



Flotilla 87 Begins 2009 Meetings



Jane Haley FC (I), Carol Shutt, Mo Daniels, and Jean McCormick recite the Pledge Of Allegiance at the start of the Flotilla 87 first 2009 meeting on Tuesday the 20th of January. A total of 14 members were present at our new meeting location at the Louisa County Library.

Following initial remarks, there were presentations of awards to several members including a photo customized carry-all bag to IPFC Barbara Kerr in appreciation of her leadership in 2008.

Topics of discussion during the meeting included the jobs of the officers and staff and the need for monthly reports and communication including their division counterparts.

A big challenge facing the flotilla this year is the need to re-certify 10 members. The FSO-MT is preparing training classes to ensure those members are ready. The projected resources needed for each coxswain's



The Training Report

In January, we started our 2009 Member Training Program with the ICS 210 class at the SARDET. Ten of our members, coxswain and crew attended the workshop conducted by DSO-MT, Susan Lowe. We have 3 additional members to complete this qualification.

At the Flotilla Meeting, information was available in hard copy to support e-mail information on the District Conference Training opportunities on February 13-15; Advanced Training Weekend March 6-8; and the Sector Hampton Roads Workshops on March 21.

Our members have been asked to complete a MT training worksheet in order for me to plan upcoming events for the year. Unfortunately, only a handful have returned this form to me.

We started a NAV training series on February 6. This will continue on Friday nights throughout the month of February. This workshop will be followed by SAR training. All of these classes are in preparation for the May Operations Training Weekend May (tentative) May 15-17.

FSO-MT, Donna Canary

With Valentine's Day and another boating season almost upon us, one of the best gift ideas for boaters is to sign them up for a boating education course. Knowledge is power, and it has been statistically shown that boaters who have taken a safety class are far less likely to be involved in a boating mishap or fatality.

recertification are: QE, 2 coxswains (1 is the qualifier), 2 boats, 2 crew (1 per boat), and 1 radio watchstander during a four hour window of time.

Recruitment for new members was identified as a needed emphasis this year. The Flotilla Commander named 5 committees to help keep the flotilla running smoothly this year. Members were invited to choose a committee and sign up to help.

Public Education Corner

Recreational boating offers many opportunities for operators and passengers to enjoy the waters. Along with these opportunities come responsibilities -- both to passengers and to others who share the public waterways.

As the operator of a boat, you are responsible for ensuring that your passengers understand basic safety practices and laws. Use a pre-departure checklist to make sure you have taken the necessary safety precautions. Before departing, have a safety discussion with your passengers covering the following areas:

- Locations of life jackets, fire extinguisher, VDS, and first aid kit
- The need for each passenger to wear his/her life jacket, especially during times of high boating traffic and/or severe weather.
- Laws about reckless operation and required equipment.
- Safety procedures if caught in rough weather, someone falls overboard, or if a fire erupts.
- How to signal for help or use the VHF marine radio to make a MAYDAY call.
- Risks of consuming alcohol.

You should always make sure that anyone operating your boat/PWC understands their responsibilities as a driver. Your attitude toward safe operation will help make them drive more safely and responsibly.

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Happy Birthdays

February

2/7 Virginia Gorski

2/9 Ginger Ellis

March

3/22 Gail Sheridan

3/24 Chuck Grutzius

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Fredericksburg Boat Show

The Fredericksburg Flotilla 2510 and the Mid-Potomac Power Squadron of Stafford, VA were side by side again at the 3 day Fredericksburg Boat Show that began on 30 Jan. By request, Flotilla 87 supported Flotilla 2510 at their Public Affairs booth. Andy Gibson assisted with watch standing and Jean McCormick, FSO-PE provided Lake Anna Boating Class information.

“Sea Vester”, the Power Squadron equivalent of our “Coastie” provided a major draw to our combined booths especially for the young crowd.



Keep Your Head Above Water.

Wear Your Life Jacket!

Lake Anna Operations

Our Auxiliary calendar is already filling up!

The Ops workshop, mandatory TCT Refresher course was held Saturday, February 7 at the Louisa County Library. A make up for Ops and TCT is scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

“Professor” Lynwood Hancock is offering Nav classes each Friday evening in February to improve seamanship skills and prepare for requalification exercises this year. Next up will be SAR classes offered by Leigh Pemberton. Training, coordination, communication, team work = greater proficiency in completing Coast Guard missions.

Bring your calendars to the meeting. The 2009 safety patrol/radiowatch schedule will be circulated. The primary focus will be the 35 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Coxswains, crew and watchstanders are asked to sign up for their fair share of missions.

FSO-OP, Maureen Daniels

Blue Ridge Division COW

With temperatures hovering in the single digits, eight members of Flotilla 87 traveled to Staunton, VA to attend our division Change of Watch (COW). Members were Ginger Ellis, Mo Daniels, Donna Canary, Jean McCormick, Andy Gibson, Gena Kunz, Rich Kunz, and Jane Haley.

Morning activities included the quarterly Div 8 meeting followed by a round table discussion on operations.

The change of watch began with an award to Ginger Ellis from Cmdr. Jeffrey Novotny, Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads for her work in leading the Blue Ridge Division over the last 2 years.



A benefit of going to activities such as this is to meet new friends and discuss activities with counterparts in neighboring flotillas. Shown below is Mo Daniels in discussion with Jack Thompson (F84). Ed Hinline (FC-84) is in the foreground.



The next picture shows Ed Hollowell and Tom Merri-man receiving the oath of office from District Captain Heidi Derby and Cmdr. Jeffrey Novotny, Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads.



Many Flotilla 87 members received awards during the awards portion of the COW for their outstanding work during 2008. Flotilla 87 strongly supports the division activity by holding 4 Staff Officer positions and multiple other division appointments in 2009.

Attendance at events also gives one opportunity to see what others have done. Dave Gruber (SO-MS) showed off a training aid constructed by Garland Linkous and Tom Rundell, both of F83 for use at public affair events. The game "Officer Snook Trash Game" helps enforce the knowledge of "How long does my trash last in the environment?" and complements ANSC available handout resources on environmental protection.

While this training aid is borrowable for local use, is there anyone in our flotilla that would like to construct one for F87? It's a good winter project for someone. Let the FSO-MS Leigh Pemberton know you have accepted the challenge.



Program Name Change

Effective January 1, 2009 the Aids to Navigation (AN) Staff Officers changed to Navigation Systems (NS) at all levels. This name change keeps the program name consistent with the Coast Guard and better reflects the many activities available to members. Lynwood Hancock is now our FSO-NS and Jean McCormick is now the SO-NS for the division.

Flotilla 87 2009 Elected Officers

Abbr	Position	Member
FC	Flotilla Commander	Haley, Jane
VFC	Flotilla Vice Commander	Daniels, Maureen
IPFC	Immediate Past Flotilla Commander	Kerr, Barbara

Flotilla 87 2009 Staff Officers

Abbr	Office	Member
FSO-CM	Communications	Daniels, Maureen
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	Pemberton, Leigh
FSO-MT	Member Training	Kanary, Donna
FSO-NS	Navigation Systems	Hancock, Lynwood
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	Sheridan, Gail
FSO-PV	RBS Visitation Program	Shrum, Dick
FSO-SR	Secretary/Records	Shutt, Carol
FSO-VE	Vessel Examination	Shutt, Bill

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Before allowing anyone to operate your boat/PWC:

- Make sure he/she meets the minimum age and education requirement for operators on Virginia waterways. At this time, there is no age limit or education requirement for operators of boats; but as of July 1, 2009, all operators 20 and under must pass a certified safe boating class in order to legally operate a PWC on Virginia waterways.
- Make sure they understand basic boating safety and Navigation Rules
- Make sure they know how to use the lanyard attached to the ignition switch.
- Explain the importance of obeying "idle speed" or "Slow speed" or "no wake" restrictions.
- Emphasize the need for staying alert. Beginning operators may concentrate on driving and not on paying attention to the surrounding traffic.
- Let PWC operators know they are operating a boat and have the same responsibilities as any other boat operator.

FSO-PE, Jean McCormick

Calendar

2,13-15, Fri, Sat, Sun - D5SR Winter Conference, Marriott Chesapeake (3 ICS-210 classes offered)
2/15, Sun - 1600, Nav refresher, Meeting 2
2/17, Tue - 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library
2/20, Fri - 1800, Nav refresher, Meeting 3
2/27, Fri - 1800, Nav refresher, Meeting 4
3/6-8, Fri, Sat, Sun - D5SR Advanced Skills Weekend (ASW), Yorktown, VA (3 ICS-210 classes offered)
3/8, Sun - Daylight Saving Time Start (Spring Forward)
3/21, Yorktown, VA - Sector Hampton Roads Wrkshps
3/21, Make Up Flotilla Ops and 1 hr TCT workshops
3/24, Tue - 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library (Note: 4th Tue this month)
3/28, Sat - 0830, ABS Class, Louisa County Library
3/28, Sat - 0930, Eight Hour TCT class, Smith Mountain Lake, Instructor - Mickey Frece

ICS-210 Class at SARDET



On a cold clear Saturday in January, nine Flotilla 87 members stayed busy taking the ICS-210 class at the Lake Anna SARDET. Susan Lowe, DSO-MT, was the instructor for this new and required training course for certain qualifications.

Shown left to right are, Leigh Pemberton, Gail Sheridan, Barbara Kerr, and Jean McCormick as they review the handout material. Additional attendees not pictured included Bill and Carol Shutt, Rich and Gena Kunz, and Maureen Daniels.

If you missed this class and still need ICS-210 this year, it will be repeated at the upcoming D5SR Winter District meeting and again at the D5SR Advance Skills Weekend.