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Jeremiah, Claudia, Carl and Barbara aboard the Partners in Paradise (inset)

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## 2015 FLOTILLA 87 OFFICERS DIVISION 8 DISTRICT 7



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### **Flotilla Vice Cmdr.**

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### **FC**

### **VFC**

FSO-MT  
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### **Dane Hahn**

### **Robin Lucas**

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Sandy Bilsky  
Tom Lane  
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Sandra Hahn  
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Arthur "Skip" Wilson  
Graham Leadbetter  
Claudia Alexander  
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Jack W. Rienks  
Robert Waters

### **MARCH CALENDAR**

3.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting 7 pm

10.....Flotilla Members' Meeting 7 pm

### **APRIL CALENDAR**

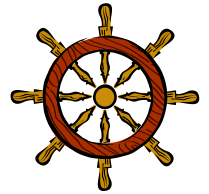
7.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting 7 pm

14.....Flotilla Members' Meeting 7 pm

**25.....Division 8 Awards Dinner, Rosedale Golf & Country Club 6 pm**

5100 87th St. East, Lakewood Ranch, FL

## **From the Bridge: Dane Hahn, FC**



### March /April FC Report

A bunch of us have just finished getting the new pipe installed between our building and the sewer system that is operated by the Town of Englewood. My hat is off to Russ Adams, who was the Contractor in charge and the crew composed of Bob Eckert, Mark Mull, Joe Brown, Belinda Adams (Russ' wife), Graham Leadbetter, and yours truly. We toiled from Saturday through Wednesday, and with the final sign-off, we all breathed a sigh of relief on a job well done. I believe these volunteer efforts on behalf of the flotilla saved us several thousand dollars we would have paid to others. As a byproduct of the work done, the water pressure in the station has increased considerably.

By the time you read this, the old septic system should have been "pumped, caved and crushed", and the back yard should be level, and ready for a new growth of grass. So that will get us more space for our backyard fellowship and parking as needed.

Another project that is moving along very well, but is not as finished as the first two (above) is the construction of a security crib inside the big shed. Generally the shed has been a catchall for stuff that was stored off-site. With the new cage, as each box arrives we can sort things out, put them away, and have a warm feeling that they will still be there next time we need them. And since we have the EARS radio club storing some items there, the crib will keep our things secure.

I was asked to speak to the Men's Breakfast Group this week at the Methodist church. It was the Valentine week meeting and as a treat they were invited to bring their wives, so my audience was double the norm. I spoke about the Auxiliary and the Academy, and had the Academy DVD as a hand out. Much interest in the possibility of grandchildren attending and all the DVDs were shared. (Better in their hands than on our shelf...)

It's good to see us getting our facilities out on the water. But it's even more gratifying to see our new members getting through the QE process as we mint new Boat Crew and requalify some of the old guard. And I know that all the former FCs will agree with me—there's joy in seeing that right behind this class is another group eager to get through as well. I know we have to walk before we run, but we're getting pretty darn good at walking!

And for those members who choose not to play on the boats, we're making headway in many areas that have not been on our radar until now. Graham is flying most weekends and AUXAIR is available to any of us. Sandra and I have recently been cooking at Cortez, so AUX-FS (food service) is an option. We can always use more Public Education (PE) instructors, as we try to build that area. Robin would gladly teach all players how to handle Program Visitation, (PV), and Ron Walton is happy to train new Vessel Examiners (VE).

And finally a note regarding fellowship. Remember "fellowship" is one of the answers to the entry quiz. Fellowship is the glue that binds us all together as a team. And the events Claudia Alexander has managed over the past few months have been really special. I am thinking about the Super Bowl Party at Howard's Restaurant and the Valentine's Party at Landy's. Watch for more of these events and do plan to come to some or all of them. The people are very nice and you know them, and the conversation is lively and generally "G" rated, so you are pretty well assured of having a good time.



# January Meeting Highlights



Above: New member Woody Bumgardner is congratulated after being sworn in by Dane Hahn, FC.



Above right: Ron Walton, Bob Eckert, Tom Lane, Lee Waters and Craig McCrodden are being sworn in as FSOs for VE, MS, PA, PE and MA respectively.

Right: Graham Leadbetter, IPFC is presented a ships wheel plaque for his service as Flotilla Commander for 2014.

Below: Lee Waters accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for PE in 2014.

Below right: Bob Waters received a Commodore's Certificate of Excellence for CG Administrative Support and his Flotilla Appointment as Proctor for 2015.



Photos by J. Abbott, FSO-PB

# February Meeting Highlights



Upper left: Sandy Bilsky is sworn in as FSO-HR for 2015  
Upper right: Sandy received his Auxiliary Growth Award  
Left & Right: Sandra Hahn models the ODU with boots  
Below: February's meeting had a good turnout





## **N. Lee Waters, FSO-PE**



The new class of the ABS course starts on MAR14, 2015 at 8:30 am. Instructors are reminded to be at Englewood Station no later than 8:15 am the morning of their assigned chapter. I have sent last year's class schedule to the instructors and once we have finalized the new 2015 ABS schedule copies will be sent to all those involved people. We are also in need of "blue shirts" to help with student questions and activities; you don't have to be an instructor to be a blue shirt, you just need to have boating knowledge. If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor, please see me ASAP in order to get the process of qualifying started. Our next course offering is called "Practical Matters" on APR. 8th 2015 (April 8, 10, 13, 15 & 17) at Englewood Station starting at 6:45 pm. This course is an extension of the BS&S course and involves basic charting, weather, radio use and marlinspike and the cost is \$15.00 to cover the cost of materials.

We have added several new courses and revisions of previous course outlines and substance. We will discuss each course as we progress through our 2015 PE course schedule.

We still need your help in promoting our courses as we have found in our class surveys that most students opt to attend our courses because of recommendations of their friends and neighbors. Keep up the great work!

As always, promote the wearing of life jackets because life jackets only work when they are worn.

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## **John Cahow, FSO-MT**



A reminder that new Flotilla members must complete the 8 mandatory classes for new members within the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Deadline for those current members has been extended for another year (Dec,31, 2015). Monday at 9 am crew training status will be reviewed. Four hour TCT date TBA.



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## **Gerald Meckenberg, FSO-OP/CM**



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
**PATROL**



While the 2015 OPs workshop is not mandatory, It certainly is worthwhile for all VE, Watchstanders, Crew & Coxswain members. A home study power point program is available to any member who misses the presentation at the end of the February meeting.

## **Tom Lane, FSO-PA**



Graham Leadbetter (Immediate Past Flotilla Commander) from Flotilla 87 Englewood, Florida is now part of the US COAST GUARD AUX AIR OPERATIONS and is trained to assist the Coast Guard in areas such as search and rescue, vessel safety patrol, air support for Coast Guard law enforcement missions and air support in the area of marine environmental protection. Graham must also survey aids to navigation, assist in transportation of personnel and training missions involving air operations. When needed Graham will relieve and free up Coast Guard personnel. All Aux Air personnel must annually complete extensive training in emergency egress operations, 50 yard swim, test water survival training and attendance at the required annual Air Operations workshops. District 7 USCG Auxiliary and Flotilla 87 in Englewood is proud of Graham's aviation safety and service.

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## **Tom Lane, FSO-PA**

### **Auxiliary Chefs, (AUXFS) a Basic Ingredient for Team Coast Guard**



The AUXFS (Auxiliary Food Service) Program is designed to provide trained USCG Auxiliarists to fill-in as cooks at small boat stations or on cutters and to relieve active duty food service personnel. The program allows active duty food service personnel to take time away from the galley to attend training, take leave, etc. without the unit being short handed. The AUXFSs prepare meals, and can also assist with VIP events, changes of command and other events such as picnics. AUXFSs can be available for a variety of time frames from one meal up to several days. Englewood's Flotilla 87 Commander Dane Hahn and his wife Sandra, also a Staff Officer in Flotilla 87, are both members of the FS program and are shown in the photos working at preparing meals for the staff at US Coast Guard Station Cortez over the weekend following Thanksgiving, when both of the food service cooks from the station were on vacation.

Flotilla 87 Englewood is proud that Dane and Sandra Hahn and Graham Leadbetter represent the AUXFS program and volunteer hours of service in support of station Cortez. The Auxiliary offers members a unique opportunity to make a real difference in their local community and to provide hands on assistance to the US Coast Guard, wherever they serve, across the country and around the world.



Photos provided

# **CHANGE TO AUXILIARY MANDATED TRAINING DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS -AL AUX-022/14**

1. In January 2013, ALAUX 001/13 announced launch of the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) and its impact on Auxiliary Mandated Training(MT) requirements for new enrollees. New enrollees were required to complete all Auxiliary MT courses within their first year of enrollment. The first year of enrollment was defined as the Base Enrollment Date (BED) until 31 December of the year following the BED. For example, if a new enrollee had a BED of 15 November 2013, then they had until 31 December 2014 to complete all mandated training.

2. At the Auxiliary National Convention in August 2014, Auxiliary national leadership and the Chief Director of Auxiliary determined it appropriate to extend the deadline for Auxiliary MT completion for Auxiliarists who have enrolled since January 2013. Accordingly, the deadline has been extended from 31 December 2014 to 31 December 2015.

3. The deadline for Auxiliary MT completion for Auxiliarists who were already enrolled by January 2013 remains 31 December 2016.

4. Auxiliary MT is comprised of the following courses:

a. To be successfully completed during the first year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

(1) Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide in the Coast Guard - course code 502379

(2) Security Fundamentals - course code 810030

(3) Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information – course code 810015

(4) Sexual Harassment Prevention - course code 810000

(5) Sexual Assault Prevention / Response - course code 810045

(6) Civil Rights Awareness - course code 502319

b. To be successfully completed only once (new enrollees must complete them during the first year of enrollment):

(1) Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts - course code 502306

(2) Influenza Training - course code 502290

c. Recent changes to Coast Guard policy on Incident Command System (ICS) training requirements have resulted in

the following additions to Auxiliary MT, to be successfully completed only once:

(1) Introduction to the Incident Command System - ICS-100

(2) Introduction to National Incident Management System (NIMS) - IS-700

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## Mandated Training cont'd.....

New enrollees must complete these ICS courses during the first year of enrollment. Auxiliarists who have enrolled since January 2013 must complete them by 31 December 2015. All other Auxiliarists must complete them by 31 December 2016. They can be taken online at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/TrainingMaterials.htm>.

These FEMA sponsored ICS-100 and IS-700 courses are only available through the FEMA website and must be completed online.

5. There are several ways to complete the courses listed in paragraphs 4.a. and 4.b.:

a. Through the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS /website: <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>).

b. In a classroom setting (e.g., a flotilla member training session) taught by a qualified Auxiliary instructor using the AUXLMS materials or using downloadable training materials that are available on the National Training Directorate web site (<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=t-dept>).

c. The Auxiliary National Training Directorate will make webinar training sessions available on a recurring basis for members who prefer a facilitated presentation but are unable to attend an in-person classroom training session. It is also developing downloadable training material that can be given to Auxiliarists who are unable to complete online training or attend a classroom training session. These additional options are expected to be available in February 2015. An ALAUX will announce their availability.

6. As each of the first six courses listed in paragraph 4.a. above is completed, its own five-year cycle will start. Each cycle will extend to 31 December of the fifth year regardless of the date the course was completed during the year, and so on. For example, if an Auxiliarist completes the Civil Rights Awareness course on 15 November 2014, then they will have to complete it again by 31 December 2019.

7. Recap:

a. ICS-100 and IS-700 have been added to Auxiliary MT. That means six courses need to be successfully completed every five years, and four courses need to be successfully completed only once (during the first year of enrollment).

b. Auxiliarists who have enrolled since January 2013 have until 31 December 2015 to complete all Auxiliary MT.

c. Auxiliarists who were already enrolled by January 2013 have until 31 December 2016 to complete all Auxiliary MT.

d. Auxiliary MT may be completed through the AUXLMS or in a classroom setting using AUXLMS materials or downloadable training materials available on the National Training Directorate web site. Webinar training sessions and other downloadable training material are under development and expected to be available in February 2015.

# *Out & About Valentine's Lunch at Landy's*



John and Shirley with Judy Abbott



Rear: Sandra & Dane Front: Claudia and Jeremiah



Lee & Bob

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

# Let's Go Flying



Graham Leadbetter,  
AUXAIR Observer



Boca Grande



Gasparilla Pass



A closer look at Stump Pass



Southern end of Gasparilla Pass



Stump Pass in Englewood

## Auxair Mission Report January 10, 2015

Patrol # 1062835 departed Venice at 1400 with Marc Miller, Pilot in Command, Bill Austin, Second in Command, Sven Folmer, Trainee, and Graham Leadbetter, Air Observer. The flight headed south to Englewood, Stump Pass, Boca Grande, and Naples and then towards Key West. Sector St. Petersburg maintained our radio guard until we entered the Key West AOR. We had to transfer our guard to Sector Key West. This entailed considerable radio traffic and channel manipulation as the two Sectors use different channels. Near Key West we completed a creeping line search with 25 mile legs. The purpose of the search was to find any boats acting in a suspicious manner. Sector Key West was busy providing security escort for a cruise ship and appreciated our contribution to security of the area.

For our return to Venice we of course had to transfer our guard back to Sector St. Petersburg. The mission terminated in Venice at 1800 hours.



Photos provided



# BS&S Class in Session



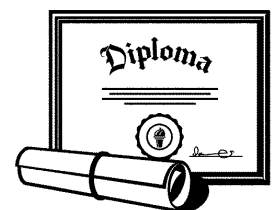
Lee Waters, FSO-PE left addresses the class



Left: Student and flotilla member Craig McCrodden and Bob Waters, Instructor...Right: the class receives their instructions



Students taking the final exam



## **David Nielsen**



### **Rules of the Road**

#### **Small Craft Advisory**

Some time ago I came across an article in THE COAST GUARD NEWS about a 58-year-old man having been rescued after his 26 foot boat capsized in the area of Pine Island Sound on a particular Wednesday night in November.

The article reports that Sea Tow Lee County contacted the U.S. Coast Guard Station Ft. Myers after the boater communicated to them via cell phone indicating he could not pull up his anchor due to the sea conditions and was taking on water from the stern of his boat. A U.S.C.G. 45 foot response boat arrived on scene in 20 minutes and witnessed the boat capsizing and throwing the boater into the water. The boater was quickly pulled from the water and transported to Station Ft. Myers in good condition.

The weather at that time had been the result of a very large weather pattern which caused high winds, at time gale force, high waves off shore and choppy water for bays and protected waters. The National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS) issued a small craft advisory which lasted through Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. A small craft advisory is a type of weather warning issued by the NWS in coastal areas. It is issued when winds have reached, or are expected to reach within 12 hours, a speed slightly less than gale force. Wind speeds that trigger a small craft advisory are between 25 and 38 knots. The advisory strongly suggests that wind and wave action will be hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating in smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these waters.

An official description of a small craft is not set in stone. However, any vessel that would be adversely affected by weather conditions as described by a small craft advisory should be considered a small craft.

"The Coast Guard wants to remind boaters to always check the weather before leaving the dock," said Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Mike Miller, a crewman at the station. "Weather can deteriorate quickly putting boaters in harm's way."

Additionally, the Coast Guard wants to remind boaters to carry a VHF-FM marine radio. In the event of an emergency, contact the Coast Guard on channel 16. Making a May Day call when he first realized he was in distress, with his exact position, would have notified every boater who heard the distress call, including the Coast Guard that he was in need of immediate assistance.

Cellular phones often lose their signal and run out of batteries after a day on the water. They are helpful but not reliable in an emergency.

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## Advisory cont'd.....

Additional recommended emergency safety equipment include an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon, flares, signal mirror and whistle attached to the life jackets. A ditch bag specifically stocked with additional safety equipment such as an air horn, hand held marine radio, some snack items and bottled water would have improved the distressed boater's survival had he been stranded for a longer period of time.

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

Want to learn more about on-the-water navigation? Consider taking classes offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on how to read a navigation chart, piloting and advanced piloting. For more information about boating safety visit the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division website at: [www.uscgboating.org/](http://www.uscgboating.org/).

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

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