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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7-9 May	District Spring Business Meeting
09 May	Mother's Day
17 May	Flotilla Meeting
21 May	Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day
14 June	Flag Day
21 June	Flotilla Meeting

**8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING
 LOOK AT THE
 DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE
 WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES**

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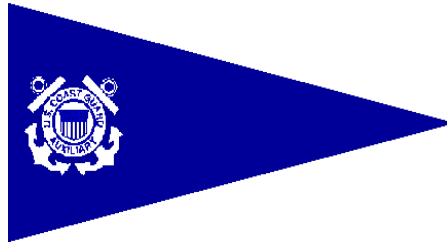
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Notes *May 2021*

In a recent email from National, “**esprit de corps**” was mentioned. After looking up the meaning, I found out it was French and it literally means “the spirit of the body,” the group. Do we look like a group? With five new members coming onboard soon, what will they think and see after we ask them to purchase uniforms when we are not wearing them?

It was pointed out, in another District, that at all zoom meetings members were to wear at least their tropical blues. Recently on a DSO-HR national zoom meeting all, yes all, had their uniforms on. Maybe we as a flotilla could revisit what has happened over the last year and a half and what image we would like to show perspective members. Feel free to have this conversation among yourselves. Maybe ideas might find their way moving forward.

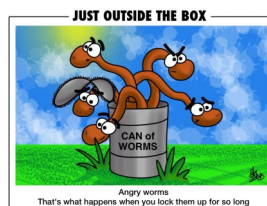
We had a genuinely nice evening at the Division meeting and dinner. I want to congratulate our members who received recognition. Congratulations to the members of our Flotilla for receiving our 50-year membership certificate and ribbon. Also, congratulations to Greg Tunink for receiving his certificate of membership in the Auxiliary for 25 years and to Cannon for qualifying as our newest PV.

We have been approved to teach one Boating Safety Class in the month of May. If all goes as planned, we should have taught our first class in over a year on April 24th.

Our PV and VEs are moving forward for the month of May. All eyes are on operations, as we consider this year's needs.

Thank you again for all each of you are doing to keep our flotilla improving and serving the public.

Jim Wolfe FC 085-33-01



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, DCDR, SO-PB, FSO-CS/PB

This information was printed in the "Diversity Matters" Newsletter

THE COAST GUARD WOMEN'S RESERVE

During World War I, in 1918, twin sisters Genevieve and Lucille Baker transferred from the Naval Coastal Defense Reserve and became the first uniformed women to serve in the Coast Guard.

Before the war ended, several more women joined them, all of them serving in the Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. On November 23, 1942, the Coast Guard Women's Reserve was created with the signing of Public Law 773 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Dorothy Stratton transferred from the Navy WAVES to serve as the Reserve's director. Dorothy Tuttle was the first woman to enlist in the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, and in all, 11,868 enlisted women and 978 female officers served in it during World War II. This included Olivia Hooker, who thus became the first African-American woman to enter the Coast Guard in 1945. In all, five African-American women served in the Coast Guard Women's Reserve before it was ended in 1947, namely Hooker, D. Winifred Byrd, Julia Mosley, Yvonne Cumberbatch, and Aileen Cooke.

The Coast Guard Women's Reserve was ended in 1947 but recreated in a smaller form in 1949.

*"Every woman that has
ever served in the
American military has
volunteered to do so."*





INFORMATION BUG

MAY 2021

The information for this article can be found at:

[Springtime Boating Safety Tips - Safe Boating Campaign](#)

With spring and warmer weather on the horizon, the Safe Boating Campaign is reminding boaters to always boat responsibly and to follow safety guidelines while on the water. Routinely checking your equipment and preparing for the upcoming boating season is good sense, and the sign of a real boater.

Following are reminders as boaters prepare for spring:

- Ensure your life jacket fits properly. Check the manufacturer's ratings for your size and weight. Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped and/or buckled. You can check for fit by raising your arms above your head while wearing the life jacket and asking a friend to grasp the shoulder lapels and gently pulling up. There should be no excess room above the openings and the life jacket should not ride up over your chin or face. A snug fit in these areas shows the life jacket fits properly.
- Inspect your life jacket. Inspection should include orally inflating your life jacket and ensuring it holds air for 16-24 hours, inspecting the cylinder (there should be no discharge or corrosion), checking that the cylinder is screwed in tight, and doing a flotation check on inherently buoyant life jackets. Always refer to the owner's manual.
- Restock your first aid kit if necessary, replacing anything that has expired.
- Ensure all battery-powered devices have fresh batteries.
- Order any gear that needs to be replaced. Never use expired or faulty gear.
- Make sure you have two communications devices that will work when wet, such as a VHF radio and emergency locator beacon.
- Double-check your trailer. Tire pressure, lights, tie downs, and other equipment should be tested and potentially replaced.

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- Take a safe boating course to brush up or learn new skills.
- Get a vessel safety check to ensure you're ready to go!

Spring also means these important dates are approaching. We hope you'll join the campaign for what is sure to be a fun season:

Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day | May 21, 2021

National Safe Boating Week | May 22-28, 2021

Ready, Set, Wear It | Dates vary by location

Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day is May 21, 2021. Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating.

Hosted by the National Safe Boating Council, this annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles just prior to the official launch of National Safe Boating Week.

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JUNE 2021



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