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## Flotilla 87 Celebrates Banner Year at Change of Watch & Awards Dinner

Flotilla 87 held their Change of Watch Dinner on December 7, 2007 at Tanyard Country Club.

This is a time when we honor our members for their many hours of service. There were several guests present. Lt. Dewey and his daughter April from Sector Hampton Roads, MK2 Jamison Smith and Seaman Patrick Herring from Milford Haven, Irene Luck from the Central Virginia Newspaper, George O'Connell and his wife Doris from the Power Plant, Jerone Ix, Sr. and Jerone Ix, Jr. from Flotilla 84, Evelyn Ross, wife of Deceased, Charter Member and Commander Harold Ross and Robert Kerr, Barbara Kerr's son.

Barbara Kerr thanked the members for the over 8,000 hours of service they had given to boaters and residents on Lake Anna and mentioned how Law enforcement and Rescue Squads had acknowledged our presence on the lake as making a difference in boating safety that we could be proud of.

Barbara Kerr and Jane Haley were officially installed as Commander and Vice Commander respectively. The staff officers were installed and given the requirements of their office.

Awards were presented to several members. Auxiliaryists of the Year award was presented to Andy Gibson.



Awards were given to Maureen Daniels, Dave Aitken, Richard Ness and special awards were given to Gena Kunz, Donna Kanary, Glen Miller and Richard Ness for their assistance during the year which was far above the requirements of their staff positions. 100 Point or over awards were given. Ron Ellis received a gift for earning the most points. Bob Weakley received a 10 year certificate.

Maureen Daniels presented a slide show of pictures she had taken during the year which was enjoyed by all.

The Commander gave a look into 2008 and saw the future to be bright. (continued on Page 2)



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She requested that her new staff come prepared to the January meeting with goals in mind for their staff positions and importance of accomplishing them. She requested that the members work as a team and communicate with each other, and above all have fun in doing their jobs.

Virginia Ellis, Division Captain spoke about the future and possible changes in the Division. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed their choice of dinners. The members of the club had decorated the dining room and halls for Christmas and the service was great. Our next meeting will be on January 15th.

## Member Training News

Dick Shrum is on his way to gaining certification as a Program Visitor and Vessel Examiner. Dick recently passed both the Recreational Safe Boating Visitor Program (RSBVP) and Vessel Safety Check Program (VSCP) exams. Remaining requirements (two RSBVP visits and five Vessel Safety Checks) will be completed early next year-2008.

Member Training hit an all time high in 2007. Member training can and often requires the member to give of his/her time and energy but, after all is said and done, each member can and should be proud of their individual and collective accomplishments. I know I am and I congratulate each and every one of them on a job well done. FSO-MT, Dave Aitken

**Late Minute News:** The Blue Ridge Division 8 Change of Watch was held in Staunton, VA on Saturday, 5 January. Ginger Ellis and Ed Hollowell were installed as DCP and VCP respectively for their 2nd term. Flotilla 87 was well represented with 11 members and guests present including: Pat, Andy, Barbara, Maureen, Rich, Gena, Donna, Jane, Ron, Ginger and Randy.

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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The SARDET dock extension is taking form. Pilings & sides are in. The next step (in warmer weather) is to cover the dock.

## Flotilla 87 Hosts ISC Training

Flotilla 87 hosted an opportunity for Auxiliary members in need of completing their required ICS training at an all day ICS training opportunity at the Kirk O'Kliff Presbyterian Church in Spotsylvania County on Sat, Nov 10th 2007.

This was an abbreviated course covering NIMS, 700, ICS 100, ICS 200, and NRP 800 and offered in a non pressured environment where you came for what you needed. Seventeen people were present for the morning session and 7 people for the afternoon session. Trainees included members from Division 3, 6, and 8. Ranging from Hampton Roads, Roanoke and Williamsburg.

Our thanks to Susan Lowe, SO-MT from Division 8 as instructor for the training. Dave Aitken, FSO-MT from Flotilla 87 was the session coordinator for the training and assisted in providing the location.



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## Email your paperwork in 2008!

Now you have a choice of paper or emailing your paperwork in 2008. After successful selected member testing in 2007, beginning in 2008 your FSO-IS is now ready to accept electronic forms from Flotilla 87 members when the member optionally elects to use them.

The home of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's National forms is <http://forms.uscgaux.org/> and where the most commonly used forms are also available in an e-mail version. The two forms most commonly used by members are 7029 – Member Activity Log and 7030 – Activity Report – Mission. These forms are identical in content to the normal forms, with the exception that they allow on-line submission.

The choice of paper or electronic submission is yours. Electronic submission may offer speedier submission of paperwork and does save stamp cost if you do a lot of mailing. But it does require a member to be comfortable with your computer, Acrobat Reader 5 or above, and to be “online” at the time of submission.

If you want to use the email version, it is recommended you download the latest email form of interest. Complete the fields as needed adding the “Recipient’s email address” as

**fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info**

and your email address as appropriate.

Recipient's email address:

fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info

Your email address:

**SUBMIT**

Click the Blue Check box at the bottom of the page to help ensure your form is ready for submission. You must be “online” when you click the big red submit button.

When the submit button is clicked, the form will create a simplified version of the form using the data provided and automatically send to the Recipient’s email address. A copy of what was submitted is available for printing and it is recommended you print a copy for your records. The original form may be discarded at this time as it cannot be saved if using Acrobat Reader.

Please consider giving the email form a try in 2008.

**It is critical that both email addresses are current and accurate.** The FSO-IS will not get the form if the recipients email address is **incorrect** and you won’t get submission confirmation if your email address is bad. Need help, ask your FSO-IS or FSO-CS.

FSO-IS, Gena Kunz

### Why should I record my hours?

Each year, Auxiliary members devote many hours of their time in support of the Coast Guard and the mission of the Auxiliary. This time needs to be documented and reported to AUXDATA for a number of reasons.

- In order to become qualified in the many missions of the Auxiliary, and to maintain those qualifications, a number of hours or events must be performed. The fulfillment of these requirements must be documented in AUXDATA in order for the member to receive credit.
- Members become eligible for awards based on the number of hours of service performed.
- Perhaps the most important reason is that the Coast Guard needs this data to justify budget requests.

As a national average the Coast Guard and other organizations figure the dollar cost savings of Volunteer time is 17.00 dollars per hour. The largest way to provide proof of AUX viability is submission of time spent on AUX activities.

Let’s set an example for others and submit your time including your 7029, Member Activity Log. This form is used by individual members to document all time that is not reported on one of the other forms. This could include such things as travel time, home preparation for various activities, home study, attendance at meetings, etc. It should be submitted at least once a month.

## 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	Ness, Richard
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	McCormick, Jean
FSO-PS	Personnel Services	Kerr, Barbara (A)
FSO-PV	RBS Visitation Program	Gibson, Andy
FSO-SR	Secretary/Records	Kanary, Donna
FSO-VE	Vessel Examination	Shutt, Bill

## USCG Auxiliary Virtual Classroom

Are you looking for something to do on these cold winter evenings? Why not visit "The USCG Auxiliary Virtual Classroom". This site contains 14 courses in Member Training, Public Affairs, Marine Safety, Operations and vessel Examination.

Get an Auxiliary Virtual Classroom password and start taking a course right away. Go to the Training Resource Center at <http://www.auxtdept.org> and click on "Online Study".



## Calendar

1/15 Tue - 1900, January Flotilla Meeting - Elk Creek Baptist Church, Agenda - 2008 Goals & Activity Planning.

2/19 Tue - 1900, February Flotilla Meeting - Elk Creek Baptist Church

3/1 Sat - 0930, Vessel Safety Check 2008 Workshop-Shutt Residence

Attention all OPS qualified members.....

Your FSO-MT suggests you visit and read

<http://www.auxodept.org/NotesUpdates.htm#Hypothermia>

## Insignia & Uniform Accessories

Carol Shutt, FSO-MA is accepting any extra insignia, pins and uniform accessories that Flotilla 87 members would like to donate. These items will be provided to new Flotilla 87 members as needed.

## Keeping Track Of Commitments!

Flotilla members with multiple competencies may sometimes over commit to activities or have a hard time keeping track of what they have committed to for any given weekend. Is this an ABC, VSC, Crew, or Coxswain, or a something else weekend?

For Flotilla 87 members, why not optionally consider this tool to keep track of things for 2008. It's your choice. Click on the following URL and print the PDF file and fill in as appropriate. Those computer savvy may want to consider the Excel version available at the 2nd URL.

<http://a0540807.uscgaux.info/forms/my2008sked.pdf>

<http://a0540807.uscgaux.info/forms/my2008sked.xls>

## PFD - out, Life Jacket - in

In order to standardize the terminology used with the boating public, in 2008 all are asked to use the term "life jacket" rather than "PFD." Want more information on this and Inflatable Life Jacket Basics. A great article (PDF: 313 KB / 10 pages) is now available at <http://auxbdept.org/pdf/InflatableLifeJacketBasics.pdf>. Auxiliarists and interested members of the boating public should download and read this edition.

**Heads up:** Activity Report Mission (7030), Membership application (7001), and Vessel Examinations (7038) were updated Jan 08. Get the latest from <http://forms.uscguax.org>.