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Commander's Corner Ramon (Ray) Thompson

As we enter the final quarter of 09 we should reflect upon the goals we set back in January. Now is the time to make adjustments, where necessary, to achieve those goals. It is not too late to enroll in an AUXOP course or any other course that will make you a more effective member of Team Coast Guard. Not too late to volunteer to help staff a Boating Safety Exhibit. Not too late to get involved in Vessel Examinations, Public Education, Boat Crew Training etc., and it is not too early to start thinking about how you will do even better in 2010.

Paul McManus, Bob Scott, Bill Beckett and Don Evans have been hard at work at our soon to be ACU. The goal is to have it 'Ship Shape' by the end of October. The Flotilla owes these members a debt of gratitude for their efforts. Now we need to increase our Watch Stander pool. How's that for a goal?

Due to persistent and debilitating illnesses each has suffered this past year, Sally Philippus and John Pasquariello have resigned from the Auxiliary. Don Shearer also had to resign because he and his wife Loretta relocated to St. Petersburg. Sally and Don are former Staff Officers. We will miss all of them. They were not only members of this Flotilla; they were and still are, our friends.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14th. It was necessary to reschedule our meeting so that our Flotilla elections take place after the Division elections. All members who are able to attend are encouraged to do so. We must have a quorum to do business; in addition it is in your best interest to have input as to the leadership of the

Flotilla. There are two candidates for the office of Flotilla Commander, they are; Bill Beckett and Paul McManus. There is one candidate for the office of Vice Flotilla Commander, he is Dennis Munhall. Hope to see you there. SEMPER PARATUS.

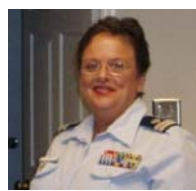
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NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING:
Wednesday – 14 October 2009
1900 hrs
At the
Sarasota/Bradenton Airport (SRQ)
McClure Auditorium
(Uniform: Tropical Blue)



Materials
Dennis Munhall FSO-MA



Information Services
Paulette Parent FSO-IS

I have replenished our basic stock of pamphlets and brochures as we approach the event season. The new float coats have been added to our inventory. Crew qualified personnel will be eligible to receive a float coat.

On Sept 19 we conducted a VE mission at the Bayshore Gardens Marina with good results [14 inspections] we also may have interest from two boat owners we met that day to become Aux members.

I participated with patrol crew duty with Roy Bellas Coxswain on 9/6/09 we did towing practice with a facility from 84 and patrolled Sarasota Bay. Our new storage shed at the Seafood shack is coming along nicely.

As on Monday, September 28th, all 7029's and 7030's will be in AUXDATA and, thus, in AUXINFO. If you have questions regarding your hours, missions, etc., please let me know. Go to AUXINFO and verify your statistics. There is always the possibility of an Internet glitch whereby I did not receive some of your forms and it is important that ALL of our hours and missions are recorded.



Computer Services
Paulette R. Parent FSO-CS



At the recent District 7 Conference, I was "Introduced" to a server that can provide more space on the Internet for our flotilla website. The best part of this opportunity is that it is free of charge. I am exploring the possibility of using this server and its pros and cons.

Any member who has the FrontPage program or is interested in learning website maintenance should contact me ASAP. It is important that all FSO positions have a reliable back-up, and our website is no exception. Also, there is an excellent C-School that focuses on Website and PowerPoint design which you may be interested in applying for.



Personnel Services
Paulette Parent FSO-PS

We have several new prospects for membership. Don Evans has begun to take over some of the new member duties including follow up on inquiries and fingerprinting. Every member should make it their goal to bring in at least one new member in the coming year and serve as their mentor to get them involved in the many programs offered. This should not be a huge challenge and we need to bring in new people who have new ideas and the enthusiasm to take on the leadership positions that become available.

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Public Education
Robert Scott FSO-PE



Public Affairs
Robert Scott FSO-PA

Our August 22nd ABS class was attended by five people, including one police officer from Bradenton Beach. He needed to complete a Boating Safely course in order to drive the police boat they have just acquired.

We canceled our September 19th ABS class due to Wally Kedroff's surgery and I was out of the country until the end of September.

Paul McManus and Dennis Munhall spent a number of days cooking at Station Cortez during August and will continue through September. The troops really enjoy the change these two bring into the food selection during the month.

Flotilla 83 has acquired a room for the new ACU. It is located within the Seafood Shack building in Cortez. We are in the process of remodeling the room and will announce an Open House Day sometime in October.



Membership Training
Robert Scott FSO-MT

We had a training class in our September 10th Flotilla meeting on the Coast Guard benefits we enjoy as Auxiliarists both on and off duty. No member training is scheduled for the October meeting as it is the annual elections.



CG 41' UTB at Station Cortez dock

What's On Deck?

Oct. 3, 2009 – S & R PA Event at FL 84

TIME: 0900 – 1300 hours

Oct. 10, 2009 – Division 8 Meeting at FL 84, Annual Elections

TIME: 0830 for fellowship; 0900 Meeting

Oct. 14, 2009 – FL 83 Monthly meeting, Annual Elections

TIME: 1900 hours

Nov. 13, 2009 – Flotilla 83 Change of Watch Rosedale Golf & Country Club

TIME: 1830 for cocktails, 1900 for Dinner
\$21.00 per person – Payment due by Oct. 31st
Menu: Roast Beef or Chicken Marsala

Nov. 21, 2009 – Division 8 Change of Watch Marina Jacks, #2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL

TIME: 1100 for fellowship 1130: Program Begins 1230 Lunch served



Firework barge for which we did a safety perimeter night patrol for the Ringling Museum



Our newest Boat Crew Trainee – Don Evans



CG 25' Vessel on patrol in ICW



Don Evans – Trainee, Dennis Munhall – Crew Member, and Bill Beckett - Coxswain



Dennis Munhall on Moonlite Wave Patrol

"Photo's taken by Dave Robinson"

