

11th WATCH

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District 11, Flotilla 11-11

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4th Cornerstone

During the past month many people were affected by hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Some of those affected were members of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary. These people are now picking up the pieces and putting their lives back together and the Coast Guard Foundation will be there to help. To donate (tax free) to the Disaster Relief and Response Fund called Operation Life Ring, and help the Coast Guard Foundation meet the critical needs facing the men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, please visit:

www.cgauxa.org/auxa/OpLifeRing/

Donations may also be sent by mail to:

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association. Inc

9449 Watson Industrial Park

St. Louis, MO, 63126

Checks should be made payable to "Operation Life Ring"

New Flotilla Command

At the September flotilla meeting the positions of Flotilla Commander (FC) and Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) were voted on.

The next Flotilla Commander will be:
Denver Driberg

The next Flotilla Vice Commander will be:
Kerry Morgan

Awards & Announcements

Flotilla 11-11 would like to congratulate:

Marcella Reinerthungerford (FC) on receiving a Certificate of Recognition, Community Service Award from the City of Riverside for extraordinary service, achievement, and commitment to the children in foster care in the city of Riverside and Riverside County and on successfully completing the Communications Specialist Course.

Philip Becerra (FSO-MA) and Octavious David on completion of their C school and becoming Communication Specialists.

Robert Gutman (FSO-DV) on completing his Instructor Development Course and receiving a Vessel Examiner Ribbon.

Christopher Rosario (FSI-IS) on completing the Vessel Examiner Exam.

Brandon Lieu on completing multiple Public Affairs Exams and becoming the new Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs (FSO-PA)

Denver Driberg on receiving the Auxiliary Service Award Ribbon for five years of service and completing 4,669 cumulative hours of volunteering.

Flotilla 114-11-11 received the prestigious US Coast Guard Auxiliary NACO 3-Star Award in Diversity for 2017. Special thanks to Robert Gutman (FSO-DV) for making this happen.

Paratus Prep Paratus Prep

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

1. A rope ladder with wooden rungs is a ____?
 - a. Drop ladder.
 - b. Life ladder.
 - c. Jacob's ladder.
 - d. Jury ladder.
2. A set of interior steps on a ship leading up to a deck from below is know as ____?
 - a. A companion way.
 - b. Tween decks.
 - c. Stairs.
 - d. All of the above are acceptable.
3. A sheave is a ____?
 - a. Grooved wheel in a block.
 - b. Line to hold a lifeboat next to the embarkation deck.
 - c. Partial load of grain.
 - d. Seaman's knife.
4. A smooth, tapered pin, usually of wood, used to open up the strands of a rope for splicing is called a(n)_____
 - a. Batten.
 - b. Bench hook.
 - c. Awl.
 - d. Fid.
5. A snatch block is a ____?
 - a. Block used only with manila rope.
 - b. Chock roller.
 - c. Hinged block.
 - d. Strong block used for short, sharp pulls.

Paratus Prep Answers for September

- 1) A natural fiber rope can be ruined by dampness because it may?
 - Rot.
- 2) A pelican hook?
 - Can be released while under pressure.
- 3) A person who sees someone fall overboard should?
 - Call for help and keep the individual in sight.
- 4) A rolling hitch can be used to?.
 - Secure a line around a spar.
- 5) A racetrack turn would be better than a Williamson turn in recovering a man overboard if?.
 - The sea water is very cold and the man is visible.



Emil Schultz Jr. (DCDR Div 11, FSO-CM) from flotilla 11-07 and Carrie Olson (IPFC, FSO-DV, FSO-MA) from flotilla 11-02 conducting Radio watch at Lake Silverwood for the final patrols of the year

Cap'n Barnaby Says...

The phrase "to pour oil on troubled waters" is an ancient one. Pliny and Plutarch, in the first century A.D. knew that oil poured on a stormy sea would quiet the waves. Oil was not plentiful in those days, so the anomaly remained largely a scientific fact. But, when whale fishing became a great industry, beginning towards the middle of the eighteenth century, it is very likely that this phenomenon was often made use of. The expression, as used of today, means something offered for easing a troubled situation.

The wisdom of Cap'n Barnaby comes from a Coast Guard Auxiliary Book from 1988 dealing with clipart for Auxiliary newsletters and was donated by Larry Bitonti FSO-OP

Coast Guard Ethos

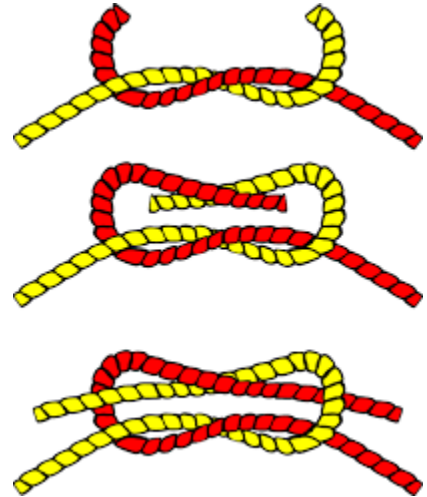
We, as Coast Guard Auxiliary members are expected to maintain the same standards of dress and grooming, drill and ceremony, and skills to complete our assigned tasks as the regular Coast Guard. With the exception of the operation of weapons and entering the water we complete all of the same responsibilities and follow the same ethos, but how many of us have actually read the ethos of the Coast Guard? The following is the ethos of the Coast Guard and therefore that of the Coast Guard Auxiliary:

United States Coast Guard Ethos

I am a Coast Guardsman
I serve the people of the United States
I will protect them
I will defend them
I will save them
I am their shield
For them I am Semper Paratus
I live the Coast Guard core values
I am proud to be a coast guardsman
We are the United States Coast Guard

Knot of the Month

Square Knot (Reef Knot)



The **Reef Knot** or **Square Knot** is quick and easy to tie. It is a good knot for securing non-critical items. Not to be trusted to join two ropes together. This knot was used for centuries by sailors for reefing sails, hence the name Reef Knot, and tying things aboard ship. It is important that this knot should not be used as a bend (for tying two ropes together). It is unsafe and can come apart. Be sure to form the square knot and avoid tying a granny knot, by making sure that both parts of the rope, the standing line and the free end, exit the knot together.

Monthly Meeting

The next flotilla meeting will be on October 24, at Denny's Restaurant, 1180 Alabama Street, Redlands, CA, (north of I-10 freeway in Redlands, CA). Fellowship Hour begins at 1830, (6:30pm).

Auxiliary History

October 5, 1938-The newly established "Coast Guard Reserve" (what would become the Coast Guard Auxiliary) enrolled its first members.

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 Driberg, VFC, FSO-HR, as soon as possible. The VFC can be reached by using the following email address:

denver.aux@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

The Annual Flotilla Holiday Dinner will be held on December 10, 2018 at the Claim Jumper in San Bernardino. The party starts at 5:30pm, Bring your family for the fellowship and fun.

D-Train 2018 - Our annual District Training Conference will be held on January 5-7, 2018. The festivities will take place at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. If you have never been to a D Train this is the one for you. Registration Is Now Open at the district web site!

<http://www.d11s.org>



Philip Becerra (FSO-MA) and Octavious David after completing a presentation on their accomplishments on completing their C school

My C School Experience

My Flotilla Commander received my application for C school and it was forwarded to sector stating I had met all pre attendance requirements. It was very exciting to receive my notice that my name had been sent for acceptance. Next came an email with the approval to attend C school in Detroit MI. Instructions were received for pre class study and preparation and before I knew it I was on my way. After arriving at the school new friends were made and it was all hands on deck to complete the classes on distance learning and PowerPoint (a very hands on experience). The challenge and pride of completing the course was exhilarating and I highly recommend attending C school to everyone.

This experience was submitted to the newsletter by Philip Becerra (FSO-MA)



Semper Paratus



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Approved as-is. No corrections required.

Additional Notes:

No notes. Nice job.