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FLOTILLA ELECTIONS and UNIFORM FASHION SHOW:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
10TH, 1900 HRS

RED TAIL LOUNGE

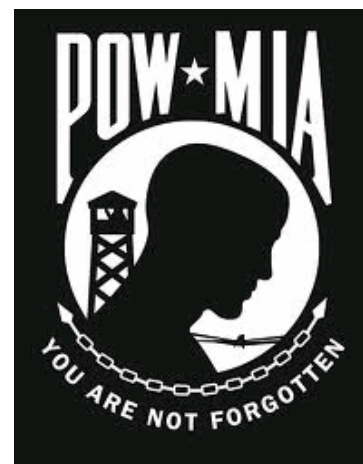
CLEARWATER AIR
STATION

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HONORING ALL OUR VETERANS




On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice as declared between the Allies and Germany, making this the day that Americans associate with the end of WWI (the Treaty of Versailles was not signed until 6/28/19). In 1926 Congress passed a resolution that every November 11th "should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations." In 1954, Congress amended the 1938 act that made Armistice Day a holiday, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all who have served honorably.





VA and the Library of Congress Veterans History Project have a special message for all Americans this Veterans Day – *Honor our Veterans. Record their histories!* By recording the oral histories of our Veterans, we preserve the human face of American history for generations to come and honor those men and women who swore to protect and defend the United States. To find out more about the Veterans History Project and how you can submit your veteran’s oral history to the Library of Congress, go to www.loc.gov/vets. Do something special to honor Veterans on [Veterans Day](#), record a Veteran’s history!

The Veterans History Project is a congressionally mandated program within the Library of Congress American Folklife Center that collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans, and the National WWII Memorial Registry of Remembrances is “an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort.” The National WWII Memorial Registry of Remembrance is not a program of the Library of Congress; it is maintained by the American Battle Monument Commission as a part of the National World War II Memorial located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. For the National WWII Memorial Registry of Remembrances go to: www.wwiimemorial.com 

Stories can be told through...



Personal Narratives
audio and video-taped
interviews, written memoirs

Correspondence
letters, postcards, v-mail
personal diaries



Visual materials
photographs, drawings,
scrapbooks

The Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following wars:

- World War I (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)

DIVISION 11 ELECTION RESULTS

Division Commander (DCDR)

Jimmy R Ryder



Vice Division Commander (VCDR)

Joe M Blevins



FLOTILLA 11-10 ELECTION

FOR 2012

FLOTILLA COMMANDER

AND



FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER



**WILL BE HELD DURING THE REGULAR FLOTILLA MEETING ON 11/10/2011 AT
1900 HRS**

RED TAIL LOUNGE, U.S. COAST GUARD CLEARWATER AIR STATION



ABS CLASS

12/3/11 - 12/4/11

REGISTRATION 11/28/11 1900-2000 HRS
Contact Henry Loscher

CHANGE OF WATCH
Send reservation to
Elaine Clark

By
11/15/2011



DECEMBER FLOTILLA MEETING
POT LUCK DINNER AND
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
12/8/2011
1900 HRS
RED TAIL LOUNGE
CLEARWATER AIR STATION

**2011 HURRICANE
SEASON ENDS
11/30/2011 !**





DIVISION 11 *Change of Watch*



12-2-11, Friday

1800—Attitude Adjustment Hour
1900—Meal
2000—Ceremony



Dunedin Country Club
1050 Palm Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698
727-733-2134



DINNER MENU

- ▶ Prime Rib of Angus Beef au Jus: Cooked med. Rare
 - With creamy horseradish sauce at the table
- ▶ Herb & Cheese Crusted Grouper: Grouper fillet crusted
 - With herbs and cheese, baked, with lemon crown
- ▶ Pecan Chicken: eight ounce chicken breast coated with Panko crumbs
 - Finished with a maple pecan glaze with rice pilaf and buttered carrots

* Dinners include a tossed salad with a choice of dressings on the table, red roasted potatoes, green bean almandine, and chocolate cake.

Uniform
Service Dress Blue
Tropical Blue
Appropriate Civilian Attire



Please use this reservation form and submit it with a check to your flotilla. Deadline is Nov. 15

Division 11 Change of Watch — December 2, 2011

\$25 per person

Name _____ Member # _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____

Choice of Entrée: _____ Prime Rib of Angus Beef au Jus
_____ Herb & Cheese Crusted Grouper
_____ Pecan Chicken



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



BY THE NUMBERS OCTOBER 2011



Partner Visits In October



Flotilla Members



Vessel Safety Checks YTD

Congratulations

District 7 Commodore's Certificate of Excellence Awards

Operations/Marine Safety – 250 hours or more

- Buddy Casale – 299 hours
- Bill Clark – 271 Hours
- Tom Loughlin – 255 hours
- Larry O'Brien – 297 hours

Recreational Boating Safety – 250 hours or more

- Tom Loughlin – 745 hours
- Multi-Directorate (O/MS, RBS, MS) – 250 hours or more
- Don Hoge – 268 hours
- Walt Murray – 275 hours
- Jim Ryder – 267 hours

CG Operational / Administrative Support – 100 hours or more

- Don Hoge – 1259 hours

Radio Watchstanding – 100 hours or more

- Don Hoge – 274 hours

Roger Montembeault was given a "key to success" for a previous SAR case, and also received the facility wreath for his PWC.

MYSTERY AUXILIARIST REVEALED

Were you able to identify the mystery auxiliarist featured in the October issue? Why, it's none other than our own Tom Loughlin, skipper of the world famous "The Sentinel," former owner of the Ford Crestline Sunliner, and Bonnie's other half.

Tom's advice to new members: Life is short so don't try to learn it all right now or how to do it all right now. I don't mean to fiddle around but don't expect the whole Auxiliary thing "reveal" itself to you in a moment. It takes time to learn the acronyms. Don't let others or yourself burn your candle of excitement out so soon. Pace yourself and have fun. Enjoy this Auxiliary experience and learn from it. Have fun. Teach others about boating safety in whatever way you feel comfortable. Have fun.

Get involved. Have fun. Attend meetings. Have fun. Submit reports. Have fun. And in all of this you will have fun.

Advice to boaters: Take a boating safety class. My father told me something when I was about 10 years old and I thought he was really stupid. He said, "Son, there will never be a day when you don't learn something". Know what? About 15 years later I caught myself saying the very same words to my son and I just know he thought I was as dumb as a box of rocks. We all can learn to do something better and safer and if you are the captain of your boat—the others on board are placing their lives in your hands and they trust your decisions. Will you be right?

Anything else you want to share? If you are reading this then you are probably a member of Dunedin Florida, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 11-10. That means you are a member of the most professional and most competent flotilla. This is a place where you will want to wear the uniform proudly and correctly, where you will want to learn more about boating, where you will want to volunteer for events and ----most importantly-----meet some of the greatest people you have known in your life and have so much fun you'll wonder why you waited so long.



OCTOBER MEETING FOR THE BIRDS

Photos by Rosemary Bloomfield



George the Pelican is from Texas. Filament line was wrapped around his right wing, cutting off circulation resulting in an amputation of the wing. George has beautiful black feathers lining the underside of his left wing.



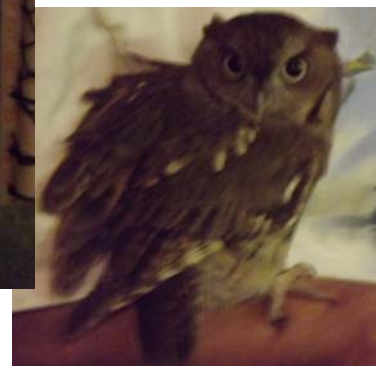
Barb O'Brien and Greg Slutsky, from the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, discuss various seabirds and how to approach and treat each if found with hook and/or entangled in fishing line. George shows off in the background.



An unexpected visitor was seen after the meeting hanging out at the pool. Barb identified him (or her) as a Little Blue Heron. Maybe he heard about the visitors from the Seabird Sanctuary and wanted to say hello, or maybe he waited until the pool was free to take a dip.



Barb calls this little guy "Magoo."





If you find a hooked bird :

- 1) Reel the fishing line in slowly. Don't cut the line yet!
- 2) Ask someone to help you - they may have tools and extra hands you need
- 3) If on a pier, landing nets may not reach to the water. A cast net or hoop net may be used. Hoop net: immerse mouth of the net just below surface, ropes showing. Throw a fish or bait in the water so the bird has to cross 3/4 over the submerged net to retrieve it. Pull the net up quickly guided by the live line at the same time so the bird does not jump out. Do not pull a bird up just by hook or monofilament line alone.
- 4) If it is a pelican, grasp the bill in the middle.
When transporting a bird, place index finger in between upper and lower bill so the bird can breathe. It is especially important to secure the head firmly on birds whose bills are smaller than the pelican's: cormorants, anhinga, loons, herons, egrets, gulls, or terns, as they are fast and have stronger bills. Grab these birds behind the eyes on the skull. Do not grab around the neck or step on the bird as a way of securing it.
- 5) Keeping hold of the head or bill, cover the bird's head with a towel or large cloth. Try to use part of, or another covering as a barrier, between you and the bird.
- 6) Restrain the bird by folding its wings flat against its body and holding securely. (One person holds the bird while the other works on it.)
- 7) Locate the hook, then push it through the skin until you see the barb. Cover the barb before cutting it, to prevent it from snapping off and injuring someone. Cut the barb off with a wire cutter then back the rest of the hook out. (Never pull a hook out without first removing the barb. Doing so could cause major injury to the bird.)
- 8) Look the bird over carefully making sure all fishing lines and hooks have been removed. Check for lines wrapped around limbs or wings.
- 9) If the bird has swallowed the hook or is seriously injured, take it to a nearest licensed rehabilitator. For a list of bird rehabbers call the Florida Wildlife Commission at 1-888-404-3922. If in the Tampa Bay area please call the ***Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary (727-391-6211)***. Please report any abuse to birds or wildlife to the FWC.
- 10) To release: Check for traffic and place bird gently on land - letting go of the bill last, then back away. If on a boat, place the bird gently into the water. (Do not release it if it seems weak, ill, or cannot fly.) Remember to discard the hooks and cut-off fishing lines in the trash can - not in the water!

ADDITIONAL TIPS- REMOVE MONOFILAMENT LINE - Hooks and lines are the major cause of death to seabirds. A bird flying off or swimming away dragging a length of fishing line can get caught in vegetation or protruding objects . This could lead to a slow death by starvation or strangulation. Also, line embedded in the bird's flesh acts as a tourniquet, thereby preventing the flow of blood to the affected area, possibly causing the loss of a wing or leg.

REMOVE FISH HOOKS - Hooks left in flesh can cause infection. We do not recommend feeding seabirds! Feeding wild birds near fishing areas can enhance their exposure to the dangers of hooks, lures and lines. The exposed bones of a large fish skeleton can puncture their stomachs causing internal infection and eventual death. Additionally, it often causes birds to become nuisance animals.

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE BAITED HOOKS HANGING OR MULTIPLE RODS UNATTENDED.



Dunedin Flotilla 11-10 is a uniformed unit of America's Volunteer Life Savers, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The 50+ members of Flotilla 11-10 augment the US Coast Guard (Sector St. Petersburg, Station Sand Key, Air Station Clearwater) and by providing assistance to boaters in distress along the gulf coast of Florida as well as vessel safety checks and boating courses to prepare fishermen and recreational boaters for safe and enjoyable times on the water.



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FLOTILLA MEETINGS ARE EVERY SECOND THURSDAY EVENING. MEETINGS START AT 1900 HOURS (7:00 PM) AND ARE HELD AT RED TAIL LOUNGE AT THE CLEARWATER AIR STATION, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED. CALL (727) 736-1191

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WWW.DUNEDIN-COASTGUARDAUX.COM**

Articles, Photographs

Rosemary Bloomfield, Heidi Warner, and Walter Murray welcome articles and photographs of Flotilla, Division, District, and Coast Guard activities for publication in the Wet Gazette, on the Flotilla website, and for use Public Affairs events.