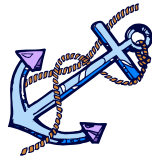


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Jack Rienks and Graham Leadbetter receive the oath of office for FSO-CS and FSO-IS from Braxton Ezell, DCDR 8 as Rod Dimon, FC looks on

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 Materials  
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 Communication Svc  
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## OCTOBER EVENTS

5.....Flotilla Staff Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7pm  
 9.....Division 8 Meeting, Flotilla 84, Sarasota 9am  
 9.....Aviation Day, Buchan Field 9am  
 12.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7pm



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



Ahoy, Shipmates!

First, I need to ask you a question: Sometime, during this year, have you witnessed a fellow shipmate do something beyond the scope of normal duties – actions that merit special recognition? Remember that any member can “put” someone in for an award. If you have someone in mind, please let me know. I will keep your information confidential (I will forward it Division) and keep you in the loop. As the late Gunny reminded me often, “No good deed goes unpunished, but a pat on the back always feels good.”

Now, I need to say a few things about dues. The Auxiliary needs money to fund its programs. Money is needed for administrative costs, supplies, publications, and specific staff functions. Since the flotilla lost its “meeting room” storage space, we had to add storage as a monthly expense. Now, much of the money is raised through the collection of dues. My Thanks goes out to the fifteen members who have already given their checks. I ask that our remaining shipmates bring their checks to the next flotilla meeting.

Next, the Flotilla Change of Watch: This will be held on 7 December at Boca Royale. I think this gives us an opportunity for a special dinner and time of recognition – not only for us “Blue shirts,” also for all uniformed services from Pearl Harbor to Lemon Bay. Is that being “corny”? I don’t think so. I am remembered of three important words: Duty, Honor, and Country. Our duty assignments change like the weather, yet our concepts of honor and country continue to grow strong. So, let’s make this C.O.W. an opportunity of celebration and fellowship! Let Judy know ASAP your menu selections, and be advised that there will be a NO COST addition this year – real hors d’oeuvres – you don’t have to spell it just show up and eat ‘em.

Charlie Mike, Out

### **NOTICE**

**DUES are past due. Please bring or send a check for \$35 to Bob Schmidt, FSO-FN**

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

Our latest program, ABS ended on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> with 13 graduates. The instructors worked hard to present the materials, answered questions and prepared the students for their final exam. Normally the instructors would be preparing for our upcoming BS&S class, but due to some health issues on my part, the Oct./Nov. BS&S had to be cancelled.



Charlotte County Sheriff Department has asked me to teach a boating course using FWC's Boat Smart to their youth group. I'm happy to report that along with the very able help of Ruth Ann White, we will conduct the class in early Nov. This is another way your flotilla brings the message of becoming safe boaters to the next generation of boaters.

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 August with the exception of some bad weather cancellations.

Thanks to all coxswains, crew and radio watch standers for taking up the slack while some of our members have been on vacation and or up north during the summer. A few are starting to return. "Welcome Back!"

Crew members don't forget if you have a free day and have not been called for a patrol lately get on the phone and call a coxswain to see if you can go along. Patrol time for October is 1500 to 1900 hrs.

Coxswains don't forget to go over your towing equipment and the location of all other equipment that you have on board.

Thanks to all who participated in the Pioneers Day Parade on September 6 th.

Let's not forget our new members give them a call and take them along as a trainee.

Attention all members; don't forget to use caution while using Stump Pass as it is still shallow in places at low tide outside of the channel. Stay close to the south shore, then follow the 6' channel out.

Let's keep having fun and keep up the Good Work. "Gabby"

## Tony Durner, FSO-MT

### **SCHEDULE OF TRAINING AVAILABLE**

AUXWEA Weather course, one of the required core courses under the NEW AUXOP rules  
Offered by Flotilla 86 in Venice

Monday Mornings 0930 to 1300, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, Test 11/1

Boat Crew Training

Offered by Flotilla 83 in Cortez at the McClure Auditorium

From 1900 to 2100

10/6, 10/20, 11,3

AUXNAV auxiliary Navigation Course, worth 2 credits toward AUXOP under the NEW AUXOP rules

Offered by Flotilla 81 in Bradenton

Classes are from 1900 to 2100 at the Flotilla 81 building

10/5,10/9, 10/26, 10/28, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7,

Boat Crew Training

Offered Thursday mornings 0830 to 1200 at the Venice Flotilla Building or Marine

Max in Venice

9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Specific subject matter for each class is available from me.

There will also be an 8 hour TCT course for those who need it on October 30th at Station Fort Myers in Fort Myers Beach. Members who aspire to crew or other operational endeavors will need this, its also required for recertification.

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### **Election Requirements for Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander**

- Must, by the date of nomination, have a favorable OS PSI determination recorded in AUXDATA; and,
- Must be a member of the Auxiliary for one year prior to date of election (the time that an individual is in AP status awaiting a PSI determination counts for this purpose); and,
- Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete the Administrative Procedures Course (APC); and,
- Must, by the date of nomination, successfully complete IS 100 and IS 700 courses; and,
- Must, by the date of nomination, be a member of the Flotilla to which they seek elected office; and,
- Must, by the date of nomination, meet one of the following requirements:

Have obtained an Auxiliary qualification (interim certification acceptable) and be current in one of the Auxiliary programs or mission areas as defined in Auxiliary Manual sections 8.B.2.-8.B.7.; or,

Have served as a staff officer or elected officer at any organizational level for two years; or,

Have twenty-five (25) hours of documented activity in Auxiliary programs or mission areas that are authorized in Auxiliary Manual section 2.B. and as reported on Activity Report forms, not including Member Activity forms (ANSC-7029), for the previous year.

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



### **Rules of the Road**

#### **Automatic Channel-Switching on DSC Marine Radios.**

I am sure we all get more than our share of messages. Most of my electronic messages, with the exception of my friends and family, are advertisements from websites that I have shopped or visited at one time or another. For what it's worth, most of my gator or snail mail that arrives without first class postage rarely gets past the recycling bin in the garage.

Anyway, this one e-mail from the Coast Guard Auxiliary caught my eye. Its title indicated a danger with an automatic channel switching feature found on digital selective calling (DSC) radios. The following paragraphs detail the problem of concern:

It has come to the Coast Guard's attention that an automatic channel-switching feature found on certain models of DSC-equipped Very High Frequency (VHF) marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel that might be in use at the time to Channel 16. This may occur when the VHF marine radio receives DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgment or other DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated.

This could happen without a vessel/radio operator's immediate knowledge and could initiate an unsafe condition by which the vessel/radio operators would believe they were communicating on a working channel when, in fact, they were actually on Channel 16.

Imagine a boat operator on the Intra Coastal Waterway (ICW) making passing agreements on VHF channel 13 and then suddenly, without warning, not being able to quickly reestablish communications with those vessels because his/her radio automatically switched to Channel 16 instead.

Since this unsafe condition can happen at any time, the Coast Guard strongly recommends disabling the automatic channel-switching feature when maintaining a listening watch or communicating on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone, or while monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. Radios that lack the disabling feature should not be used for bridge-to-bridge or VTS communications.

Continued .....



## Channel-switching Cont'd.....

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all DSC-equipped radios certified after March 25, 2009 to provide a means for disabling of this channel auto-switch feature. Manufacturers that do not provide a disable unction are encouraged to do so and to inform their customers if means for correction exist.

Briefly, DSC radios are readily identifiable by the distinctive, dedicated red button marked "DISTRESS," many with a protective red lid or cover to prevent accidental initiation or false distress alert. DSC radio enables vessels to rapidly transmit a distress alert and message, digitally alert other vessels that an urgent or safety message is about to be sent and establish contact with other vessels and coastal stations directly without having to use voice calling distress channels. DSC radios automatically maintain a listening watch on the designated channel or frequency which is VHF Ch70 or 2187.5 kHz.

Prior to using the DSC features, boat owners are required to obtain a 9-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. There is no cost to obtain the MMSI numbers which are available at [www.seatow.com](http://www.seatow.com), [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) and other boating organizations. The MMSI number must also be programmed into the DSC radio. DSC-equipped marine radios, when properly set up, will be connected to an external Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver.

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

Dave Nielsen is a safe boating instructor and vessel examiner for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Englewood Flotilla [www.coastguardenglewood.com](http://www.coastguardenglewood.com) and the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron, Punta Gorda [www.puntagorda-boating.org](http://www.puntagorda-boating.org) You may contact him at [dc.nielsen@hotmail.com](mailto:dc.nielsen@hotmail.com).

### Editor's Note:

*Dave is a regular contributor to the SUN newspaper's WaterLine boating and fishing magazine promoting the USCG and CG AUXILIARY'S safe boating message.*



# Division 8 Proudly Presents

## A night at the Museum...



Division 8 cordially invites you for a night of  
**FELLOWSHIP and FUN!**

Please join us on November 7th from 6pm-9pm  
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Museum.



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(includes Food / Entrance to Museum / Soda / Beer)

**\$8/Child**

(Includes Food/ Entrance to Museum / Soda)

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Phone: (941) 753-6388 or by email to [randallmoritz@verizon.net](mailto:randallmoritz@verizon.net)