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MARCH CALENDAR

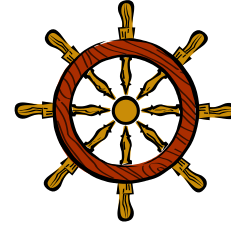
5.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
15.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm

APRIL CALENDAR

2.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
6.....Division 8 Awards Dinner, Rosedale Country Club, 5100 87th St. East
Lakewood Ranch, FL 6pm
9.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm

FROM THE HELM:

N. Lee Waters, Commander



Greetings Shipmates:

As Gabby would say, "We're still afloat!" We have had several activities these past months: safety patrols, PE classes and safety booths to name a few. We are still in need for more volunteers for these activities because the core members who keep attending these activities are wearing out and I fear that we will lose more members because of over-work.

On another note I urge all members to avail themselves of the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS). This system gives each member the opportunity to access active duty training courses and materials. Note: ICS-210 is one of the many courses now available online. All successfully completed courses are automatically recorded in AUXDATA. Access to AUXLMS is through the following site: <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>. Follow the menu prompts; click on "I forgot my password" and then proceed to add your own password.

Uniforms are always a concern, so I have listed the two uniforms we are allowed to wear. 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 <http://hdept.cgaux.org>.

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

Gerald Meckenberg, FSO-OP



In response to expected budget reductions, the Coast Guard is in the process of implementing cost cutting efforts, including cutting fuel budgets.

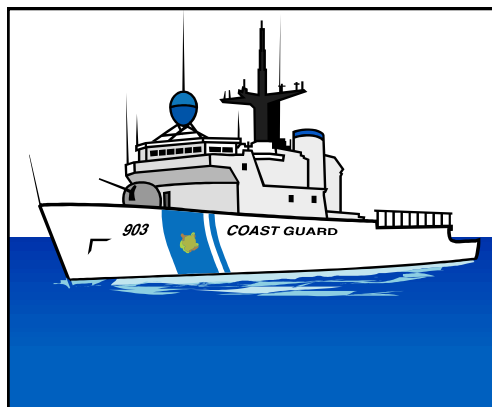
Soon to be implemented will be the requirement to commence a mission with full fuel tank(s) and upon completion of the mission, to top up the fuel tank(s) and obtain a receipt that reflects the fuel quantity and price and is to be attached to the mission 5132.

How this is to be accomplished in view of the fact that marina fuel docks close before the mission is complete? And will this force the usage of automobile gas in our trailered vessels?

These are but a few of what likely will be many questions.

In the meantime Keep the pointy end in front and stay out of the mud.

gm



N. Lee Waters, FSO-PE

On the horizon will be our next ABS class. The dates for this class are April 6th and 13th, 2013 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 BSS class. It will be conducted at Lemon Bay Park in the fall and offered on Monday and Thursday nights for 7 sessions.

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.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH FLOTILLA 87



Skip Wilson pays a visit to Flotilla 87's safety booth at the Englewood Home Depot's safety expo. Pictured behind the table are Lee Waters, FC, Robert Waters, FSO-IS and Flotilla 99's Ron Wills and Dick Robert

Photo by Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA



Member Al Osiecki and Graham Leadbetter, VFC aboard Flotilla 86's Roman Gyzl's vessel during the recent Gasparilla Regatta in Tampa. Their mission during the regatta was to keep boat traffic within a certain area.

Photos provided by Graham Leadbetter, VFC



DIVISION 8 AWARDS DINNER

This special event will honor the accomplishments of Division 8 flotillas and individual members in 2012 and afford the opportunity to share that recognition with family and friends while enjoying an evening of good food in a beautiful and relaxing atmosphere.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013 6:00 PM COCKTAILS, 6:45 DINNER

ROSEDALE COUNTRY CLUB, 5100 87TH ST. EAST, LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL. 34211

INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: <http://www.rosedalegcc.com/index.php>

UNIFORM: SERVICE DRESS BLUE or TROPICAL BLUE, Business Casual

MENU: Fresh Green Salad w/choice of dressing, fresh baked rolls, choice of Chicken Marsala or Beef Brisket, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Quadrant Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

COST: \$25 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Please return lower half of flyer by Saturday March 30 with check payable to:
USCG AUXILIARY DIVISION 8

RETURN BY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 TO:

KAREN MILLER, 3660 OAK GROVE DR., SARASOTA, FL 34243-2831

NAME: _____ NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

MEAL CHOICE: CHICKEN MARSALA (QTY) _____ BEEF BRISKET (QTY) _____

Dave Nielsen, FSO-PA



Rules of the Road

Lights

A few days ago I was driving home after a Flotilla meeting in Englewood. It was dark out and the traffic on Dearborn Street was almost nonexistent. The street lights all seemed to be working properly. When I stopped at the traffic light at the intersection of Indiana and Dearborn, things got interesting. Specifically, there was a person approaching the intersection on a bicycle and he did not have lights as required.... Please visit http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/ped_bike/laws/ped_bike_bikeLaws1.shtm for further information.

I only noticed the cyclist from his silhouette moving against the pharmacy lights on the opposite side of the street. The cyclist did stop before entering the intersection and he then acknowledged me in my vehicle by flashing a hand held flashlight. As the traffic light turned green in my favor the cyclist flashed his flashlight again in indicating I could proceed through the intersection. I blinked my headlights once as a thank you and continued home.

Coincidentally, I was talking to one of the commercial tow captains at work a few weeks ago and he had a near collision incident which also involved someone running at night without lights.

The captain was returning to base from a late evening tow and heading east from the Boca Grande area towards Burnt Store Marina. There happened to be a full moon that night. Randy said he had been looking ahead for the red flashing lights that mark the entrance to Burnt Store when he noticed something moved in front of the full moon. A very quick further inquiry found a sailboat under sail running without navigation lights. An even quicker maneuver was needed to avoid colliding with the sailboat.

Although I can appreciate the amount of light provided by a full moon on a cloudless night, there is no excuse for boating at night without the required navigation lights properly displayed. If nothing else, just think of you, your passengers and the persons on another boat that you may encounter.

Regarding lights on the water, the Navigation Rules (NavRules) apply to all vessels on international and inland waters. The NavRules come 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.

The NavRules require all vessels to display lights, shapes and sounds under certain conditions. Those conditions where navigation lights are required to be displayed are between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility such as fog, rain, haze etc. Obviously, during daylight hours with good visibility, we can see what the other boats around us look like and what direction they are going. In restricted visibility, it's the lights, shapes and sounds that give us this information.

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lights.....

It is impractical to describe the lighting requirements for every size and shape of vessel in this column. However, referring to an official copy of the NavRules, boaters can see if their boat complies with the lighting requirements. When discrepancies occur, many are due to lights that just don't work such as when a bulb is out or there is a short in the vessel's wiring or corrosion in the fixture. And a word of caution - just because you don't venture out on the water at night does not exempt you from having working navigation lights. No one plans on being caught on the water in fog or rain or maybe breaking down and not being able to get back to the dock or ramp before sundown.

Boats 16 feet in length or more must have properly installed "working" navigation lights and an all-round white anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white running lights. Red on the port side, green on the starboard side and an all round white light at least one meter (39 inches) higher than the sidelights. All three lights must be displayed when underway between sunset and sunrise and during times of restricted visibility. When at anchor, only the all round white anchor light need be displayed. There are exceptions to this based on the length of the boat but, to be prudent, know where you are anchoring such as near a narrow channel, fairway or anchorage or where other vessels normally navigate.

Knowing where the lights are placed and which direction those lights are moving will tell you what the other vessel is doing so you may make any necessary maneuver to avoid or pass the other safely.

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.

