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Sunshine Report

BIRTHDAYS

Doug Dressler	Nov 3
Bill Gardner	Nov 6
Linda Frece	Nov 23
Paul V. Howell	Nov 11
Susan Lowe	Nov 29
Joseph (Joe) Nicholson	Nov 19
Bryan Wallace	Nov 16
Fonda Gardner, wife of Bill Gardner	Nov 9
Ellen Lockerman, wife of "Slim" Lockerman	Nov 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary and Lynn Fisher	Nov 25
Bryan and Jennifer Wallace	Nov 6

MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Unit Officers Present: FC Foster, VFC Lowe, PS Merriman, PB Lamons, NS Thompson, MA/CS Demers, IS Perdue, PE Howell, FN Dickey, SR Collins, and PV Collins.

Guests Present: Ben Blankenship.

Condensed version of Reports and Motions Voted On: Meeting called to order at 1500 by FC Danny Foster. Pledge led by VFC Susan Lowe. Prayer led by Bob Thompson.

SML has had no boating deaths so far this year.

406 people have taken the Boating Safety Class.

Awards are too few. *See first item under This and That.

50 deaths have occurred in VA due to speed and alcohol.

ID card renewals, if submitted prior to last February, need to be submitted again.

Cdr. Whitehead, DIRAUX, to Coxswains—if there are issues on the lake such as fire, medical assistance, injuries to any members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, do a brief report.

Put copies of the Navigator in local businesses when you are done with the magazine.

September 30th – Captain Ogle to have a retreat at SML to do a work party with 11 people to repair docks, grind out tree stumps, new furniture, and electric to Looney Building. To leave on October 1st.

Pay dues ASAP.

New Business: Elect a nominating committee. Notify Al Perdue or Susan Lowe. Election to be held at October meeting. *See Editor's note next page.

Next meeting decide on where and when to have Change of Watch and Christmas Party.

Unit Training Topics Presented: None Social held. (Continued next page)

Awards: F 81 in top 100 to perform Vessel Exams and RBS Visitations.

Al Perdue ICS 210.

Victor Baranauskas Crew and ICS 210.

Susan Lowe 10th Sustained Performance Award.

Next Business Meeting: 10-25-2009 at 1500 hours, SML SARDET.

Debby Collins, FSO-SR

***Editor's note:** The Nominating Committee has been appointed. This year's committee includes Al Perdue, Susan Lowe, and Bob Thompson. The committee will report at the October meeting with elections to follow in November. For full information, please see accompanying article on second column of this page.

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 81
September 1 thru September 30, 2009
Financial Report**

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$2,592.96
Income:	
Dues:	\$675.00
Donations:	\$500.00
50/50:	<u>\$11.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,186.00
Expense:	
Division Dues:	\$0.00
Flotilla Supplies:	\$0.00
Office Supplies:	\$0.00
Name Badges:	\$0.00
Sunshine:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expense:	<u>\$38.00</u>
Total Expense:	<u>\$38.00</u>
Cash Flow:	<u>\$1,148.00</u>
Ending Cash Balance:	\$3,740.96

COMING UP

17 October – 70th Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary Nation-wide Communications Contest, 0900 – 1600 hours, SML AUXSARDET. Contact Jeff Demers or Vince Popowitch if you plan to

attend and/or participate.

18 October – First session AUXCOM and TQS Class, 1000 – 1600 hours, SML AUXSARDET.

24 October – Second session AUXCOM and TQS Class, 1000 – 1700 hours, SML AUXSARDET.

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

25 October – Flotilla 81 meeting and report from nominating committee, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Mickey and Linda Frece, hosts.

7 November – SML Fall Chili and Craft Festival, Bridgewater Plaza, 1000 – 1600 hours.

20 – 22 November – Leadership Academy, Yorktown, VA. Class begins at 1900 hours on Friday.

22 November – Flotilla 81 meeting and election of officers, SML AUXSARDET, 1500 hours, Al Perdue, host.

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

**REPORT FROM NOMINATING
COMMITTEE TO BE HEARD AT
OCTOBER MEETING**

Flotilla 81 will meet at the SML AUXSARDET on Sunday, 25 October, at 1500 hours. The nominating committee for Flotilla elected officers for the year 2010 will give its report. Election of officers will be held at the meeting on 22 November.

Anyone interested in serving as an elected officer (Flotilla Commander or Flotilla Vice Commander) should notify Al Perdue, Bob Thompson, or Susan Lowe. In order to be eligible to hold an elected office, one must have passed the Auxiliary Administrative Procedures Course. (continued)

After the business meeting, members will enjoy a potluck dinner. Those staying for the meal should bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, meat, bread, or dessert to share. Al Perdue, host, will provide ice and drinks. Utensils and cutlery will be furnished by the Flotilla.

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.

AUXILIARY PROVIDES PATROLS FOR BIG LICK TRIATHLON



The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, along with the Smith Mountain Lake Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, provided safety patrols for the Big Lick Triathlon held at the SML State Park on 29 September. Here, aboard Flotilla 81 Facility 9201, are Jeff Demers, Crew, at left, and Harold Snodgrass, Coxswain. Other Auxiliarists patrolling the event were Coxswains Danny Foster of F 81 and Bill Lindsay of F 85 aboard Facility 5931. Coxswains Bob Thompson and Susan Lowe, both of F 81, were aboard Facility 5630; and F 81 members Tom Merriman, Coxswain, and Betty Lamons, Crew, were on Facility 7792.



Swimmers round a buoy during the Big Lick Triathlon on 20 September under the watchful eyes of kayakers; members the SML Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, whose boats are seen in the background; and members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

SML MARINE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY PURCHASES NEW BOATS



Pictured here at the Big Lick Triathlon on 20 September, is one of three new fireboats recently purchased by the Smith Mountain Lake Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company at a cost of \$835,000.00. Equipment for the boats cost an additional \$150,000.00.

Tax deductible donations to assist in the cost of these assets may be sent to:

SML Marine Volunteer Fire/Rescue Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 899
Hardy, VA 24011-0899

Please consider making a donation today!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



Danny Foster, FC 81, left, prepares to present Susan Lowe, VFC 81, with her *tenth* Sustained Performance Award at the Flotilla 81 meeting held at the SML AUXSARDET on 27 September.



Al Perdue, at left, and Victor Baranauskas, center, hold their certificates of completion of ICS 210. Baranauskas also received his Crew Qualification certificate and ribbon. Danny Foster, FC 81, at right, made the awards.

FLOTILLA 81 ONE OF 100 TOP PERFORMERS IN NATION FOR VSC AND RBS PROGRAMS

Flotilla 81 was named one of the top 100 Flotillas in the performance of Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) and Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) visitations! Tom Merriman, Vice Division Commander 8, made the presentation of the certificate at the Flotilla meeting on 27 September. Congratulations are in

order for all members who participated in these programs.

THIS AND THAT

*Did you know that any Auxiliarist can put another Auxiliarist up for an award? Tom Merriman, FSO-PS, will help. There are concerns in the Fifth District that too few Auxiliarists are being recognized.

If you submitted an application for a new ID card prior to February 2009 and have never received it, you should resubmit.

The required hours of operation for PWC facilities have been decreased to six hours per year if the operator is also a Coxswain. The six hours are in addition to the required hours aboard a boat.

Good news! According to Paul M. Howell, FSO-PB, who also serves as Region II Boating Education Coordinator for Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the award program for state instructors has been reinstated.

Tom and Betty Lamons will be available at the meeting on 25 October to do photos and fingerprints for ID cards for both new members and members whose ID cards are about to expire.



*Besides the autumn poets sing, a few prosaic days
A little this side of the snow
And that side of the haze.*

– Emily Dickinson

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