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Wow, what a year!

Selected 2008 Statistics (Nov 9 Auxinfo)

6976 hr - Total Member Volunteer Hours
 345 hr - Member Training Hours
 212 hr - SARDET Radio Watch Hours
 148 vessels - Vessel Safety Checks Inspections
 89 visits - Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits
 710 hr - Marine Patrol hours
 91 hr - Search & Rescue Support Hours

Flotilla Commander, FC, Barbara Kerr:

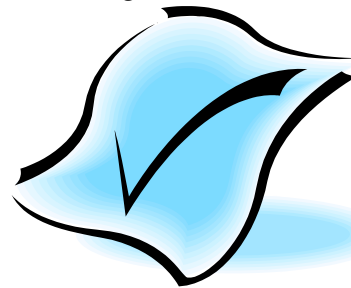
Vice Flotilla Commander, VFC, Jane Haley:

Aids to Navigation, FSO-AN, Lynwood Hancock: The Aids to Navigation program of USCGAUX Flotilla 87 on Lake Anna took a new direction in 2008. We teamed informally with the Lake Anna Advisory Committee (LAAC), which is charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining the Navigational Aids on Lake Anna. Members of Flotilla 87, while on Safety Patrols, observed the aids and hazard buoys, looking for damaged or off station aids or aids otherwise not watching properly. This team effort helped the LAAC in knowing which aids needed repair or attention during the 2008 boating season.

Communications, FSO-CM, Dick Shrum:

Communication Services, FSO-CS, Andy Gibson: Said best in a single sentence: Flotilla 87 captured the USCGAUX national Department of Information Technology's coveted award for the flotilla level "Best of the Web" in 2008.

Finance, FSO-FN, Richard Ness: Our current finances through October 2008 reflect more expenses for the year than income received. Our largest income was from our boating classes. Dues reflect our next highest income, of which 90% goes to Division. The carry over from 2007 helped our funding and operation expenses for 2008. Without our boating classes, we would not be



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able to operate as in the past, with donations, administrative costs, and publications. Food for thought.

Information Systems, FSO-IS, Gena Kunz:

Materials, FSO-MA, Carol Shutt: Year to date, 97 requests for pamphlets, training manuals, guides, publications, forms, stamps, envelopes and PE course materials were processed. A physical inventory of all equipment and property in the custody of Flotilla 87 was completed. The FSO-MA initiated the recycling of gently used uniform accessories and insignia to ease expenses for new auxiliary members. As the recycling effort developed, the initial plan was expanded to include uniform items for new and existing flotilla members.

Marine Safety, FSO-MS, Jane Haley:

Member Training, FSO-MT, Dave Aitken: Member training hours through November 2008 equals 345 hours, inclusive of 68 hours of Operation Training (06A) and 277 hours of Other Training (06B). 2008 saw the membership successfully complete a number of courses such as AUXCOM, Good Mate, ICS-210, AUX-CHEF, Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor and tutorial on wearing your proper uniform. Several workshops were conducted and eleven members of the flotilla completed the American Red Cross course, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. The bottom line is, remembering that we are a volunteer organization, that the

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**This is the final Fore & Aft for 2008.
 Enjoy this edition and the holidays ahead.**

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membership did what they could and they should be proud of their accomplishment, individually and as a group.

Operations, FSO-OP, Maureen Daniels:

Public Affairs, FSO-PA, Ginger Ellis:

Publications, FSO-PB, Andy Gibson: The Flotilla E-news "Fore & Aft" consisted of four pages of useful, easy reading, colorful and timely articles with pictures delivered electronically monthly from January through November 2008. Well received by numerous readers. Your inputs are what make the Fore & Aft. Thanks.

Public Education, FSO-PE (A), Dave Aitken: 2008 saw the flotilla offering a total of 11 safe boating courses. Nine About Boating Safely courses and two Boat Virginia Courses for a total enrollment of 145 students. The flotilla's cadre of instructors have done a yeoman's job in promoting and conducting this very important educational outreach program. The flotilla is proud of the individual and collective efforts you have made to make this another successful year for our Public Education Program and we thank you for it.

Personnel Services, FSO-PS (A), Barbara Kerr:

RBS Visitation Program, FSO-PV, Dick Shrum:

Secretary/Records, FSO-SR, Donna Canary:

Vessel Examination, FSO-VE, Bill Shutt: The Flotilla 87 VEs performed 148 VSCs at Lake Anna in 2008. The total came mostly from our scheduled VSCs at the local marinas. We also scheduled VSCs at a few of the community docks with the assistance of the officers of the homeowner's associations. I want to especially thank the VEs who donated their time to these activities. There were many hours spent that could have been much more productive at one of the marinas. I also want to thank those who independently performed VSCs outside of our schedule. This year was a very

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good year in terms of the number of safety checks completed and I'm confident that next year we will surpass our goal again.

True False

1. If someone falls into the water, jump right in and try to save them.
2. Always be alert of other boats and objects in the water
3. It is a good idea to have a VHF marine radio in case of emergency.
4. Personal watercraft operators must obey the same rules as other vessels
5. One distress signal is arms straight out and moving them up and down.

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From the Bridge

Another season for boating has just about ended. There have been a few stressful times which we have hopefully grown from. Times bring changes and new ways to accomplish our functions. The Division has elected new officers for next year and we are very lucky to have such qualified Auxiliarists to lead us. We accomplished a great deal of training this past year and hope to continue expanding our knowledge.

Our Change of Watch will be held on December 13 at Tanyard Country Club in Louisa. Cocktails will be a 1730 and Dinner at 1830.

Our election for Commander and Vice Commander will be held at the November 18th meeting. If you have any interest in these positions please get in touch with Donna Canary ASAP.

In the October edition of "The Lake Country" from Flotilla 81, Dean Nimax gives some very good pointers on winterizing your boat.

Here are a few of his suggestions: Some of the boating supply stores will be having sales so it is a good time to replace worn out items such as flares, batteries, worn life jackets and ropes. All electronic equipment should be removed and stored indoors.

Check your trailer, tires and all electrical connections, lights and grease the wheel bearings.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the accomplishments each has made to the success of our mission. You and you alone have made this year a success story for our Flotilla. Thanks again.

Barbara Kerr, Flotilla 87 Commander

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Dominion Supports SARDET

Dan Stoddard, North Anna Nuclear Power Station site vice president awards the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 8 and Flotilla 87 with a check to help with the construction of a new communications tower at the Search and Rescue Detachment facility (SARDET) on the eastern end of Lake Anna.

The 80 foot self-supporting tower will improve the coverage of VHF Marine communications during patrols on Lake Anna and be a part of an HF network that covers the East Coast and is implemented during potential disasters or emergencies.

Present to accept the donation included (l to r) Stoddard; Ginger Ellis, Division 8 Commander; Heidi Derby, Auxiliary District Captain, Hampton Roads; Captain Patrick Trapp, Commander, Sector Hampton Roads; CWO Tim Luton, Director Auxiliary Office, Portsmouth; Ed Hine, U.S.C.G.A Flotilla Auxiliary 84, Lake Monticello; Ron Ellis, Lake Anna Ops Coordinator; George Condyles, tower design and construction supervisor and Lake Anna Flotilla 87 member; Barbara Kerr, Lake Anna Flotilla commander; and Jean McCormick, Lake Anna Flotilla 87 member.

Uniform/Accessories Exchange

Please check with the FSO-MA before you purchase uniform items or accessories. There may be something in the members recycling inventory that can save you a few dollars.

When contributing to the recycling effort, please advise the FSO-MA via email identifying the items so they may be added to a recycled uniform inventory list. Since closet space is tight, items are not being accepted for storage by the FSO-MA at this time.

All donations should be cleaned, ironed and appropriately hung or packaged before being recycled to other members.

Blue Ridge Div 8 News



Ed Hollowell (r) and Tom Merriman (l) were unanimously elected as Division Commander and Vice Commander at the Division 8 meeting at Smith Mountain Lake on Saturday, October 11.

Ed and Tom thanked the Division Board for their vote of confidence and promised there will be some changes. With the continued commitment of our members to accomplish Coast Guard missions, we can look forward to successful and productive times.

The Division Meeting and Change of Watch will be at the Holiday Inn in Staunton on Saturday Jan. 17. The meeting will be in the morning with the Change of Watch being a lunch banquet.

Safety First!

Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you changed your clocks back to EST?

Chantilly Fall RV and Boat Show



Flotilla 87 members Dave Aitken (l) and Andy Gibson (r) in their DGIF green and khaki with Tom Goldston of DGIF at the Chantilly Fall RV and Boat Show in Chantilly on Saturday Oct 4th. Dave & Andy supported the DGIF Statewide Boating Safety Education Coordinator, Tom Guess at the show as volunteers manning a public affairs booth.

Technology Corner

You are asked to generate a flotilla report and distribute it. You generate the report on your new computer with Word/2007 and save it and distribute it. But, immediately you get reports from some that your file cannot be opened but others have no issues. What has happened?

Word/2007's native or default mode of saving a file generates a "document.docx" file. This Microsoft improved file format cannot be opened by older word versions unless the Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack has been installed on each computer containing the older office programs that reads the file.

It's hard to convince other users they need to install, on their machines, the appropriate Office Compatibility Pack before they can read your files.

An alternative available to you as the file creator is simply to create your document as a "document.doc" file by using "save as" and selecting the "document.doc" file format.

So when you are required to distribute your documents, please consider your distribution needs and remember to use "save as" to eliminate the compatibility issues.

This discussion also applies to other tools within Microsoft Office/2007 and the free Microsoft Office viewers.

FSO-CS, Andy Gibson

Calendar

11/18, Tue - Flotilla 87 Meeting, Elections
11/27, Thu - Thanksgiving
12/13, Sat - Flotilla 87 Change Of Watch, Tanyard Country Club, Louisa, VA
12/25, Thu - Christmas
12/31, Wed - New Years Eve
1/17/2009, Sat - Div 8 Change of Watch, Staunton, VA
1/20/2009, Tue - First Flotilla 87 Meeting in 2009

Happy Birthdays

November

January

11/14 Andy Gibson

11/22 Rich Kunz

1/7 Mary Griffes

11/25 Barbara Kerr

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CPR/AED Recertification

CPR/AED Recertification under the guidance of Red Cross instructor Jim Burdge was the topic on Monday, 27 Oct in the Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church as 6 members of Flotilla 87 joined church members in their yearly recertification training. Shown below, Flotilla member Gena Kunz practices rescue breathing on one of the training devices. Five additional flotilla members completed their recertification in a second class held on 5 Nov.



Change Of Watch 2008

Tanyard Country Club, Louisa, Saturday, 13 December 2008. Social/Cash Bar 1730 hours, Dinner 1830 hours and Awards 1930 hours.

Watch your email for invitation and bring payment and meal choice to the Nov meeting. Contact point is Carol Shutt (540) 894-0181, ceshutt@vabb.com