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In the Beginning!

Flotilla 87 is 15 years old this year. From one of the charter members, here is a peek into the Flotilla beginning and some 15 year old pictures.

In 1990 there was no USCG Aux at Lake Anna. Some members of FL84 in Charlottesville did some patrols, mainly Jim Crosby. FL84 posted an ad in the CV about their classes being held in Charlottesville. At that time Bob McHale and I were close friends and decided we wanted to learn more about boating and enrolled in the Boating Skills & Seamanship 13 week course. The classes were held in the Charlottesville Armory. We took and passed the class and were immediately BQ'd into FL84.

Bill Flanders, retired Coast Guard, was also in FL84 and decided to start a flotilla at Lake Monticello. This was chartered as FL88. I joined FL88. I was active and received crew training at Lake Monticello marina. I also became an Instructor and taught classes at Lake Monticello.

It was at this time that Flanders and John Shuttleworth

convinced us to have classes in our area. The initial class, 13 weeks, was held at the Mineral bank and we were surprised at the turnout, about 30 attended. After another class Flanders convinced us to consider having a Flotilla at Lake Anna. Our initial organizational meetings were held at Valere Real Estate offices and Flanders helped us to get chartered. We continued having 13 week classes at VRE, with fairly good attendance.

The rest is history. Flotilla 87, Lake Anna, was chartered on June 19, 1993. Representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary led a program in which the Charter was presented and members as well as officers were sworn in. This ceremony was held at the Lakeview Restaurant and was attended by more than 50 people at all levels of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. Also on this date, the U.S. Coast Guard commissioned the Lake Anna Search and Rescue Detachment, which is located at the south end of the dam on land made available by Virginia Power.

Barbara Kerr, our present Commander, and Jack Gorski are the remaining charter members.

Flotilla 87 Charter Member: Jack Gorski

From the Bridge

Flotilla 87 continues to provide training through our PE Classes, Vessel Inspections and Visitation Program. We have covered every weekend out one with patrols on the lake. On August 9th through 11th we provided support to the law enforcement on the lake with our boats and pwcs. There was a large demonstration group at the power plant and we patrolled both the dam and the power plant for three days to keep our eyes and ears alert to any potential problem. Our time and effort was very much appreciated.

At our August meeting we conducted a fashion show of all the proper ways to wear and use our uniforms. It was very informative and conducted by Gail Sheridan a new member that transferred into our Flotilla. It was a wonderful way to refresh our knowledge about the proper way to wear and when a certain uniform was appropriate.

We elected four committees to carry out the following functions: Change of Watch, Elections, September picnic, and the Committee to prepare a report to Division on our 15years of service to the USCGAuxillary. Many of our members have taken advantage of the many courses offered online and completed the tests.

September will be our picnic and October will be when we have the sexual harassment and the blood borne Pathogens workshops. November will be our nominations and election of Commander and Vice Commander. December will be our Change of Watch.

As Commander I would like to suggest if at all possible we should have 3 members on board when patrolling. When we conduct a SAR it is to much easier to do when you have two crew or a jet ski along with the boat. Stay safe and have fun for the rest of the summary

Barbara W. Kerr

Commander Flotilla 87

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

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Best of the Web 2008

Congratulations to Flotilla 87 and FSO-CS Andy Gibson for an outstanding and award winning flotilla web site.

As announced at the USCGAUX National Conference (NACON 2008) in Orlando, Fl., Flotilla 87 has captured the coveted award for the Flotilla level "Best of the Web" in 2008.

The award presentation will occur at the Division 5SR Fall conference in Richmond, VA on Saturday, September 13th. Look for more next month.

When online, why not make a visit to our web site and get re-aquainted. There is something for both our boating public and Flotilla 87 members.

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A selection of pictures of the models used by Gail Sheridan in the Flotilla fashion show during the August flotilla meeting



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Advanced Skills Training

Over the course of my tenure in the USCG Auxiliary, I have taken advantage of many training opportunities that are provided for our growth as members of Team Coast Guard.

Since I completed my AUXOP training several years ago, I was excited to learn about the AUXCHEF class being offered as a training opportunity last year. Not only was this class taught by one of our Flotilla members, but it also offered a unique way to serve as a member of Team Coast Guard in the Food Service program.

In July, I joined Ginger, Ron and 3 other AUXCHEFs at the Change of Command at Coast Guard Station Portsmouth. This was a huge event serving thousands of people from civilians to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Thad Allen.

I was amazed at how we were treated. We were “equals” to those that are serving our nation on ships and bases throughout the country. Our training gave us the same respect (and responsibility) from the Chiefs and Vice Admirals that walked through the door and enjoyed the expansive buffet.

This was an incredible experience. If you are looking for a unique way to serve, this is one opportunity. We are often called to serve at the stations on a regular basis.

The Advanced Training Weekend is approaching in October. AUXCHEF is one way you can enjoy further training; however, there is an expansive list of classes you can use to develop your knowledge base for Team Coast Guard service and personal growth. I encourage you to look at this list and find something that interests you. By staying fresh in our training, we will serve the boating public, the Coast Guard and ourselves better.

Sign up for a class today! FSO-SR Donna Kanary



District Captain, Heidi Derby, and her husband, Division 6 Commander, Gary Derby, took the opportunity to patrol Lake Anna with Jerome Ix, Jr. and Alan Bream from Flotilla 84 on Sunday, August 3rd.

Uniform Exchange



Flotilla 87 FSO-MA began accepting donations of gently used uniform accessories earlier this year to ease expenses for new auxiliary members. The initial idea has expanded to include uniforms for new and existing flotilla members.

At this time, the storage capacity for these items is maximized and the FSO-MA requests that any items for recycling be held by the donor. Those wishing to donate should contact the FSO-MA by e-mail and identify the items so that they may be added to a recycled uniform inventory list. The variety of items now on hand include:

- 8 Men's Air Force style, light blue short sleeve shirts, Size 16 - 17
- 1 Men's Air Force style, light blue long sleeve shirt 16x34
- 1 Dark Blue Long Sleeve CPO Shirt, 16 1/2x33
- 1 Dark Blue Four in Hand Tie
- 1 Men's Dress Blue Trousers 36L
- 2 Men's Blue Work Trousers 42R
- 1 Men's Blue Work Trousers 40R
- 1 Men's Blue Work Trousers 44/32
- 1 Women's White Blouse 16R
- 1 Women's Dress Dark Blue Skirt 16S
- 1 Women's Dark Blue Work Slacks 18S
- 1 Women's Dark Blue Dress Slacks 16S
- 1 Black Web Belt
- 1 Pr. Men's Patent Oxfords 12 1/2
- 1 Garrison Cap 7 3/8
- 1 Men's Combination Cap with Combination Cap Device and Replacement cover 7 1/4
- Various Insignia and Shoulder Boards

For more information about any of these items or the recycling effort, please call or e-mail FSO-MA Carol Shutt.

Welcome Aboard!

It's official, Gail Sheridan and Leigh Pemberton have transferred into our Flotilla. They bring years of experience along. Please welcome Gail and Leigh into our Flotilla.

Lake Anna SARDET Benefits From Jerome Ix Sr Endowment

At the August Division meeting, Jerome Ix, Jr. announced that his father Jerome Ix, Sr. bequeathed a substantial amount of money to the Division for use by the Lake Anna AUX-SARDET.

With much thanks and appreciation for "Senior's" hard and enthusiastic work with the Auxiliary, the Division Board voted to name the Lake Anna AUX-SARDET building the "Ix Building" and to present the "Crew Person of the Year" award to Jerome Ix, Sr.



Front Page Pictures Detail

Top Left: Charter Day at SARDET, Eric Amoto 2nd from left, Bob Rorick in civvies.

Top Right: Early FL87 members/spouses at deck party.

Bottom Left: SAR training at Kerr's, 1st Crew Training.

Bottom Mid: Early FL87 members/spouses deck party.

Bottom Right: B Kerr being QE'ed by Jim Samsell.

ICS-210 News

Operational personnel (coxswains) are required to complete ICS 210 by 31 March of 2009. SO-MT-8-054, Susan Lowe, advises that FC, VFC, Division Officers, and District officers need to complete the course by the deadline published.

Flotilla members holding the named positions are urged to consider attending the ICS 210 offering in Richmond. Three ICS-210 sessions are scheduled. Friday afternoon and on Saturday in the morning and one in the afternoon. More details here when viewing online.

Calendar

9/12-14, Fri, Sat, Sun - Fall District Conference, Holiday Inn Kroger, Richmond, VA. When viewing online, click here for more details.

9/16, Tue - Sun Picnic replaces normal meeting

9/20, Sat - Last scheduled ABS Class, Kirk O-Cliff

9/21, Sun - Flotilla 87 Picnic at SARDET

10/3-5, Fri, Sat, Sun - Fifth District (SR) Advanced Skills Weekend, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) Yorktown

10/11, Sat - Blue Ridge Div 8 Meeting, Smith Mountain Lake

10/21, Tue - Flotilla 87 Meeting

11/18, Tue - Flotilla 87 Meeting, Elections

11/27, Thu - Thanksgiving

12/13, Sat - Tentative Flotilla 87 Change Of Watch

Virginia Boating Safety Education Compliance Requirement

Are you ready for the new Virginia Boating Safety Education Compliance requirement?

Enforcement begins July 1, 2009 on a phased-in approach. This means that the requirement is phased-in according to age category and whether the type of boat being operated is a motorboat or a personal watercraft (PWC).

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. Next is PWC operators 35 years of age or younger by July 1, 2010.

For more information, review the requirement details available on the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web site.

Mary DeViney (DGIF region coordinator) advises changes to the VA Watercraft Owner's Guide (WOG) include the new boating education requirements on pages 35 and 36 and a new cover.

The new WOG cover now matches the new Boat Virginia text book.

