FLOTILLA 88

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY Eleventh District Northern Region 8-8 LAKE COUNTY



FROM THE HELM

Allan Bride, 1946-2008

Our Flotilla Staff Officer in Public Affairs passed away 12 days ago. His participation in the Auxiliary began when he came to visit us at the invitation of Karen Wilson a little over a year ago. I quickly grabbed an enrollment form, finger print cards, camera, and intake quiz. Before he left the first meeting, his paper work was on its way into the background process. We shared more than one chuckle over the hustle, but it was a positive outcome. We enjoyed him, and his wife tells me he really liked being with us in the Auxiliary. As a new member, he stepped up to take on the Public Affairs position, and under the mentorship of Wayne and Anita Farnholtz, he was working on his crew qualification. I hope you had a chance to meet Allan. His quiet mannerisms, quick smile and gentle spirit were a blessing. Thank you to those of you who attended the memorial service, and a special thanks to you in the Color Guard

On the business side, the Tie-Out was fabulous. Harry, DA, and Anita get all the credit for putting it together. Dane Hayward was Crew Qualified that Saturday. So with

Dane and Victoria we have two more folks available for crew. The Division held the election of the 2009 Captain and Vice Captain positions. Rich Thomas is the new Division Captain, and Jill Munger from 8-11 in Crescent City is the new Vice Captain. The flotilla nominations for Commander and Vice Commander are Harry De Lope and Dane Hayward respectively.

The November meeting is this Saturday the 8th. It's an important meeting, and its normal date would have been on the 1st. However, Allan's memorial service was at the same time and many of us were there. I hope everyone received the email letting you know of the change.

Last, the Change of Watch is the first Sunday in December. We're almost there so mark your calendars. The plan is being formulated. We do know that it will be at Rob Roy golf course in Cobb. If you've never participated in a COW, I would encourage you to join us.

That's about it. See you on deck!

Betty Strach, FC

ADVICE FROM THE VICE

In 1975 I was lucky enough to get a job near Fisherman's Warf, Aquatic Park and the Hyde Street Pier. Now I would become reacquainted with life on the Warf which began with the Sea Scouts in 1960.

I was walking past a company on Bay Street, named Johnson and Joseph, a Ship Chandler. A company that sold books, charts, clothing and hardware for the boat and ship. I saw a copy of Chapman Piloting Seamanship and Small Boat Handling in the window, bought a copy and took it home where I spent hours going over it.

The first printing was in 1917 and since that time there have been 65 editions. 300 pages more than my newer 1983 56th edition. This book now spans 4 generations. Great Grandfathers, Grandfathers, Fathers, and Sons.

In a way it was a step child of William Randolph Hearst's' MOTOR BOATING magazine. Chapman became its editor in 1912 and during the next 70 years he watched its circulation increase from only a few thousand to 130,000 by 1982.

As the boating industry grew and there were over 13 million registered boat owners, so did the numbers of boating accidents and fatalities.

In an effort to increase safe boating practices and a more informed group of participants, Chap, as he was called, used the pages of MOTOR BOATING and SAILING, its new name, to start what he called The "Correspondence Course". Each month an article on a specific subject would appear and would end with a series of questions. Readers from all over the country would send in their answers and those who passed would receive a certificate. This was to become the first formal boating safety course in the nation.

If you want to learn more about the history of this fantastic book and boating, find a copy and read the prolog. It is a great

book to own no matter what your relationship with the water.

John McEwen, VFC



September Birthdays

What You Won't Hear at a Boat Show

"Actually, they depreciate very rapidly. The reason they're marked so high is so that I can get my commission."

Requests

- If any of the new folks have boat crew manuals and you have made a decision not to train for crew, would you please turn in the CDs and the sign off sheets that accompany the CDs? We have other folks looking for these items.
- Now to the folks who have been in the auxiliary awhile. Do you have devices, shoulder boards, or anything else you might want to give up for someone else?

• If anyone has materials, pamphlets and such kicking around the garage or house. Bring them in and we'll use them for the fair or place them in storage.

Thank you!

November Events

• Monthly meeting. November 8th, Saturday at the Yacht Club

Nautical Term of The Month

Skyscraper traditionally referred to the topsail of a ship and only more recently has come to mean a tall building.

<u>Passed with flying colors</u> comes from sailing ships that, when passing other ships at sea, would fly their colors (flags) if they wanted to be identified.

Tie-out Pictures



Cmdr McGuire



Meet our newest member, Eileen Yancey



FSO-SR, Miss Karen Wilson



Auxiliarist Extraordinaire, DA Butts



How Sweet It Was...Gorgeous Day, Good Company, Beautiful Lake



Underway Check Off for the Commander



Commander McGuire & Coxswain, Jerry Collins



Victoria Stephens, Cmdr McGuire, Jack Gerhardt, Jerry Collins



Wayne Farnholtz, DCP



Bruce Rogerson-Fort Bragg & Mr. & Mrs. Dave Johnson-Chico



Ed Sweeney, Qualifying Examiner



Bob White, IPDCP



Side Tow in Progress



John Fox, Coxswain



Newly Qualified Crew Member, Dane Hayward

From the Quill of FSO-PB
Please email to me ready to go articles no later than the 20th of the month so I can get the newsletter out before the next meeting. Chris Ruttan, FSO-P