



D5SR Winter Conference



Frans Kasteel, Div 3 SO-MS provides information on Marine Safety at the workshop on Recreational Boating Safety during the D5SR Conference.

Whether a veteran conference attendee, new to the Auxiliary or just a first time attendee, the Fifth District Southern Region Winter Conference offered something for all.

Attendees could choose from 19 different workshops offered in four 90 minute sessions on Saturday, Feb 20th. A common theme visible in multiple sessions was that the D5SR primary focus this year will be to beef up our efforts in all aspects of Recreational Boating Safety to reduce casualties in D5SR by 5% each year for the next 5 years.

The highlight of the conference was the Saturday night banquet and award ceremony in the Grand Ballroom. Flotilla members present at the ceremony were Ron and Ginger Ellis, Jane Haley, Donna Canary, and Andy Gibson.

Flotilla 87 was recognized 3 times during the award ceremony with details of the awards received and additional pictures on Page 3.

It was an informative and relaxing weekend for all attendees.

February Awards

At the February flotilla meeting the following awards were handed out: Five year Membership Service Award to Jonathan and Stephanie Koren, Ten year Membership Service Award to Jane Haley and a Fifteen year Membership Service Award to Virginia Gorski.

All Flotilla members received a Coast Guard Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 1999, through June 23, 2009 while providing superb operational, logistical, and administrative support to the United States Coast Guard and unparalleled performance to our nation.

The full citation was scanned and emailed to the flotilla membership.



Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon

Bravo Zulu — Ron & Ginger Ellis

The National AuxChef Program has been approved by FC-5. The new AuxChef Guide will be available shortly, and all training classes will proceed as planned. For details on this great program, please contact DVC-Aux-Chef Russ Venti rventi@bkmsd.com (West Coast) and BC- Ron Ellis raegrath@msn.com (East Coast)

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Spring Forward Sun Mar 14th

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday (3/14/2010) at 2AM. Move clocks forward one hour.

Question: Why do we change smoke detector batteries at Daylight Savings Time?

Answer: Because it happens twice a year so you will always have fresh batteries put in every six months.

The Commander's Corner

I think the snow may be over. Everyone should start to get "spring fever" soon. I want to pass along some highlights from the District Conference that were distributed by Ed Hollowell, DCDR-8.

1. Response Teams members need to talk to each other and work as a single unit on patrols. Remember what we learned in TCT?
2. Push doing your paperwork for all actions. The Coast Guard watch word is that no mission is complete, until the required paper work is completed.
3. If you no longer want to be active in the operational arena, send a letter of resignation through your FC, the DCDR-8 and to DIRAUX. This gets you moved into another category, so that you don't keep showing up in REYR, which causes the FSO-IS and SO-IS lots of unnecessary paperwork.
4. A new Auxiliary Manual is on the way, but only in disk format.
5. COOPS is the new name for the Emergency Response Plan.
6. There will be a SAR Competition in July at TCY. Do we have any interest in forming and leading a division team effort? If so, let me know so I can pass it up the chain.

These are just a few of the tiny tidbits of useful information to distribute from the conference.

FC Jane Haley



Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon

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

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The PE Corner

As you know, the Coast Guard Division of Boating Safety recently developed a strategic plan identifying the need for measurable goals to aid in the reduction of boating accidents, injuries and fatalities.

As instructors for Flotilla 87 and Division 8, we teach at the pleasure of the Education Department of the National Auxiliary. The mission of the Education Department of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is twofold:

(1) To provide exceptional boating safety education to the American boating public with the aim of reducing loss of life, personal injury, and property damage to recreational boaters.

(2) To provide the highest possible quality training, resources, and timely materials in support of our flotilla instructors and public education officers at every level.

Each flotilla has been asked to commit to focusing its attention to help realize these goals by reaching as many of the recreational boating public with safe boating information as possible. We need to concentrate on high risk boaters. In addition, we are asked to include the following goals:

- Develop and maintain up to date and effective educational materials.
- Continue to focus on reaching the "most at risk" boating public.
- Increase "flotilla taught" basic boating classes by 10% annually for the next 5 years.
- Provide and promote ongoing quality instructor development.
- Make use of appropriate technological resources.
- Adopt e-learning as a valuable way to reach boaters.
- Utilize e-learning to challenge and grow our instructor corp.
- Partner with outside organizations to promote public safe boating education.
- Continue to team with the experience and expertise of the other national Departments to provide solid programs and courses.

The PE instructors will be meeting to plan our strategies for the upcoming boating season. We welcome any ideas and direction from our colleagues in Flotilla 87.

Jean McCormick FSO-PE

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D5SR Flotilla 87 Awards



D5SR Flotilla Publication of the Year 2008 (l to r) District Commander is RADM Wayne Justice, COMO Albert Lee DeJean, Jr District Commodore, Andy Gibson



Meritorious Service Medal award to Ron Ellis and Auxiliary Commendation Metal to Ginger Ellis for AuxChef Activities

(l to r) District Commander is RADM Wayne Justice, COMO Albert Lee DeJean, Jr District Commodore, Ginger Ellis, Ron Ellis



Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Award for activities during the Southeast Convergence conference and planned acts of civil disobedience. (l to r) District Commander is RADM Wayne Justice, COMO Albert Lee DeJean, Jr District Commodore, Ginger Ellis, Ron Ellis, Jane Haley, Andy Gibson, and Donna Kanary

Additional Team Commendation award recipients not pictured: Maureen Daniels, Jean McCormick, Gena Kunz, Richard Kunz, Barbara Kerr, Lynwood Hancock, John Gorski, Gail Sheridan, Leigh Pemberton, Carol Shutt and Bill Shutt.

Award Ribbon is shown on Page 2

What's your Id Expiration Date?



(l to r) Donna Canary, Steph Koren, Jean McCormick, Gena Kunz, Rich Kunz work together for a new ID photo.

When was the last time you looked at your Coast Guard Auxiliary ID card? Have you checked the expiration date lately? FSO-IS Gena will be bringing the camera and red background to more meetings this year to accommodate taking of the required picture for a new ID card. Is it time for you to step in front of the camera?

The Training Room

Thank you to those that have returned the questionnaire for member training in 2010. This helps me plan activities that you all will find useful for the year. If you have not responded, please do so at your earliest convenience.

For your radar in the next few months: Materials for crew qualifications and weather have been ordered and will be dispersed once they arrive. The lead for AUX-WEA did not workout so I am still working on finding another instructor to provide this training for us "in house." Gena is working on a CPR training class for the spring and for the fall. Please contact her as soon as possible so that she can properly plan this activity.

Upcoming: a chart identification activity-perhaps for an upcoming flotilla meeting? Mentor training-TBA. OPS workshop and 1 hr. TCT-FSO-OP Daniels coordinating on 4/10 Keep up the good work 'maties-see, you soon

FSO-MT, Donna Canary

Newspaper Articles

Did you see or perhaps miss an article on Flotilla 87 members or activities that was printed recently in "The Central Virginian"? Articles printed are reproduced on our web site. When online visit the Flotilla 87 web site and select the "In The News!" tab visible in the content area of the front page and select the article of interest.

Calendar

3/14, Sun — 0200, Daylight Saving Time Begins

(Clocks Forward)

3/16, Tue — 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library

3/20, Sat — 0830-1600, Sector Hampton Roads Winter Workshop at TCY, Details emailed to members.

3/27, Sat — 0830 - 1630, Boat Virginia Class, Louisa County Library

4/3, Sat — 0900, TCT 8-hr @ DMV W.Broad Street, Richmond

4/10, Sat — 0900 - 1200, OPS & TCT Workshop, Louisa County Library, Rear Conference Room

4/13, Tue — 1900, Flotilla 87 Meeting, Louisa County Library

4/16-18, Fri-Sat-Sun, ASW at TCY, Details emailed to members and visible here.

5/1, Sat — 1000 - 1500, Div 8 Mtg, Lynchburg, VA

Burn Ban now in effect

Flotilla members are reminded the Commonwealth's Burning law went into effect on Feb. 15 - the start of spring fire season in Virginia. This law prohibits burning before 4 pm each day until April 30 if the fire is in, or within 300 feet of woodland, brushland or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials.

Interested in learning a little more, visit the Virginia Department of Forestry when online.

AuxOfficer Information?

Do you need a member's ID number to complete a form? Looking for a member's phone number or address? Getting ready for a patrol and want to verify a potential crew member is qualified? All this and much more is available to any Auxiliary member via the AuxOfficer web site.

But, before you can sign into the AuxOfficer web site to get the information, you must have activated your eDirectory account to access. If you don't have an eDirectory account then start here.

Once you have activated your eDirectory account, it's easy to get authenticated and get the information you are looking for in AuxOfficer. As of early March 2010, only about 55% of Flotilla 87 membership have activated their eDirectory accounts.

Make a new year's resolution to activate your account now so that you can immediately get to the AuxOfficer data when you need it.

FSO-CS Andy Gibson