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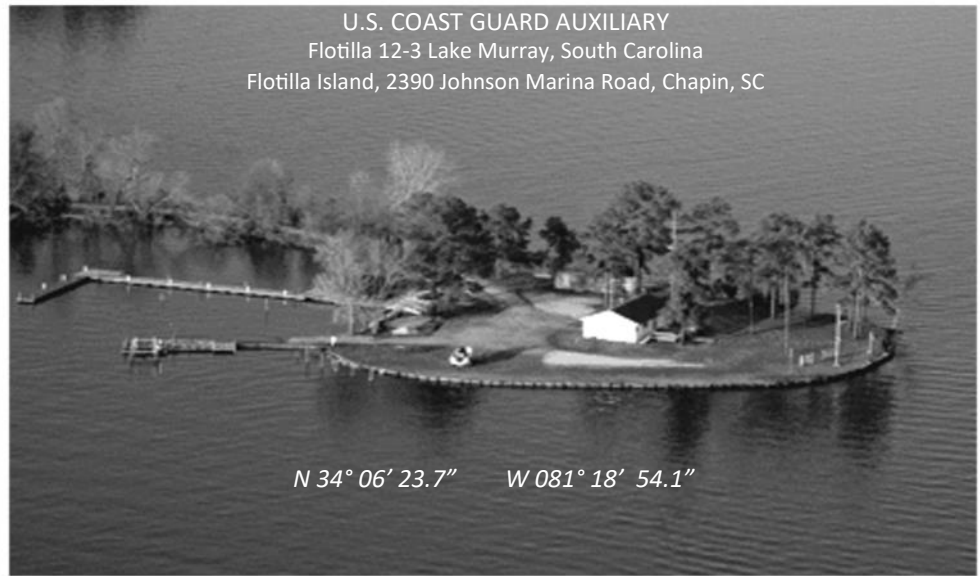
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On the cover: Admiral Karl Shultz delivered the 2020 State of the Coast Guard Address to active duty personnel, Auxiliary members, partner organization, civic leaders and the public on February 20, 2020, in Charleston, SC. Coast Guard photo.

HONOR ♦ RESPECT ♦ DEVOTION TO DUTY



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CLAY GOODWIN, Flotilla Commander



I'd like to thank the 2020 Flotilla Staff Officers for their leadership as we continue to grow the flotilla, promote boating safety and provide support to the community.

2020 is already delivering an exciting and fast paced agenda of flotilla activities and events. As you can see in the calendar, there are plenty of opportunities for members to become qualified in a program, participate in numerous events and enjoy good times with your fellow shipmates. Thank you to all members who have volunteered their time and service to Flotilla 12-3.

Not listed in the calendar are training sessions, classes and vessel safety check blitzes that will be notified by Flotilla Staff Officers to members directly. If any member needs help, please contact me or Bob Falsetti, Vice Commander for assistance.

ROBERT FALSETTI, Flotilla Vice Commander



Flotilla meetings are the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted on the flotilla calendar. Members should check the calendar often for important changes.

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Remember that it's important to complete your member activity reports and mission reports. When you submit them to the FSO-IS, save yourself a digital or paper copy because the Auxiliary database system is changing completely in April. We call it AuxData 2.0. We are told that it is a cloud-based, user-friendly system and has been fast-tracked by the Coast Guard to replace the old, dying system.

FLOTILLA EVENTS

January

- 04-05 Finance Audit Committee meetings
- 11 Division Meeting & Change of Watch
- 15 Lake Murray Patrol
- 18 Staff Officer Meeting
- 25 Lake Murray Patrol
- 30 Flotilla Meeting*



February

- 07-09 Columbia Boat Show
- 10 Flotilla Island window blinds project
- 15 Flotilla Island work day
- 20 State of The Coast Guard - Charleston
- 22 Surface Operations Workshop
- 22 Risk Management Refresher Training
- 27 Flotilla Meeting*

March

- 07 Navigation refresher class for crew
- 07 Flotilla Island work day
- 14 ABS boating safety class
- 24 Search & Rescue Conference-Charleston
- 26 Flotilla Meeting*
- 27-29 Palmetto Sportsmens Classic

April

- 04 ABS boating safety class
- 04 Cooper River Bridge Run
- 11 Division Meeting
- 11 Flotilla Island work day
- 21-22 Ft. Jackson Vessel Safety Checks
- 30 Flotilla Meeting*

**Non-perishable food and household supplies are accepted for Flotilla 12-3 donations to the Chapin We Care Center.*





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2020 BOATING SAFETY COURSES

In Memory of Daniel Giurk (1992 - 2018)



Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray has eight About Boating Safely courses scheduled in 2020. This year all eight courses will be dedicated to Daniel Giurk, who lost his life in a tragic boating accident on Lake Murray on September 1, 2018. Daniel was just 25 years old.

Daniel's father, Marek Giurk, has donated \$1,500.00 to Flotilla 12-3 to be used for boater education in memory of his son. In his letter, he says "I would like to do something to prevent accidents like this from happening in the future".

"We would, too", says Clay Goodwin, Flotilla Commander and Public Education Officer. "This year will be **The Year for Daniel.**" As a result of this generous donation and to educate boaters about recreational boating safety, all eight U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 boating safety classes are offered for free in memory of Daniel Giurk.

About Boating Safely textbooks will be available for purchase for \$15.00, an option for students who wish to take the textbook home. The 2020 free boating safety classes are normally \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for two family members. All students who pass the course exam will receive the SC DNR boater education card.

2020 BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

All classes will be held at

ECPI University

250 Berryhill Rd, Columbia 29210

Saturdays, 8:30am – 4:30pm

[MARCH 14](#)

[APRIL 4](#)

[MAY 30](#)

[JUNE 20](#)

[JULY 18](#)

[AUGUST 15](#)

[SEPTEMBER 19](#)

[OCTOBER 17](#)

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian enrolled in the class.

Students must register online.
Seats are limited.

MARCH 14

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/156339>

APRIL 4

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/156341>

MAY 30

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/156342>

JUNE 20

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JULY 18

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AUGUST 15

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SEPTEMBER 19

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OCTOBER 17

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/156347>



Lake Murray Mariner Spotlight on Members



Clay Goodwin, Flotilla Commander (FC), John Bradley, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC), and Robert Falsetti, Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) proudly show off the blue ribbons at the February 27 flotilla meeting. Photo by Barbara Burchfield.

RBS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray earned two top spots in Division 12 for the highest number of hours in Recreational Boating Safety and Public Affairs in 2019.

Auxiliary members report their volunteer time, which is a necessary and important task to:

- guarantee that member time and expense are recorded
- ensure that members in training programs are certified in a competency
- avoid REYR status (recertification required for failure to meet yearly requirements)
- provide personal performance awards to members who qualify for them
- add measurable value to the flotilla, division and district for volunteer service
- evaluate program performance
- gain Coast Guard program support
- Increase credible value and financial support

Take the mystery out of acronyms!

[COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS](#)

MEMBER RECOGNITION & AWARDS

USCG Auxiliary Membership Service Award

Russell Jernigan (45 years)
 George Jeandheur (40 years)
 Kenneth Plesser (10 years)
 Susan Ecklund (10 years)
 Hiroko Bowen (5 years)
 Calvin Bowen (5 years)

Sustained Auxiliary Service Award

John Bradley (third award)

U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

Barbara Burchfield (Dtrain Support Team)

Auxiliary Performance Award

Barbara Burchfield (Operations)
 John Bradley (Operations)
 Ron Foreman (VE-RBSVP)

RBS Program Visitors Bravo Zulu Awards

Barbara Burchfield (100)
 John Bradley (100)

New Certification-RBS Program Visitor

Roddy Whitaker



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Palmetto Sportsmens Classic 2020

[SC State Fairgrounds](#)

1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

Members needed to staff the Flotilla 12-3 boating safety booth

Friday, March 27 12:00 - 20:00
 Saturday, March 28 09:00 - 19:00
 Sunday, March 29 11:00 - 18:00

Contact claygoodwin@netscape.net



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2020 State of the Coast Guard Address



Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz delivers the 2020 State of the Coast Guard Address in Charleston, South Carolina, Feb. 20, 2020. During the annual Address, Schultz reflected on the organization's successes over the past year, detailed the Fiscal Year 2021 President's Budget Request and outlined the shared vision for the future of the Coast Guard. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Dickinson)

Admiral Schultz shared the Coast Guard vision for the future during the Address, including plans for five National Security Cutters in Charleston, acquisition timelines for Polar Security Cutter and Offshore Patrol Cutter, personnel talent management, initiatives to recruit and retain a highly-skilled workforce, a "Tech Revolution" road map, the Coast Guard's Cyber Strategy, improving cutter connectivity, and modernizing the Coast Guard Auxiliary's information technology capabilities.

When speaking about technology advancements, Admiral Schultz said, "AuxData is on schedule to deploy this April, another cloud-based, user-friendly system to manage the outstanding work done by our highly capable 24,000 volunteer Auxiliary force".

See the entire SOTCG Address here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFei0Nahrkk>



USCG Auxiliary members attended the SOTCG Address in Charleston. Photo by John Bradley.

Individual Coast Guard personnel stories are featured here:

WHY I SERVE



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DIVISION 12 QUARTERLY MEETING



Sworn in with the oath of office at The Division 12 meeting on January 11, 2020, (from left) Rick Bankert, Division 12 Commander (DCDR); Perry Moses, Flotilla Commander (FC) 12-1 Lake Marion; Clay Goodwin, FC 12-3 Lake Murray; Arnie Cribb, FC 12-4 Central Grand Strand; John Frassanito, 12-6 East Cooper; John Knipper, FC 12-8 Charleston; Anthony Fox, FC 12-10 Georgetown. John Holmes, District Captain North, assisted with the ceremony.

2019 Award of Excellence Ribbons were presented during the formal ceremony Saturday night. John Bradley (4th from left), Immediate Past Flotilla Commander for 12-3 holds two ribbons awarded to Flotilla 12-3 for Public Affairs and Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) criteria.



Highlights, from top left:

Rick Bankert, DCDR-12, greets new flotilla leadership with a handshake and warm welcome.



Rick Bankert, Clay Goodwin and William Hayes, Division Vice Commander, pose for a photo.



Joe Livingston (3rd from left), Immediate Past Division Commander, is congratulated for receiving the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Citation by John Holmes, LTJG Samantha Corcoran, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston, joins John Holmes and Rick Bankert. During his two-year term as DCDR, Livingston lead the division to receive the most improved division in vessel exams and the RBS division of the year in District 7.



Earning the District 7 RBS Program Visitors "Lighthouse Award" were Tommy Timberlake, Flotilla 12-4, Barbara Burchfield, Flotilla 12-3, and Paul Lassanaske, Flotilla 12-8. Qualifying for the Lighthouse Award and RBS-PV challenge coin requires completing 1,000 or more RBS program visits during a member's Auxiliary lifetime service. There are now 52 Lighthouse Associates in District 7.



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FIRST 2020 PATROL

Article & photos by Barbara Burchfield

Catching a 70° day in January for a patrol is both enjoyable and a little odd at the same time since it's winter.

We launched 'Voyager', our Grady White, from Southshore Marina (SSM) in still, calm waters the morning of January 15. The sun was already warming our skin, so we didn't need to wear the anti-exposure gear we brought with us. It was a pleasure to get out on the water again, especially with a clear day and no wind.



Just after launching, not even out of eyesight of the marina, we came upon some large debris and a traffic barricade floating in the main channel. We picked it all up and returned to SSM. With their permission, we off-loaded it all and the guys at SSM took care of the rest.

Back on the water, our objective was to run the boat since it had been awhile, and to check in with our marina partners to do program visits.

On the way up to River Winds Landing, we passed what looked like a fishing net with a string of yellow buoys from near-shore to mid-channel. We found that this was one of DNR Fisheries freshwater fish samples that are conducted at Lake Murray each year for study and research.



You don't see this everyday. We guessed a Good Samaritan added the solar lights to make sure boaters could see the buoy.

That time of day on a Wednesday it was wonderfully quiet. Only a few die-hard fishermen could be seen as we motored up the Saluda River to Big Man's Marina. The official water level was 355.3 from full pool, just low enough to have all eyes on lookout duty constantly to avoid floating debris and to see areas of exposed land.

Our program visits were very successful. We find that marinas and our business partners are more relaxed and have more time to talk during the winter months. It's a great time to deliver new display racks to replace the old ones.