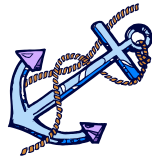


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Peter Teune and David Santuomo take the Oath of Membership administered by Rod Dimon, FC

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### JUNE EVENTS

- 1.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 8.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 8, 9, 10.....**ABS Program, Lemon Bay Park 9 am—12 pm**
- 14.....**Flag Day.....Display it proudly!**



**FROM THE HELM:  
Rodney D. Dimon, Commander**



Congratulations my fellow shipmates! Receipt of this issue of Anchor Line brings with it the start of 2010's second half! Did time fly again, or what? While Flotilla 87's year has been quite rewarding – it has also been very busy. The activity has not been limited to the flotilla, as members have been supporting division as well as district tasks. Many of us wondered “how?” – but the jobs got done, and as Gabby sez; “We're still afloat!”

This activity serves as an example of what we do: “assist the Coast Guard in the performance of any Coast Guard function, duty, role, mission or non-direct law enforcement operation.” The patrols, QE, teaching safe boating, VE duty, supporting Always Ready, National safe Boating Week, writing award winning articles and attending meetings were all accomplished by volunteers.

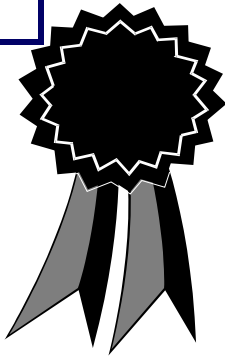
It is easy to explain what a “Blue Shirt” does. It is difficult to explain why we are guardians, why we are volunteers. Division Commander Braxton Ezell puts it like this:

*“To really understand a volunteer we need to examine the heart of the volunteer. Volunteers give selflessly of themselves, their skills, and their resources without any thought of gainful reward. The true meaning here is to give courage. To support and defend our Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, while giving courage to others in their time of need.”*

Flotilla 87 stands tall to respond to the requests, opportunities, and situations that come its way!

Charlie Mike - out





# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



## 3yr. Coxswain/Crew Recertification

### **Coxswain**

Jack Rienks  
Gerald Meckenberg

### **Crew**

Anton Durner  
Max Muller  
Dave Senkpiel  
Robert Waters

### **TCT Certificate**

Graham Leadbetter  
Dave Senkpiel  
Ted Turner

## **Auxiliary Sustained Service Award**

Arthur "Skip" Wilson.....9<sup>th</sup> award  
Judy Abbott.....8<sup>th</sup> award  
Lee Waters.....3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> award  
Max Muller.....3<sup>rd</sup> award  
Jim Straub.....3<sup>rd</sup> award  
Dave Senkpiel.....2<sup>nd</sup> award  
Robert Waters.....2<sup>nd</sup> award

## **Specialty Course Navigation "B"**

Robert Waters

## **Auxiliary Performance Award in Public Education**

Judy Abbott  
Lee Waters  
Robert Waters

## **Auxiliary Performance Award in Operations**

Eugene Reilly



# Awards Photo Gallery



3 yr. re-qualification coxswain/crew awards



TCT recipients



Skip 9th Dave 2nd Jim 3rd



Judy 8th



Robert 2nd Lee 3rd & 4th



PE Performance Award recipients

## Auxiliary Sustained Service Awards



Max 3rd



Performance Award—Operations



Left: Sandy Bilsky is sworn in as FSO-PS by R. Dimon, FC and M. Muller, VFC

Right: Ted Turner receives his appointment as Fellowship chairman from R. Dimon, FC



Photos provided by Judy Abbott

## **Max P. Muller, VFC**

My fellow Flotilla 87 members, the future well being of your flotilla has reached a point in time that requires considerable sacrifices of your time and energy. Hopefully, you have heard that a great deal of time and work has been put into trying to find us a new and more stable location that we can call HOME. Thanks to the considerable efforts of Jack Rienks and Skip Wilson, we have arrived at a point in time that requires a total commitment by you, the membership, to build the foundation on which to build our future. The flotilla needs ALL of you to commit to this important project. The strength of your support will assure the future success of our flotilla!

There are many dedicated staff members that are working hard to shoulder their responsibilities; however, Rod and I are still frustrated in our attempts to fill the staff positions that still remain. I realize that some of you have served through many years and given 100%, however, the flotilla needs all the support that we can give at this important "turning point". I ask that every member evaluate the contribution being made to help strengthen the Flotilla and assist with assuring our future. Anyone interested in stepping up and serving, please feel free to call me or Rod to discuss our future.

**This is an exciting and challenging time, and I'm confident that we are up to being successful!**

Jack and Skip have been given approval by the membership at the last meeting to proceed negotiating with Sarasota and Charlotte Counties and we hope for favorable results! Good Luck!

Please make an effort to attend the monthly meetings so that you will have a voice in the decisions that affect you as a member.

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## **Lee Waters, FSO-PE**

Our latest program, ABS ended on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with 8 graduates. The instructors worked hard to present the materials, answered questions and prepared the participants for their final exam. Our newest instructor trainee, Graham Leadbetter, presented his second presentation and he did a very nice job. He is ready to be certified as our newest instructor. On the horizon will be our next ABS session. The dates are June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10, 2010 from 0900-1200. If you know someone who wants to take a safe boating program but is unwilling or can't spare the time for the long commitment of the BS&S session, this one is the perfect fit! Pass on the word.



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## FSO-PE Cont'd.....

Along with Greg Masonick and Bob Waters, I met with Johanna Wentzel, co-owner of Royal Palm Marina who invited us to teach an ABS program at her marina. The program is scheduled for Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 0900-1200. I'm very excited to form this relationship with the marina because it can only help us grow. Don't forget to remind your friends and neighbors to wear their life jackets when they are boating because they only work if you wear them.

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



All patrols were completed for the month of April except for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Attention all coxswains: Remember, you truly only have 30 days to get your 5132s into Sector. Please do yours as soon as possible after your patrol. Personnel has changed at the Sector again. (don't forget the new address)

Attention all members: We are coming up on hurricane season soon, don't forget to let Rod or me know if you are going to be out of town at any time this summer. Don't forget hurricane season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep your facility full of fuel so it would be ready if needed.

Attention all members: Stump Pass has changed, so stay closer to the south shore at this time. Use extreme caution exiting or entering the pass, the channel is still changing. There are **NO** markers out there now!

Coxswains, we are going to be a little short during the summer months as some of our coxswains are going to be out of town, so you might be called upon to take an extra patrol if you could. Also don't forget our AOR has been extended, we go all the way to the Boca Grande swing bridge and Little Gasparilla Pass.

All Operational members, Please don't forget to let me know if you are going out of town for any length of time.

Thanks for your help and keep up the good job.

"Gabby"

# ALWAYS READY



Left: The crowd watches from the banks of Sarasota Bay as the Coast Guard, right and below, demonstrates a water rescue. Bottom right: Members Skip Wilson and Ruth White play the Officer Snook Trash Game with visitors at the event



## Sarasota Bay Saturday, May 15th. 2010

Photos provided by Jack Rienks

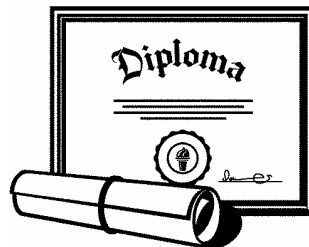




# ABS MAY SESSION GRADUATES



Instructors Al Osiecki and Graham Leadbetter teach their lessons on safe boating



## **Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA**



### **Rules of the Road**

#### **Do you know your sound signals?**

In my previous article, I talked about day shapes. Day shapes give a visual indication as to a vessel's conditions or activities. There are a number of day shapes in use, primarily on commercial and military vessels. First hand information on these day shapes is available in the NavRules which are described in the next paragraph.

The Rules are the NAVIGATION RULES (NavRules) which are in two parts. The first are the 72 COLREGS, formally known as the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. The second is the Inland Rules. Both were adopted by the United States and the Coast Guard is charged with their enforcement in U.S. waters. These Rules apply to all vessels on international and inland waters.

As we drive our automobiles on the right hand side of the road keeping oncoming vehicles and traffic to our left, the same basic rule applies to vessels on the water. Rule number 9 states in part that in narrow channels, vessels must stay to the starboard, (right) side of the channel. Vessels therefore pass port to port. Vessels may pass starboard to starboard but it is required that they communicate their intentions and agreement on inland waters.

To assist communications between vessels, sound signals may also be used to indicate a vessel's intention to pass another or to indicate agreement or danger.

Rule 32 are the definitions of sound signals. There are two sound signals, one short blast which is described as a sound blast of one second duration on a whistle, horn or gong. The second is a prolonged blast described as a blast of 4 to 6 seconds duration. The short blast is pictured as a bold black dot. The prolonged blast is pictured as a bold black solid line similar to a dash. These signals are used individually or in combination to indicate one of several different passing situations.

Rule 33 describes equipment for sound signals based on the length of the vessel. Less than 12 meters any device may be used such as a whistle, bell or gong. From 12 meters to less than 20 meters a whistle may be used. From 20 meters to less than 100 meters either a whistle or bell may be used. Finally, over 100 meters a whistle, bell or gong may be used.

Remember, for those of us not accustomed to metric conversions, 12 meters is approximately 39.4 feet in length.

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**Sound Signals Cont'd.....**

Rule 34 describes maneuvering and warning signals. For International Rules, sound signals announce an action to be taken between vessels and no response or agreement is required. In the Inland Rules, sound signals announce a proposed action. The proposed action should be delayed until the other vessel sounds the same signal in agreement. The following table describes both International and Inland sound signals:

<b>International, no agreement required</b>	<b>The sound signal</b>
I am altering course to starboard	One short blast
I am altering course to port	Two short blasts
I am operating astern propulsion	Three short blasts
In sight in a narrow channel or fairway	
I intend to overtake you on my starboard	Two prolonged and one short blast
I intend to overtake you on my port	Two prolonged and two short blasts
I agree to be overtaken	One prolonged one short one prolonged one short
I do not understand your intentions	Five rapid short blasts
Approaching a bend in a channel	One prolonged blast
<b>Inland, announce proposed action and agreement</b>	<b>The sound signal</b>
I will leave you on my port	One short blast
I will leave you on my starboard	Two short blasts
I am operating astern propulsion	Three short blasts
In sight in a narrow channel or fairway	
I intend to overtake you on my starboard	One short blast
I intend to overtake you on my port	Two short blasts
I agree to be overtaken ----- answer	One short blast or Two short blasts
I do not understand your intentions	Five rapid short blasts
Approaching a bend in a channel	One prolonged blast
Leaving a dock or berth	One prolonged blast

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## Sound Signals Cont'd.....

In my references I counted 18 signals for use in restricted visibility. I'll save you the details but if you need them I strongly suggest you refer to the official text of the NavRules.

Believe it or not, these sound signals are used frequently in our area. I am sure many of the boaters traveling the Intra-Coastal Waterway who use the inland sound signals are experienced or very knowledgeable boaters. When I monitor my Very High Frequency (VHF) marine radio at home or at work, I hear most boaters speaking the signals such as "I wish to pass you on one whistle" or "if you make a slow bell I will pass you on two whistles". This communication is absolutely acceptable and clearly indicates the intentions of a vessel passing or over taking another.

Interested in learning more about navigation and safe boating? For more information visit <http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/> or <http://www.usps.org/>

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

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