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Sunshine Report

BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Dickey	3/7
Jim Fulghum	3/4
Debbie Robbins	3/10
Jerry Zaccaria	3/27
Charlotte Broyles, wife of William Broyles, Jr.	3/3
Janice Foster, wife of Danny Foster	3/12
Catherine Thompson, wife of Bob Thompson, Jr.	3/20

Anniversaries

Mickey and Linda Frece	3/25
Tom and Betty Lamons	3/16
Dennis and Vicky Morgan	3/30

POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW FEBRUARY TRAINING

Flotilla 81 will meet at the SML AUXSARDET on Sunday, 22 February, at 1500 hours. See article below for training topic to follow the meeting. Dinner will be potluck. Those staying to enjoy the meal are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert to share. Ice and drinks will be provided by hosts Don and Mary Davis and Vince and Melissa Popowitch.

COLD WATER DROWNING CLASS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

At the February Meeting we will have a presentation on cold water survival.

I have a DVD called "Cold Water Boot Camp" that is produced in cooperation with NASBLA and Canada's cold-water research scientist, Dr. Gordon Geisbrecht, known to his students as Professor Popsicle. This 30-minute DVD shows the various stages of cold-water immersion from the first sudden gasp all the way into hypothermia. All will gain valuable knowledge on how to be prepared for an accidental cold water immersion, self rescue techniques, dealing with hypothermia and how to rewarm a hypothermic victim. Since we all patrol in early spring and late fall, we need to know this.

Watch as 9 volunteers offered to 'jump in with both feet' and

experience firsthand what happens in 43 degree water. There are also other presentations within this DVD on lifejackets and other survival techniques.

Dean Nimax
FSO-MT Flotilla 81
ASO-PWC/PWC-QE Division 8

DIRECTIONS TO THE SML AUXSARDET

Directions to the SML Search and Rescue Detachment are as follows: from Rt. 122, turn on Merriman Way Road (Rt. 666) at the Epworth Methodist Church. Turn left on Oldfield Road, then right on Oak Grove Lane. Follow Oak Grove Lane to the end, then turn left – look for the USCG AUXSARDET sign on the left.

COMING UP

21 February – First Aid and CPR training, SML AUXSARDET, 1300 hours, Marty Hallgren, instructor.

22 February – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, followed by potluck dinner. Don and Mary Davis and Vince and Melissa Popowitch will host.

27 February – SW Virginia Boat Show, Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, VA, 1300 – 2000 hours.

28 February – SW VA Boat Show, RCC, Roanoke, VA, 1000 – 2000 hours.

1 March – SW VA Boat Show, RCC, Roanoke, VA, 1000 -1800 hours.

6 – 8 March – Advanced Skills Weekend, TRACEN Yorktown, VA.

9 and 10 March – Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738 Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

28 March – Eight-hour TCT (Team Coordination Training) Class, SML AUXSARDET, 0930 hours; Mickey Frece, instructor.

4 April – Division 8 meeting, 1000 hours, Lynchburg, VA, location TBA.

13 and 14 April—Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738 Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

2 May – SML Triathlon, 0900 hours, SML State Park.

2 May – Take Pride in SML Cleanup Day

11 and 12 May – Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738 Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

16 May—VSC Mega weeks begin.

16 – 23 May – National Safe Boating Week.

15 and 16 June, Boat Virginia Course, Brambleton Center, 3738, Brambleton Ave., S. W., Roanoke, VA, 1830 hours.

22 June – U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 70th Anniversary.

26 September – Big Lick Triathlon, SML State Park, time TBA.

JEFF DEMERS APPOINTED TO NATIONAL STAFF

Jeff Demers has been appointed to serve on the National Staff of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is Branch Chief of Databases for the National Personnel Department. Through the use of these databases, an individual interested in the Auxiliary is able to submit his or her name and zip code, and in turn the information will be forwarded to the appropriate Division and Flotilla which can then contact the potential member. Jeff also serves both Division 8 and Flotilla 81 as Staff Officer for Computer Services and is Flotilla 81 Staff Officer for Materials.

DIVISION 8 HOLDS CHANGE OF WATCH AND AWARDS CEREMONIES



Marvin E. Hollowell of Flotilla 84, left, and Thomas R. Merriman of Flotilla 81 were installed as Division Commander and Vice Commander at the Division 8 Change of Watch held on 17 January at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton, VA. Administering the oath of office was Heidi Derby, District Captain, Sector Hampton Roads.

Other staff officers for Division 8 are: Vince Popowitch, F 81, CM

and SML AUXSARDET Assistant OIC ; Jeff Demers, F 81, CS; Ginger Ellis, F 87, FN; Bill Flanders, F 88, IS; Donna Canary, F 87, MA; Dave Gruber, F 83, MS; Susan Lowe, F 81, MT; Shep Zedaker, F 83, OP; Jean McCormick, F 87, NS; Kerry Eakins, F 81, PA; Barbara Sethman, F 88, PB; Paul M. Howell, F 81, PE; Tom Merriman, F 81, PS; Marty Hallgren, F 85, PV and SML AUXSARDET OIC; Maureen Daniels, F 87, SR; and Jack Cranford, F 83, VE. Mickey Frece, F 81, will serve as SML Operations Coordinator.



Tom Merriman, right, was named Division Auxiliarist of the Year 2008 at the Awards Ceremony held on 17 January in conjunction with the Division 8 meeting. Merriman was also awarded a Recreational Boating Safety Incentive Award. Dean Nimax, at left, received a certificate for the more than 500 points he earned during 2008. He was also recognized for his work in the Recreational Boating Safety Program during the past year.

Flotilla 81 received several Division awards which were accepted by Danny L. Foster, Commander, Flotilla 81. The Flotilla was recognized for Member Growth, Coast Guard Support, Vessel Examinations, and Program Visitation.

EIGHTY-NINE EARN CERTIFICATES AT BOATING CLASS



Stacey Brown, recently named a State Coordinator for Boating Education by Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VADGIF), chats with Paul M. Howell, Region 2 Coordinator of Boating Education for VADGIF, at the Boat Virginia Course conducted in Huddleston on 31 January. Stacy, along with Tom

Guess who was appointed last year, shares the coordination of Virginia's boating education program.



Eighty-nine persons were on hand for the all-day Boat Virginia Course conducted by Flotilla 81 on 31 January at the Saunders Volunteer Fire Station in Huddleston, VA. All received certificates of completion.

Instructors for the course were Jeff Demers, Karl Elsea, Paul M. Howell, Tom and Betty Lamons, "Slim" Lockerman, and Tom Merriman. Assistants were Jim Fulghum, Phil Mintos, and Stacey Brown.

Sponsors for the course were Debbie Robbins State Farm Agency, *The Smith Mountain Eagle*, Virginia's DGIF, Saunders Volunteer Fire Department, SML Water Safety Council, SML Power Boating Association, and Hager Insurance Agency. Lunch was provided by the Fire Belles, the auxiliary of the Saunders Fire Department.

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS STILL NEEDED

Flotilla 81 is still in need of a Flotilla Staff Officer for Secretary Records! Also unfilled is the position for "Fun and Fellowship." Please let Danny Foster, FC, or Susan Lowe, VFC, KNOW if you would be willing to fill one of these important vacancies.

THIS AND THAT

HF radio checks are conducted at the SML AUXSARDET the second Wednesday of each month. For times, contact Vince Popowitch, FSO-CM.

Please advise Jeff Demers, FSO-MA, of your supply needs – training manuals, stamps, etc.

Kerry Eakins, FSO-PA, can use still photographs for TV spots. Photos may be submitted in JPG format.

PLEASE NOTE: Kerry Eakins has a new e-mail address: kerry.eakins@emp.shentel.com

Warren Walker has found it necessary to resign from the Coast Guard Auxiliary due to other public service commitments. He has brought a number of uniform items in nearly new condition to the SML AUXSARDET. These items may be found outside the uniform box. Warren would appreciate voluntary reimbursement for any items which may be found useful by members. Checks may be sent to:

Mr. Warren A. Walker
2412 Gardner Street
Elliston, VA 24087

Don and Mary Davis now have an alternate phone number: (540) 520-8737.

The Flotilla still needs hosts for the following months: July, October, and November. Please advise Susan Lowe, VFC, or Betty Lamons, FSO-PB, if you are willing to host one of these meetings.

Be sure that the Emergency Calling System has your up-to-date contact information.

Please let Vince Popowitch, Assistant OIC for SML AUXSARDET, know if you have any personal equipment or appliances on loan at the SARDET. This information is needed for an accurate inventory of Auxiliary property at the station.

According to the latest information, boat.ed.com is the *only on-line course* approved for the State of Virginia.

Is your U.S.C.G. Auxiliary ID card about expire? Member ID information may be sent to Tom Merriman in JPG format no more than two weeks prior to expiration. Earlier submissions will most probably be misplaced by District. Tom or Betty Lamons will be happy to take your ID photos and will forward them to Tom Merriman.

FLOTILLA 81 PARTICIPATES IN MOAA'S ANNUAL MASSING OF THE COLORS



Left to right, serving as one of the more than 50 color guards participating in the 23rd Massing of the Colors are Flotilla 81 members Paul M. Howell, Danny L. Foster, Alfred S. Perdue, and Thomas W. Lamons.

Members of Flotilla 81 again provided a color guard for the annual Massing of the Colors sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). Rifle bearers were Paul M. Howell and Tom Lamons. Bearing the flags were Danny Foster and Al Perdue. This year's event was held on 15 February at the New Life Christian Ministries Church in Roanoke, VA and marks the Flotilla's tenth year of participation.

This year's address was given by Major General John D. Taylor, Commanding General of the Virginia Defense Force. The event was organized by Capt. Norman J. Jasper, Jr., of the MOWW, Roanoke Chapter. Capt. Jasper's daughter Angela Jasper sang patriotic songs a cappella. Other music was provided by the 29th Army Band, Virginia National Guard.

This ceremony, held annually on the third Sunday of February, is a moving tribute to the dead of all previous and present wars and all military personnel now serving our country.

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