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FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



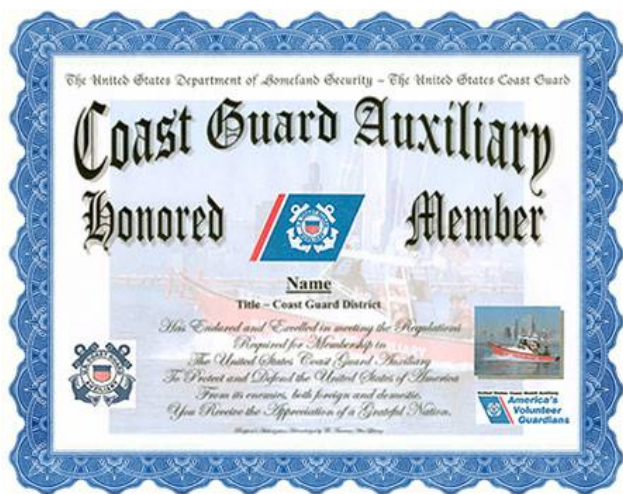
Shipmates,

This past Flotilla meeting I had the honor and pleasure to recommend to the commandant the outstanding work of one of our members for the Coast Guards Commandants letter of commendation .

A leader , mentor , exceptional Auxiliarist to whom I personally would have not survived as your Flotilla Commander without his commitment to our Flotilla.

If you missed our Flotilla meeting or have been hiding under a rock for the last 24 months you may not know to whom I'm speaking of. I suspect that you all know and could guess with certainty that I'm speaking of Paul Burns.

Paul's commitment to the success of Flotilla 14-8 is probably only surpassed by his love of music. That being said , make sure that you always remember and thank those who lead the way, Paul walks the walk and talks the talk. Please continue to thank him for his work.



Congratulations Paul, it was my sincere honor and pleasure to recommend you for this award. I'm only sorry it took so long to get it done. This award is the stamp of recognition on your continued service and commitment to your Flotilla and the Auxiliary .

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard are lucky to have you on the team.

Whatley Law, FC 14-8 2016

FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



It's Spring, yea, no more cold weather hopefully and time for us to figure out what we will be doing for national safe boating week. I would like to congratulate David Howells for completing his VE qualification last month. Still looking for some help in PV, if you have complete the course and need visits, please give me a call I have about 5 more visits to make on my list. Thanks to all that have stepped up to the plate to help out at the Epping Forest event on the 19th of March. Thank you Marion for getting my 7029 and 7046's straighten out.

For me March has been a busy month, I participated in my first honor guard, got my VE's done and taught my first boating safety class for 2016. I would like to thank Dan Hess and all the other members of 14-08 that participated in the annual Epping Forest VE event. Per Dan we did safety checks on 13 vessels. Thanks to Bob Strong we had a nice turn out for our Safe Boating Class held on the 12th of March. We had lots of young people that were very interested in learning about boating safety. We still need some PV's if anyone would like to take the test I can get you qualified before I leave this area.

Paul Thomas, VFC 14-8 2016

IMMEDIATE PAST FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT



Saturday Member Training

We had a few members take advantage of the opportunity to do some training during our February Saturday boating class. We were able to accomplish mandated training, new member training, and mentoring while the class took place in the other room. I encourage everybody to take advantage of the use of our facility during our boating class.

Our next Safe Boating Class is Saturday April 23rd. If you need help with training I would be glad to do what I can for you.

Mandated Training

The consequences of not completing the Mandated Training is showing its effect. Three members who have been in AP Status for 20 months now, waiting on the completion of their PSI, now remain in AP Status only because they have not completed the 8 online Mandated Training Courses and 2 FEMA Courses. Remember you don't get credit for starting Mandated Training, you only get credit for COMPLETING Mandated Training and getting your "MANTR" Certification attached to your record.

Our next Social Dinner will be Tuesday, April 19th at Santioni's Italian Restaurant on Flemming Island. (Just a couple of miles past Doctors Lake on Hwy 17, on the left. We have invited flotilla 14-5 to join us for fellowship. Make sure that you email Whatley so he can make reservations for the correct number attending.

Paul Burns, IPFC 14-8 2016

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS – KEVIN KALIL



I On Saturday; 13, February, 2016. The District Level of The Coast Guard Auxiliary. (070) had a recruiting event at the Orlando, Florida Hamfest.

After the Hamfest on Saturday; 13, February, 2016. There was an informal meeting to discuss ideas about communications for the United States Coast Guard, & The Auxiliary In General.

Some ideas that were floating around were;

- A phone tree in the event of a disaster.
- Personal Radio each member has in the event of Communication failure.
- Training ideas for the use of the radio.

For the month of April, I plan on doing a presentation on HF, VHF, & UHF Radio's.

In May, I plan on doing a presentation on buying a good radio both marine and other kinds for radio operations.

The Office of the Chief Director of Auxiliary has released a new set of Auxiliary Communications Program Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

This set of SOPs provide descriptions and requirements of the Auxiliary Communications Program (ACP) along with a collection of guidelines for the conduct of specific Auxiliary communications mission activities.

The Response Directorate and Telecommunications Division have worked over the past six years to build a cohesive set of SOPs that better define the roles and responsibilities of Auxiliary communicators. A key document in this effort is the Auxiliary Communications Concept of Operations. This document provides an overarching description of the ACP and its program elements, defining the purpose, missions, components, and management of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Communications Program.

These new SOPs cover the management and conduct of Auxiliarists operating in the following areas:

- Auxiliary Augmentation Communications (AUGCOM) Mission
 - Tactics, Techniques & Procedures for AUGCOM Mission,
- Auxiliary Monitoring Station Program (AUXMON)
- Auxiliary VHF Telecommunications Program policies and procedures
- VHF Repeater Program and approval process

Please click here to download the complete file of new Auxiliary Communications Program Standard Operating Procedures:

<http://rdept.cgaux.org/documents/Comms/AuxiliaryCommunicationsProgramSOP.pdf>

Kevin Kalil, FSO-PM 2016

DIVERSITY – JOLENE RICHARDSON



MilFamNews: The GI Film Festival



I had the pleasure to meet one of our flotilla's newest members, Earnest Aviles at the film festival on April 7th. Earnest, a Marine Corps Veteran, came all the way from Gainesville to attend.

The event contained multiple pieces to include an interview with Gary Sinise and behind the scenes footage of a new movie "Range 15". Throughout the event there was comedy, action, and drama.

There was a short documentary about Rob Jones, a Marine veteran, who rode a bike across the country from Maine to Camp Pendleton, CA (over 5,400 miles!). What's even more remarkable about that is that he lost both legs above the knee due to an IED and is only one of a handful of amputees with that injury to be able to ride a bike, and he rode during the winter when the roads were wet, icy, and snowy. I think our favorite part of the film was a WWII documentary called "The Real Inglorious Bastards". It was such an amazing, inspirational story!

Chris McLaughlin has left on his deployment to the Middle East. We wish Chris Good Luck and a Safe Return.



LT Joel Shumaker, (Navy Reserve), Jolene Richardson, Earnest Aviles.
Above Photo by Jolene Richardson

Left Photo by Jolene Richardson
Chris McLaughlin, and Jolene Richardson



I will be scheduling Diversity Training at an upcoming meeting, so I hope that you attend.

Jolene Richardson, FSO-DV 2016

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MARION LINDA



I would like to remind members who recently became Staff Officers, that they should not be using the 99E (Auxiliary Administrative/Logistical Support) in the 7029 form. What you were entering in the 99E column prior to becoming a Staff Officer, you should now be entering in the 99A (Auxiliary Leadership) column. And don't forget, these hours begin from the time you start getting dressed for a meeting, drive to the meeting, attend the meeting, drive home, etc.

Also, AUXINFO is a valuable tool. You can find information on most of your own records of hours, certifications, Required Member Training etc. If any member would like to learn more on accessing/reading AUXINFO,

I am happy to sit down with you before or after any Flotilla meeting.

Thank you to all members that are turning in their hours. And a reminder to those who are not.

Marion Linda, FSO-IS 2016

HUMAN RESOURCES – PAUL BURNS



I'd like to thank Chris Landry, who is doing all the heavy lifting in HR right now. Naturally, his position as a Coast Guard Recruiter makes him a natural candidate for a future FSO-HR for Flotilla 14-8. Chris is meeting applicants, and processing the paperwork. I have been proofreading the completed forms and submitting reports. All the credit for HR goes to Chris right now.

Welcome new applicant, Michael Mueller, (USCG Retired). Michael's application is completed and he is awaiting his member number so he can begin training. Mr. Mueller is interested in Administration, Finance, Radio Communications and Vessel Examination. Michael's Career Coast Guard

experience will be a valuable asset to Flotilla 14-8.

We have two or 3 other candidates in the early stages of the membership process.

Some of you met Sonja Jackson last year. She will be at Sea with the Merchant Marine until June, then plans on completing her application.

Michael Fowler expects to attend our Social Dinner this month. Michael hopes to share the Coast Guard Experience with his Nephew who just graduated from Coast Guard Boot Camp. Mr. Fowler has experience in Environmental issues and has done FEMA training in his career with JEA.

Be sure to attend our upcoming meeting and social dinner you may be able to meet these new friends of flotilla 14-8.



Michael Mueller
Our Newest Member

Paul Burns, FSO-HR 2016

COAST GUARD "EVERYONE IS A RECRUITER" CAMPAIGN -2016



1. At the Auxiliary National Training Conference in St. Louis, MO in January, Captain Matthew Bell (Deputy Commander of the Coast Guard Personnel Service Center) and Captain Rob Smith (Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Recruiting Command) delivered a presentation to the Auxiliary's National Board that emphasized the importance and value of Auxiliary support of the Coast Guard's recruiting program. The Coast Guard's "Everyone Is A Recruiter (EIAR)" campaign is now underway to help identify and recruit the best candidates for the best military service - the U.S. Coast Guard. The targeted age range for these candidates is 17 to 27 years of age. The Auxiliary is an integral part of this campaign, and is being turned to for help in generating Coast Guard recruitment leads and referrals. Additional information about the EIAR campaign can be found in its instruction located at the following web site:
<http://www.uscg.mil/psc/hra/pscinst.asp>

2. In general, the best direction that Auxiliarists can lead prospective Coast Guard recruits is toward the Coast Guard recruiting web site:

www.gocoastguard.com As part of the EIAR campaign, Auxiliary flotilla, division, and regional leaders are also strongly encouraged to reach out to proximate Coast Guard recruiting offices in order to get to know each other, possibly receive limited recruiting literature and incentive items that help recruit new Coast Guardsmen, and to collaborate with regards to public outreach opportunities. Coast Guard recruiting office locations and contact information can be found in the "Find a Recruiter" section of the Coast Guard recruiting web site:
www.gocoastguard.com

3. Limited supplies of recruiting materials provided by the Coast Guard Recruiting Command have begun arriving at the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC).

a. These materials will be carried on the ANSC inventory available for order by Flotilla Commanders (FC) and Flotilla Staff Officers for Materials (FSO-MA). Materials should not be ordered unless absolutely sure that they will be used in full and timely manner. Four types of materials will be available:

(1) Coast Guard recruiting business cards (these are the most effective recruiting tool due to their simplicity and direct message).

(2) Coast Guard Roles and Missions brochures.

(3) FAQ brochures.

(4) 9/11 GI Bill brochures.

b. The Coast Guard Recruiting Command has also advised that there are still many outdated recruiting materials in circulation, specifically items with a "1-800" or "1-877" telephone number on it (e.g., pencils, tablecloths, etc). The Coast Guard Recruiting Command no longer uses any such telephone numbers...just the www.gocoastguard.com web site. Any legacy recruiting materials with phone numbers on them must not be distributed but rather disposed of.

4. There is an "Everyone Is A Recruiter" section on the Auxiliary's national Human Resources Directorate web site:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__wow.uscgaux.info_content.php-3Funit-3DH-2DDEPT-26category-3Deveryones-2Da-2Drecruiter&d=BQIFaQ&c=0NKfg44GVknAU-XkWXjNxQ&r=ED7fXIkSok-0PLnfa6hJl04lqz479h6iVJTqvIGnUG0&m=oVvJmfrKReww2yBOzuwGKrDqFAKcSarQPGK_uxTJLnA&s=MBIH6mXLGhx9O4RUz0avYKDP_sN_p8pTWApG2CLaC-o&e= Great information about Coast Guard and Auxiliary recruiting can be found here, too.

5. The Coast Guard is calling on all members of its family to support the Everyone Is A Recruiter campaign...and the Auxiliary is a vital and cherished member in this effort!

4. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and Information.

5. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.

VESSEL EXAMINATION –DAN HESS



There will be a VE "blitz" on Saturday, April 30th and that I will need at least 2 VEs at the John Lowe and Mandarin Park boat ramps that day between 10 AM and 2 PM to perform VSCs. I will cover the Doctors Lake ramp on Lakeshore Dr. in Fleming Island. We need to make every effort to get our VEs out that day as well as any other day this month!

The Flotilla held a special private VE inspection day at the Epping Forest Yacht Club on Saturday, 19MAR16, from 1000-1430 hrs. Four (4) VEs participated, to wit: Bob Strong, Paul Thomas, Eric Linda and Dan Hess. Also present was photographer, Kevin Kalil, and VE hopeful, Andrew Shlosser. Thirteen (13) Vessel Safety Checks were performed and ten (10)

safety "decals" were awarded.

(There was one (1) "no-show.") Paul Thomas also performed a VSC on a 30' sailboat the following day and another one on a 21' fishing boat the day after that. Thank you to all who helped make this VE event a success.

I would like to schedule another VE "blitz" for Saturday, April 30th, at three separate locations if possible; the John T. Lowe boat ramp at "Goodby's Creek," the Mandarin Park boat ramp and at the Doctor's Lake boat ramp on Lakeshore Drive on Fleming Island. I would like to have at least two (2) Vessel Examiners at both the John Lowe and Mandarin Park ramps on April 30th and I will cover the Lakeshore Drive ramp that day. Then for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW), which starts on Saturday, May 21st, I would like to have Vessel Examiners at the same 3 locations again and again on the following Saturday, May 28th. All VEs please mark your calendars for those special dates. And I strongly encourage each VE to go out and do VSCs on their own after first letting me know so I can officially "assign you yo duty." Thank you for all you do for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

* The Flotilla held a special private VE Examination day at the Epping Forest Yacht Club on Saturday, 19MAR16, from 1000-1430 hrs. for its boating members. Four (4) VEs participated, to wit: Bob Strong, Paul Thomas, Eric Linda and Dan Hess. Also in attendance was Flotilla photographer, Kevin Kalil, and VE hopeful, Andrew Shlosser. Despite threatening bad weather, thirteen (13) VSCs were performed with ten (10) safety "decals" being awarded. Paul Thomas also performed a VSC on a 30' sailboat the following day and another one on a 21' fishing boat the day after that.

* Above VSC day was coordinated in advance with the Epping Forest Yacht Club Harbor Master and with FSO-PA and FSO-PB.

* Number of VSCs completed this month by the Flotilla = 15 (with 12 passing/Decals being awarded)

* Scheduled the next Flotilla VE "blitzes" for April at three (3) separate boat launch locations with a minimum of two (2) VEs at each location



* Tentatively finalized VE/VSC events for NSBW which include VSCs at multiple boat ramps and on multiple days.

Dan Hess, FSO-VE 2016

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - DAVID HOWELS



US Coast Guard Support: FSO-PA David Howells participated in a training mission on February 6th off Amelia Island with members of Flotilla 14-1 and 14-2. USCG boat 29133 and Auxiliary Facility 1236 practiced towing drills and patrolled the Bells River.

Community Support: 14-8 completed many program visitations in our effort to get these caught up, places that have closed removed, and new places added.

Of SPECIAL Interest: On February 19, 2016, The United States Coast Guard Reserve celebrated their 75th anniversary. On this day, Congress signed into law the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act, creating the Auxiliary and Reserve. The nearly 7,000 men and women of the Coast Guard Reserve are assigned to billets in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam.

SAFE KIDS WATER SAFETY FAIR

Saturday May 14th is the annual Safe Kids Water Safety Fair at the Jacksonville Zoo. It will be 0930 to 1300. Let me know if you are interested in manning our table. If anyone has any material which shows the explanations of the warning flags on the beach it may be helpful. (A special request from the organizers of the fair)

David Howells, FSO-PA 2016

MATERIALS – PAUL THOMAS



I have ordered supplies for David Howells and myself to PV and for PA events, if any one needs supplies please let me know. I issued Dan Hess a type 5 life vest for doing VE's.

If any is needing supplies, please let me know ASAP. I have contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife and order a case of the Florida recreational boating requirements and hopefully it will be here shortly.

Paul Thomas, FSO-MA 2016

PUBLICATIONS – PAUL BURNS



The brand new Division 14 Nor'Easter quarterly newsletter has been released. You can get your copy at this internet link.

<http://www.safeboatingjax.com/NorEaster/Noreaster201604.pdf>

Thanks to those of you who have submitted reports and pictures. The next month's deadline is the last weekend of the month. April 30th.

Paul Burns, FSO-PB 2016

VE Day at Epping Forest, March 19th

A successful day of Vessel Examinations took place at Epping Forest Yacht Club. With 13 boats Examined.

Examiners included Dan Hess, Paul Thomas, Eric Linda, and Bob Strong with Andrew Schlosser in training and Kevin Kalil supplying Public Affairs support

Photos by Kevin Kalil



Eric Linda,

Dan Hess

Paul Thomas



Bob Strong



Paul Thomas



Eric Linda



Andrew Schlosser

USCG 29133 AND AUX 1236 TRAINING IN BELLS RIVER 06 FEBRUARY 2016

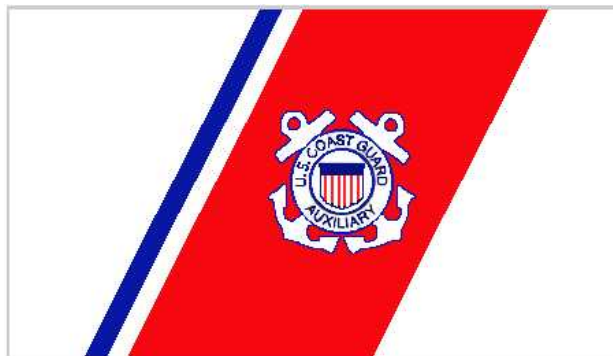


ABOVE THE USCG 29133 RIGGING TO SIDE TOW AUX 1236



ABOVE AUX 1236 RIGGING TO SIDE TOW USCG 29133

On 06 February 2016, the AUX Facility 1236 and the USCG 29133 from Station Mayport conducted training and back county orientation in the Bells River. The AUX facility was crewed by coxswain Scott de Brauwere with crewmember Russ Hixon and trainees David Howells (14-8), Steve McMahon (14-4) and Brian Rickert (14-2). The USCG 29133 crewed by coxswain BM3 Nicholas Mathews with crewmembers BM3 Cody Large, BM2 Shane Butler, SN Paul Chahal and SN Ellen Ledbetter.





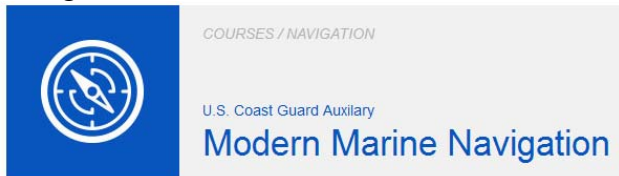
CREW ACADEMY TRAINEES BRIAN RICKERT AND DAVID HOWELLS ENJOYING TRAINING ON USCG 29133

PHOTOS BY SN ELLEN LEDBETTER USCG STATION MAYPORT

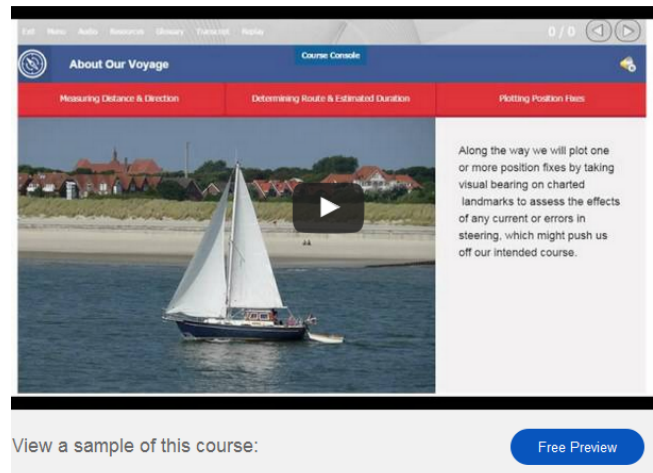
Electronic PE Courses

Coast Guard Auxiliary Electronic Products/Materials

The BoatUS Foundation and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary present Modern Marine Navigation!



Imagine a typical new boater. They excitedly buy a boat and dream of taking it to fun, maybe even exotic, places. But they soon realize that they don't know how to get there, they don't know how to navigate. They want to learn navigation skills, they may even know about the Coast Guard Auxiliary, but they may not have time to attend classes.



Now we have a win-win opportunity to offer boaters a new world of boating opportunities, promote boating safety and open up a new source of revenue for flotillas.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, in partnership with the Boat US Foundation, has launched a new educational program for boaters, an online, self-study course called Modern Marine Navigation. Boaters that enroll in this course will learn, using their own computers or tablets, in the comfort of their own homes.

Auxiliary instruction to the boating public has been declining for several years. At the same time the use of online self-study instruction has been steadily increasing. Leveraging this trend, the Auxiliary has authored and developed a stimulating new interactive online course called Modern Marine Navigation, with Web implementation and hosting by the Boat US Foundation.

This is the only navigation course offered anywhere that has been completely vetted by the US Coast Guard Navigation Center. It will be the gold standard of navigation courses. This course opens a new market to Auxiliary boating education and it offers a direct financial benefit to flotillas.

Each person who enrolls in the course, using your Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla number* as a “promo code” on the Modern Marine Navigation course website, will receive a discount of over 10% off the purchase price. And for each of those enrollments, the Flotilla will receive a revenue share of \$5.00.

This \$5.00 per enrollment can be earned just by using personal contacts with boaters to inform them of the course, all without the time, space and outlay of flotilla funds required to put on a class.

Your promotion of this project is critical to the success of Modern Marine Navigation. You are the face of the Auxiliary and you are the people that are in daily contact with the boating public.

The Modern Marine Navigation online interactive self-study course is now available by clicking this link <http://cgaux.org/mmn> or by going to the Boat US Foundation website. The course is priced at \$40.00. However, with a promo code (your flotilla number*), the cost will be \$36.00, and your flotilla will receive \$5.00.

The National Marketing staff has worked with the E-Directorate to provide downloadable materials and support for this project. Go to the E-Directorate web page for more details. To view a preview video, click https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_-ZV3YMFpA&feature=youtu.be

Recreational Boating Safety is the primary core mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Whether getting on the water with a boat or a personal watercraft, the Modern Marine Navigation Online Course can help boaters be safer and more knowledgeable. By promoting Modern Marine Navigation at every opportunity, you help boaters who need education, you help your Flotilla, and you help make boating safer for everyone.

*Flotilla number as in AUXDATA, no dashes –

Three digits for District, 2 for Division, 2 for Flotilla - 0110203 (for example)



Mandarin News

Safe Intentions

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8

Subjects to write about come to me in many ways. Recently a boater's question during a vessel examination of his personal watercraft at the Mandarin Park ramp turned into a good topic. His inquiry was about whether PWCs can operate at night with the appropriate navigation lights – which he had. In answering that, I must also observe that portraying a regulation accurately sometimes goes awry due to a poor choice of words, perhaps coupled with an attempt at being succinct or alternatively offering too much explanation. Examiners repeatedly go over some issues that could have been stated better, whether in Federal or State sources. Other issues falling in this category include the display of registration numbers and distress signal requirements.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission Boater's Guide states, *"PWCs may not be operated during the hours between one half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise. Due to navigation light requirements after sunset and before sunrise, PWCs without navigation lights may operate only between sunrise and sunset."* I would have stopped after the first sentence. The second sentence confuses by stating the general rule for navigation lights and when PWCs without lights are allowed to operate. It omits the key clarification that only PWCs with navigation lights are permitted to operate in that half hour after sunset and before sunrise.

The FWC's regulation online at myfwc.com varies from their Boater's Guide statement, and is better by stating PWCs can't operate after dark "even if navigation lights are used", but it and their brochure, Florida's Recreational Boating Requirements, also confuse with seemingly contradictory general information about navigation lights.

The more succinct answer is "no", PWCs are not allowed to operate in full darkness in Florida or 34 other States, even if they have navigation lights. Federal regulations appear to leave the issue to the States. Many national parks prohibit PWC use and others have a regulation that prohibits their night operation, offering the reason that PWCs are considered too dangerous to operate at night.



Our live, one-day Boating Safely classes this year are on the second Saturday of each month. The May 14th class is at the Florida Gun & Tackle Club on Goodby's Creek at San Jose Blvd. Contact us through our website, <http://www.SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> or call Bob at 904-721-1346 for class information.

Don't Forget our Flotilla Meeting Tuesday, April 12th, Fellowship - 7:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- APR 12 Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- APR 16 Quarterly Division Meeting, Ft Caroline Club, Jacksonville
- APR 19 Social Dinner at Santioni's Italian Restaurant, Flemming Island
- APR 23 About Boating Safely, PE Class 730, Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- APR 23 Member Training 830 to 1200, Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- APR 30 *Eight Bells* Newsletter Deadline for Staff Reports, Pictures, and Articles

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And The Oscar Goes To....



During the late 1970s, **Edith Head**, winner of 8 Academy Awards for Best Costume Design, was asked to design a woman's uniform for the United States Coast Guard, because of the increasing number of women in the Coast Guard. Head, called the assignment a highlight in her career and received the **Meritorious Public Service Award** from the Coast Guard for her efforts.



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