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Commander's Corner

Allen James, FC 12-8



We have several important events coming up that I ask all members to attend. First is our cookout on 11 Oct. at 1830 at the CG Base. Cost is \$8.00 per person and reservations must be made by Monday 9 Oct. Make

them to me at 559-9762.

On Saturday 14 Oct we have division meeting at the Sea School on Daniel Island. Our elections and Change of Watch will be in November. All members should be there for elections and COW. A flotilla FLASH has been sent regarding these important events. The COW will be at the Charleston AFB at the Charleston Club. Get your reservations to Jane Orenstein NOW. Cost is \$26.00 per person and reservations must be made by 21 Oct. Support your flotilla by attending these events.

Your flotilla has been supporting the new flotilla at Edisto Beach by teaching the ABC safe boating course to twenty members of 12-12. Next we will start FSO and crew training and will need to call on all crew and coxswains for assistance. Please remember the dates. Thanks

Allen James, FC 12-8

Don't Forget

1. Annual Flotilla Cookout on 11 Oct. at The Coast Guard Base. Starts at 1630. Cost \$8.00 per person. Let Hap know by 9 Oct. if you are coming.

2. Change of Watch on 11 Nov. at Charleston Club on CAFB. Cost \$26.00 per person. Send check to Jane Orenstein ASAP!

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U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Coast Guard is America's maritime first responder and stands ready to protect the public from all threats and all hazards. All members of the Coast Guard forces play a critical role in every mission area – supporting maritime security, safety and stewardship. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides capabilities and proficiencies that support these capacities and ensure we remain responsive to our communities and the Nation.

The Auxiliary is a force multiplier of vetted and trained volunteers devoted to the support of Coast Guard missions and provides a broad inventory of vital skills, assets, and experience for our units across the nation. As the leading volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security, it is an essential component of our daily operations and an effective resource primed to prevent and respond to catastrophes in the maritime region. Fittingly, the core strategic purpose of the Auxiliary is to continuously hone its expertise to perform three prioritized functions:

- (1) Promote and improve recreational boating safety;
- (2) Support Coast Guard maritime homeland security efforts; and
- (3) Support the Coast Guard's operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary shall remain *Semper Paratus*, providing a dynamic flexibility within its organizational programs in order to meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges. Through focused partnerships and public outreach, it shall advocate and advance maritime domain awareness and the principles of safe boating. Its diverse assortment of vessels, aircraft, radio facilities, and vehicles shall be kept poised for the multi-mission tasking that characterizes Coast Guard operations. To its fullest measure, it shall engage opportunities to augment Coast Guard units through targeted recruitment and professional development among its membership.

Every commander, commanding officer, officer-in-charge, and program manager shall work closely with their Auxiliary counterparts to fully leverage the resources, skills, qualifications, and profound dedication that reside within the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Such focused collaboration is essential to our unwavering commitment to mission excellence in serving and protecting the public trust.

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Thad W. Allen
Admiral, United States Coast Guard

Publications

Bob Mathewes, FSO-PB

This is the ninth issue of the Scuttlebutt this year. When I volunteered to take this job, I knew that the biggest challenge would be to get participation from the flotilla staff.

Through September the level of participation and cooperation has been great. There are sixteen staff and two elected officers who are expected to contribute an article each month. Eleven of those eighteen have not missed a month. Three have only missed one month. The overall participation percentage through September was 87%. When you consider that one staff officer has a perfect negative record (0 for 8), that is pretty good.

I have noted in trying to send Flotilla Flashes, that some of the e-mail addresses I have are no longer working. Please let me know if you change ISP.

I would be remiss if I didn't say a special word of thanks to John Sikes for all the help and encouragement he has provided. Keep up the good work!

Bob Mathewes, FSO-PB

Finance

Frank Leister, FSO-FN

Flotilla 12-8 dues cycle is over. We invoiced eighty-two members as represented on AUXDATA at the end of July. Sixty-three have paid for a seventy-seven percent response. Actually, it was better than that as six were inactive and I should not have billed them. We have fourteen who have either resigned or gone missing.

FC James wrote each with the goal of reaffirming their membership, transferring to another flotilla, becoming inactive or leaving the Auxiliary.

Thank you for your prompt response in fulfilling our financial responsibility to the Auxiliary.

Frank Leister, FSO-FN

Member Training

Bob Mathewes, DSO-MT D7

By the time you read this the deadline for completion of ICS-200 and ICS-800 will have passed.

There will be no immediate disastrous effects for those who failed to meet it. If, however; you are certified as an ATON Verifier, Air Observer, Aircraft Commander, Coxswain, Boat Crew, Interpreter, PWC Operator or Watchstander the results will surface on 1 January. Completion of the four ICS modules is linked in AUXDATA to these certifications. You will be REYR on 1 January if they haven't been completed.

I want to make another pitch for the AUXOP program. For the benefit of new members, there are six courses involved. They are Communications, Seamanship, Weather, Patrols, Search and Rescue and Navigation. Over 2004-2005 we offered classes in five of the courses and held a class on the sixth earlier this year. Over that period we added four new AUXOPS. This year there seems to be less interest. With an influx of new members, that may change. If we can get as many as five who are interested in a course, I will be glad to teach it. Two of our members started down the path that leads to attainment of the AUXOP pin in our AUXCOM class this year. I would hope that there are others who would like to join the elite group of AUXOPs. I say, "elite", because of the two hundred and seventy members in Division 12, only sixteen are AUXOP, That is less than 6%. That compares with over 15% who are coxswains. District wide 12.8% of the 5,080 members are AUXOP. That means our division percentage is about half of the district number. Let's try to raise that number.

Bob Mathewes, DSO-MT D7

Communication Services

John Sikes, FSO-CS

Have you checked the Auxiliary e-Directory lately? I'd be willing to bet that you haven't. Of 31,968 auxiliarists presently listed, email addresses are only available for 23,473 (73.43%). Of those, only 8,567 members (36.50% of the total) have verified their addresses.

Why is it important for the directory to have current email addresses? Because it is used for mass notification in case of emergency, as well as notification by national staff within their respective departments.

Closer to home, of the 77 members listed for Flotilla 12-8, only 18 have activated their listings by logging onto the directory. And half of these are flotilla staff officers.

So, what does it take to log in and register? Go to www.auxedirectory.org and follow the directions. This won't take but a few minutes of your time but can make a difference should the national staff need to use the information. Rest assured that the Auxiliary will not make information in the eDirectory available to any outside source. Phone numbers, Social Security numbers, member numbers and addresses are not available.

Information that IS available includes name, email address, unit number (070-12-08), offices held, and zip code.

Why not spend a few minutes NOW and sign in to the e-Directory to activate your account?

John Sikes, FSO-CS

Daylight Savings Time ends at 0200 on the morning of the 29th.

Public Affairs

Barney Holt, FSO-PA

Tips for our hunting friends this year

Hunters that are engaged in hunting in and around water should be just as aware of boating and hypothermia issues as your average recreational boater. In fact, those hunters that use boats as platforms from which to hunt are boaters!

We encourage all hunters in and around water to follow these simple rules:

- Wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device - Life Jacket). A Type III Float Coat or Exposure Suit or Type IV (inflatable) would be your best bet.
- File a Float Plan with your friends, family or hunting lodge.
- Don't drink Alcohol before hunting/boating.
- Check the weather before you head out and dress appropriately.
- Take a safe boating course.
- Make sure your boat is properly equipped - get a free vessel safety check by visiting <http://www.safetyseal.net>.
- Read this pamphlet by the United Safe Boating Institute: "Safe Boating Tips for Anglers, Hunters & Campers" at <http://www.usbi.org/angler.pdf>.

Share this information with your hunting friends. It could save their lives.

Barney Holt, FSO-PA

It's no trick. It will be a treat if you come to the cookout on the 11th. Chefs Beaudrot and Creed will provide you with a great meal

Fellowship

Jane Orenstein

The August meeting at Sticky Fingers was one of the nicest events we've had. The food was good and the company, simply great.

Next time we dine out, we hope you'll be with us.

This is fair warning that the Change of Watch will be held Saturday, November 11, at the Charleston Club on the Air Force Base. I phrase it that way because you need to know how serious we are that responses with money must be in to me by Saturday, October 21. I really didn't want to return to the Base because of the red tape involved, but everyone enjoyed it so much the past two years that I gave in. The menu will be the usual buffet. So, send your check for \$26 per person made payable to the Flotilla to me at 128 Wainwright Manor, Summer-ville 29485. Why not do it now while it's fresh in your mind?

Due to travel commitments we will be out of town for the month of Oct. meetings, so if you have any questions, please, email them to me or leave a voice mail message at home (821-0233).

Jane Orenstein, Fellowship

Editor's Note

Getting the Change of Watch together is a huge task. Let's get the reservations in early and make this as easy as possible for Jane.

Mark your calendar for the Flotilla Meeting on 8 November. We will be electing the Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander to lead 12-8 in 2007. We will also vote on a small dues increase.

Communications

Dick Clarke, FSO-CM

With the mobile radio facilities and base stations we have in our flotilla, I think it might be good to test out what we have just in case they are put to the test in case of a local emergency.

FC James has been after me to have a practice with our "net" to see how it works.. While the Coast Guard does not have a net as such, I think it would be a good idea and am looking for suggestions as to how we could create a drill of some sort perhaps early next year. Please send me your thoughts.

Dick Clarke, FSO-CM

Information Services

Chris Thomas, FSO-IS

Welcome to another episode of "The Litter Box." I have to say that I'm extraordinarily pleased with what's been coming across my desk lately. Not only the quantity, but also the quality of the forms that I'm receiving is exemplary. Well done to all!

There are, however, still a few who need a little encouragement and guidance. To those I say, even though I know most of you by now, I still need certain information in order to correctly file your activities. I need your full name and at least a first initial. Please don't forget your "EMPLID" number and event date. The more information that I have to work with, means that my entries will be that much more accurate.

When filling out 7030 forms, when asked for "Facility Registration Number," enter only the vessels documentation number or the state registration number, preferably the later. For whatever reason, they don't want the, "Facility Number." Whatever...

When asked for a "Location," enter the actual city or town that the activity originated from. If you were on patrol on the Cooper or the Stono River, enter those places in the "Remarks" section. When filling in the "Remarks" section on the e-

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Secretary Records

Shirley Wolf, FSO-SR

Flotilla 12-8 Membership Meeting Minutes 13 September 2006

The Meeting was called to order by FC Allen James at 1900.

Members Present:

Allen James, Joseph Fleming, Richard Daniel, Barney Holt, Eric Kilpatrick, Marguerite Bishop, Jerome Bishop, Daniel Cowley, Gary Whitley, Robert Mathewes, Agnes Wright, Robert Baker, Tom Jerussi, David Beaudrot, Alan Miles, John Smoak, Darwin Goucher, Linda Goucher, Dean Creed, Robert Wieland, J. Thomas, Dick Clarke.

Guests/Visitor:

Marcus Brumbaugh

FC administered oath of membership to Darwin and Linda Goucher.

Certificates of Completion for the Communications Specialty Course were presented to Eric Kilpatrick, Tom Jerussi, Joe Flemming and Agnes Wright.

Certificates for completion of 5 year Coxswain qualifications were presented to David Beaudrot, Dean Creed, Tom Schmidt, Bob Orenstein and Bob Mathewes.

Dean Creed and David Beaudrot were presented completion certificates for the Navigation Rules exam.

VFC Joe Flemming called for Staff Officer Reports: Richard Daniel FSO-AN said that 4 people went out as guest visitors and now two are new members. A mentor patrol will take place Saturday, 16 Sept. and a QE patrol will take place in October.

Barney Holt FSO-PA said that on 29 Sept, the movie THE GUARDIAN will be released.

Chris Thomas FSO-IS said that ICS 200 and 800 are due at the end of the month. Send the completion notice to him by email.

Bob Mathewes FSO-MT said that noncompletion of the ICS courses will mean a REYR notation on the individuals quals..

Joe Fleming VFC/FSO-VE advised of the vessel

inspections taking place at Limehouse Landing 9-1, Sunday 17 Sept. and that Paul Berka has completed his VE quals. Boat US offers grants and he is looking for recommendations .

FC comments:

Flotilla 12-12 is now meeting at the Edisto Presbyterian Church and Division will be assigning mentor FSOs from other flotillas to help them get started. Last year national took \$5 more than the year before so he is going to recommend that 2008 dues be raised to \$35.

The 11 October meeting will be the Beaudrot cook-out beginning at 1800. The cost will either be \$6 or \$8 and the deadline for signing up will be 9 Oct.

TCT will be given 17-18 Oct at the base. Contact John Brinkley at 297-3927 or 747-0292 for arrangements.

Old Business:

Marguerite Bishop stated that she wanted a hard copy of the monthly SCUTTLEBUT and she was advised that it is only distributed electronically.

New Business:

Richard Daniel asked when the uniform for boat crews would change over to the regular ODU long pants..FC later advised the author that it would be 1 Oct.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 on motion made by Bishop, seconded by Fleming.

Minutes submitted by Dick Clarke FSO-CM

Materials

Hank Wolf, FSO-MA

Members are encouraged to check the Materials section of our web page. www.uscgauxcharleston.org/materials.htm. If there is something you need that you cannot find, contact me and I'll try to help you find the source. We have a new catalog and price list from Mustang if anyone is in need of a new jacket or the inflatable vest.

Henry G. Wolf, FSO-MA

Operations/AN

Richard Daniel, FSO-OP/AN

We continue to conduct our weekly patrols as needed. There is a need for all of our folks that have an Operation Facility to get on the water. Additionally, as we look at our crew roster and realize we have several crew folks that simply have not been seen on the water. We all know that trying to get your eight hours on the water may keep you current but does not keep you skilled.

We continued our crew training in September with our classroom work completed. This classroom work was held on the boat dockside to assure show and tell training could be maximized.

In addition to the dockside training the crew candidates completed their on-the-water mentor patrol. Our crew demonstrated skills at the helm, chart work, anchoring, and docking as well as stern and side tow. They did really well with their man over board drill. Almost their entire classroom has been signed off.

Bobby Baker, Tom Jerussi and Erick Kilpatrick underwent their PFD Swim and oral exams at the home of **Bob Kreiling**. These fine Crew Candidates will undergo their official QE Check ride on 4 NOV. We know they will give their best as well as perform beautifully.

Many thanks go out to Allen James and Joe Fleming for helping mentor the crew candidates for their on the water skill testing. And of course we thank **Bob Kreiling** for providing his home and swimming pool for the final training phases.

We took part in teaching the new members of 12-12, our start up sister flotilla on Edisto Island. Their crew training and subsequent coxswain training will be

kicked off very soon.

We have slots open for both Crew and Coxswain for the month of October. Please contact me so we can get you on the water.

Richard Daniel, FSO-OP/AN

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form, do not write all the way to the end of the available space. For whatever reason, it's cut short by a few words.

Don't forget to enter the "OPCON" number. For most patrols, they will emanate from Station Charleston: The OPCON number would be, 07-30348: ATON patrols would be, ANT Charleston, 07-37090: All other activities would be under Section Charleston, 07-37090.

To those who participate in "Training Missions," remember; do not use "22A" on a 7030 Mission form. For whatever reason, you'll receive no credit for your time and trouble.

Congratulations are in order to all those who participated in and passed the FEMA ICS courses. I'm sure that we've all committed all of those acronyms to memory, right? I can't help but wonder, what if Dr. Seuss wrote the NRP (National Response Plan). I'm sure that, if nothing else, it would have made for more enjoyable reading.

Until next time, thank you and God Bless.
Chris Thomas, FSO-IS 12-08 E-Mail:
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Vessel Examinations

Joe Fleming, FSO-VE

The Limehouse Blitz was very busy for the four of us. People were waiting for us to get to them. My thanks to Hap, Dick Morgan and Trainee B. N. Moore from 12-12.

Trainee Moore was able to check vessels with all three of us. The weather was great and the public was very friendly. We were able to instruct a few boaters on registering their VHF radio DSC system and how it could help them in an emergency. Boating season is getting close to the end for the year but we need to press on with our message for safe boating. The October Blitz will be on Saturday the 12th at the Folly River boat landing. All vessel examiners should let me know if they can make it.

Joe Fleming, FSO-VE

Nautical Trivia

Last month's question was, What was the name of the first steam powered cutter? What year was she put into service? What was her connection to Charleston?

The first steam propulsion cutter to serve in the Revenue Cutter Service was named *LEGARE*. Equipped with the then new experimental Ericsson 6-bladed propeller (instead of the proven paddle wheel) and displacing 360 tons, this 140-foot long cutter with an iron hull could readily make nine knots.

R. and G.L. Schuyler of New York built *LEGARE* in 1843. It was placed in service May 1844 under the command of Captain H. B. Nones, a well-known officer who also carried the Revenue Cutter *FORWARD* heroically into action in several Mexican War battles.

Coast Guard Cutter *LEGARE* is named after Hugh Swinton Legare the 16th Attorney General of the United States. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, on January 2, 1797, he graduated from the College of South Carolina in 1814. For the next three years he studied law, then traveled in Europe, studying French in Paris, Roman law, philosophy, math and chemistry in Edinburgh. Upon his return to South Carolina in 1820, he was elected to the South Carolina State Legislature. He served until 1822, and from 1824 to 1830 when he was elected State attorney general. In 1832, he was Charge d'Affaires at Brussels. Upon his return to the United States, he was elected to Congress. He served from 1837 until 1839. President Tyler appointed him Attorney General of the United States in 1841. He died in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 20, 1843, while attending ceremonies at the unveiling of the Bunker Hill Monument.

Correct answers were received from

John Sikes, Agnes Wright, Bob Kreiling and Dick McLaren.

Many of us have seen the state-of-the-art buoy tender *Oak* that has worked out of Charleston for the past few years. Her predecessor was a venerable old "black hulled" cutter which had served from her commissioning in 1943 until her decommissioning in Charleston in 2002. This vessel was only 180 feet long and required almost twice the crew that mans the *Oak*.

Upon her decommissioning, this grand old lady was transferred to El Salvador and live on as the *Manuel Jose Arce*.

What was the name of this vessel as she served from World War II until the early days of the new century? Hint: Her designation was WLB-302.

Editorial

In October we will elect the Division Captain and Vice Captain for 2007. In November we will elect the Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander for the upcoming year also.

One of the first and most important jobs the elected officers have is to select the staff officers. While the elected officers oversee the operation, the staff officers are charged with seeing that the activities in their area of responsibility are carried out in the manner that they should be.

It is an honor to be chosen to serve in the capacity of a staff officer. With that honor comes a responsibility. Each staff officer, at the time of swearing in, holds up their right hand and swears to perform the duties of the office. They DO NOT swear to perform the duties that they like or that they don't see as a burden. They swear to perform ALL THE DUTIES.

If you are asked, stop and ask yourself, "Am I going to do this for the good of the Auxiliary or to get another stripe on my shoulder?"

October 2006

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29	30	31 Halloween				

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