

Crews News

Flotilla 58, Portsmouth, VA

Hampton Roads Oldest Chartered Auxiliary Flotilla: Chartered 1942

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From the Flotilla Commander



With September comes the beginning of cooler days, less humid evenings and oh yes, the peak of Hurricane Season. Thus far, we have dodged the bullet on Tropical Storms coming to Tidewater. However, don't worry because there is still plenty of time plus, we have not yet had our Flotilla Picnic. If history is any teacher, our Flotilla picnic typically brings any storms which might be lurking about our way.

This year, the picnic will be held at our home. The Staff and I are working on the exact date; I'll do a special mailing and let everyone know when it is and just as importantly, how to get here.

AUXHORSE is going to provide the entertainment by eating hay. That will be followed by Mike Smith convincing my wife to complete a membership application.

I am happy to announce that we have three individuals who are interested in membership. We'll hopefully see one of two of them at the September meeting and the third, at the October meeting.

If you have not read the special distribution regarding the AUXMAN class beginning October 4, 2007 at 7:00PM at Indian River High School, please take a moment and do so. SO-MT Jack Mitchell has assembled an excellent course for those who want to know more about how the Auxiliary works or, run for elected office. There is no end of class test. However, you may optionally take the APC Exam whose successful passage is required to stand for elected office.

Since we are on the Subject of Elections, the Division 5 Election will be held on October 9. Thus far, Mike Smith and Ricky Dunnington have announced their intention to run for DCP.

Flotilla 58's election will be take place during the October 23rd meeting. While is has been both a pleasure and honor serving as your Flotilla Commander, I have decided not to seek re-election. If you have aspirations toward elected office, Flotilla Commander or Vice Commander are rewarding positions. There is an investment in time however, many hand make for light work. A good staff, combined with the knowledge and support of the best Auxiliary Flotilla in Division 5 will help you enjoy a successful term of office.

Public Education

On September 13, 2007 the first of 5 sessions of our ABC Course began at the Russell Memorial Library in Chesapeake. There are 18 students in attendance.

Remember to promote our PE Classes. The 2007 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia has passed legislation establishing a phased-in schedule of compliance for the [Boating Safety Education Requirement](#) by all personal watercraft (PWC) operators and most all recreational motorboat operators to begin in July 2009.



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

Calendar

September 25, 2007

Flotilla 58 Meeting
1930
Portside, ISC Portsmouth, VA

October 9, 2007

Division 5 Board Meeting and Election
1930
Location: Portside, ISC Portsmouth

October 10, 2007

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

October 23, 2007

Flotilla 58 Meeting and Officer Election
1930
Portside, ISC Portsmouth, VA

Reminder: Specialty Course & Marine Safety Weekend

Will convene on the weekend of **12 – 14 October 2007** at the **U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) Yorktown, VA.**

COURSES: This Fall 2007 SCMS session will offer nine (9) courses as listed below:

Communications (AUXCOM) *
Navigation Part A (AUXNAV A)
Navigation Part B (AUXNAV B)
Patrols (AUXPAT) *
Seamanship (AUXSEA)
Weather (AUXWEA)
Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist (AUX-EK)
Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUXMEES) *
Initial Introduction to Marine Safety (IIMS)

Courses marked with a single asterisk * above will begin immediately after the Saturday morning assembly. I suggest we all support this training and take a course. If there is sufficient interest we could have car pools for the trip.

Resources

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Latest Newsletter of the National Operations Department

[Safety Lines](#)

Latest Newsletter from the National "M" Department

[Uniform Procurement Guide "How do we Look?"](#)

From the National Personnel Services Department

