

Crews News

Flotilla 58, Portsmouth, VA

Hampton Roads Oldest Chartered Auxiliary Flotilla: Chartered 1942

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From the Flotilla Commander



There are several time sensitive issues before us.

Flotilla Dues of \$35; are now being collected and are due by the end of August, 2007. Checks can be made out to USCGAUX Flotilla 58. If you have not paid, please take a moment to mail your dues to the FSO-FN TODAY.

Richard Schwartz-FSO-FN
78 Riverview Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23704-1927

Do you need re-qualifications for Crew/Coxswain? As I mentioned last month, the number of available on water facilities within Flotilla 58 is limited. However, we have alternatives. If you need time on the water, please make FSO-OP Phil Stone aware of your situation. We are still able to work with Stan for time on Garfield or reach out to other Flotillas so you can log the necessary hours. Dunningtons go out on Raven Rescue each Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. VCP Rick Dunnington asked to pass the word you are welcome on his facility. Again, please coordinate with Phillip. pstone@cox.net or 484-1583.

September begins the election cycle for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander; a Qualifications Committee will be appointed at the next meeting. Consider running for Flotilla Commander or Vice Flotilla Commander.

Help Needed !

Accompanying this issue of Crews News is an article from USCG Proceedings whose subject is how the Auxiliary is becoming a force multiplier by filling in for Active Duty forces so they can be diverted to other needed duties. Last year alone, Auxiliarists filled in 745,648 hours in which they replaced or filled in for active duty. Several Flotilla 58 members have worked in this capacity, also known as "Direct Operations," and have served aboard several Coast Guard Commands: ANT Hampton Roads, Captain of the Port, SHR and USCG CAMSLANT and SHR Planning. Direct Operations is a meaningful, rewarding avenue for Auxiliary Service.

Interested? The message below could be your avenue to a superb opportunity:

From the Office of the DIRAUX, CDR Engle

The Contingency Planning and Force Readiness staff at CGD5 Five is looking for assistance from the Auxiliary. One request is for an administrative/receptionist help in their office and the other is for someone who is interested in contingency planning. Both are important and high visibility jobs here at CGD5. Please send these requests out to the Division's in the Hampton Roads area & Outer Banks to see if anyone is interested.

POC is LCDR Barbara Anderson: 398-6429 or Barbara.A.Anderson@uscg.mil



Calendar

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Fireman Alan Reitz

CAMSLANT Chesapeake Liaison Officer:
CWO3 Vern Tuss

We're on the Web !

<http://www.boatsafehamptonroads.org/>

August 28, 2007

Flotilla 58 Meeting
1930
Portside, ISC Portsmouth, VA

September 12, 2007

Flotilla 58 Staff Officers Meeting
1930
Location: Stan and Nora Miley's

September 12, 2007

PE Class Sign up/1st Lesson
Russell Memorial Library, Chesapeake, VA



September Flotilla Activities

During September, you may choose from a number of activities to participate in. On September 14, 2007 we have been asked to make a presentation to the Marine Trawler Owners Association (MTOA) at the Holiday Inn, Olde Town, Portsmouth, VA. We will be making 2 presentations. The first subject will be "Americas Waterway Watch" and is scheduled from 8:30AM to 9:30AM. The second is entitled "Reading Nautical Charts" and is scheduled for 2-4:30PM.

September 14 -16 is the [Virginia In Water Boat Show](#) to be held at the Downtown Norfolk Waterside. The Auxiliary in Divisions 5 & 6 have been offered an opportunity by the Virginia In-Water Boat Expo & Sailfest staff to provide a boating safety seminar. The Expo is planned for Norfolk Waterside, September 14 - 16, 2007. Additionally, I'm seeking Auxiliary members who are interested in staffing the Boating safety display at the boat show. Please let me know soonest, preferably by the last week in August so we can inform the show organizers.

September 14-16, 2007 the 5th District Fall Conference and Workshop will be in Durham, NC. This is an excellent educational and fellowship opportunity for all members. I encourage your attendance. [Click here for information on the conference.](#)

Specialty Course Week-

The Fall 2007 Fifth District (SR) Specialty Course & Marine Safety Weekend [SCMS] will convene on the weekend of 12 - 14 October 2007 at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) Yorktown, VA.

CGC Eagle Support

August 11 and 12 presented a unique opportunity for Auxiliarists in Divisions 5 & 6. [CGC Eagle](#), the [Coast Guards 3 masted Barque](#) would be moored at Waterside. They were offloading approximately 70 Academy Cadets and were taking on replacements. Tour guides for the public were needed while the ships crew processed in the Cadets.

Flotilla 58 topped the list coming forward with 3 members for *Eagle*. Tivo Romero and Chuck Rippel worked on Saturday. Ray Croft was aboard Sunday.

