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Who is Flotilla 87?

Flotilla 87 is a small but active group of uniformed, non-military volunteers that represent the local Coast Guard Auxiliary presence on Lake Anna.

The Auxiliary's primary missions are vessel safety checks, public education and operations. These three missions, together with Fellowship (the "glue" which holds these missions and Auxiliary membership together), are known as the "Four Cornerstones."

The flags (pictures) below represent our active presence in the Four Cornerstones. Do you have a friend or neighbor that might be interested in joining and contributing time and effort?

Blue Ridge Div 8

Quarterly Meeting & Picnic

The next Blue Ridge Div 8 quarterly meeting will be hosted by Flotilla 88 at Lake Monticello on Saturday, August 2nd. Following the business meeting, it will be picnic time at Lake Monticello.

Interested in attending? Additional information will be available at the July flotilla meeting.

Why Join? Be part of the action, Assist boaters, Improve your boating skills, Serve the Lake Anna Community, Enjoy fellowship, Be part of Team Coast Guard, Support Homeland Security.



From The Bridge

Flotilla 87 is still conducting Boating Safely Courses at a higher level of attendance than ever before. Students complete the course at a high level of understanding and are very pleased with the knowledge they have gained. This is due to the excellent instructors and our PE Staff Officer who also teaches.

By the time you read this, we will have covered the fireworks on Lake Anna at Dike 2 helping to make sure everyone enjoyed the fireworks and stayed safe on the water.

I hope all members who now have their Good Mate Book will study the text and go on line and take the test. The Flotilla is striving to get everyone to complete the course.

We had our Pontoon Party on June 17. Due to bad weather we were forced to retreat to my house to finish dinner and spend time with each other. We enjoyed the evening and had a good turn out.

We will continue to do boat inspections and patrols for the rest of the summer. We will also continue Boating Safely courses through September. Thanks to members who continue to show concern and assistance to the boating public.

We have been working on getting a new member and the possibility seems good.

Barbara Kerr, Commander



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.uscgaux.info. Due date for input is the 1st of the month.

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SARDET Dock - Comes Together

The SARDET dock takes shape under the efforts of Coast Guard members DC1 Richard Moore, MK2 Steven Van Heuelingen, MK3 John Cuoghi, and FN Isiah Hankins from Sector Hampton Roads Portsmouth, VA. The picture below is near the end of the first day of efforts.



And after three days of effort, it looks like this. We have a new dock to use. Thanks to the US Coast Guard and the efforts of those hard working coasties.

Some finishing touches of fire hose bumpers, some electric work, and clean up remain as of this article creation.



Boat Activity Reports

The coxswain must complete Mission Form 7030, electronically or in hard copy, once the mission is done so all participants get credit for time served on the patrol. This form goes to FSO-IS, Gena Kunz at fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info.

In addition, the coxswain is responsible for completion of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Patrol Order and returning it to the Ops Coordinator (Ron Ellis).

And last but not least, the coxswain must complete the Auxiliary SAR Incident Report (for each SAR) and return it with the completed Patrol Orders to Ron Ellis.

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Lake Caroline - DGIF Class

After a request for assistance from DGIF, Flotilla 87 members Jean McCormick, Maureen Daniels, and Andy Gibson journeyed to the community lodge at Lake Caroline, just south of Ladysmith VA and taught a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) course in boating safety on May 18th.

Eleven students completed the course and were awarded Safe Boating Certificates. Shown here Instructor Andy Gibson addresses the 2nd chapter "Before You Get Underway".



July Meeting - Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for the July 15th Flotilla 87 meeting will be Steve Falkenthal, the Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee's navigation subcommittee and the Lake Anna Civic Association's Hazard Buoy Committee.

Mr. Falkenthal is charged with monitoring the existing hazard and no-wake buoys for their location and condition and also monitoring the "Channel Markers" which were installed in 2007. His work will provide for safer navigable waters for everyone who boats on Lake Anna.

Mr. Falkenthal will talk about his work and how the Flotilla can help him by reporting damaged or off station navigational aids.

Penalty Stamps

The USCGAux National Supply Center (ANSC) asks all not to stockpile penalty stamps (government stamps used to transmit official Coast Guard business correspondence). If you have extra penalty stamps not being used, please give them to other members in need or return them to the FSO-MA. The USCG has paid for these stamps as any other individual would pay the Post Office for regular stamps. Unused Penalty Stamps are

News from Jim & Mary

Jim is our Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC), Jim & Mary Griffes are Flotilla 87 members now living in Texas.

Mary and I are finally settled in our new home! It is great to live in a new home for the first time in our fifty five years of married life.

The services of Morningside Ministry are nice too. A main meal once a day, maid service once a week, change of bedding and all inside and outside care of the home.

I have joined the Boerne, Texas unit of the Sons of the America Revolution. Last Saturday I marched in Revolutionary war uniform in the Local parade. It had 176 units in the parade.

We will be at Fort Sam Houston and the Alamo on the Fourth of July. We had a great time at our granddaughter's wedding on May 31st. It was at the San Jose Mission in San Antonio and the reception was at my son John's home on Boerne Stage Road about six miles from our house. There were about three hundred guests.

Mary's two sisters and a brother came for the event plus all our children and seven of our nine grandchildren. We thought we were going to have fourteen for dinner on Sunday but ended up with twenty five family and friends.

We have joined the St. Marks Presbyterian Church in Boerne and I have taught Sunday School a couple of times and Mary is helping with Bible School in July. It is great to go to your grandchildren's basketball & soccer games.

I have my sailboat in the nearby Canyon Lake about forty miles away. We miss all of you and have been keeping up with you through Andy Gibson's good work with the Fore & Aft and the Central Virginian. We send our Love and Greetings

Jim & Mary Griffes

lost money for the USCG. ANSC can adequately supply all orders therefore there is no need to maintain a multi-month supply.

A limited supply of stamps and envelopes are kept on hand by the FSO-MA and can be distributed on request at flotilla meetings. Need more? Call FSO-MA Carol Shutt at 894-0181. If the materials needed are not on hand in enough quantity, they can be ordered. Allow three weeks for delivery.

FSO-MA Carol Shutt

Pontoon Party

Thursday, June 19 began as a beautiful partly cloudy day but as the hour for the rafting party grew near, the sky grew darker and threatening.

Twenty-two members, spouses, and guests gathered at Barbara Kerr's house at the appointed time. Four pontoon boats provided the party platforms and took off to the designated anchor area with an eye to the sky.

There was plenty of food for all and setup went smoothly as the food, drinks, and dessert were spread across all four boats.

Just after we started eating, mother nature decided to come and visit with increased winds and a very strong indication of rain coming. This led to an immediate departure back to Barbara's house where we continued the party safely in her basement.

Thanks, Barbara for the safe haven from the weather. Also thanks to Barbara for ordering and organizing the Good Mate books. Hopefully everyone can take the test before the July meeting.



Recreational Safety Boating Hotline

Coast Guard discontinued support of the toll-free Boating Safety Hotline number 1-800-368-5647. This number is listed on many pamphlets and boater education materials.

Please strike that number from such materials you have on hand, and promote the www.uscgboating.org site which still provides boat recall and other information, and the CG Auxiliary Hotline number 1-877-575-6296.

Virginia Boating Safety Education Compliance Requirement

The first phase-in is for PWC operators 20 years of age and younger and they will have to meet the requirement by July 1, 2009.

Calendar

7/12, Sat - 1000-1400 VSC stations at Hunter's Landing and Sturgeon Creek, Lake Anna Fireworks 2115

7/15, Tue - July Flotilla Meeting, Kirk O'Cliff

7/19, Sat - About Boating Safely Class, Kirk O'Cliff

7/26, Sat - VSC stations at Lake Anna Marina & Duke's Creek Marina

8/2, Sat - Div 8 Meeting & Picnic, Lake Monticello

8/9, Sat - VSC stations at Christopher Run Campground and Lake Anna Beach Marina

8/8-10, Fri, Sat, Sun - AUXLAMs Course, TRACEN, Yorktown, VA

8/16, Sat - About Boating Safely Class, Kirk O'Cliff

9/11-14, Thr, Fri, Sat, Sun - Fall District Conference, Holiday Inn Kroger, Richmond, VA

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- District (DSO-PB)
- External (DGIF Regional Coordinator, Louisa County Sheriff Dept, and Central Virginian)
- Occasional Division membership requests
- Potential Flotilla 87 members

Adopt A Highway Signs Are Up

