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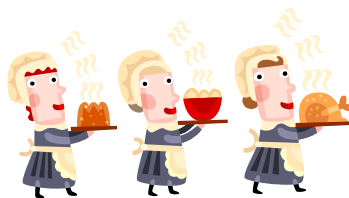
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NOVEMBER EVENTS

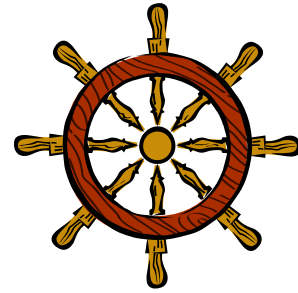
- 1.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
- 8.....Flotilla 87 Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm

ELECTION OF FC and VFC



FROM THE HELM:

Rodney D. Dimon, Commander



Our Unseen History



We monthly look at our history, yet we neither see nor reflect upon it. My fellow shipmates I am writing about our colors – our guidon. Nearly every meeting it stands before us by the command table unseen by many (me included) yet, it does stand so proudly announcing who we are and our accomplishments, performed above and beyond “duty” and accomplished during our fifty year history.

The guidon serves as a point of reference and pride for Blue Shirts through many generations. Widely speaking, the guidon has been carried by most of the world's military forces for centuries, guiding and directing during the heat of battle and other crises. Any one who has experienced the madness of combat knows it is easy to lose direction, yet look for the guidon and steady the course. These colors were protected at all times. Men and women would die fighting for it, and it was “fastly” picked up so that it would not hit the ground. The person who carried the guidon – the guidon bearer- held a place of honor in the unit. These guidon bearers were chosen for this position based on integrity and abilities in the eyes of the commanding officers.

Certainly these are trying times for all flotillas, more for some than others. However, look to our colors to find direction and to seek guidance by looking at its streamers to see where the flotilla has “been “ to where it can go. Our guidon has seven such streamers: 1997 Coast Guard/State support, 1998 Coast Guard/State support, 1998 Member Services, 1999 Member Services, 1999 Coast guard/State support, 1999 RBS Safety, and 1999 Excellence. During this November's meeting yet another streamer will be presented and hung on our guidon-

“ FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS” from 7 January 1961 through 7 January 2011.

Some have commented to me that “the flotilla is in trouble and what am I going to do about it?” Well, I urge all members to attend our November meeting, and VOTE for your next Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander, look to our colors and see where we have been, and where we are going, determine and pledge to do what you can do to make it better, see our guidon as a spirit of direction and not just as another flag, pat yourself on the back and do likewise to the person next to you, and finally – Charlie Mike.



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



I would like to thank everyone for all their help and cooperation this past year. I hope everyone has a great time this Holiday Season.

I am now tracking patrols that are being canceled throughout the Division which has over 20% of patrols canceled.

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 November is 1400 to 1800 hrs.

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

Lets 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.

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

"Gabby"

N. Lee Waters, VFC/FSO-PE

I am sad to report that due to low enrollment, the Oct. BS&S class was cancelled. Hopefully, next year will be more productive. Speaking of next year, Ruth Ann White and I have worked to revise the 2012 Course Schedule in order for the Flotilla to have a more fruitful year. There will be courses, but more effort to improve the learning level of our students by reworking the BS&S PowerPoint slides and improving the teaching techniques of all instructors by including more hands on features for students on each lesson. I have included a copy of the course dates and times so everyone can make their calendars.

Course Schedule for 2012

Course Dates & Time 6:30-9:30PM

Boating Skills and Seamanship

Jan. 9,12,16,19,23,26, & 30

Feb. 2

Course Dates & Time 8:30AM-1:30PM

About Boating Safely

April 21 & 28 and June 5,6 & 7

Course Dates & Time 6:30-9:30PM

Practical Matters

Feb. 6,9,13, & 16

Course Dates & Time 6:30-9:30PM

About Boating Safely

Oct. 15, 18, 22, & 25

Ruth Ann White and I are hoping to have more outreach programs with both the Charlotte County Sheriff Department's youth program and the Englewood Fire Department.

Speaking of next year, there are a few staff officer positions open for 2012. As our numbers decrease due to age and retirements, more and more of the remaining membership need to step up to the plate and help make this Flotilla the best that it can be. If you have ever thought about being a staff member or were a staff member and understand how a important making the Flotilla run effectively, take a moment to consider helping YOUR FLOTILLA.

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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Florida Emergency Information Line (Only activated during disasters)	1-800-342-3557
Florida Division of Emergency Management (www.FloridaDisaster.org)	Non-Emergencies 850-413-9900 Emergencies Only 1-800-320-0519 or 850-413-9911
Florida Department of Transportation (www.dot.state.fl.us)	1-866-374-FDOT (3368)
International Hurricane Research Center (www.ihc.fiu.edu)	305-348-1607
Florida Department of Health (www.doh.state.fl.us)	850-245-4321
Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (www.flair.com)	850-413-3140
Florida Office of Tourism (www.visitflorida.com)	1-888-735-2872
Florida Department of Law Enforcement (www.fdle.state.fl.us)	850-410-7000
Florida Highway Patrol (www.flhsmv.gov/flhp)	*FHP from any cell phone
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (www.freshfromflorida.com)	850-488-3022
Division of Animal Industry Emergency Links	www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/adc/adc_emerg_manag_links.shtml
Governor's Office (www.flgov.com)	850-488-4441 or 850-488-7146
Department of Elder Affairs (http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php)	1-800-96ELDER (963-5337)
Florida Attorney General (http://myfloridalegal.com)	850-414-3300
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (www.dep.state.fl.us)	850-245-2118
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (www.myfwc.com)	850-488-4676
Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (www.floridavets.org)	727-319-7400
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Tampa Bay, FL Office) (www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw)	813-645-4111
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Key West, FL Office) (www.srh.noaa.gov/key)	305-295-1316
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Miami, FL Office) (www.srh.noaa.gov/mfl)	305-229-4550
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Melbourne, FL Office) (www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb)	321-256-0212
US Coast Guard, 7th District (www.uscg.mil/D7)	1-800-874-7561
Seminole Tribe	Police 863-983-2285 Fire 863-763-1581
Florida Power & Light Company (www.fpl.com)	Power Outage 1-800-4-OUTAGE (468-8243)
Lee County Electric Cooperative (www.lcec.net)	1-800-282-1643
Peace River Electric Cooperative (www.prec.org)	1-800-282-3824
Progress Energy (www.progress-energy.com)	Power Outage 1-800-228-8485
Glades County Electric Cooperative (www.gladesec.com/)	1-800-226-4024

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Charlotte	
Emergency Management	941-833-4000 www.charlottecountyfl.com/emergency
Sheriff	941-639-2101
Charlotte County Fire	941-833-5600
Boca Grande Fire	941-964-2908
Englewood Fire	941-474-3311
Punta Gorda Police	941-639-4111 Fire 941-575-5529
Collier	
Emergency Management (www.CollierEM.org)	239-252-3600
Emergency Hotline	239-252-8444
Sheriff	239-774-4434
Big Corkscrew Island Fire	239-455-1204
East Naples Fire	239-774-7111
Everglades City Fire	239-695-2902
Golden Gate Fire	239-348-7540
Immokalee Fire	239-657-2111
Isles of Capri Fire	239-394-8770
Marco Island Police	239-389-5050 Fire 239-389-5040
Naples Police and Fire	239-213-4844
North Naples Fire	239-597-3222
DeSoto	
Emergency Management	863-993-4831 www.co.desoto.fl.us/index.php/department-a-h/emergencymanagement
Sheriff	863-993-4700
Desoto County Fire	863-993-4841
Arcadia Police	863-993-4660
Glades	
Emergency Management	www.myglades.com 863-946-6020
Sheriff	863-946-1600
Glades County Fire	863-946-0566

Hendry	
Emergency Management	863-674-5400 http://hendryfla.net/EM/Em.html
Sheriff	863-674-5600
Clewiston Police	863-983-1474
Clewiston Fire	863-983-1499
Montura Fire	863-983-1490
Highlands	
Emergency Management	863-385-1112 www.hceoc.org/
Sheriff	863-402-7200
Avon Park Police	863-453-6622
Avon Park Fire	863-453-6557
Lake Placid Police	863-699-3757
Lake Placid Fire	863-699-3753
Sebring Police	863-471-5107
Sebring Fire	863-471-5105
Lee	
Emergency Management	239-533-3622 www.leeec.com
Sheriff	239-477-1000
Alva Fire	239-728-2223
Bayshore Fire	239-543-3443
Boca Grande Fire	941-964-2908
Bonita Springs Fire	239-949-6200
Captiva Fire	239-472-9494
Cape Coral Police	239-574-3223
Cape Coral Fire	239-574-0501
Esterio Fire	239-390-8000
Fort Myers Fire	239-321-7311

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FLORIDA
Southwest

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Fort Myers Police	239-321-7700
Fort Myers Beach Fire	239-590-4200
Fort Myers Shores Fire	239-694-2833
Iona-McGregor Fire	239-433-0660
Lehigh Acres Fire	239-303-5300
Matlacha-Pine Island Fire	239-283-0030
North Fort Myers Fire	239-997-8654
Port Authority Fire	239-590-4566
San Carlos Park Fire	239-267-7525
Sanibel Police	239-472-3111
Sanibel Fire	239-472-5525
South Trail Fire	239-433-0080
Tice Fire	239-694-2380
Upper Captiva Fire	239-472-8899
Urban Search & Rescue	239-949-6200
Ussepa Island Fire	239-283-7578

Manatee

Emergency Management	www.mymanatee.org
Sheriff	941-749-3500
West Manatee Fire	941-761-1555
Southern Manatee Fire	941-748-2246
Cedar Hammock Fire	941-355-2013
East Manatee Fire	941-751-5611
Parrish Fire	941-721-2093
Myakka City Fire	941-322-6525

Bradenton Police	941-932-9300
Bradenton Fire	941-932-9600
Bradenton Beach Police	941-778-6311
Holmes Beach Police	941-708-5804
Longboat Key Police	941-316-1977
Longboat Key Fire	941-316-1944
Palmetto Police	941-723-4587
North River Fire	941-721-6700

Okeechobee

Emergency Management	863-763-3212
	www.okeechobeeoc.com
Sheriff	863-763-3117
Okeechobee County Fire	863-763-5544
Okeechobee Police	863-763-5521
Okeechobee Fire	863-467-1586

Sarasota

Emergency Management	941-861-5495
www.sc.gov.net/EmergencyServices/EmergencyManagement/emergencymanagement.asp	
Sarasota County Call Center	941-861-5000
Sheriff	941-861-5800
Longboat Key Police	941-316-1977
Longboat Key Fire	941-316-1944
North Port Police	941-429-7300
North Port Fire	941-240-8150
Sarasota Police	941-316-1201
Venice Police	941-486-2444
Venice Fire	941-480-3030

NATIONAL INFORMATION

American Red Cross	1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)
	www.redcross.org
Centers for Disease Control	www.cdc.gov
Environmental Protection Agency	www.epa.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
	www.fema.gov
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
NOAA	www.noaa.gov
National Weather Service	www.nws.noaa.gov
National Data Buoy Center	www.ndbc.noaa.gov
National Hurricane Center	www.nhc.noaa.gov
National Oceanographic Data Center	www.nodc.noaa.gov
National Coastal Data Development Center	www.ncddc.noaa.gov
NOAA Coastal Services Center	www.csc.noaa.gov
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)	www.nhc.noaa.gov/satellite.shtml
US Department of Homeland Security	www.dhs.gov/index.shtml



www.noaawatch.gov

information on a number of environmental threats ranging from oil spills, to hurricanes and tsunamis, to space weather.

NOAAWatch is a website offering information about ongoing environmental events. NOAAWatch explains the role of NOAA in prediction, monitoring, and recovery from environmental hazards. It provides public access to current

information on a number of environmental threats ranging from oil spills, to hurricanes and tsunamis, to space weather.

Mobile NHC and NWS Weather Data

Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook RSS/XML feed	http://hurricanes.gov/gtwo.xml
Website for PDAs and Smartphones	http://hurricanes.gov/mobile
Mobile NHC home page in WAP (WML)* format	www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.wml

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WIKX 92.9 FM (Charlotte Harbor)	WCNO 89.9 FM (Palm City)

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- anticipated travel delays
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When callers dial 511, the service automatically connects to the most local 511 service available from the current location. However, you can transfer to other Florida area 511 services from any Florida location.

Through Florida 511, callers will be able to receive information on all interstate roads across the state, including:

- I-4, I-10, I-75, I-95, I-110, I-175, I-195, I-275, I-295, I-375, I-395, I-595, and Florida's Turnpike.

Callers can also transfer to a local 511 service for more detailed information and more road choices.

The My Florida 511 Website incorporates motion images from traffic cameras, e-mail alerts, public transportation information and customer feedback.

For more information, visit My Florida www.fl511.com

Florida Department of Transportation www.dot.state.fl.us

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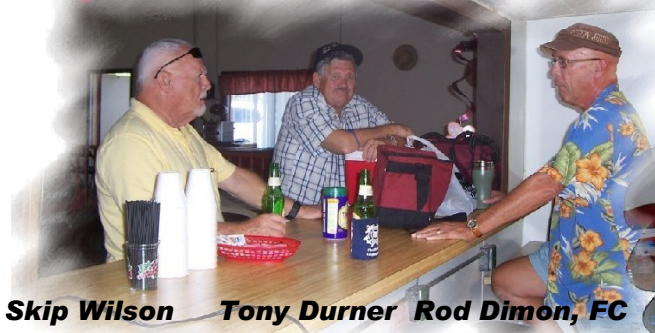
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FLOTILLA PIZZA PARTY



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Flotilla members and guests enjoying some Fellowship and great pizza

Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA

Rules of the Road



Rights of Way

Early in August there was a video clip on the internet site www.youtube.com that showed a sailboat colliding with an 870 foot oil tanker.

As the racing sailboat crossed the path of the oil tanker, the tanker hit the sailboat broadside. Fortunately, the bow wave of the tanker pushed the sailboat far enough away allowing it to pass on the tanker's port side. The sailboat's sails then became tangled on the tanker's anchor and the entanglement dismasted the sailboat. What was worse is that one of the sailboat's crew was tossed into the water from the collision.

A press release regarding the collision indicated the overboard crewman was safely picked up by powerboats that witnessed the incident. The press office also indicated there would be an investigation but it was too early to speculate on the cause of the collision.

Check it out for yourself by entering "yacht vs. supertanker" in your favorite internet search engine. I am sure you will agree that challenging an oil tanker for the same space on the water was a foolish endeavor and could have ended tragically for both crewmen on the sailboat.

I had the opportunity to talk about this event with some of my colleagues in the Auxiliary. One thing we agreed on was boating accidents, collisions, injuries and even senseless fatalities help motivate us to continue teaching safe boating to as many boaters as possible. Hopefully, most will learn that accidents, as in the example above, could have been prevented.

One of the tools all boaters need to know are the NAVIGATION RULES (NavRules) which are actually 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.

I like the title which reads in part, ...for Preventing Collisions at Sea. As in the case above, let's take a look at Rule #18 which addresses the Responsibilities Between Vessels. This rule may also be known as the "pecking order" which describes what vessels have a right of way over other vessels. Remember here that the following description is only a partial listing of the responsibilities between vessels underway and a detailed study of the NavRules is encouraged.

In the following list the vessel below shall keep out of the way of the vessel or vessels above it.

- A vessel not under command which may be one without power or rudder
- A vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver such as a tug with barge in tow
- A vessel constrained by draft such as a tanker who may only operate in a deep narrow channel
- Fishing vessel (commercial)
- Sailing vessel (under sail only)
- Power driven vessel
- Seaplane

Continued

.....RIGHTS OF WAY

There is also a general (unofficial) rule regarding vessel size. It is called the Rule of Gross Tonnage which means keeping clear of the bigger boat! In other words, it makes no sense to insist on your right of way over another vessel in all circumstances if the other vessel is infinitely bigger than yours.

For example a supertanker cannot maneuver as well as a small watercraft nor can it stop in short distances even when operating astern propulsion. It may take up to several miles for a large tanker to stop. Larger vessels also create huge swells of water as they pass, not to mention dangerous currents. These may swamp or capsize a pleasure craft. Good seamanship here means giving way or keeping away from the tanker until it passes by.

There is also a visibility issue with large vessels. This problem is the line of sight between the captain in the pilot or wheel house and the very forward part of the bow, or the area in front of a long line of barges being pushed by a tugboat. The captain cannot see you if you are too close to the front of his vessel. Think of it this way, if you cannot see the wheel house the captain probably cannot see you.

Following the Rules including the unofficial ones make lots of sense when you consider the consequences of vessels colliding with each other. By thinking ahead you too can help prevent an accident.

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 and the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron, Punta Gorda www.puntagorda-boating.org You may contact him at dc.nielsen@hotmail.com.

Editor's Note:

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



FLOTILLA 87 CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER

DECEMBER 6, 2011

**Englewood Elks
401 N. Indiana Ave. (SR 776)
Englewood, FL 34223
(941) 474-1404**

Appetizers & Cocktails @ 5:30 PM (Cash Bar) - Dinner @ 6 PM

Cost \$24 per person, gratuity included

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Prime Rib

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Seafood Stuffed Basa

All Entrees served with Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Roasted Potatoes

Chef's Vegetable

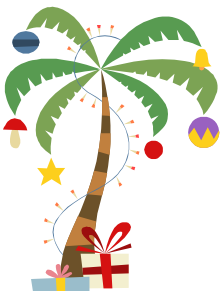
Apple Blossom with ice cream

Coffee or Tea

*Please complete the form below indicating your choice(s), detach and return with your check
made out to **Flotilla 87** and mail to:*

Judy Abbott 6767 San Casa Dr. #98 Englewood 34224 by November 25, 2011

NAME _____ Indicate number of choices for each entrée.



Prime Rib _____

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Stuffed Basa _____

