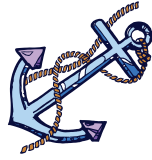


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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 6.....Pioneer Days Parade, Staging Area at St. Raphael Church 9am  
 7.....Flotilla Staff Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7pm  
 11 & 18.....ABS Session, Lemon Bay Park 8:30am—12:30pm  
 14.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7pm  
 22—26.....D 7 Fall Conference, St. Petersburg, FL



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

WELCOME BACK!



September is one of my favorite months. After the no meeting break coupled with the summer absence of our up north Shipmates, it is fun to watch the flotilla meeting room fill up with friends we haven't seen for a while.

Sustaining members, returning members, and members waiting approval bring skills, assets, and abilities that make up this flotilla. Everyone comes together to partake in several meaningful activities. In addition to patrols, boating education classes, and member training we also find the following: time to renew our dues, the Pioneer Days parade, Nav Services training, District conference, elections, Change of Watch, and the ongoing, productive and perhaps the final stage of obtaining a new building to conduct the flotilla's many activities.

Summing it up, you are needed – we are needed to continue our many programs and activities. It does not end with simply “doing.” Remember why we volunteered in the first place? “To make a difference” is the common thread- maybe something as serious as saving a life! Yep, Old 87 did that this summer also. Our new member, Dr. Pete Teune recently made this difference. As Blue Shirts, we stand out not only in class, parades, and patrols; we stand out in our neighborhoods. A neighbor beat on Dr. Pete's door informing him of a stressed boater outside. Dr. Pete did not “react” but instead responded, evaluated the situation, calmed the boater, and brought him to safety. This is but one of many stories from this flotilla, as I am sure you can remember many from the past.

That's why we are needed. Keep this in mind as the second Tuesday of the month approaches, knowing that your participation in the flotilla makes a difference because YOU are needed to support this effort.

Sometimes, the hardest part of attending a flotilla meeting is getting out of your chair so you can show up. WE are stronger than that.

Charlie Mike - out

### **NOTICE**

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



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

“TIME TO SHOW OFF!”

The annual Pioneer Days Parade is coming up fast, September 6<sup>th</sup> to be exact. I would like to see as many of our members participate as possible. This is a great opportunity to let our community know that we exist and what we look like. It is also a rewarding experience due to the warm reception that we always receive from the spectators.

For those of you that wish to participate; the parade will begin at St. Raphael Catholic Church parking lot promptly at 10:00 AM. ***Please be there no later than 9:00AM so that we can get organized!*** Uniform of the day is either Boat Crew or Tropical Blue (meeting uniform) your choice. Just be sure that which ever one you choose, it is worn properly. Gabby Gray has volunteered his boat and trailer for the event.

Judging by the weather we have had recently, If you have rain gear it might be a good idea to keep it handy! Also bringing some water would be a good idea.

***This also a great fellowship opportunity..... see you there!***



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

We are now starting to prepare for the September 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> ABS program. Instructors are preparing lesson plans and trying to find hands-on activities to include in their presentations. Along with the great job that Dave Nielsen does with promoting the classes, the membership also needs to promote the class to their friends and neighbors. Remember, with the lack of free support from the area newspapers, the flotilla relies more and more on word of mouth to help fill our programs.



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

Every time I get a report from FWC of another boating accident in the state, I just shake my head because for the most part, these accidents could have been prevented. It used to be that males between the ages of 30-56 composed the largest percentage of victims. That is not the case now, the number of women fatalities or injuries is on the rise and beginning to catch up with the men. Major reason for loss of life: not wearing a life jacket. Please remind your friends and family that life jackets come in a variety of types and styles, one that will fit their personality and activity. Don't let your friends or relatives use the excuse that a good life jacket is too expensive. Ask them how much is their life worth? Point out the fact that the cost of the life jacket is a small price to pay for their life.



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



**Don't forget we are into Hurricane Season; keep your vessels fueled up!**

Most patrols were completed for the month of August.

Coxswains & facility owners; pay attention when your facility is due for re-inspection so we can get the paper work completed and turned in. If you don't hear from "Gabby" please contact him.

If you are going away for some time during the summer months PLEASE let Gabby or Ron know. Thanks to all coxswains, crew and radio watchstanders for taking up the slack while some of our members are on vacation and or up north for the summer.

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. Coxswains, don't forget to go over your towing equipment and the location of all your other equipment. Also coxswains, don't forget to let Gabby or Graham L. know if you get a tow or make a night run so you get credited for your annual maintenance and don't forget if you get a call-out or a tow you have to fill out a 4612 "SAR" incident report and send a Copy-1 CG Unit to Station Cortez within 48 hrs.

All members; don't forget to use caution when transiting Stump Pass. The channel is narrow and goes south a little ways before you can turn out (3½ feet of water).

We are still having FUN, keep up the good work!  
"Gabby"

## **Tony Durner, FSO-MT**

I have received word that Flotilla 81 will host an AUXNAV Specialty course beginning on Oct 5th and ending Dec 14th. Classes are from 7 to 9 pm for the eleven meetings. If any one is interested in taking this course please let me know and I will forward a complete course outline to you. If you need AUXNAV for your trek to AUXOP, or if you are working toward coxswain, do not miss this opportunity.

## **Judy Abbott, FSO-SR**

The **Change of Watch** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th at the Boca Royale Country Club. Dinner selections and price will be discussed at the meeting on September 14th.

### 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**

#### **Are you ready?**

September is almost here; are you ready? September is National Preparedness Month. Although a month of preparedness is minimally effective, since our hurricane season reaches far into the fall season. Flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis or other natural and even man-made disasters can happen at any time. We have even seen that boating accidents can happen when we least expect it. If a disaster were to hit your neighborhood, would you be prepared?

#### **WHAT IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH?**

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is sponsored by the *Ready* Campaign [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and Citizen Corps. [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov). NPM is held in September and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

This year will focus on encouraging Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness and helping Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*.

National Preparedness Month Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. Groups can register to become a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member by visiting [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and clicking on the National Preparedness Month banner. In 2009, nearly 2,700 organizations joined the Ready Campaign in promoting the readiness message nationwide in homes, schools, businesses and communities to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness throughout September.

Throughout the year, the *Ready* Campaign promotes individual emergency preparedness. *Ready* is a national public service advertising campaign, produced in partnership with The Advertising Council, which is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The Campaign's Web sites ([ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and [listo.gov](http://listo.gov)) and toll-free numbers: (1-800-BE-READY, TTY 1-800-4627585, and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide Americans with free emergency preparedness information.

You may find addition helpful information at the following websites:

[www.floridadisaster.org/publicmapping/index.htm](http://www.floridadisaster.org/publicmapping/index.htm)  
[www.floridahurricane.net/hurricane-evaluation.html](http://www.floridahurricane.net/hurricane-evaluation.html)  
[www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/index.html](http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/index.html)

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Remember, disasters can happen to anyone at anytime. That is why year-round vigilance is really the best way to go.

To take a quote from the NPM program banner on its website, Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed. Even the motto of the U.S. Coast Guard is SEMPER PARATUS... which means Always Ready.

So here are some things you can do right now to help be prepared and be safer too!

- Check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and replace all alarms that are more than 10 years old.
  - Make sure you know where your local fire department, police station, and hospital emergency phone numbers are and post them near all the telephones in your home.
  - Organize and practice a family fire drill -- make sure you and your children know what your smoke detector sounds like and what to do if it goes off when they are sleeping.
  - Locate the utility mains for your home and be sure you know how to turn them off manually: gas, electricity, and water.
  - Create an emergency plan for your household, including your pets. Decide where your family will meet if a disaster does happen: 1) right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire, and 2) outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home -- ask an out of town friend to be your "family contact" to relay messages.
  - Prepare a 3-day disaster supply kit, complete with flashlights, batteries, blankets, and an emergency supply of water and food (and pet food!).
  - Get involved in your communities' Neighborhood Watch.
  - Check the expiration dates of all over-the-counter medications -- discard all that are expired and replace any that are routinely needed.
  - Make sure all cleaning products and dangerous objects are out of children's reach.
  - Plan to sign up for a first aid training course. Call your local American Red Cross chapter, the National Safety Council or American Safety & Health Institute to ask about courses in your area ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) or [www.ashinstitute.org](http://www.ashinstitute.org)).
- Visit with your neighbors and discuss how you would handle a disaster in your area. Talk to neighbors with special needs and help them become safer too!
- Auxiliarists are Semper Paratus! Are you?

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).

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