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Aviation Day & Breakfast Fly-in at Buchan Field October 8th at 9 am

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DIVISION 8 DISTRICT 7**



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Flotilla Vice Cmdr.**

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Communication Svc
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**Rodney D. Dimon
N. Lee Waters**

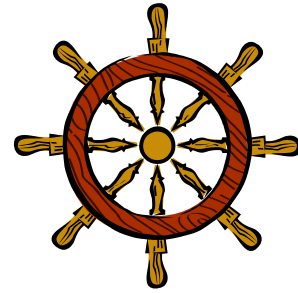
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OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1.....Safety Booth at the Englewood Home Depot 10 am— 2 pm
- 4.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 6.....Eight Session BS&S Class Begins, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 8.....Aviation Day Safety Booth, Buchan Field, Englewood 8:30 am –1 pm
- 8.....Division 8 Meeting, Flotilla 84, Sarasota 9 am
- 11.....Flotilla 87 Pizza Party, Oyster Creek MHP 5 pm

FROM THE HELM:

Rodney D. Dimon, Commander



Ahoy fellow shipmates!



The other day, I ran into a couple members at Rum Bay. The discussion came about to the Anchor Line, and I was given a challenge: "We know what's going on for the rest of the year, and we know how great our flotilla performs, so can you write about something else? Please don't discuss leadership or try to "spin a yarn". Well – here it goes – something different to write about – OUR PAST!!!!

1796: Congress increased the monthly pay of Revenue Marine Officers: masters \$50; first mates \$35; second mates \$30 and third mates \$25.

1882: An act of Congress to protect the Lifesaving Service from the "evils of the spoils system" declared that "appointments of District Superintendents, inspectors and keepers and crews of life-saving stations shall be made solely with reference to their fitness and without reference to their political party affiliations.

1921: The first radios for signals in the United States were placed in commission on Ambrose Lightship, Fire Island Lightship, and Sea Girt Light Station, New Jersey.

1942: The Chief of Naval Operations ordered the Coast Guard Auxiliary to organize into an anti-submarine patrol force, which became known as the "Corsair Fleet" for service along the east coast. The Corsair Fleet was made up primarily of private yachts, crewed by their owners, and converted for anti-sub warfare use.

1974: On 22 October 1974, our fellow shipmate Harry J. Steele joins the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

My thanks to William D. Goelz, FSO-PB 1SR of 014-01-07 for providing much of this information. See y'all at the pot luck -

Rod

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



Again I would like to thank 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.

I would like to thank Rod, Lee and members for their participation in the Pioneer Day Parade on September 5th.

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

Attention all members don't forget to use caution while using Stump Pass it is still shallow in places at low tide outside of the channel still no sea buoy yet.

Let's keep having fun and keep up the Good Work!

"Gabby"



N. Lee Waters, VFC/FSO-PE



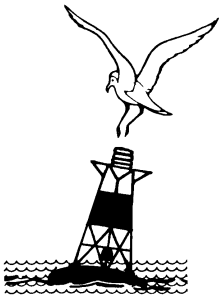
Our latest program, BS&S will begin on October 6 and run for 8 two hour sessions rather than the usual 12 two hour sessions. The instructors are working hard to prepare the materials. So far we only have 6 students for the class, but we may have more signing up this coming week. Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about the class and the value of taking it.

Englewood Fire Department had asked me to teach a boating course using FWC's Boat Smart to their firemen. I'm happy to report that along with the very able help of Ruth Ann White, the class was conducted this past August. This is another way your flotilla brings the message of becoming safe boaters in our AOR.

Don't forget to remind your friends and neighbors to wear their life jackets when they are boating because they only work if they wear them.



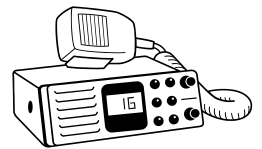
David P. Senkpiel, FSO-NS



The Auxiliary in C.G. District 7 is making a change in how navigation discrepancy and verification reports are processed in order to expedite the time from observation to receipt by the ANT. The Auxiliary observer will send the ANSC 7054 report directly to the ANT without first sending it to their local Navigation Systems Officer for review and correction.

In order to expedite the receipt of CRITICAL and URGENT ATON/PATON discrepancy reports by the ANT St. Petersburg, the OIC, Sr. Chief Goldman, has requested that Sector St. Petersburg be notified first by telephone upon observation. Of course, this is to be followed up by a 7054 report to eric.s.smith@uscg.mil within 24 hours. The Communications Center will also have the discrepancy posted on the next Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

Gerald L. Meckenberg, FSO-CM



Dave Nielsen informed me of a valuable radio service offered by Sea Tow Services International Inc. known as "Automated Radio Check " ARC. All boaters need to do is tune their VHF radio to channel 24,26,27, or 28 (Venice is on 27),key the mic, and ask for a radio check. The ARC system responds to each radio check with an automated reply, and also replays the boater's original radio transmission thus providing a way to assess the strength of the signal and confirm the radio and antenna are in good working condition.



SAFETY EXPO AT THE ENGLEWOOD HOME DEPOT



The Englewood Home Depot hosted a safety expo on Saturday, October 1st. ABOVE: The flotilla's booth received a steady flow of visitors throughout the day.



The flotilla's environmental games are always a big hit with visitors; adults and children alike.

LEFT: Sandy Bilsky, Bob Waters and Sandra Hahn assist with the games. CENTER: Sandy Bilsky observes as a dad helps his son pick out the items that do not belong in the ocean. RIGHT: A boy and his mom play the Officer Snook Bio-degradable trash game as his sister looks on.

MORE SAFETY EXPO PICTURES



K-9 Search & Rescue unit



Laddie, soon to be the flotilla's mascot



Elks Lodge 2378 and their Drug Awareness trailer manned by Carl Sturm and Don Gordon



R.O.T.C. Color Guard



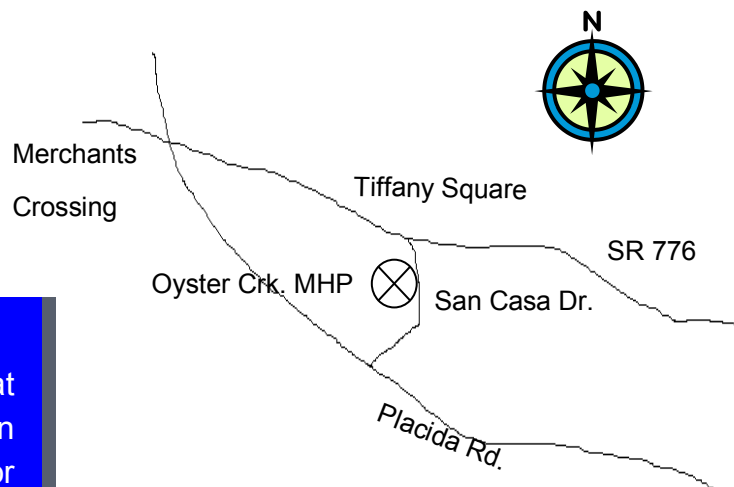
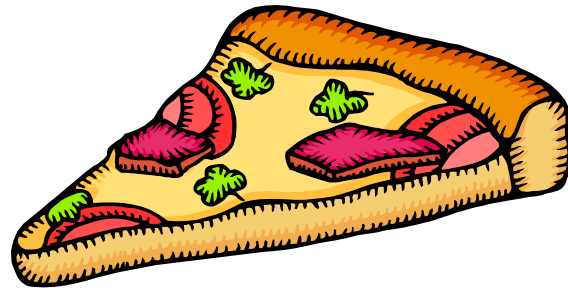
Lemon Bay High School's marching band entertained the crowd

PIZZA PARTY

Tuesday, October 11th, 5 to ? pm.

Casual attire, \$4 pp.

Please notify George Bazinet as to whether you are bringing salad or dessert.



Directions:

Oyster Creek MHP is located at 6767 San Casa Dr. behind Ann Dever Memorial Park. Look for Turtle Bay Circle off San Casa Dr. Follow Turtle Bay Circle into the park, go either left or right, and the clubhouse is located at the far end.



Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA

Rules of the Road



Derelict Vessels

Almost everywhere I have been on the water, I have noticed sadly neglected boats anchored or run up onto the shoreline or even partially submerged. I have imagined these neglected boats as having once been someone's pride and joy or maybe a live-aboard that out-lived its usefulness. Some could even have been the basis of a long distance adventure having ended or never gotten underway. Whatever the reason many of these vessels have become a hazard to navigation or at least an eyesore on our beautiful waters.

Did you know that if you owned one of these abandoned or derelict vessels at one time you might still be the last titled owner? It just so happens that here in Florida, if you sell or transfer ownership of any motor vehicle, mobile home, off-highway vehicle or vessel to another person or party, you are required within 30 days of sale to notify the State of Florida, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) of its sale. In other words, do not rely on the person(s) or the party to whom you sold the vessel, make the required change in titled ownership.

Failure to make the required notification to DHSMV or the county tax collector could leave you exposed to a considerable expense if the vessel is involved in an accident or maybe some kind of illegal activity or even the expense of salvage and removal.

For instance, in researching this subject I was discussing the issue with a captain I know. He told me that an acquaintance of his sold an old power boat to a person who answered an advertisement in the newspaper. The seller took cash for the transaction and signed over the title. The buyer left with his newly- purchased, used power boat. Sometime within the next few days the power boat ended up buried in the mangroves. As I understand it, the boat lost steering at a high rate of speed. The new owner just walked away and abandoned the boat rather than having it removed. Because the new owner never changed ownership by notifying DHSMV and receiving a new title, the seller ended up paying for the salvage and removal since according to DHSMV he was still the last titled owner.

Imagine again the house boat, trawler or sailboat you sold to that nice young gentleman a number of years ago. That nice young gentleman was going to restore the boat to its original glory days and travel the world. What ended up happening is the restoration project turned expensive and that nice young gentleman abandoned the vessel at anchor. Because of weather or neglect, the vessel sank in place and became a hazard to navigation. Guess who could be responsible for the expense of its salvage and removal?

Charlotte, Lee and Sarasota counties along with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have a Derelict Vessel Program which tracks the location and condition of at-risk vessels on state waterways. At-risk means the vessel displays signs of neglect such as barnacle growth, roosting birds or the inoperability of parts required for navigation such as a mast, rudder, helm, sail cloth or motor. Law enforcement officers closely monitor at-risk vessels in order that preemptive action can be taken by their owners or caretakers to prevent them from becoming derelict vessels.

Continued

.....derelict vessels

A derelict vessel is defined by Florida statute Section 327.02 as a vessel that is left, stored or abandoned: (a) In a wrecked, junked or substantially dismantled condition upon any public waters of the State. (b) At any port in this State without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction thereof. (c) Docked or grounded at, or beached upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.

If you store your vessel on state waters you are required to follow federal and state laws including having an anchor light, a U.S. Coast Guard regulation. Anchored vessels on state waters are required to display an all-round white light showing an arc of the horizon of 360 degrees. The anchor light must also have an intensity to be visible at a minimum range of two miles and must be displayed from sunset to sunrise. A vessel not properly lit, as required by the Navigation Rules, constitutes a hazard to navigation and is a severe liability to the vessel's owner.

Also, Florida Statutes, Section 328.48 requires that all vessels operated, used or stored on State waters be registered and displaying the current vessel registration decal. There are some exceptions which you may read about on the www.myFWC.com website.

I encourage you to visit the Charlotte County website; www.charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices/NaturalResources/AbandonedVessels.asp or www.myFWC.com, derelict vessels program for further information.

If you wish to report a vessel that you believe is abandoned, contact the Charlotte County Department of Community Services, Parks and Natural Resources at 941-613-3225. Elsewhere, call the FWC hotline at 888-404-3922.

Let's keep our waters safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy. Be safe out there and I'll see you on the water.

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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.

