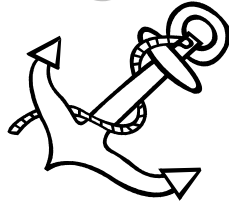


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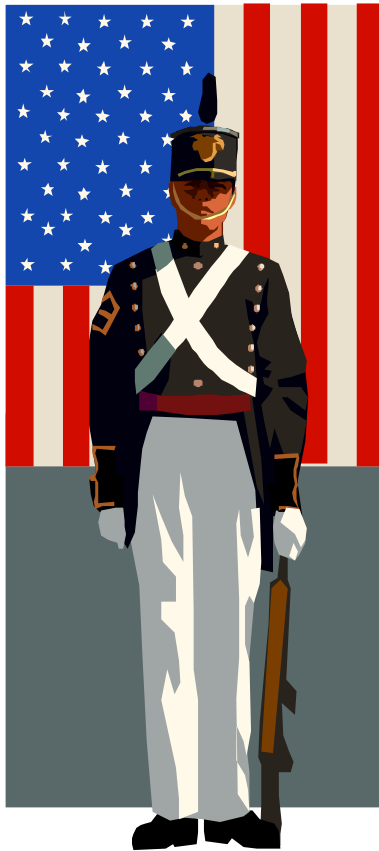
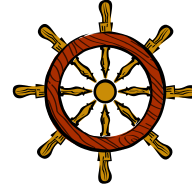
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**JUNE EVENTS**

7.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park    7 pm  
 14,15,16.....ABS Class, Lemon Bay Park    9 am—12 pm  
 14.....Flotilla 87 Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park    7 pm

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



Ahoy fellow shipmates!

The time has come to begin this month's issue with a reminder for all members to notify Gabby and me when you will be out of town. This is important since the Coast Guard has their new notification system in place to verify the location of all members after a natural disaster. If you have already notified us that you will be out for a period of time we will not have to spend time trying to locate you. WE, and the Coast Guard want to know that you are safe.

May was another busy month for the Flotilla: We completed the required yearly TCT,OPS, and Communications class, a hurricane safety booth was conducted at Quality Storage, and a National Safe Boating Week booth was set up at Chadwick Park. To top that off, members of the Flotilla took time to support the Always Ready Event in Sarasota!!

In addition, our FSO-HR Sandy Bilsky is working with six candidates for potential membership in the Flotilla. Bravo Zulu – Sandy!

November elections might have a way of sneaking up on us. If you have interest in running for Flotilla Commander or Vice Commander, please contact Sandy Bilsky or Skip Wilson who are members of the Screening Committee to discuss this.

Your time, energy, enthusiasm and support are appreciated by all. Semper Paratus -

Rod

# AWARDS PHOTO GALLERY

WOW!  
FABULOUS!

RIGHT: Gabby Gray is presented his 25 year membership certificate by FC Dimon



LEFT: Robert Waters accepts his VE Certificate from FC Dimon

RIGHT: Dave Nielsen and Robert Waters display their TCT completion certificates



Photos provided by J. Abbott, FSO-PE

## W. R. “Gabby” Gray, FSO-OP



All patrols were completed for the month of April.

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 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 use extreme caution exiting or entering the pass. There are **NO** markers out there at this time.

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.

If you missed the workshops last time let me know so I can get the CD to you for a make up.

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 work. “Gabby”

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## N. Lee Waters, VFC/FSO-PE



Our next ABS class June 14-16, 2011 will be conducted at Lemon Bay Park from 0900-1200. We have 4 students already signed up for the class, but need a few more students to be able to run the class.

We are always looking for “Blue Shirts” to help out with our classes. You don't have to be an instructor to come to one of our classes; you just have to be willing to answer questions about boating and the Auxiliary. One of the best places to recruit new members for the Auxiliary is from our courses. Remember, a friendly face and a helpful manner is a good way to get people involved with our Flotilla.

We had a very successful ALWAYS READY EVENT held at Flotilla 84 on May 21<sup>st</sup> but, it would not have been carried out if it were not for the help of Ruth Ann White. As usual, she stepped up to the plate and did a great job.

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. One of the reasons that the two men lost their lives in Boca Grande recently, is the fact that neither man was wearing a life jacket.

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County's inland and coastal waters are world-renowned for their recreational boating opportunities, and each year thousands of residents and visitors enjoy power boating, sailing, and boating-related activities within Charlotte County; and

**WHEREAS**, recreational boater education programs, vessel safety inspections, and adequate vessel safety equipment are essential in preventing boating-related injuries, accidents and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte County's local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas and Power Squadron offer boating safety courses and free vessel safety inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has declared the month of May, *National Boating Safety Month*, and the Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee has recommended local recognition of this designation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of May 2011 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

## *Boating Safety Month*


and all boating enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in and increase their awareness of local boating safety efforts in Charlotte County.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

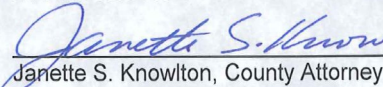
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# NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK



ABOVE LEFT: Joe Mayer and George Bazinet staff the flotilla's safety booth at the Hurricane Preparedness Expo held at Quality Self Storage. The staffers passed out information relevant in the preparation of boats for hurricane weather in conjunction with NSBW.  
ABOVE RIGHT: A couple engage in conversation regarding safety information.  
ABOVE CENTER: Smokey Bear paid a visit to the booth. Pictured with Smokey are Joe Mayer, George Bazinet, Robert Waters and Graham Leadbetter.



Photos provided by J. Abbott, FSO-PE



Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bernard J. Cigrand, Americans have a nationally designated date—June 14th—on which to honor the US flag as a symbol of freedom, liberty and pride.

## ***Bernard J. Cigrand: The Father of Flag Day***

A nineteen-year-old schoolteacher presiding over a one-room schoolhouse near Waubeka, Wisconsin, would open one of the many subsequent chapters in the story of the US flag, when on the morning of June 14, 1885, he put a small, thirty-eight star US flag on his desk and asked his students to write essays about what the flag meant to them. It was the young teacher's hope to inspire in his students the same love for the United States and reverence for the US flag that his parents—who were immigrants from Luxembourg and devoted patriots to their adopted country—had instilled in him.

The teacher's name was Bernard J. Cigrand. He will forever be remembered for his passionate campaign to inspire people throughout the United States and the US Congress to celebrate every June 14 as Flag Day.

On June 14, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson helped celebrate the first national Flag Day by carrying the US flag at the head of a parade of over sixty thousand marchers, who walked with him from the Capitol to the White House.

It would be ten more years before another national Flag Day would be declared, this time by President Calvin Coolidge, and it would not be until August 3, 1949—sixty-four years after Cigrand's impromptu schoolhouse Flag Day—that President Harry S. Truman would sign an act of Congress making Flag Day a yearly national observance.

Bernard Cigrand died in 1932 and did not live to see his "Flag Birthday" recognized as a permanent national observance, but his love for the flag and devout patriotism have not been forgotten. The entire week of June 14 each year is designated National Flag Week. Thanks to Bernard Cigrand, Americans have this week as a special time to remember and honor the flag and all that it represents.

*An excerpt from The Elks magazine*



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



### **Rules of the Road**

### **Distress, Urgency and Safety Calls**

On Wednesday, April 13 a husband and wife were rescued from Charlotte Harbor after their boat caught fire about 2 ½ miles east of Boca Grande Pass. I was listening to VHF Ch. 16, the distress and hailing frequency at the time and heard a woman calling May Day to the U.S. Coast Guard.

WOW, this couple must have been seasoned boaters as the woman, when asked calmly gave the nature of distress and their GPS position, all the while indicating that smoke from the fire was becoming unbearable. She also indicated her husband was below trying to put out the fire. Then her husband came on the radio briefly talking to the Coast Guard saying they were jumping into the water.

My compliments to the Sea Tow Charlotte Harbor captain who happened to be just minutes away and notified the Coast Guard he was on his way to the vessel on fire. Then, once on the scene, he proceeded to pull the two people into his boat. First responders, including the Coast Guard and county marine units and a fire boat, arrived shortly thereafter. Thankfully, this couple will be able to ponder their misadventure and imagine what might have been.

If your vessel is in distress, you may use any means available such as flags, flares, lights or audible signal such as horn, bells or whistle in addition to your marine radio to attract attention. In the situation above, the couple each had their assigned duties in this emergency and effectively utilized their marine radio and GPS to summon help. I am sure the plume of smoke also helped to locate the vessel in distress.

If you have enough time to use your marine radio, there are three spoken emergency signals. MAYDAY, PAN – PAN pronounced (PAHN – PAHN) and SECURITY pronounced (SAY-CUR-EETAY). They show the degree of severity of the emergency. Distress and Urgency are given on Ch. 16. Safety messages are announced on Ch. 16 and given on a working channel.

The distress signal – MAYDAY precedes a distress message about a grave and immediate danger and request for immediate help. MAYDAY has a priority over all other calls. If you use this spoken signal, speak the word three times, “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY” . If your message is being received on CH. 16, do not risk changing channels during the emergency unless asked to do so by the U.S. Coast Guard.

After the initial contact, the following message sequence should be broadcast, speaking slowly and distinctly. MAYDAY spoken three times, this is (vessel name) spoken three times, then MAYDAY spoken once and your vessel name spoken once. Next is the position of your vessel given in latitude and longitude or bearing and distance from a well known land mark. Next is the nature of your distress, for example taking on water, fire or medical emergency; the kind of help needed and any other information that might help such as a description of your vessel, the number of passengers on board and if any need medical attention.

Continued .....

**.....Calls continued;**

When you are through say I will be listening on Ch. 16. End your message by saying this is (vessel's name) OVER. Someone should answer. If you do not receive a response, repeat the MAYDAY call at the beginning of the sequence.

If you hear an unanswered distress message, you must answer. If you are reasonably certain the vessel in distress is not in your area, wait for others to acknowledge. And remember, you may be asked to relay communications between the vessel in distress and the nearest Coast Guard station.

The next radio message for urgency is PAN–PAN. Use the PAN–PAN message in situations such as repeating an urgent storm warning or the loss of power or steering in a shipping lane.

Sending the urgency signal and message include the following: The urgency signal, Pan – Pan spoken three times, to all stations or a single station, this is (vessel name) spoken three times. Describe the problem (the message), the position and description of your vessel and any other helpful information. This is (vessel's name) spoken once then the word, OVER.

The last radio message for safety is SECURITY which announces a message about safety of navigation or an important weather warning. Safety signals have priority over all other signals except distress and urgency. Most safety messages are initiated by the U.S. Coast Guard on Ch. 16 and given on a working channel such as Ch. 22A. Many skippers prefer to contact the U.S. Coast Guard with the safety information and let the Coast Guard broadcast the safety message.

However, if you do initiate a safety message, use the following as an example. SECURITY, SECURITY, SECURITY, THIS IS (vessel name), SHIFT TO (working channel) FOR SAFETY MESSAGE REGARDING. THIS IS (vessel name) OUT.

On the working channel SECURITY, SECURITY, SECURITY, THIS IS (vessel name). THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE HAZARD TO NAVIGATION INCLUDING ITS POSITION. THIS IS (vessel name), OUT.

Hopefully you will never need to use these distress, urgency or safety messages but there is nothing like being prepared if you do.

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

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