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Randall Moritz, VCDR 8 pays a visit to Flotilla 87

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Flotilla Webmaster

FC

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FSO-VE
FSO-OP
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APRIL EVENTS

2.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm

10.....Flotilla Picnic, Oyster Creek MHP 4 PM

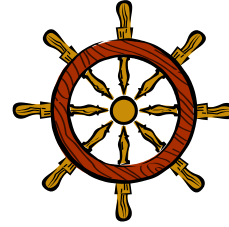
14.....Division 8 Awards Meeting, Flotilla 84, Sarasota 9 AM

21 & 28.....ABS Class, Lemon Bay Park 8:30 AM—12:30 PM



FROM THE HELM:

N. Lee Waters, Commander



With all the changes that have occurred in the Auxiliary Manual (there are 72!) I thought I would go into all the changes that affect the membership directly. This month I'm going to discuss the uniforms that most of our members wear. I think the best way to handle this information is to use a table format. If you have any questions, check out the most recent Uniform Procurement Guide which is located on the Uniform Division Web page and on the Human Resources Department web site at www.hdept.cgaux.org.

	Working Blue*	ODU Unisex	Tropical Blue
Occasion	VSC and Operations	Operations/Public Affairs	Authorized all year for meetings, classroom & official functions
Hat	Unit ball cap, ball cap with metal collar device, or Tilley Hat	Ball Cap (no plastic) or Tilley Hat	Combination Cap or Garrison Cap
Shirt	CG dark blue working shirt-short or long sleeves	ODU Top Jacket CG Blue	Light blue short-sleeve shirt w/ epaulets
Tie	None	None	None
Pants/Skirt	CG Blue Undress	ODU CG Blue long or shorts	CG Service Dress pants or skirt
Socks	Black	Black w/ long or White w/ shorts	Black w/ pants or flesh-tone stockings w/ skirt
Shoes	Blue, white or brown boat shoes	Safety boots w/ long or boat shoes w/ shorts	Black Dress Shoes w/ pants or Black Dress pumps w/ skirt
Insignia	Sew-on or metal collar devices	Sew-on devices**	Enhanced should boards
Ribbons Medals Breast Device	Sew-on or metal coxswain device – no ribbons	Sew-on Qualification Devices**	Auxiliary qualification devices and Ribbons
Name Tags	Sew-on name tags / USCG Auxiliary tape	Sew-on name tags / USCG Auxiliary tape**	Plastic name tag
Accessories	Wooly Pully or cardigan sweater / Black web belt with silver buckle and tip	Black Web Belt w/ Black Metal tip Black subdued open frame buckle	Wooly Pully or Cardigan sweater / Black web belt w/ silver buckle and tip
Authorized Outer Garment	Trench coat, overcoat, wind-breaker, foul weather parka	Windbreaker or Foul weather parka	Windbreaker, foul-weather parka or trench coat

***Coast Guard discontinued uniform (08/09/2005). Auxiliarists can wear uniform until December 2012 when no longer authorized.**

****Tapes must be sewn on the full width of the pocket.**

We are an integral part of the USCG family so remember:

IT'S YOUR AUXILIARY, IT'S YOUR UNIFORM, WEAR IT WITH PRIDE!

Meeting Highlights

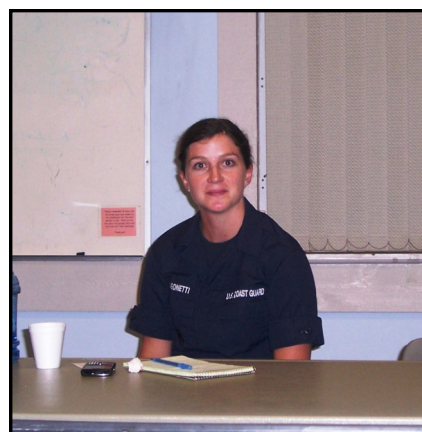


Left: Sandra Hahn and Dane Hahn; the new FSO-FN and FSO-MS. Center: Sandra Hahn receives a Meritorious Team Commendation. Right: Jack Rienks receives his Sustained Auxiliary Service Award for 15 years



Left: Skip Wilson receives his Nav Rules—95 Completion Certificate from VFC Leadbetter

Right: Seaman Rebecca Dragonetti of Station Cortez is the flotilla's liaison with the station



Randall Moritz, VCDR 8 addresses the membership of Flotilla 87 as Graham Leadbetter, VFC and Seaman Rebecca Dragonetti look on

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



All Coxswain and Crew members if you are due to have your 3 year requals and currency maintenance this year (2012), please contact MT / OPs so we can make arrangements and get it done EARLY this year. .

Coxswains please do your 5132s and 7030s as soon as possible after your patrols and continue filling them out correctly, thanks. (don't forget to fill out a 4612 SAR report if you get an assist)

Coxswains don't forget to invite a new trainee along on your patrols and get them familiar with your towing equipment and where it is kept.

All members still use caution while transiting Stump Pass as the temporary markers continue to change at times. The sea buoy is holding at the 2/10th south area.

Keep up the good work this year and thank you all for the excellent cooperation and help in the past years.

"Gabby"



N. Lee Waters, FSO-PE



On the horizon will be our next ABS class. The dates for this class are April 21th and 28th, 2012 from 0830-1230. If you know someone who wants to take a safe boating class but is unwilling or can't spare the time for the long commitment of the BS&S class, this class is the perfect fit! Pass on the word.

If the April class is not a good fit for your friends and neighbors, you might want to tell them about the June class; it will also be conducted at Lemon Bay Park from 0900-1200. Our June 5, 6 & 7, 2012 class is set up with the youths of the area in mind. It is open, as are all our classes to anyone, but the June class was scheduled as to not conflict with the youths' school schedules.

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.

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.

Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA



Rules of the Road

Limitations

My father is 95-years-old. He is a WWII veteran which some of you may have read about in one of Don Moore's War Stories. The article on dad appeared in the Sun Newspaper on January 17, 2011. He has always tried to be independent and asked very little of our family members as he advances in age.

My father realized his limitations on driving when he gave up his SUV back in 1999. Much to my wife's dismay I am still driving that old blue wagon. He said he really didn't need the car since his lady friend and companion had wheels to drive them everywhere they needed or wanted to go. And go they did, living between New Hartford, Connecticut and Williston, Florida, visiting everyone they knew and celebrating the good old days as often as they could. I learned soon after he gave up the SUV that he had degenerative vision that made him a hazard to himself and others on the road.

Dad's companion passed away about a year ago and he has been dependent on my sisters and me ever since. In retrospect, giving up his SUV was very brave on his part and maybe even a bit ahead of his time. But at least he thought about his circumstances and declining health and made a conscious decision to act responsibly.

This past month I had the pleasure to listen to guest speaker, Jim Eastman at our CG auxiliary monthly meeting. Jim Eastman is a former Coast Guardsman and author of The Book for Senior Boaters. His book focuses on the effects of human aging on boater and boating safety.

During his presentation he talked about some of the problems of aging which include: forgetfulness and fuzzy memory, slower learning and retention, slower hand-eye coordination, changing vision or eyesight, less flexibility and body movement, diminished hearing, less stamina and more fatigue, diminished balance and agility, increased agitation levels, lower alcohol tolerance and reduced body strength.

He also discussed some points and questions senior boaters need to ask. Do you recognize and understand your limitations? Referring to some of the problems or symptoms noted above, which ones do you recognize? In your individual circumstances, which one might cause you to lose control of your boat and cause injury to you or your passengers?

Continued

.....limitations

Have your family or your boating friends noticed changes in your abilities? Have you had serious conversations with them about your changing abilities? Have you evaluated the suitability of your boat including its size and ease of operation? Maybe downsizing is an option? Is it safe to go out alone? Are more checklists needed to maintain boating safety and enjoyment? Are there activities you participate in that may have to be reduced or changed to maintain your boating safety and enjoyment?

Are your crew members capable of handling the boat in case of an accident or a medical emergency? Is sharing responsibilities with your crew or passengers while underway an option?

Mr. Eastman and I encourage everyone to recognize these changes, understand them, adjusting your lifestyle or adjusting your boating habits and procedures in order that we may be able to continue safe boating for ourselves, our family and friends for many years to come.

For more information about Jim Eastman and his book you may visit his website:
www.seniorboatersofamerica.com.

For more information about boating safety visit the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division website at: www.uscgboating.org/

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 Water Line boating and fishing magazine promoting the USCG and CG AUXILIARY'S safe boating message.



ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC



DATE: APRIL 10, 2012

TIME: 4 pm to ?

PLACE: OYSTER CREEK MHP

COST: \$ 4.00 (PER PERSON)

CASUAL ATTIRE

Volunteers are now needed for the picnic at 3:30 pm for set up and clean up afterwards.

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and sausage will be provided with all the trimmings. If you want to bring your own entrée (steak, barbeque chicken, etc.) to cook on the grill, feel free to do so.

The rest will be Potluck. Please bring (and take home) serving utensils. You will be called a week before the picnic for your selections. Please bring enough of your dish for 5 servings. That means you will bring 10 servings per couple. B.Y.O.B.

Enjoy,

Directions:

Oyster Creek MHP is located at 6767 San Casa Dr. behind Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park at Oyster Creek. 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.

