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Sunshine Report

BIRTHDAYS

John Krogmann
Betty Lamons
Eileen Chaplin, wife of David Chaplin
Jennifer Wallace, wife of Bryan Wallace

Aug 8
Aug 16
Aug 19
Aug 25

ANNIVERSARIES

Karl and Gail Elsea

Aug 5

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Bob Thompson upon the death of his aunt in late June, and to the family of retired members Jim and Helen Rowe upon the passing of her brother, Thomas W. Canary, Jr., on 24 June.

Congratulations go Gary Fisher on his maiden voyage as captain of *The Virginia Dare*. Gary also serves as a relief captain for Sea Tow, a commercial towing franchise which recently began operating on Smith Mountain Lake.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 April 27 thru May 25, 2009 Financial Report

Beginning Cash Balance: \$2,704.45

Income:

Dues: \$90.00

50/50: \$0.00

Total Income: \$90.00

Expense:

Division/SARDET Fee: \$0.00

Office Supplies: \$135.00

Name Badges: \$0.00

Sunshine: \$0.00

Miscellaneous Expense: \$0.00

Total Expense: \$135.00

Cash Flow: \$45.00

Cash Balance 4/25/2009: \$2,659.45

COMING UP

26 July – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Ron and Debbie Collins, hosts.

3 – 4 August – Boat Virginia Class, Saunders Volunteer Fire Dept. Building, Route 626, Huddleston, VA, 1900 hours.

8 August – Division 8 meeting and picnic, Claytor Lake, Flotilla 83 host.

23 August – Flotilla 81 meeting, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Danny Foster, host.

14 – 15 September – (Tentative) Boat Virginia Class, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA, 1900 hours.

18 – 20 September – District Conference, Chesapeake, VA.

19 September – SML Antique and Classic Boat Show, Mariner's Landing, Huddleston, VA.

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

27 September – Flotilla 81 meeting and picnic, 1500 hours.

2– 4 October – SML Charity Home Tour.

– Advanced Skills Weekend, TRACEN, Yorktown, VA.
Sign-up deadline is 12 September.

24 October – Division 8 meeting and election of officers, Louisa County Library, 1000 hours, Flotilla 87, host.

5 December – VA Dare Flotilla for Toys Christmas Boat Parade. Boats leave the VA Dare Marina at 1900 hours.

FLOTILLA 81 TO MEET ON 26 JULY

Flotilla 81 will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, 26 July, at 1500 hours. Following the meeting, members will gather for potluck. Those staying for the meal are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert. Ron and Debbie Collins, hosts, will provide drinks and ice. As usual, utensils, cups, and dishes will be provided by Flotilla 81.

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, turn left – look for the AUXSARDET sign on the left.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE MEETING



Victor Baranauskas, at left, is sworn into membership in Flotilla 81 by Tom Merriman, VCDR 8, assisted by Danny Foster, FC 81, at far right, during the Flotilla meeting held on 28 June at the SML AUXSARDET. Victor also received his first ribbon, along with a certificate earned for having successfully passed the AUXSEA Specialty Course.



Mickey Frece, at left, holds his Operational Excellence Award, just presented by Danny Foster. Frece also received an Annual Operations Service Award.

AUXILIARISTS PATROL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS



Skies are clear under a three-quarters full moon on Friday, 3 July, as boaters await the fireworks display put on by Mariners Landing.



Three Auxiliary vessels were on hand to patrol the perimeter of the fallout zone at the fireworks display on 3 July at the Mariners Landing resort on Smith Mountain Lake. Mickey Frece was PATCOM aboard Vessel 201 along with Harold Snodgrass, Coxswain. Coxswains Bob Thompson and Danny Foster were aboard Vessel 603, while Tom Lamons, Coxswain, skippered Vessel 083 with Betty Lamons, Crew. Susan Lowe held radio watch at the SML AUXSARDET



Danny Foster served as PATCOM on 4 July during the fireworks display held at Parkway Marina, as Auxiliary vessels maintained a boundary around the fallout zone. Danny, along with Harold Snodgrass, was aboard Vessel 603; Tom and Betty Lamons were again on Vessel 083. Tom Merriman, Coxswain, aboard Vessel 792, assisted in maintaining a no-wake perimeter with Joe Nicholson, Crew. Bill Lindsay, Coxswain, Flotilla 85, skippered Vessel 931 with his crew. Here, Vessel 055 is shown under overcast skies at the beginning of the patrol with Susan Lowe, Coxswain, with Glen Flint, Flotilla 85, Crew. Mickey Frece was watch stander for this event. The SML Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company also patrolled the events of 3 and 4 July.

SIXTH BOAT VIRGINIA CLASS CONDUCTED BY FLOTILLA 81



Flotilla 81 held its sixth Boat Virginia Course for the year on 6 and 7 July at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta, VA. Instructors for the course were Karl Elsea, Gary Fisher, Paul M. Howell, Betty Lamons, Tom Lamons, Tom Merriman, and Debbie Robbins. Eighty-three persons were enrolled with all 83 successfully completing the course. There were 13 students 17 years of age and under.

The course was sponsored by Debbie Robbins State Farm Insurance. Co-sponsors were *The Smith Mountain Eagle*, the Smith Mountain Lake Water Safety Council, the SML Boating Association, the SML Power Boating Association, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

COAST GUARDSMEN TRAIN AUXILIARISTS IN EXAMINING UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS



Photo courtesy Jeff Demers

Members of the U. S. Coast Guard conducted a class in examining Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV) for members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary over a two-day period, 9 and 10 July, at Smith Mountain Lake. Students previously qualified as Vessel Examiners. Left to right, standing on the back row, are Tom Merriman and Danny Foster of Flotilla 81; Jack Cranford, Flotilla 83; Kerry Eakins, Flotilla 81; and William "Red" Gilbert, Sr., U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Hampton Roads. On the front row, seated left to right are BMC Andrew Diggs, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Hampton Roads; and Karl Elsea, Susan Lowe, and Vincent Popowitch, all of Flotilla 81.

The UPV Examination program is similar to the Vessel Safety Check program, except that it is for commercial vessels.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Demers

Capt. Kathy Franceshini of Spike's Prime Time Fishin' Charter at Smith Mountain Lake is congratulated by Jack Cranford of Flotilla 81, upon successful examinations of her two charter fishing vessels and receipt of decals. Ms. Franceshini was the first over the weekend to have charter vessels inspected and issued decals.

UPCOMING BOAT VIRGINIA COURSE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE AUXILIARISTS

Flotilla 81 will hold its eighth Boat Virginia Course of the year on 3 and 4 August at the Saunders Volunteer Fire Department Building in Huddleston, VA. The building is located on Route 626. The class will begin each evening at 1900 hours.

For new Auxiliarists who are Initially Qualified and for those who are thinking of joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, this course provides an opportunity to become Basically Qualified. To Register for the course, call *The Smith Mountain Eagle* at (540) 719-5100. For more information, call Paul M. Howell, Public Education Officer, at (540) 774-2619.

Saunders Fire Department's ladies' auxiliary, the Fire Belles, will have drinks and refreshments available for students and instructors during the break.

THREE MEMBERS QUALIFY AS CREW

Congratulations are in order for Victor Baranauskas, Jeff Demers, and Joe Nicholson who completed boat crew qualifications over the weekend of 26 – 28 June. All three have received their USCG Auxiliary PFDs and PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) gear. Certificates and ribbons will be awarded at a later date.

THIS AND THAT

Remember to do the paperwork! Orders cannot be put in after 20 days without an explanation for the delay. Orders should be completed immediately upon completion of the mission.

A change of information form must be submitted to Al Perdue, FSO-IS, whenever there is a change of mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number. The editors of *The Lake Pilot* and Flotilla 81 Personnel Services Officer should be notified of changes immediately via phone or e-mail.

Dues notices for 2010 will be mailed soon. Dues are due immediately upon receipt of the invoice.

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