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## Flotilla 87 Celebrates 2008 at Change of Watch & Awards Dinner

Flotilla 87 members, spouses, and invited guests returned to the Tanyard Country Club in Louisa to celebrate 2008, install new officers and staff for 2009, and to honor those that excelled during the year.

Following an excellent meal, the Change Of Watch began with a thank you from Richard Gonzalez, BM1, Executive Petty Officer, CGSTA, Milford Haven, VA.

Virginia Ellis, DCDR, Blue Ridge Division lead the installation ceremony of Jane Haley as Flotilla Commander and Maureen Daniels as Flotilla Vice Commander. They in turn performed the installation of the appointed staff officers for 2009. See page 4 for staff & positions.

Awards were earned by many members. Shown below L to R are Rich Kunz, Richard Ness, Gena Kunz, Andy Gibson, Ron Ellis, Ginger Ellis, and Maureen Daniels, all of whom received blue ribbons for hours of service in excess of 100.



### Co-Auxiliarists of the year!

Gena Kunz (L) and Maureen Daniels (R) were chosen as Co-Auxiliarists of the year for their overall major contributions to Flotilla activities.

A look forward to 2009 was provided by Jane Haley, FC for Flotilla 87 and Ed Hollowell, the DCDR(e) for the Blue Ridge Division.

The evening finished with a creative slide show to music by Maureen Daniels which highlighted 2008 Flotilla activities.



## The Commander's Corner

Welcome to January 2009! It is hard to believe 2008 is over. The boating season will be here before we know it. Maureen and I are looking forward to the exciting opportunities 2009 has to offer. We want to increase on the water training and continue to provide at least as many safety patrols as we did in the past. We hope to make our meetings more beneficial to all with small training sessions at each. We want to give each staff officer time to share their programs with the entire flotilla.

More public education classes will be offered this year in an effort to assist the boating public in meeting the new regulations for personal watercraft that go into effect in July.

Recruitment must continue to be one of our major focuses. We need to recruit members with diverse talents and skills to complement our current array. This may require us to "think outside the box" to attract qualified potential members.

The January flotilla meeting will be a round table discussion to set realistic and achievable goals for 2009. See you on the 20th!  
FC 87, Jane Haley

## Lake Anna Operations

2009 promises to be a demanding and challenging year, particularly for ten of our thirteen coxswains who will need to be re-qualified this year. FSO-MT, Donna Kanary, Lynwood Hancock, Leigh Pemberton and I are developing a series of training exercises to prepare coxswains for their skills check off. We are planning a mini Nav class, a review of SAR search patterns, knot practice, and a refresher on side by side towing procedures. Our goal is to give coxswains enough opportunities to practice the skills they will have to successfully demonstrate to a Qualifying Examiner (QE).

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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.uscgauz.info](mailto:fsopb@a0540807.uscgauz.info). Due date for input is the 1st of the month.

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## Public Education Corner

Flotilla 87 will continue to offer the 8 hour About Boating Safely course for the 2009 boating season. This course is approved by NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) and is also recognized by the US Coast Guard.

About Boating Safely satisfies the Virginia state requirement for boating safety education. It also offers the recreational boater a wide variety of information to make boating experiences safer and more comfortable.

In order to meet the needs of the boating public and assist young PWC operators obtain the necessary state certification, we are adding 3 additional classes to our 2009 class schedule.

As you know, **as of July 1, 2009, all PWC (jet ski) operators 20 years of age or younger must take a boating education course in order to operate a PWC in the state of Virginia.** Flotilla 87 will extend the class offerings to try to accommodate the education needs of these recreational boaters.

Our About Boating Safely classes will be taught at the Louisa County Library on the 4th Saturday of each month February – November, unless otherwise noted with a \*.

February 7, 2009 *	July 25, 2009
March 28, 2009	August 22, 2009
April 25, 2009	September 26, 2009
May 30, 2009 *	October 24, 2009
June 27, 2009	November 28, 2009

Our About Boating Safely class will cost \$20 per person which includes book, materials, exam and certificate of completion. If a second person wants to share a book and materials, the cost for the second person is \$5 for the exam and a certificate of completion.

There is always a need for more instructors. If you would like to join our PE team, let me know and I will assist you in getting the necessary training and certification. Also, there is a need for teaching assistants in all classes. Check the schedule and if you are available for any or all classes, let me know.

FSO-PE, Jean McCormick

Check out the **New Look** for 2009 in the web site. A new Logo, eNews tab, new pictures in Gallery are some of the new features. Click here when online.

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## ePaperwork in 2009 for 87!

Thirty seven percent (37%) of all forms processed by your FSO-IS officer in 2008 were submitted via e-mail electronically. Electronic submission offers speedier submission of paperwork and saves stamp costs. But it does require a member to be comfortable with their computer, Acrobat Reader 5 or above, and to be "online" at the time of submission. Your FSO-IS recommends electronic paperwork submission whenever possible and practical in 2009.

The home of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's National forms is <http://forms.cgaux.org/> and this is where the most commonly used forms are also available in an e-mail version. The two forms most used by members are 7029 – Member Activity Log and 7030 – Activity Report – Mission. These e-mail forms are identical in content to the normal forms, with the exception that they allow on-line e-mail electronic submission.

The choice of paper or electronic submission continues to be yours. When using the electronic e-mail version, it is recommended you download the latest e-mail form of interest. Complete the fields as needed adding the "Recipient's e-mail address" as follows:

**fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info**

You may optionally send multiple addressees your submissions; simply add a comma, between addresses. For example, to send to [fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info](mailto:fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info) and yourself, enter into the Recipient's e-mail address as:

**fsois@a0540807.uscgaux.info,YourEmailAddr**

Also don't forget to enter your e-mail address in the field "Your e-mail address:".

Click the blue check box at the bottom of the page to help ensure your form is ready for submission. You must be "online" when you click the big red submit button. If you need a little more help, try the forms FAQ visible here when online. This FAQ section relates to electronic forms. Questions cover a wide range of topics from beginners to experts.

When the submit button is clicked, the form will create a simplified and reformatted version of the form using the data provided and automatically send to the Recipient's e-mail address(s). A copy of what was submitted is available for printing and it is recommended you print a copy for your records. The original form may be discarded at this time as it cannot be saved if using Acrobat Reader. If you added your own e-mail address separated by a comma also in the recipient e-mail address field,

you will receive an e-mail copy.

**Note:** It is critical that both e-mail addresses are current and accurate. The FSO-IS will not get the form if the recipients e-mail address is incorrect and you won't get submission confirmation from the FSO-IS if your e-mail address is bad. For more help ask your FSO-IS or FSO-CS.

FSO-IS, Gena Kunz

### Why should I record my hours?

Each year, Auxiliary members devote many hours of their time in support of the Coast Guard and the mission of the Auxiliary. This time needs to be documented and reported to AUXDATA for a number of reasons.

- In order to become qualified in the many missions of the Auxiliary, and to maintain those qualifications, a number of hours or events must be performed. The fulfillment of these requirements must be documented in AUXDATA in order for the member to receive credit.
- Members become eligible for awards based on the number of hours of service performed.
- Perhaps the most important reason is that the Coast Guard needs this data to justify budget requests.

The Coast Guard and other organizations figure the dollar cost savings of volunteer time is \$17 per hour. The best way to provide proof of AUX viability is submission of time spent on AUX activities.

Let's set an example for others and submit your time including your 7029, Member Activity Log. This form is used by individual members to document all time that is not reported on one of the other forms. This could include such things as flotilla e-mail reading and response time, travel time, home preparation for various activities, home study, attendance at meetings, etc. It should be submitted at least once a month.

## 5SR Winter Conference

Coming on February 13-15, the Fifth District Southern Conference & Workshop has something for everyone including workshops, District Material Center, information exchange, fellowship, luncheon and banquet.

Do you still need ICS-210? It's offered here. More details can be found here when viewing online.

## Flotilla 87 2009 Elected Officers



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

## Flotilla 87 2009 Staff Officers

Abbr	Office	Member
FSO-AN	Aids to Navigation	Hancock, Lynwood
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-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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The more we practice, the more proficient we will become. Training, cooperation, communication and team work will be priorities as we strive to honor our commitment to Coast Guard Auxiliary activities.

As we begin this new year, let's resolve to help one another achieve personal and Flotilla goals, take pride in our individual and collective successes, and enjoy what we do!  
 FSO-OP, Maureen Daniels

## Calendar

1/17, Sat - Div 8 Change of Watch, Staunton, VA  
 1/20, Tue - 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library (Set goals for 2009)  
 2/7, Sat, 0830-1630, ABS Class, Louisa County Library  
 2/13-15, Fri, Sat, Sun - D5SR Winter Conference, Marriott Chesapeake.  
 2/17, Tue - 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library  
 3/6-8, Fri, Sat, Sun - D5SR Advanced Skills Weekend (ASW), Yorktown, VA (3 ICS-210 classes offered)

## Happy Birthdays

### January

1/7 Mary Griffes

### February

2/7 Virginia Gorski

2/9 Ginger Ellis

## The Training Room

The 2009 Member Training program for Flotilla 87 is based on continuing to follow and expand the training programs the Flotilla enjoyed in the past. After several meetings with the new Flotilla Bridge, we have developed a program outline to introduce, expand and refine many of the skill areas available to our members. We will be doing this through Flotilla meetings, ongoing classes and special weekend training and skill workshops.

Also, at our January meeting, we will be briefly discussing the Winter District Conference and the Advanced Training Weekend.

You should have received a Training Worksheet via e-mail a few days ago. Please take the time to fill this out and bring it to the January Flotilla meeting. I will collect these and compile the results for a report at the February Flotilla Meeting. This will be used as a template to plan additional training activities throughout 2009.

In the next few weeks, look for information on an ongoing class on Search and Rescue and Navigational Training. Also, we are beginning plans for our Operations, Vessel Examinations and Public Education courses.

I am looking forward to working with you as your Member Training Officer in 2009. Please contact me with any ideas or requests.

FSO-MT Donna M. Kanary

## BOATING SAFETY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

If your boat does not have a capacity plate stating how many people it will carry, how can you find out?

Rule of Thumb: **Number of people = (length of boat X width of boat) / 15**