



From the Bridge

Quarterly Theme – QE check rides

The U.S. Army staged a paratroop drop and water recovery exercise at White Lake, NC to satisfy an airborne qualification requirement. Aux 10-05 provided boats and manpower for securing the drop zone. Floyd McLeroy's boat was used as a communications platform. The drop was successful and safely conducted.

A leadership and management program will be offered on August 8, 9, and 10 at Yorktown for interested members. Those who wish to run for an elected office such as Commander must complete the Elected Officers Course (EOC). Because all staff officer positions are appointed, EOC is not required. For details, please contact FC Mazzei.

Those who need an 8-hour Team Coordinator Training (TCT) may wish to consider the 31 May date and should contact Bill Tiernan for details. Also, Bill has arranged 2 or 3 boat training sessions every Tuesday for the next several weeks.

Flotilla 10-05 members Larry Welsh, George Asimos, Fred Hoon, Bill Bender and Bert Felton conducted tours aboard the Diligence during Wilmington's Azalea Festival. Paul Witmer manned an Auxiliary Booth for Boaters World's grand opening.

FSO-CS Gerry Marsh has arranged a radio drill for 21 May at 1900 hrs on channel 81. George Stern is a radio facility inspector - if you have an interest in communication services, which serves an important USCG support function, please contact Gerry or George. Edith Marsh was recognized by 10-05 for not only nursing Gerry back to health but for getting him to the meetings on time. Jim Stoddard is a Communication Specialist. Jim Wright was recognized for 5 years of service and Bert Felton was presented with a Sustained Service Award.



Eighty-five people attended our Spring Picnic on 19 Apr 2003. Many thanks go to Chris Halladay for the planning, Larry and Diana Coble for grilling and to Tom Cavanagh for writing the check.

Important Dates

20 May 2008 – Aux meeting 1900 hrs SOI

22 May 2008 – Radio Drill 1900 hrs, Channel 81

17 May 2008 – USCG/SOI Open House

17-24 May 2008 – Safe Boating Week

03 Jun 2008 – Staff Meeting 1900 hrs SOI

Sick Bay

Stan Ash, former FC and long time FSO-PE, returned home from the hospital recently. Stan retired from 10-05 after 25 years of service. All of us wish him well.

Charlie Jones is recovering from major surgery and seems to be doing well.

Lary Coble's hospital admission for cardiac evaluation was negative for coronary disease.

From the Galley

Bill Viney will provide FEMA MRTs at the monthly meeting.

Doc Talk

Man Overboard

A recreational boater who falls overboard represents the number one event that leads to most boating fatalities in the U.S. According to the USCG, in 2006, 275 persons died in 721 boating accidents that began with a MOB. Of the 300,000 boats that are registered in NC, 80% are less than 21 feet in length.

Boat US.com/Foundation offers 5 tips to help reduce the risks of falling overboard:

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1. Wear a PFD. Buoyancy helps when one tries to get back on board
2. Equip the boat with a functional boarding ladder; simplicity is key
3. Make certain the ladder is appropriate for the boat
4. Position the ladder so that it can be reached from the water
5. Practice boarding the boat from the water

C-Level Sea Steps Safety ladder (www.clevel.com) appears to be the most simple and practical device for small boats.

USCG – Present Day

The USCG's newest multi mission asset was delivered to USCG Station Little Creek, VA, in April 2008. Built to replace the 25-year old 41s, the Response Boat Medium (RB-M) mission will include SAR, Waterway, Ports, and Coastal Security, Defense Readiness, and Marine Environmental Protection. The RB-M is 45 feet in length and is equipped with a twin diesel water jet propulsion drive that achieves 46 mph. She has a full cabin, state-of-the-art navigation equipment, heat and air conditioning, shock mitigating seats and is self-righting. The RB-M can work the open ocean up to 50 miles off shore. One hundred sixty boats will be built during the next 6 years. Wonder where SOI is on the list?

Back In Time

Contrary to popular belief, the 5th of May (Cinco de Mayo) is not Mexican Independence Day. On the morning of May 5, 1862, Emperor Napoleon III's French Army landed at the Port of Vera Cruz and proceeded to attack Mexico City to the west. As was the case for many European countries, the French erroneously assumed that the Mexicans would surrender if their capital were captured. The Mexican Army and its cavalry defeated the French

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decisively. However, the French did not leave following their defeat. After the American Civil War, Union forces under the command of General Phil Sheridan joined the Mexican Army in successfully driving the French out of Mexico.

Thousands of Mexicans, in their show of gratitude, crossed the border following the bombing of Pearl Harbor to join the U.S. Armed Forces. As recently as the first Gulf War, Mexicans flooded American Consulates with phone calls to request permission to help America fight another war.

Are You Interested?

- 1)...in a 2005, 40-foot Mainship Trawler purchased new by Aux member Bill Coggins (910-454-9790 or 703-994-2148); free 6 month use of a 40-foot wet slip included with purchase
- 2)...in a 2004 Parker 2120 offered by Aux member Ed O'Keefe (910-253-5040)
- 3)...in a 2004 Proline 22-foot center console offered by Aux member Mike Richards (910-846-7085)
- 4)...in talking with Jerry Constantine (910-253-5253) who wishes to swap a 35-foot Viking twin diesel for a comparable sailboat

“Remember that what ever you do in life, 90% is half mental”

-Yogi Berra

That's all, folks!

Jack Hisley, FSO-PB