

Crews News

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From the Flotilla Commander



Its only 101 degrees as I write this. Perhaps it a good day to save the files and move outside with the laptop and finish publishing this months Crews News. Then again, perhaps not.....

The next Flotilla meeting, July 24th is going to be special. You're going to have a great program with special guest Dan Matthews from State Farm Insurance. Dan is going to do a presentation on [Hurricane Flood Potential](#) based on the latest NOAA SLOSH Maps (Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes). Dan has the addresses of many of our members (no names) and has prepared flooding data for each of those addresses. Be sure to come and get yours.

Mike Eberhardt, Division 5 [SO-VE](#) (Vessel Examinations) is also coming aboard to bring us up to speed on the latest news regarding Vessel Examinations. Last month, [SO-MS](#) (Marine Safety) Butch Kubisiak provided an overview of where the MS Program stands in the Division and what paths to participation are available to each of you.

I appreciate the support we have been receiving from Division. Each member is encouraged to attend your Flotilla Meetings and become engaged.

Last month I mentioned that one my missions was to help you keep our friendly, jovial FSO-FN (Finance Officer) happy. Flotilla Dues of \$35; are now being collected. checks can be made out to USCGAUX Flotilla 58. Please get your dues to Richard ASAP.

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Finally, there are a number members who need re-qualifications for Crew/Coxswain. Although the number of available on water facilities within Flotilla 58 is limited, we have alternatives. If you need time on the water, please make FSO-OP Phil Stone aware of your situation. Together, we can work with Stan for time on Garfield or reach out to other Flotillas so you can log the necessary hours. Also, the Dunningtons go out each Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. VCP Rick Dunnington asked to pass the word you are welcome on his facility. Again, please coordinate with Phillip.

Flotilla Outreach

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.

This is an opportunity for those who enjoy teaching, sharing their experience and fellowship with members of the boating public. (continued on page 2)



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Calendar

July 24, 2007

Flotilla 58 Meeting
1930
Portside, ISC Portsmouth, VA

August 8, 2007

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



Flotilla Outreach (continued)

We will discuss the Outreach at the next meeting. I encourage members who are interested in participating to attend. I am aware of the conflict with the Fall Conference and Workshops, below. Lets try and work around this and together, give the MTOA a great program

5th District Fall Conference Workshops

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

US Coast Guard Day

As a member of Team Coast Guard, August 4, 2007 is a day we share with our Active Duty and Reserve counterparts, Civillian Employees, Retirees and their families. To reflect, The United States Coast Guard, one of the country's 5 armed services, is also one of the most unique agencies of the federal government. The Coast Guard traces its history back to 4 August 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce

tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of the federal revenue. Known variously as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, it expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

These added responsibilities included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress. Its law enforcement functions also continued to expand. Congress tasked the Coast Guard with enforcing laws against piracy, slavery and enlarged its responsibilities to prevent smuggling. It were also given the responsibility to protect the marine environment, explore and police Alaska, and chart the growing nation's coastlines, all well before the turn of the twentieth century.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, it served as the nation's only armed force afloat. It has continued to protect the nation throughout its long history and has served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. Its national defense responsibilities remain one of its most important functions even today.

In times of peace the Coast Guard operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing U.S. laws at sea, protecting the nation's coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or on direction of the President, it serves under the Navy Department.