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Richard Ness receives Superior Performance of Duty Award from Ginger Ellis (Div 8 DCDR) at the May Flotilla 87 meeting. Congratulations Richard!

Well Done!!!

The following is an e-mail sent to all involved from our FSO-OP citing an emergency situation during normal patrol activity on June 8. With her permission it is appropriate for all to be aware of this activity and the outcome.

Flotilla members involved included: Mo Daniels, Andy Gibson, Barbara Kerr, Carol Shutt, Bill Shutt, Donna Canary, Jane Haley, and Ron Ellis.

“Yesterday, each of you displayed the best of Team Coast Guard. You make me proud to be in the company of exemplary practitioners of TCT! All components were very much in evidence: risk assessment, adaptability, communication, assertiveness, situational awareness, decision making and leadership. That was all accomplished under unique circumstances, requiring the emergency activation of two additional OPFACs to respond to a Facility that broke down undertaking a tow.

Due to the extreme weather conditions and their location at the far end of the Lake Anna, time was of the

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From The Bridge

Flotilla 87 has continued its many activities. The water level on the lake has recovered and the boaters are now everywhere to be seen.

We have conducted several community and marina boat safety inspections. Four PE classes have been completed, one was for DGIF and the attendance was very good. This could be in part due to the new law Virginia passed requiring boating safety courses over the next few years.

Four of our members attended the soup dinner at Flotilla 88 Lake Monticello. The homemade soups and the desserts were delicious.

Dick Shrum and I attended the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors meeting and our Safe Boating Resolution was adopted. They were reminded how important it is to wear their life jacket.

Seven members of Flotilla 87 started our Clean the Highway program and collected 20 bags of trash.

Our second training meeting included the Good Mate Program. It is a very interesting program and we hope the entire Flotilla will take the on line test.

We supported the PA event at Lake Anna Island Realty on May 24th. The patrol schedule is filling out quite well. Please take a look at the schedule and see where you can fill in.

The dock at SARDET will be completed very soon and we really appreciate the help that is to be available within the next two weeks.

Our pontoon party has been rescheduled for the 19th of June so that everyone can attend. Jane Haley will be in charge so get your selections of food to her as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Richard Ness for his Superior Performance of Duty Award.

Barbara Kerr, Flotilla Commander

Fuel Frenzy

Recommended reading in the Spring issue of the 2008 Navigator, is the article "Fuel Frenzy" by David S. Stover, VFC 63 D8ER, on page 30 regarding the new Ethanol Fuels, better known in the Auto industry as gasohol.

New Fuels boggle the mind: What's a poor boater to do? Each number represents the percent of ethanol alcohol in a gallon.

E10 represents 10% ethanol alcohol, E-15 15%, E-20 20% and E85 85% in each gallon of fuel used on an in-board or outboard engine. E10 is fine for marine usage per author.

Over this amount (10%) can void your warranty. Ethanol in a higher concentration such as E85 will damage fiberglass and rubber fuel tanks, dry out hoses and O rings and cause engine seals and gaskets to shrink or swell in addition to other various problems to marine engines.

E85 is the New Buzz, a less expensive fuel and should not be used in any vessel. Not all gas stations have E85 for sale YET! Be vigilant in your usage of gas for your vessel and you should not have any problems. Read this complete article for a better understanding of the New E-Fuels, and make sure you are using only E-10.

Another interesting article for our VEs is "Flare-Firing Event" on page 36. Richard Ness (FSO-FN)

Blue Ridge Division Web Site

Have you dropped by the updated web site for the Blue Ridge Division and looked around. It's a work in progress by Jeff Demers (SO-CS) but already contains two important elements: metric information for each division flotilla and the spring edition of the division newspaper ("Echo"). Check it out:

<http://a05408.uscgaux.info/>

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Well Done!!!

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essence in assisting not only the Coast Guard Auxiliary Facility, but the disabled boat as well.

When the call for help came, the response was swift and deliberate -- we're on the way! When the call to our OPs Coordinator was made, the response was clear -- Go! When we arrived on scene, assessments were done, decisions were made and clearly communicated. One OP-FAC took the disabled boat to safe haven and the other took the distressed Facility in tow. Once the disabled boat was taken care of, that OPFAC provided escort to the Facility on the long, hot journey to home port.

Special attention was given to the crew and Coxswain as they definitely were feeling the effects of the extreme weather. Our radiowatchstander provided continual assistance in expediting communications and in monitoring the condition of everyone involved. He even offered suggestions for treatment of heat related conditions.

Our radio guard provided a steady, experienced voice every step of the way.

Once we got the Facility safely back to home port, we all tied up our boats and went into the air conditioned comfort of the Facility owner's home for a cold drink, debriefing and that all important component of Team Coast Guard -- fellowship!

One thing is clear. We take care of the boating public; but perhaps more importantly, we take care of our own!

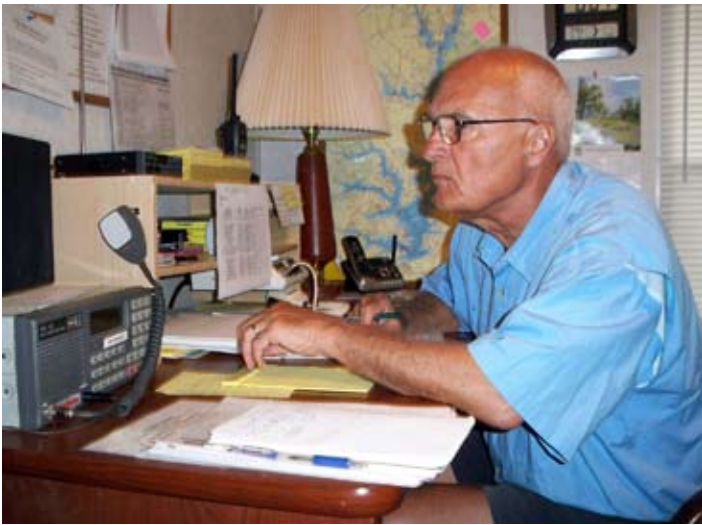
Congratulations on a job well done!"

Maureen Daniels, FSO-OPs, Flotilla 87 Lake Anna

Lake Anna Island Realty Event

Flotilla 87 supported the Lake Anna community with a public affairs booth and VSC opportunity at the 1st annual Boat, Burger & BBQ bash of Lake Anna Island Realty. Support was provided by Ginger Ellis, Andy Gibson, and Dave Aitken. The event included a lunch of BBQ pork, chicken, hamburgers and more. The delicious meal served under a large tent complimented the beautiful clear and sunny day.





Hurricane Zoe Comms Exercise

Shown above is Dick Shrum (FSO-CM) as he participates in a District 5 communications (comms) exercise in early May.

The exercise was based on a simulated Hurricane Zoe disrupting normal communication on the Atlantic Coast and the need for inland locations such as Smith Mountain Lake SARDET and Lake Anna SARDET stepping up to both HF and VHF communications needs of the district.

Other members supporting the exercise were Dave Aitken, Andy Gibson, Ron Ellis, Rich Kunz and Richard Ness. Additionally, during this exercise our phone tree was tested to validate our ability to communicate with all flotilla members in a timely fashion.

Important in this activity was to identify best practices and to capture “What worked.” And “What didn’t work.” This critique and feedback will go far in establishing improvements in communications for District 5.

The Color of the Water will give you Safety Hints:

“Brown, Brown, Run Around” - Keep away! May have reefs or sea grass beds.

“White, White, You Might” - Shallow area (sandbar or shallow rubble).

“Green, Green, Nice and Clean” - Shallow draft, boats should be safe.

“Blue, Blue, Cruise on Through” - Deep water, safe to go.

Can you name the long time flotilla member who has often been heard saying the rhyme above?

FSO-VE Needs Help

A community VSC station at “The Waters” is scheduled on June 21 at 10am. Help is needed!! Also, we need someone to man a VSC station on June 28 at Anna Point Marina. Contact the FSO-VE if you can assist in either of these activities. FSO-VE Bill Shutt

On Patrol!

It’s the time of year when patrols are on the water. Carol Shutt is at the helm on the Sunday, 1 June patrol. Don’t forget boats and crew are needed for the Saturday, July 5 fireworks on Lake Anna.



Adopt-a-Highway

Flotilla 87 conducted their inaugural Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup on Monday, May 19, on a beautiful sunny but cool morning.

Under leadership of Dick Shrum (L), the other members volunteering included (L to R) Maureen Daniels, Richard Ness, Jean McCormick, Barbara Kerr, Dave Aitken, and Gena Kunz. Flotilla 87 has adopted 1 mile on each side of the 208 bridge as a volunteer community effort supporting a clean Lake Anna.

Based on the experience gained from this 1st effort, additional volunteers are needed. Flotilla members wanting to support this effort please call Dick Shrum.



Spotsylvania County Adopts

Safe Boating Resolution

Flotilla Commander Barbara Kerr and FSO-PV Dick Shrum were present at the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 13 supporting National Safe Boating Week.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and in particular Flotilla 87 at Lake Anna greatly appreciates the action taken by the Supervisors and Spotsylvania County in adopting the Resolution on National Safe Boating Week.

Below is Flotilla Commander Barbara Kerr and the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors.



Did You Know

that Flotilla 87 exists in 6 different districts?

A013 - Seekonk, Mass

A070 - Englewood, Fla

A081 - Birmingham, Ala

A082 - Cadiz, Kty

A113 - Mendocino, Ca

and our own **A054 - Lake Anna, Va**

New Office Titles

Effective June 1, 2008 elected officers at the district and division levels have new titles for their positions.

District Vice Commodore is now
Auxiliary District Chief of Staff (ADCOS)

Rear Commodore is now
District Captain (DC)

Division Captain is now
Division Commander (DCDR)

Vice Division Captain is now
Vice Division Commander (VDCDR)

No change for flotilla level positions.

Flotilla Commander (FC)

Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC)

Calendar

6/14, Sat - 1000-1400 VSC stations at Christopher Run Campground and Lake Anna Beach Marina

6/17, Tue - No Flotilla Meeting Scheduled, see Thu

6/19, Thu - 1800, Pontoon Party

6/21, Sat - About Boating Safely Class, Kirk O'Cliff

6/21, Sat - 1000 - Community VSC at "The Waters"

6/28, Sat - 1000-1400 VSC stations at Anna Point and High Point Marina

7/5, Sat -2115 Lake Anna Fireworks

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

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

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

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

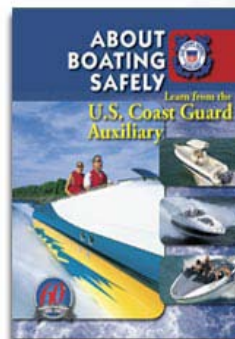
June Brain Teaser

Which of the following is true about computing hours for crew fatigue?

- a. Trailing time counts as 50% underway time.
- b. Time in a sheltered anchorage counts as 50% underway time.
- c. Time includes pre and post mission briefing and check of facility
- d. All of the above.

Bonus: What is the purpose of the "Incident Command System" (ICS)?

New website!



<http://aboutboatingsafely.com/>