August 19, a crew of vessel examiners held another blitz at Home Port Marina. Examiners were George White, Gordon Thomas, Allen Leimbach and Dennis McKenna



Photos by Scott Birdwell



From our Neighbors to the North

Coast Guard students on call

Summer students learning search and rescue in Canadian Coast Guard Inshore Rescue Boat Training program

Tyler Kula

Updated: August 3, 2018



Kaitlyn Francis pilots a Canadian Coast Guard vessel along the St. Clair River with Connor Chambers, left, and Maddie Denomme. The trio are based in Port Lambton this

summer with the agency's inshore rescue boat training program. Tyler Kula/Sarnia Observer/Postmedia Network Tyler Kula / Tyler Kula/The Observer

An ambulance service on water.

That's how Canadian Coast Guard Search and Rescue Program Officer Greg Birdsell describes the work summer students are doing in the agency's inshore rescue boat training program.

"You can kind of think of it as, if there's a medical emergency on the water, the coast guard is trained as first responders to respond to any boat emergency," he said.

"Typically we don't see ambulances out on the water, so we are that ambulance to pick up the patients and bring them to shore, bring them to a higher level of care."

Students in this year's inshore program, originally started in the 1970s for post-secondary students and now run out of 25 stations across Canada, were tested recently when a 3 a.m. call came in for a medical evacuation off a cargo ship near Stag Island.

Maddie Denomme, Kaitlyn Francis, and Connor Chambers, all in their early 20s, responded from the Port Lambton base, helping a man off the ship with severe abdominal pain and bringing him to a waiting ambulance at Sarnia Bay.

"I've had a variety of stuff, from blown engines and vessels needing a tow, to long searches (for) missing people," said Denomme, the group's coxswain and a third-year program participant.

Previously she's been based out of stations on Lake St. Clair and near Gananoque.

"This was my first medical," she said.

Training – program participants get 16 days out of Canadian Forces Base Trenton before starting their jobs in May – helped in a big way, she said.

"It went very smoothly," she said. "They really prepared us well."

The University of Waterloo public health student, planning to study nursing, stays on the base – on patrol during the day and on call at night – for two weeks at a time with Francis and Chambers, her crew.

Another crew of three rotates with them throughout the summer.

Francis is a microbiology student at the University of Guelph planning to study food safety and Chambers is a University of Guelph criminal justice and public policy graduate hoping to become a police officer.

“You do see people from lots of different backgrounds coming in,” said Denomme, calling it “a great summer job.”

Checking equipment, training with local emergency responders, patrolling the waterway, and doing courtesy checks of boaters’ safety equipment at marinas are all part of the job, Birdsell said.

The trio also recently stayed out from 10 p.m. until 8 the next morning as part of a search for a personal watercraft, Denomme said.

“I’ve had a lot of overdue vessels.”

They cover the St. Clair River and everything between Blue Point in Lake Huron to the south of Seaway Island in Lake St. Clair.

Chambers, in his second year with the program, called it an awesome experience.

“You get a lot of transferrable skills and develop a lot of specific SAR (search and rescue) skills,” he said.

“You’re not going to get that anywhere else.”

Bases get their calls from the local joint rescue coordination centre. To get in touch, radio channel 16 VHF (very high frequency), or call 1-800-267-7270.

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What is Next?

By Harvey Prior, FSO-MT Dunedin Flotilla



Sometimes it is nice to leave things alone and accept the status quo. For most of us, life is acceptably going along okay so relax and enjoy.

The problem is that things never improve if nobody does anything new. If people like the Wright Brothers didn't try to fly, then it would be a long boat ride to see my son in Tasmania.

The bigger issue is that I don't improve if I don't try. Tonight, I can watch the television or I can go online and take a class. This September, I can stay home and have a quiet weekend or I can go to Orlando and learn what is new in several areas of Auxiliary activity. Perhaps my life will become more interesting if I go to DTRAIN and learn something new.

What would make your life more interesting? Some of us go out on boats and watch things fall out of airplanes. Some of us talk with boat owners about experiences on the water while checking to see if they have all the federally required items. Some of us apply temporary tattoos to children while others are helping people on and off a Coast Guard vessel. Some members stay inside and become watch standers or clerical assistants.

Watch standing is one of those jobs with hours of routine work combined with the occasional high drama. I remember the night I was watch stander at Station Sand Key and the radio call came in that a vessel in Clearwater Pass had somebody jump overboard. There was also the night when I was the first to read the Coast Guard message traffic that said to close the base and evacuate the crew before the hurricane arrived.

Have you considered being an officer next year? Elections for flotilla commander and flotilla vice commander will be held at the November meeting but you can offer to run now. Many current staff officers would be delighted to have an assistant or maybe be your assistant.

Don't wait for New Year's Eve to look to the future. Status quo may be okay but the potential for more knowledge and excitement is out there waiting for you! Contact your FSO-MT if you need help getting started. Don't forget to go to the D7 website and register for DTRAIN 2018.