

11th WATCH

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Open Positions in the Flotilla

There are two Flotilla Staff Officer positions vacant and the flotilla needs your help to fill them.

FSO-CS, Flotilla Staff Officer – Communication Services. The Communications Services Staff Officer is essentially the flotilla's webmaster and the organization's web watcher who exercises staff responsibility and supervision over electronic communication services.

FSO-MS, Flotilla Staff Officer – Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. The Marine Safety officer is responsible for the planning and administration of programs to support and augment the United States Coast Guard's Prevention Directorate. This support includes, but is not limited to;

1. Support for marine environmental response assistance.
2. Port safety and security inspections.
3. Commercial vessel safety and security inspections.
4. Container inspection assistance.
5. Marine licensing/documentation/course audits

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact Marcella Reinerthungerford Flotilla Commander (FC)
mjh1511@aol.com

Awards & Announcements

Flotilla 114-11-11 would like to congratulate:

Kerry Morgan, Flotilla Staff Officer Publications (FSO-PB), who received his I.D. card during the monthly meeting.



ID Cards

Please check your I.D. cards to ensure they are in date. Any member who does not have an I.D. card or whose I.D. card will expire within the next 60 days should contact Denver Drieberg, VFC, FSO-HR, FSO-MT, as soon as possible. The VFC can be reached by using the following email address:
denver.aux@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting

The next flotilla meeting will be on June 27, at Denny's Restaurant, 1180 Alabama Street, Redlands, CA, (north of I-10 freeway in Redlands, CA). Fellowship Hour begins at 1830, (6:30pm).



Above is William “Bill” Scholz, Assistant District Staff Officer Communications (ADSO-CM). Mr. Scholz was one of the instructors for the District Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator Specialty Course that finished after three weekends of intense training

4th Cornerstone

Flotilla 114-11-11 would like to wish Octavious David, Flotilla Member a speedy recovery.

Although he is recovering from a recent injury, he showed dedication and commitment to duty by participating in the recent Flotilla meeting.

An interview with William Scholz, Assistant District Staff Officer Communications (ADSO-CM)

How long have you been a member of the Coast guard Auxiliary?

I joined the Auxiliary in 2000 so I guess it will be seventeen years this year.

How long have you held your current position?

I have been the ADSO-CM for about four years now.

Why is the Telecommunications Operator Specialty (TCO) course so important to the Auxiliary?

The TCO course prepares members to actually support the active duty Coast Guard, at all levels.

Why are the Auxiliary TCO’s important to the Coast Guard?

There are two main reasons why the Auxiliary TCO is important:

1. It is direct support for the active duty Coast Guard, they can plug us in to any watch position.
2. We represent a storehouse of knowledge that the Coast Guard is otherwise losing to retirement.

Why should an Auxiliarist become interested in communications?

Communications is probably the most accessible qualification that can lead to a direct link with the active duty Coast Guard. It has led me to be a representative for the auxiliary to the Coast Guard from small vessels to the west coast command.

There is the possibility of future TCO courses in the District. If you are interested please contact Mr. Scholz, ADSO-CM at: whv387@gmail.com

Paratus Prep

For a chance at recognition by the Flotilla send your answers to Kerry Morgan FSO-PB. Members who get all five questions correct will be recognized during the monthly Flotilla meeting. The FSO-PB can be reached at: Kerrym1968@yahoo.com

- 1) A "Sheepshank" is used to?
 - a. Keep a line from fraying.
 - b. Join lines of unequal size.
 - c. Stop off a line.
 - d. Shorten a line.
- 2) A "Skiff Hook" is a device used to?
 - a. Shorten the length of catenaries in a tow line.
 - b. Attach a towline to the eye bolt to the bow of a trailer-able boat.
 - c. To create a temporary fairlead.
 - d. Join a towline to a pair of towing bridles.
- 3) A "Spring Line" is?
 - a. A mooring line made of spring lay wire rope.
 - b. A mooring line running diagonally to the keel.
 - c. A mooring line parallel to the keel.
 - d. A wire rope used for securing an anchor buoy.
- 4) A "Stopper" is?
 - a. A short length of line used for temporary holding another line.
 - b. A snatch block for handling "topping off."
 - c. An engine order telegraph.
 - d. The brake on a cargo winch.
- 5) A "Whipping" is?
 - a. A messenger.
 - b. A stopper for nylon line.
 - c. A U-bolt for securing a cargo whip to a winch drum.
 - d. Turns of twine around a rope end.

Paratus Prep Answers for May

During the month of May there were no correct answers for all five questions.

- 1) "Block Stowage" means:
 - Stowing all the cargo for a port in the same area.
- 2) A "Bowline" is used to:
 - Form a temporary eye at the end of a line.
- 3) A "contra-guide" is a type of:
 - Rudder.
- 4) A "Figure Eight" knot is used to:
 - Keep a line from passing through a sheave.
- 5) A "Mediterranean Moor" should be used when:
 - Docking stern to a berth.

Auxiliary History

June 1939 Congress created the Coast Guard Reserve which later became what is today the Coast Guard Auxiliary

June 1942 Congressional Legislation allowed Auxiliarists to enroll as part-time or intermittent members of the Coast Guard Reserve. Thousands of Auxiliarists enroll themselves and their vessels in the Reserve. Over fifty thousand temporary Reservists served during the war patrolling harbors, factories, bridges, and docks; fighting fires; providing emergency and disaster assistance; conducting search and rescue and anti-submarine warfare; training; giving blood; selling war bonds; recruiting SPARs (CG women reservists). (An equal number of Auxiliarists served, but many held both titles simultaneously, so the 50,000 figure is used for both the number of Auxiliarists and temporary Reservists.)

Summer is here

Great news shipmates, Boating Season is here, it's time to get back on the lake.

If you are interested in volunteering your time this summer please let your Flotilla Commander (FC) or Flotilla vice commander (VFC) know. If you let your FC or VFC know you are going to volunteer your time at the lake you may be able to get orders.

There are many ways you can volunteer, from Boat Crew and Dock Walker, to Radio Operator or even someone who hands out information leaflets to the public. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated. If you are a little worried about any of these jobs you can always come up just to support and chat with your fellow crew members, you may find this is just what you have been looking for to brighten your week.

Lake patrols began on Memorial Day Weekend at Lake Silverwood and will continue through the summer months. Patrol locations vary between Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris and Lake Big Bear. Please contact Larry Bitonti, your Operations Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO-O) to ensure you are going to the right lake for your weekend of volunteer activities.



Lake Silverwood Photograph supplied by Kerry Morgan FSO-PB.



Semper Paratus



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Approved with the following mandatory corrections:

- Page 1: Job titles shall not precede names unless it is a commodore per Aux Manual. FSO-PB is preceding Kerry Morgan's name, FC is preceding Marcella's name. Same issue on Page 2 for William Scholz in several places. Page 3 and 4 also correct all job titles before person's names.

Additional Notes:

None