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Lake Anna July 4-5th Support



There was presence of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on both Saturday and Sunday for the "Independence Day" weekend this year.

Support for the annual Lake Anna Civic Association (LACA) fireworks show was provided with four boats (facilities) manned by the following members from Flotilla 87. Maureen Daniels, Jean McCormick, Rich Kunz, Gena Kunz, Gail Sheridan, Jane Haley and Leigh Pemberton. Ray Clarey from Flotilla 37 also supported as crew. Andy Gibson provided radio watch at the SARDET during the event.

The facilities maintained a safety line off of Dike 2 (on both the hot and cold side) where the fireworks originated from throughout the display.

Sunday, July 5th was cool and wet but Flotilla 84 had one boat patrolling on the cold side with Tom Shepherd III at the helm and Ed Hineline as crew. Peter von Keyserling joined them as a trainee for a portion of the patrol. The radio watch was again Andy Gibson.

Watch Words for 2009

"Leadership, Performance, Readiness"

"Credibility, Innovation, Opportunity"

An Ordinary Day Extraordinary Events

Sunday, June 28, 2009 started out just like any other routine patrol on Lake Anna. Leigh Pemberton was coxswain; Maureen Daniels served as his crew and Jean McCormick stood radio watch at the SARDET. Great weather--clear, low humidity, nice refreshing breeze--a good day to be out.

Then, a call from Spotsylvania dispatch - missing eight year old from the State Park Beach. Could we assist? The boy was probably on his parent's boat but no boats were available to locate and verify. With a good description of the boat and a general idea of where to look, it still took 90 minutes to find and verify the boy was safe. Turns out the boy never told the baby-sitter where he was going.

But there was no time to celebrate that happy ending as another call was received for a jet ski accident with a "not responsive" 18 year old near the islands across from the power plant.

Our patrol boat was the first on scene but three DGIF boats (one with Coasties onboard) and an off duty Spotsy officer were just behind assisted by SARDET location information. In the meantime an ambulance was staging at a nearby community dock.

The USCGAUX patrol boat assisted by transporting a back-board and 3 EMTs from the ambulance to the incident site. The victim was transported to the ambulance on the off duty Spotsy officer's pontoon boat.

A rewarding day for all involved. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is viewed as a valuable, reliable resource on Lake Anna. Communication is key to efficient, effective response

Interested in reading more details and lessons learned, then click here when online and enjoy the complete story written by FSO-OP Maureen Daniels.

How are you doing?

Wow, time sure flies. Do you realize its almost the middle of July and we are about to start the last half of 2009.

By this time, many of us should already have completed enough patrol or teaching hours, inspections, program visits, etc to have satisfied the yearly re-certification requirements for your certifications. Have you?

Ok, you are not sure or have no idea. Don't forget that our web site has a "metrics page". Visit here when online to see the web page representing an optional but convenient tool for members to track unit and individual metric information found in the Auxiliary AUXINFO data base via AUXINFO custom bookmarks.

Members may use this information to track their status of mission activity and hours toward earned certification requirements, required re-certifications and performance awards. The AuxInfo data base is updated every Monday morning with data from AUXDATA.

The "metrics page" was introduced to our members in the February 2008 Fore & Aft on page 3. Click here when online to review the material.

The message here is to remind all that some re-certification work is needed each year and that the metrics page makes it easy to check on your progress. Assuming you or others are completing your needed paperwork, you should expect to see the numbers present a week or two after the paperwork goes in. When nothing is happening, this should be a trigger to you to find out clearly what is going on and why no data is showing.

Don't wait for the last minute when the weather gets bad. Opportunities may not be there to satisfy the recert hours.

Not comfortable on the web? Consider asking Gena Kuna our FSO-IS staff to assist you in determining your status and action needed.

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

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OPS ALERT - Comms

Coming soon are the Guidelines for standing radio watch at the Lake Anna SARDET!

For most of us who are comms qualified, standing watch only a couple of times a year can be somewhat intimidating with so much to remember! It's hard to become proficient at something done so infrequently.

Soon, "Guidelines" should help alleviate concerns that you might forget all you need to do. It will include what you must do to open and close the station, general protocol and expectations for watchstanders, a MARB script, handling requests for assistance, phone numbers, etc. Everything you need to know to stand watch. Being able to view on your computer gives you the chance to prepare ahead of time so you know what to expect and can have a comfort level with required tasks. That way, if you have any questions, you can get clarification before you actually stand watch. It will be a "work in progress" as I attempt to address any concerns you have regarding watchstanding.

I will support and prepare you in any way possible to get more of you to help provide radio coverage for coxswains and crew who want to patrol. No radiowatch--no patrols.

Maureen Daniels, FSO-CM

USCG Support on Lake Anna



Several members of Coast Guard Station Milford Haven have visited Lake Anna to assist the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) with Law Enforcement boardings. During busy boating traffic weekends such as Memorial Day weekend, July 4th weekend, and during Operation Drywater, a Law Enforcement presence is a must.

Station Milford Haven has sent BM2 Lewis, Mk2 Newton, SN Herring, BM2 Toner, and BM2 Brown to assist DGIF with its efforts to enforce laws and regulations on the lake. The CG Auxiliary was able to help Milford Haven in its efforts to assist DGIF with providing lodging at the AUX SARDET. BM2 Matthew Lewis

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Flotilla 88 CV Article

The Central Virginian of June 25, 2009 had an excellent quarter page article on David Lipwak from our neighboring Flotilla 88 at Lake Monticello. "Once by air, now by sea" underscores his Air Force background and experiences even before joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary 15 years ago.

The many members of Flotilla 88 whom David Litwak has taught and tested know of his ability and knowledge and how he regularly volunteers for patrol duty.

Hope many of you reading this got an opportunity to read and enjoy the article.

Technical Corner

Got a Auxiliary question and looking for an answer. Why not try the Auxiliary Knowledge Base or AuxKB for short. Visit <http://kb.cgaux.info/> when online. Give it a try, you may be surprised to find an answer quickly. An example of a recently stored question and answer.

Question: What is the rule for wearing tropical blue during travel ?

Answer: Auxiliarist's traveling on CG orders (either written or verbal, re-imbursable or not) may wear any appropriate uniform/authorized uniform of the day for the region area traveling from/to with the exception of the ODU. Caveat, the ODU maybe worn while traveling to and from a duty station. It is not a "Liberty Uniform".

Auxiliarists traveling on CGAuxA orders may not wear their uniform while traveling.

June Meeting Awards



Jane Haley (FC) awards Gena Kunz (r) a well earned Superior Performance award. Also receiving a Superior Performance award was Ginger Ellis.

Gena Kunz, Rich Kunz, Carol Shutt, Bill Shutt, and Andy Gibson received a "Certificate of Advancement" certifying a satisfactory completion of all requirements and the recipients are designated Patrols Specialists for the AUXPAT course completion. AUXPAT is one of the six required courses for AUXOP.

The AUXOP or Operational Auxiliarist program is an advanced training program available to members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. An AUXOP member that has completed the six advanced specialty courses is entitled to wear the special AUXOP device on the uniform.

Enjoy! This view isn't often seen of the back side of the Lake Anna dam.

This photo was taken 4th of July this year by Gail Martin while she had the opportunity to ride in an open cockpit experimental aircraft.

Photographer: Gail Martin, Tyler Point, Bumpass, VA



USCG AUXILIARY
LAKE ANNA STATION (AUXSARDET)



SUMMER CELEBRATION

OF
THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUXILIARY
THE DEDICATION OF THE JEROME IX SR BUILDING
THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW RADIO TOWER

Please join Flotillas 84 and 87 for this picnic celebration
and day of fellowship

on **Sunday, July 26** at the Lake Anna AUXSARDET
starting at 1300.

It is a potluck so bring a side dish and your drinks (no alcohol).

Meats will be supplied

There will be games (horseshoes, badminton & volleyball).

Dress is picnic casual.

Please remember that there is no swimming.

LET JEAN MCCORMICK KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING AND WHAT DISH YOU WILL BE
BRINGING

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Calendar

- 7/17, Fri - 1000 SARDET Clean-up/Paint Activity
Completion if needed. Wear your painting clothes.
- 7/18, Sat - 0930 , Eight-hour Team Coordination training (TCT), Lynchburg Criminal Justice Center, Contact SO-MT Susan Lowe at cslowe4@verizon.net
- 7/21, Tue - 1900 Flotilla 87 meeting cancelled and replaced by picnic and dedication on Sunday, the 26th
- 7/25, Sat - 0830, ABS Class, Louisa County Library
- 7/26, Sun - 1300, Flotilla 84 & 87 Picnic and Dedication of Radio Tower and the Jerome IX, SR Building at the SARDET.
- 8/8, Sat - Blue Ridge Quarterly Meeting & Picnic, Claytor Lake, VA, Host: Flotilla 83
- 8/22, Sat - 0830, ABS Class, Louisa County Library
- 9/12, Sat, Deadline for reservations at ASW in Oct.
- 9/18-20, Fri-Sun, District Conference, Chesapeake, VA
- 9/26, Sat - 0830, ABS Class, Louisa County Library
- 10/2-4, Fri-Sun, Advanced Skills Workshop (ASW), Yorktown, VA Details here when online.
- 10/24, Sat - 1000, Blue Ridge Div Quarterly Meeting - Elections, Louisa County Library, Host: Flotilla 87

Say Hello

Our guests at the June meeting were Anita and Bob Schuler from District 7, Division 7, Flotilla 8 in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

They have a summer home on the hot side of Lake Anna. Both Bob and Anita are active in their home flotilla with Bob an IPFC and current FSO-OP and FSO-IS and Anita the FSO-SR.

As Bob is crew qualified, he joined Andy Gibson on a Safety Patrol on Sunday June 21. During the patrol, Bob talked a little about an honorary Aux member in his Division in Florida. A strong candidate for the USCG when she is old enough. In the meantime she helps teach boating classes, builds classroom aids, and writes articles. See her article on page 18 in the Div 7 "The Intercom" (1.7MB). Click here when online. And she is only 9 years old.

Because of her interest, her father joined the auxiliary 1 1/2 years ago and is actively pursuing other younger members. Bob suggests encouraging Flotilla 87 members to try to find young people here who have that interest. It's the best way to recruit younger members.

May the opportunities be present for Flotilla 87 to see more of them during their stay at Lake Anna. Flotilla 87 says 'Hello' and welcomes both of you to Lake Anna.

Penalty Stamps

Whenever mail is sent via government mail using the penalty indicia system, only titles and addresses are permitted in the return address. The use of personal names makes the envelope a private mailing using government postage, which is prohibited and may be subject to a fine of up to \$300.

Digital eNews Class

Interested in learning more about a digital eNews such as this Fore & Aft. Come on down to the Advanced Skills Weekend (ASW) the first weekend in October in Yorktown. Andy Gibson Flotilla 87 FSO-PB and Sharon Beach Div 3 SO-PB are teaming together to offer this class. Click here for details when online.

Digital eNews Class: Step up to the digital revolution with your Flotilla newsletter. Learn the fundamentals, tips, and techniques for an electronic newsletter with subject matter presentations and group exercise. Bring your camera and laptop if available. Practice exercise will use Adobe Photoshop Elements and Microsoft Publisher. Saturday 0830.