

**From the Bridge**Quarterly Theme – QE check rides

Word from those in the know is “be prepared”. The checker is into details.

Recognitions

Vic Keranan received his 25 year Service Award dating back to 1982 when he joined Flotilla 10-03 in Fayetteville. He transferred his membership to 10-05 last year.

Vic joined the U.S. Navy after high school, serving 5 years in Navy salvage. He was a hard helmet diver working mostly in depths of 100’ – 120’. His helmet weighed 56 lbs and the total weight for his diving gear was 250 lbs. After his Navy stint, he went to the University of Miami where he earned his B.S. After medical school at Duke University, he did a surgical internship followed by a year in neuropsychiatry and 5 years as a resident in neurosurgery at the University of Vermont Medical Center. While en route to pursue a practice opportunity in Wilmington, NC, Vic stopped in Fayetteville to visit his friend Bob, who practiced psychiatry at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The short of it is Vic ended up practicing neurosurgery at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for the next 35 years. In spite of his being the only neurosurgeon between Raleigh and Wilmington, he became involved in 10-03, serving as VFC and FC as well as many other jobs. 10-03’s AOR covers Lake Jordan, Kerr, as well as the Cape Fear River.

Several other members of 10-05 have served more than 20 years. George Stern and Gerry Marsh joined about the same time 20 years ago. Jim Flowers is working on 26 years, having received recognition last year. Floyd Henry has 30 years of service in 10-05.

Since all of the old salts sit on the same row at the meetings, Vic, being an old salt, needs to join the “old salt row”. Congratulations, Vic.

Nancy Hahn received 3 awards – service and public education service as well as her VE certificate. Way to go, Nancy!

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Communication Services

Ephraim Botnick (FSOCS) has provided a new link on our Web site to NOAA for chart updating. Also the web includes some new uniform information.

Bob Eldridge has been appointed Division Staff Officer for Communication Services.

Important Dates

19 Apr 2007 – Jim & Peg Flowers celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

15 May 2007 – Flotilla meeting @1900 hrs – USCG Station OI

16 May 2007 – Radio drill @1900 hrs on 21 alpha

19 May 2007 – EXPO Oak Island at the Station

5 Jun 2007 – Staff meeting at Station

16 Jun 2007 – ABC course for the public at Progress Energy Media Center

19 Jun 2007 – Flotilla meeting @1900 hrs – USCG Station OI

03 Aug 2007 – Master Chief's Change of Watch @USCG Station OI.

Marine Safety

Larry Coble, Bob Eldridge, Chris Halladay and Jim Stoddard are working at MSU in Wilmington. More participants are welcomed so if interested, contact Jim Stoddard, FSOMS.

Public Affairs

All 72 folks enjoyed good food and conversation at our picnic on 28 Apr. Bubba burgers and foot longs were cooked to perfection by Joe Boland, John Maloney, Ephraim Botnick, John Frazer and Tony Rizzo. It was good to see Maggie Hoon's smiling face as well as our wounded warriors, Diane Chaney, Vince Gubey and Bill Coggins.

Jack Lewis, FSOHN, at the request of Lt. General Joe Kinzer (USA RET) fired the opening gun for the spring Festival in Southport's Franklin Square Park on 7 Apr 2007. This is his third year representing Flotilla 10-05 USCG Auxiliary in this manner.

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From the Galley

Rich Zander will provide southern finger food at our May meeting. Those who have a special request, please contact Rich.

Doc Talk

From 1622-1825 the official diet of the Royal Navy consisted of beer, salt pork, salt beef, oatmeal, dried peas, butter, cheese and biscuits. John Lind didn't publish his "Treatise on Scurvy" until 1754. Lime juice rations were made compulsory on Royal Navy ships at sea in 1795, hence the term "limeys".

Captain James Cook used sauerkraut to combat scurvy before lime juice became the standard.

From the Chain Locker

Before Columbus, common seamen were wary of the magical power of magnets. Hence the captain consulted his compass secretly, which explains the binnacle, a little house or box where the compass could be concealed. Captains also believed that garlic or onion breath could alter the compass – therefore these seasonings were not allowed on ships. Because the compass became indispensable, captains often carried extra magnetized needles. Magellan carried 36 replacement needles on his Flagship in case his compass card lost North. Some captains carried a treasured lodestone to re-magnetize weak needles.

Back in Time

- At 3 minutes and 4 seconds after 2 AM on 6 May 2007, the time and date will be 02:03:04, 05/06/07 never to happen again.

1964:

First class, AA - New York to LA: \$160.90

First class, BOAC – New York to London: \$712.50

12 Feb 1795:

Hinton James, UNC Chapel Hill's first student, arrived on campus.

**That's all, folks**

Jack Hisley, FSO-PB

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