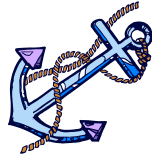


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Fred Kermode, DCDR and Braxton Ezell, VCDR administer the oath of office to Max Muller as VFC and Rodney Dimon as FC of Flotilla 87 at the Change of Watch held on December 1, 2009 at Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood

Photo by J. Abbott

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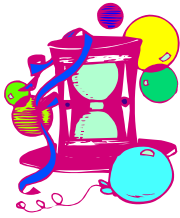
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JANUARY EVENTS

- 5.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 7.....BS&S Classes Begin, Lemon Bay Park 6:30 pm
- BS&S Continues Every Monday & Thursday, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 12.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- Program by Wildlife Center of Venice
- 28.....*Blackthorn Memorial Services, St. Petersburg 11 am***



FROM THE HELM: Rodney D. Dimon, Commander



Happy New Year! Health, prosperity, and happiness to all.

During my Change of Watch remarks, we identified the three roles of flotilla membership according to Allen Brown, IPD Commodore:

1. those who stay and stagnate,
2. those who flee and vanish, and
3. those who commit and grow.

To those who fit the third category, Flotilla 87 presents a great environment for commitment and growth for this year. Max Muller, VFC has streamlined Staff Officer reporting which will make time available for other activities during flotilla meetings such as training and outside presentations that relate to our missions.

Our new FSO-Member Training, Ron Mines, brings a wealth of experience regarding crew, coxswain and other on the water training programs. We have a strong instructor group that will support Ron and his training programs. Ron DeIBello has accepted the Marine Safety and Personnel Services staff positions. Recruiting new members is not Ron's job alone – it belongs to all of us. So, I challenge every member to bring in one new member during this year- a new member who wants to commit and grow! Note: do not drag your feet in the sand on this challenge - both Jim Straub and Sandy Bilsky are ahead by one!

When we add these “new players” to our returning Staff Officers and the dedicated membership, we get an action packed program that will deliver an outstanding year for the flotilla! More crew members and coxswains, an increase in facilities and membership are on the horizon! 🇺🇸

Charlie Mike*, out.

* A military term meaning “Continue Mission.”

CHARLES B. SENDALL

Charlie Sendall. That's the man I knew! Charlie was one of the first Blue Shirts I “experienced” during my evenings in the BS&S course - he made learning fun! Charlie came by the house one afternoon. We spent time discussing things from the Flotilla, the Corps, and his life on the “Long Shore”. He had a photo album with him that showed me what a full and rich life he was living. Seemed like every picture of Charlie had that smile on his face.

Charlie was a lot of people: husband, father, loving grandfather, Blue Shirt, and Marine. He was a Christian. He was a soldier. He was a Christian Soldier.

Soldiers lay their weary heads upon their pillows and fall asleep to the sound of taps – only to be abruptly awakened to the sounds of reveille and what duty will bring.

Yes, the Christian Soldier lays his head upon his pillow to the sound of taps. But he awakens to the sounds of his comrades who have gone before him in the pure, white light of everlasting life.

May he be there to greet you and me.

Semper-Fl, Marine.


Charlie Mike- out

Max P. Muller, Vice Commander

Let me begin by wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe 2010.

I am not a "new broom sweeps clean" person. Instead I will look at the current policies to review, evaluate, and strengthen them. I feel that it is important that we are all on the same page and that it is clear what is expected as members of the Auxiliary and Flotilla 87.

The Flotilla Commander and I have met and discussed the goals that we would like to accomplish with the benefit of the flotilla in mind. It is my main duty to work with the staff members and set policies that will help to improve productivity. I realize that we are all volunteers and give our time and efforts freely; therefore, I feel that it is important to focus our activities properly.

One of the areas that will be examined is member training. I will be working with the FSO-MT to get all of us up to the currency level that will make us more confident with our duties. There will be training sessions scheduled and I **strongly** recommend that everyone participate. Along with recurrent training, I will encourage involvement in other areas than those you are currently qualified for. By increasing your areas of qualification the flotilla becomes stronger and you will become more interested and involved in the activities of the Auxiliary. ***If you are going to be a member, be a good one!*** 

Ron Mines, FSO-MT

Member Training happens to be one of the staff appointments I have not yet held in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It will be an "on the job" learning experience for me. I would look to the flotilla members for assistance and guidance. Talking with new Commander Rod, we have three members who want to join Operations as crew. We have two members who are interested in becoming coxswains. I am a believer in the mentoring system, allowing you to be one-on-one with the trainees. For our training on the water I will establish a schedule for regular training. We must remember, we only have four facilities and they are doing a great job just keeping up with the patrols.

Looking down the road, I will also set up night training missions; the more time you can spend on the water after dark, the more confidence you gain. It is a different world out there at night. I know we will also have our mandatory programs that will be coming up for the year 2010. Anyone who wants to take any of the special courses offered by the Auxiliary, please let me know so we can get you started.

Remember to check in AuxInfo or AuxData to see that you are up-to-date on your various classifications. It is your responsibility to be aware of your recertification date, and to keep up to date on same.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone in 2010. 

Lee Waters, FSO-PE

With the new year upon us, it's now time to put our efforts into our January-February BS&S class that is starting on January 7th. The schedule has been set, instructor assignments given and preparation made for instruction and materials for this class. Remember that one of our best sources of students for our classes comes from referrals from our membership. We all want more safe boaters, so invite your friends and neighbors to our classes.

On the horizon will be our next ABS class. The dates for this class have been changed from April to March 20th and 27th, 2009 from 0830-1230. If you know someone who wants to take a safe boating course but is unwilling or can't spare the time for the long commitment of the BS&S class, this class is the perfect fit! Pass on the word.

We will soon be welcoming a couple of new qualified instructors: Ron DelBello and Dale Whitacre. We are looking forward to working with both men. Graham Leadbetter is beginning the journey of becoming a qualified instructor, along with several other instructors, is working towards completing all the AUXOP courses. At this time we would like to congratulate one of our instructors, Al Osiecki, for finishing all 6 AUXOP required courses and becoming our newest AUXOP member. 🇺🇸

W. R. "Gabby" Gray, FSO-OP



All patrols for the month of November were completed with one weather canceled patrol.

All coxswain and crew members, if you are due to have your 3 year requalifications this year (2010), please contact MT/OPs so we can make arrangements and get it done **EARLY** this year. We would like to set a date in early March and have a currency maintenance day with several facilities to get every one done early. As soon as I know any changes in the Boat Crew program I will let every one know.

Coxswains, please do your 5132s as soon as possible after your patrols and continue filling them out correctly, thanks. (don't forget to fill out a 4612 SAR report if you get an assist.)

Coxswains, don't forget to invite a new trainee along on your patrols and get them familiar with your towing equipment and where it is kept.

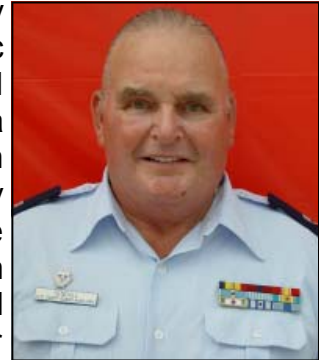
All members, still use caution while transiting Stump Pass in case the temporary buoys have moved and the sand has shifted.

Keep up the good work in the coming year and thanks to all for the excellent cooperation and help in the past years. 🇺🇸

Charles E. Schoenfeld, Historian


Duty, Honor, Country

On Friday Morning December 11th, 2009 Amy Sendall, Barbara Sendall, Luke Sendall and I, Eric Schoenfeld visited Charles Bertram Sendall at Englewood Community Hospital. It was there that I experienced a Veteran's Recognition Ceremony that I want to share with you. Tidewell Hospice honors all U.S. veterans one by one with their Veteran's Recognition Pinning. Gathered by the bedside we were greeted by the Tidewell staff, one of whom was also a Vietnam Veteran. They settled into the room and he placed his hand on Charles Bertram Sendall's shoulder and made the following presentation:



Charles B. Sendall

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has always been the reward for what he gave. We are gathered today to honor you for what you gave; your service to your country. It is my great honor and privilege to present you today with the Tidewell Honors Pin. On behalf of a grateful nation the staff and volunteers of Tidewell Hospice and Hospice Veteran's Partnership of Florida, I would like to pay tribute to you for your military service to America and for advancing the hope of freedom and liberty for all. For your service Charles Sendall, I salute you.”

Semper FI! 

Editor's note: Sadly, Charles Sendall passed away on December 14, 2009.



CHANGE OF WATCH

DECEMBER 1, 2009

BOGA ROYALE COUNTRY CLUB



Sandra & Dane Hahn



Skip Wilson, FC opens the flotilla's Change of Watch ceremonies



Ruth Ann White



Merrice & Jim Chandler



Greg & Mary Masonick



Grace & Gabby Gray



Glenna & Ron Mines



Sandy & Anne Bilsky



Bev & Jack Rienks



Jim Straub



Tony Durner, Anne Bilsky, Marilyn Durner, Sandy Bilsky & Doris King



Front: Eunice & Neal Schattauer
Rear: Eric Schoenfeld & Barbara Sendall



Jerry Meckenberg



Marcia & Gene Fowler



Mary & Graham Leadbetter



John & Sandy Cummings



Lee & Bob Waters

More.....

MORE CHANGE OF WATCH PHOTOS



Skip & Charlene Wilson



Rod & Elise Dimon



Fred & Dee Kermode



Braxton & Suzanne Ezell



Max & Doris Muller



Rod's wife Elise replaces his VFC boards with his FC boards as Fred Kermode, DCDR, Braxton Ezell, VCDR and Max Muller, VFC look on



BM3 Robert Hopkins & NK3 Mwabeze Okonmah
USCG Station Cortez



Max Muller, VFC left installs the 2010 staff officers of Flotilla 87



Closing comments from left to right: Fred Kermode, DCDR, Braxton Ezell, VCDR, Rod Dimon, FC and Max Muller, VFC

Photos provided by Judy Abbott

A SPECIAL THANK YOU



Marcia and Gene



Gene and the "Eagle"



USCG "Eagle"

A ship in a bottle of the USCG Eagle was presented to Marcia and Gene Fowler by Flotilla 87 at the Change of Watch to thank them for their many years of graciously hosting the flotilla's roster meetings at their home. The Fowlers have been retired since 2005 and have continued, in addition to hosting the roster meetings, to attend social events and flotilla meetings. They remain an integral part of Flotilla 87.

Photos by John Cummings

Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA



Rules of the Road

VHF Radio Procedure Words

There has always been a bit of mystery in listening to open communications on the VHF marine radio, unless of course you understand the language. Some boaters are naturally good at keeping their conversations short and to the point. Then there is a handful that sound like they are speaking into an empty coffee can with a string attached to it. Those boaters can talk all day and I'll never understand them, for sure...

Professional mariners communicate frequently on the radio to co-workers or other professional mariners. Those mariners broadcast their message to the recipient or to all interested parties then get back to the business of operating their vessel.

To keep the VHF communications brief and efficient, there are a number of procedure words or prowords. The following is a brief list of prowords that help abbreviate open radio communications and make the message more clearly understood.

- **OUT:** This is the end of a transmission to you. No reply is required or expected.
 - **OVER:** This is the end of my transmission and a response is expected. The recipient may go ahead and transmit a reply. It may be omitted if clearly not necessary.
- A short note here is in order. Using the combination of prowords at the end of your transmission "OVER and OUT" is almost meaningless. The proword OVER means you expect a reply yet in combination with OUT which means your transmission is finished, no reply is expected. Get the message?
- **ROGER:** I received your last transmission ok.
 - **WILCO:** Your last transmission has been received, understood, and will be complied with.
 - **THIS IS:** This transmission is from the station whose name follows immediately.
 - **FIGURES:** Figures or numbers follow, for example "Vessel length is FIGURES two three feet."
 - **SPEAK SLOWER:** Your transmission is difficult to understand. Speak slower. In this instance speaking louder into the microphone does nothing to improve the clarity of the transmission.
 - **SAY AGAIN:** Repeat your last transmission.
 - **WORDS TWICE:** It is difficult to understand you. Give each phase twice.
 - **I SPELL:** I shall spell the next word phonetically. This is used when a proper name is very important in the message. For example "Boat name is Martha. I spell – Mike, Alfa, Romeo, Tango, Hotel, Alfa."
 - **WAIT:** I must pause for a few seconds; stand by for further transmission.
 - **WAIT OUT:** I must pause for longer than a few seconds. I will call you back.
 - **AFFIRMATIVE:** You are correct, or what you have transmitted is correct.
 - **NEGATIVE:** Means no.

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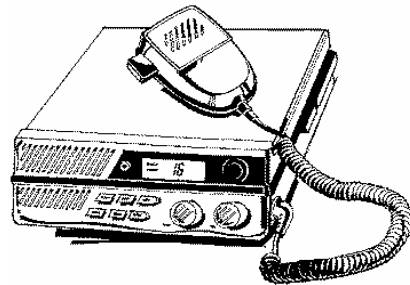
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Beware of combinations of words that sound like prowords that accomplish nothing. For example, following several attempts at contacting another vessel without success you may hear something like "NEGATIVE CONTACT, this is (vessel name), out". Believe me everyone who heard your attempts at contacting the other vessel knows that there was no contact. And worse yet, your "NEGATIVE CONTACT" transmission may have masked another call.

I mentioned before using the phonetic alphabet. The chart to the right was so effective that I even posted a copy at my desk at work. Occasionally I would encounter a proper name where it was necessary to spell it to the recipient. A good example of this is if the recipient is in a noisy location. Of course I have heard some folks using other words not listed below to describe a letter in the phonetic alphabet. The important thing to remember is if you are going to use alternative phonetic alphabetic words to get a message across, you may want to choose the words wisely.

Be safe out there and I'll see you on the water.

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THE PHONETIC ALPHABET

Letter	Phonetic Equivalent	Pronunciation
A	ALFA	<i>AL' FAH</i>
B	BRAVO	<i>BRAH VOH</i>
C	CHARLIE	<i>CHAR LEE</i>
D	DELTA	<i>DELL TAH</i>
E	ECHO	<i>ECK OH</i>
F	FOXTROT	<i>FOKS TROT</i>
G	GOLF	<i>GOLF</i>
H	HOTEL	<i>HO TELL</i>
I	INDIA	<i>IN DEE AH</i>
J	JULIETT	<i>JEW LEE ETT</i>
K	KILO	<i>KEY LOH</i>
L	LIMA	<i>LEE MAH</i>
M	MIKE	<i>MIKE</i>
N	NOVEMBER	<i>NO VEM BER</i>
O	OSCAR	<i>OSS CAH</i>
P	PAPA	<i>PAH PAH</i>
Q	QUEBEC	<i>KEH BECK</i>
R	ROMEO	<i>ROW ME OH</i>
S	SIERRA	<i>SEE AIR RAH</i>
T	TANGO	<i>TAN GO</i>
U	UNIFORM	<i>YOU NEE FORM</i>
V	VICTOR	<i>VIK TAH</i>
W	WHISKEY	<i>WISS KEY</i>
X	XRAY	<i>ECKS RAY</i>
Y	YANKEE	<i>YANG KEY</i>
Z	ZULU	<i>ZOO LOO</i>

¹ Emphasis is on the part of the word in *bold italics*.

