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Flotilla Fashion Show

Come to the August 19 Flotilla meeting and get reacquainted with your uniform via a "Auxiliary Uniform Fashion Show".

- Do you wear your uniform neatly?
- Do you wear your uniform proudly?
- Are you wearing your uniform correctly?

Gail Sheridan 054-03-07

Blue Ridge Quarterly Meeting

Division 8 held its quarterly meeting at Lake Monticello on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Eight Flotilla 87 members were among the forty from around the Division in attendance. District Captain Heidi Derby, her husband, Gary, who is DCP of Division 6; Tim Rosen, OIA, from Sector Hampton Roads and Ricky Dunnington, the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator, were special guests.

Next Division meeting will be at Smith Mountain Lake on October 11, 2008. Ya'll Come!



FSO-VE Needs Help

Additional Vessel Examiners are needed on 23 Aug and 6 Sep to support scheduled VSC stations. Have you completed your VE re-certification requirements? Contact the FSO-VE if you can assist. These are the last of the scheduled VSC stations for 2008. FSO-VE Bill Shutt

In Memory: Sharon Lynch



A life well lived . . .

A gentle soul at peace . . .

Lake Anna Fireworks 2008

The Lake Anna Fireworks went off smoothly on the scheduled rain date for the first time ever after mother nature provided her own fireworks on July 5th. There were three facilities out on the water.

Our thanks to crews on the Ix, McCormick, and Kunz facilities and the Radio Watch Stander for their support.



Flotilla Quarterly Status

The following was submitted to Division 8 as quarterly status for Flotilla 87.

Flotilla 87 continues its many activities. We used our training meeting to teach the Good Mate Program. Donna Kanary gave the presentation and then we ordered the books for everyone and several have already completed the online test. We hope the entire Flotilla will take the test by next month's meeting.

Our pontoon party was held on the waters of Lake Anna but we were required to retreat to my house due to a storm which came up rather quickly and was not in the weather forecast. We however continued to enjoy the food and company. Our next social will be in September.

Our August meeting will be a fashion show of how to wear the different uniforms and an update on the proper way to fill out the necessary forms. Most of them are now on line.

Several of us enjoyed a delicious soup night with Flotilla 88. We renewed several friendships and hope to be invited again. We have been invited to a picnic given by Flotilla 37 on August 16th. We participated in a PA event at Lake Anna Island Realty on May 24.

Our PE classes have been doing very well with a large attendance and good feedback from the students. After a request from DGIF we conducted a class at Lake Caroline and 11 students attended and passed the DGIF Course. For the remainder of 2008 we have a new PE Staff person, Dave Aitken.

The Operations Program is very busy with lots of Patrols and SARS. We helped with the fireworks on Lake Anna and all went very well. We could use some help from 84 and 88 on the radio. Our VE program is ongoing.

We had a guest speaker at our last meeting, Mr. Steve

Falkenthal who is charged with monitoring the existing hazard and no wake buoys for their locations and condition and also the channel markers. He provided us with a lot of information on the locations and reasons for placing them in Lake Anna. He requested us to report to him any damaged or off station navigational aids.

Several of our members have taken online training courses and passed. Gene Kunz is now our fingerprinting staff person. Richard Ness received the Superior Performance of Duty award and Ginger Ellis received a special award for participation on the International Search and Rescue Competition Program Board.

I extend to all Flotillas the invitation to attend any of our functions or meetings. Have a good Summer!

Flotilla 87 Commander

Barbara Kerr

Public Education Briefs

Dave Aitken has agreed to flotilla management's request to manage the flotilla's Public Education (PE) program for the rest of calendar year 2008.

Instructors Jack Gorski, Dick Shrum, Lynwood Hancock, Andy Gibson and Dave Aitken, taught the flotilla's About Boating Safely (ABS) course on 19 July. Twelve people (four youth) attended the course.

Two ABS courses remain on the 2008 boating season schedule, 16 August and 20 September.

Negotiations are currently underway to conduct an ABS class for the Chancellor Fire/Rescue in Spotsylvania County. Working for a date in Sept or Oct as the tentative Aug 9 date did not work well for students.

Discussions have begun with the Louisa County Parks and Recreation Department in hopes of scheduling at least one PE class in the fall of 2008.

FSO-MT, Dave Aitken

Think Ahead - Training

Flotilla membership is encouraged to begin thinking about enrolling in an Auxiliary course of interest this Fall and Winter. Taking a course offers a good way to occupy your time and at the same time gain some new knowledge that will be useful to the flotilla.

Give it some thought and, if interested, give me a call or send email.

FSO-MT, Dave Aitken

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This Flotilla 87 Monthly e-Newsletter is sent to flotilla members and selected others 1 week prior to the Flotilla monthly meeting. Please send feedback, articles and contributions to the FSO-PB at fsopb@a0540807.uscgauz.info. Due date for input is the 1st of the month.

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Why I joined the Auxiliary

Those of us that join the Coast Guard Auxiliary don't do it for ourselves. We do it to provide a service to our fellow boaters and the regulars in the United States Coast Guard. We believe in a level of boating safety and education and we believe that we can "serve" our country effectively as volunteers in Team Coast Guard.

I took the oath to serve this organization almost 15 years ago. Sure, there have been stressful times, but I always go back to the fact that I believe I have something to offer this organization, the Coast Guard and the boating public. I assume that is what brought most of us to this place, and that this is what keeps us in service each year.

It is really amazing that we are offered so many ways to serve-on our lake and at the Coast Guard Stations. In my time in this organization, I have seen commitments grow-commitments from the USCG for us with training and respect; commitments from us as we serve side by side with those that have enlisted to serve our country. Wow...is there any other organization like this? Members can (and have from our own flotilla) train along side the regulars at "schools" across the country, and all we are asked to do is use this in service to our country ... as volunteers.

We cannot take for granted the service that we provide the boaters on our lakes, rivers, bays and oceans. Each time I go out on the water (on or off duty), I am aware that I may be called to help a stranded boater, or save a life. The training that I have received, the commitment I have made, and my desire to help the boating public made me Semper Paratus.

I encourage each member of Flotilla 87 to "remember" why you chose to take the oath of service for the USCG Auxiliary. I have seen the passion in the eyes of many members as you help one more boater reach safety on the water, help one more child remember their life jacket, inspect one more safe vessel. I commend you for the selfless service you have dedicated to this organization. Let's work together to continue to make Flotilla 87 one of the strongest flotillas in Division 8.

FSO-SR Donna Canary,

Words in boxes?

When reading this enews online, have you wondered why some words are enclosed in a box? Now, hyperlinks (URLs) are shown boxed. Move your cursor over the box and click for the URL pointed material.

Member Training Briefs

AUXCOM - Thanks to the cooperation and support of Donna Canary (AUXCOM Proctor), Carol Shutt and Chuck Gurtzuis took and successfully passed the AUXCOM Exam on 26 July. Congratulations Chuck & Carol!

Vessel Examiner - Dick Shrum continues to work on completing five Vessel Safety Checks under the supervision of a qualified Vessel Examiner.

AUXOP - Dick Shrum continues to work on obtaining AUXSEA and AUXNAV certification.

Good Mate - Carol and Bill Shutt and Dave Aitken passed the Good Mate online exam in July and join the recorded Good Mate members (Andy Gibson, Maureen Daniels, Donna Canary, Barbara Kerr, Rich and Gena Kunz, Jean McCormick and Joe Lynch).

Watch Standers - AUXCOM certified members of the flotilla who need to get up to speed on the duties and responsibilities of a watch stander at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Anna Station are urged to contact FSO-CM-87 before the boating season ends to arrange for training.
FSO-MT, Dave Aitken

Visiting TRACEN Yorktown?

If you are visiting TRACEN at Yorktown, be prepared to show the USCG Auxiliary Employee ID Card, an automobile registration and proof of insurance card to the civilian contractor security guard at the main gate of TRACEN Yorktown.

Make sure you have all three documents ready to present. **Access has been denied in the past for lack of proof of automobile insurance.**

VSC Activity in 2008



CG Auxiliary Vessel Examiner Bob Weakley presents Vessel Safety Check Decals to Steve Moore (L) and Tom Baskette owners of Wake Makers LLC, a boat and personal watercraft (PWC) rental business located at Christopher Run Campground.

Flotilla 87 2008 Elected Officers

Abbr	Position	Member
FC	Flotilla Commander	Kerr, Barbara
VFC	Flotilla Vice Commander	Haley, Jane
IPFC	Immediate Past Commander	Griffes, Jim

Flotilla 87 2008 Staff Officers

Abbr	Office	Member
FSO-AN	Aids to Navigation	Hancock, Lynwood
FSO-CM	Communications	Shrum, Dick
FSO-CS	Communication Services	Gibson, Andy
FSO-FN	Finance	Ness, Richard
FSO-IS	Information Systems	Kunz, Gena
FSO-MA	Materials	Shutt, Carol
FSO-MS	Marine Safety	Haley, Jane
FSO-MT	Member Training	Aitken, Dave
FSO-OP	Operations	Daniels, Maureen
FSO-PA	Public Affairs	Ellis, Ginger
FSO-PB	Publications	Gibson, Andy
FSO-PE	Public Education	Aitken, Dave (A)
FSO-PS	Personnel Services	Kerr, Barbara (A)
FSO-PV	RBS Visitation Program	Shrum, Dick
FSO-SR	Secretary/Records	Kanary, Donna
FSO-VE	Vessel Examination	Shutt, Bill



Padlock Security



Padlock security, it's our responsibility. When you open the padlock on the gate at SARDET, please remember to reset the dials away from the open combination before you leave the gate.

If you don't, the combination is exposed as long as you are at the SARDET. The combination is not required when you lock the gate as it will lock on any combination. But also verify the combination is not visible on the padlock when leaving as your final check.

Calendar

8/16, Sat - About Boating Safely Class, Kirk O'Cliff
 8/16, Sat - Flotilla 37 Picnic at Lake Anna Beach Marina, for details see Jane Haley
 8/23, Sat - VSC stations at Anna Point Marina and High Point Marina
 9/6, Sat - VSC stations at Hunter's Landing and Sturgeon Creek Marina
 9/12-14, Fri, Sat, Sun - Fall District Conference, Holiday Inn Kroger, Richmond, VA. When viewing online, click here for more details.
 9/19, Fri - Flotilla 87 Picnic - Details Coming!
 10/3-5, Fri, Sat, Sun - Fifth District (SR) Advanced Skills Weekend, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) Yorktown

VOPEX Drill Support



Ron Ellis and Maureen Daniels supported the Virginia Operations Plan Exercise (VOPEX) in a simulated radiological emergency at the North Anna Power Station on July 22. Our phone tree was exercised as part of this activity. This drill helps state and local governments test response procedures in the unlikely event of a radiation release. Flotilla member Andy Gibson supported the event as a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service assisting in backup communications.

5SR Conference & Workshops

Coming on September 12-14 to Richmond, the Fifth District Southern Conference & Workshop has something for everyone including workshops, District Material Center, information exchange, fellowship, luncheon and banquet"

Whether you're a veteran attendee, new to the Auxiliary, or anything in between, it's proximity makes it something to consider. A day trip on Saturday, Sept 13 to visit the district store and attend up to 4 workshops sounds like a good plan. More details here.