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Commander's Comments



Being Division Commander comes with its share of responsibilities. Often many hours are spent at the helm navigating the Division and Flotillas toward our goals. Along with the many responsibilities, also come some honors and perks.

This week I had the honor of being invited to Flotilla 10-10's Water Safety Fair in Alpine.

The event was well planned and very well organized. 10-10 members manned tables, presented Public Education and guided boaters through interactive displays as the safe boating can be fun message was delivered. While I represented the Division shore side, our VCDR Fred Simmons participated in an Aux Air fly over.

On Thursday, 28 JUN, Fred and I were also asked to join Flotilla 10-08, as they honored member Ted Farinella for 30 years of dedicated service. Ted was surprised, but had a great night surrounded by family and friends. Flotilla 10-08 member, Chef Fabio Cianchetta prepared an absolutely amazing feast for all who attended.

On Saturday, 30 JUN, Fred and I represented Division 10 at a joint U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/U.S. Power Squadron Blessing of the Fleet, held at Nolan's Point Park, Lake Hopatcong and on Sunday, 01 JUL, I participated in Flotilla 10-13's Blessing of the Fleet on Greenwood Lake. About 25 vessels were blessed as they passed in review. The event was followed by a barbeque and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Speaking of fellowship, I'm most looking forward to our Division 10 Picnic, to be held at the Rochelle Park, American Legion Pavilion. The evening will feature fellowship good food and fun activities.

Flotilla News



Photos provided by Barbie Mason

On Memorial Day, 05/28/2012, Barbie Mason, VFC, and John Varas, FSO-PE, joined various uniformed organizations in a wreath laying ceremony at the Stony Point, NY, Town Hall, representing the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-04. Flotilla 10-04 is located in Stony Point, NY and its members are well known throughout the many marinas in the area.

Blessings of the Fleet bring Recreational Boaters Together

By: Aaron D. Forste

On Sunday July 1st, 2012, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-13, of the 1st southern region, hosted a "Blessing of the Fleet" for vessels of Greenwood Lake. The day was introduced by Michele Rollino, Flotilla Commander, promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon. Then the service was presided over by Pastor Jack Traugott from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greenwood Lake, NY.

The boats were blessed from the balcony of Auxiliary member Donna Breurs' boathouse which is located mid-lake. Following a short ceremony and remembrance, Pastor Traugott energetically gave a personal blessing and well wishes to each mariner and their vessel as they passed below. Led by Priority One, an Auxiliary Patrol Vessel with coxswain Pat Ermilio and crew Donna Formato, a parade of over twenty boats made their way to receive the anointment and share in this special day. A couple of row boats joined the line of pontoons, motor boats and sailing vessels. The weather was very pleasant on this day, sunny with enough scattered clouds to keep cool and a couple later afternoon thunderstorms that could be heard echoing off the surrounding mountains. The year prior event was rained out and postponed one day to a Monday, and that greatly affected the turnout then. The participation and enthusiasm of so many on the lake this year was truly uplifting and strengthened the bond that mariners already share.

Greenwood Lake, an intrastate lake spanning New York and New Jersey, is the summer home of flotilla 10-13 and Station Greenwood, the Coast Guard Auxiliary detachment based on the water there. Public Education, Vessel Safety Exams, Marine Safety Patrols, Environmental Protection and Recreational Boating Safety keep the members of the Auxiliary busy for the boating season on the lake and also on patrols in the Hudson River and NY Harbor. USCG Aux 10-13 is based out of Wyckoff, NJ and meets monthly in The Larkin House, a community center owned by the town.

Ms. Breur hosted a Barbeque and gathering after the “Blessing” event, attended by members of 10-13, other local Coast Guard units, Gus Formato, District Commander, and many members of the boating community. While the shared company was good and the talk was vast in subject the idea of the “Blessing”: the safety of the boating public is never far from the minds in this crowd. “Semper Paratus”.



Gus Formato, DCDR, and Bruce Pugh, VFC, receiving the Blessing of Pastor Traugott for the safety of themselves, the Auxiliary Vessel and the boating public this season. Other boaters line up to receive similar benediction.



Members of Flotilla 10-13, enjoy the shade and each other’s company after the Greenwood Lake Blessing of the Fleet.



Vera A. Reed and Catherine E. Armstrong of USCG Aux Flotilla 10-10 are enjoying the sun after watching the annual ceremony of the Blessing of the Fleet

AWARDS



Clockwise from top left, Gus Formato, DCDR, presents awards to Bruce Pugh for Sustained Service, Linda Wolters for Sustained Service, Kathy Armstrong and Vera Reed for Marine Visits, and Glenn Kelley for AuxOps. Bravo Zulu to all.



Sal Arico congratulates John P. Young for his Certificate of Appreciation from CDR Zorman upon John's retirement from the Auxiliary .

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Flotilla 10-1: <http://a0141001.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-2: <http://secaucus102.homestead.com/uscg102.html>

Flotilla 10-4: <http://a0141004.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-7: <http://www.cgauxiliarylakehopatcong.com/>

Flotilla 10-8: <http://a0141008.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-10: <http://a0141010.wow.uscgaux.info>

Flotilla 10-13: <http://a0141013.uscgaux.info/>

Flotilla 10-20: <http://www.airstationcaldwell.org>

Division10: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=014-10>

First District Southern Region: <http://www.d1south.org/>

There is a wealth of information available to all members at these websites! Be sure to check them often!

Division meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 33 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park, at 2000. All members are welcome.

The next Division meeting will be held on Wed., July 18, 2012.

The annual picnic will replace the regularly scheduled meeting.

Our next business meeting will be August 15.

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