

# THE INLAND SEA

FLOTILLA 12-1 LAKE MARION, SC  
USCG AUXILIARY JOURNAL



**"USCG AUXILIARISTS RECEIVE NO PAY, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS"**

## FLOTILLA COMMANDER William Hayes



It is that time if year again, the time to access where we are and where we have been. Now is the time to ensure that all the requirements have been met for the various areas that you serve. Check and double check for compliance in vessel examinations, program visits, hours underway, etc. There is still time to fulfill the necessary task.

Remember that there will be Division elections upcoming. We will have both a new Division Commander and Vice this coming year. Best wishes to both Division Commander John Murphy and Vice Division Commander John Owen. Thank you for your time of service.

On the Flotilla level, elections will be conducted at the next meeting 21 October 2015. Everyone is strongly encouraged to be there to cast your vote. This is also a great time to consider how you can serve the flotilla.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to participate in the Mass Rescue Exercise. Flotilla 12-1 will be greatly represented in this multi-agency event. It is a unique opportunity to be a part of this endeavor.

I would like to take this time to personally thank each and every one of you for your time and service. There are many things we can do with our time, but you sacrifice for a greater purpose. Be safe and boat smarter. Ω

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## FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER VFC Bob Young



I keep emphasizing SERVICE whenever I address USCGAUX activities. Its what we do. In late September we had an opportunity to SERVE in a big way by supporting the mass casualty exercise in Charleston. If you participated - thank you. The training our first responders gained was priceless and may save a life in the future." BTW, our annual COW dinner is going to be on 9 Dec 2015 at the Santee Inn (our usual place) - more details to follow. Again, thanks for all our flotilla members who serve the boating public". Ω



Bob Young, VFC, Five year certificate

## MATERIALS /VESSEL EXAMINATIONS Ron Cunningham

### VE

**CONGRATULATIONS FLOTILLA 12-1 VESSEL EXAMINERS!** This flotilla received an award at the District 7 DTRAIN this year for most VEs by a flotilla in 2014. We are definitely proud of all of you.



We have lots of decals left. I know the recreational boating season is all but over, but we still have fisherman and hunters going out on our lakes seeking fish and birds so we should make every effort to contact them.

### MA

We have ample stock so the program visitors can upload their dealers for the fall season. Ω

Lake Marion is the largest lake in South Carolina (173.7 Sq. Mi./110,600 acres) (33rd in US), centrally located and with territory within five counties. The lake is referred to as SC's Inland Sea. Combined with Lake Moultrie (60,000+ acres) and the upper Cooper River, Flotilla 12-1's responsibility exceeds 250,000 acres (390+ square miles). We also patrol the Santee and Congaree Rivers.

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## 2015 LABOR DAY WEEKEND PATROL

*Perry Moses III, MT 12-1*

Unfortunately our patrol on Sunday, 6 September was cut short by persistent rain squalls. However, we were privileged to have Seaman Matt Multer as a guest on board. Matt recently joined the Coast Guard after being in the Coast Guard Reserves on Long Island and was a delight to have aboard the



Miss Ally along with Bob Young, VFC. We left my lake house at 1430 to refuel and head towards the spillway to show SN Multer some of the lake and intended to also proceed up the Clarendon County side of the lake to the cross channel but due to threatening weather returned to Wyboo and Potato Creek where the Barge party was in full swing with more boats than I have seen at any previous Labor Day party. With the sky getting more ominous we decided that the best thing was to head back to the house and sit out the rain storm. After about 30 minutes the sky cleared and we were again on the water heading up towards Airport Slough and Alex Harvin Landing then back to Potato Creek and the barge party. Again, the sky became dark and threatening so back to the house and this time it was decided that terminating the patrol was the proper thing to do so at 1730 we called it a day.

We were joined in the patrol by Ron Cunningham serving as our radio guard. Ron brought the trailer to my house and parked near the water's edge and maintained radio contact with us while we were underway. Many thanks to Ron for his willingness to help and stand radio guard. Ω

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## OPERATIONS Joe Livingston

On Labor Day weekend, facility Miss Alley and crew patrolled during the barge party event on potato Creek off Wyboo. As usual many boats were present for the barge party with a large time being had by all. Ops were normal for this event and the patrol was successful.

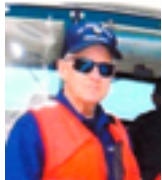


On 26 September, facility Reel Thrill and crew (Larry Odom, William Hayes, Willie Hanton, and I) assisted several other state and local agency facilities in providing a safety zone for the Swim Around Charleston Harbor event. The Coast Guard provided PATCOM for this event aboard one of the new 45 foot RBM boats. The event was carried out successfully with no problems. Ops were normal.

At this writing numerous members of Flotilla 12-1 are planning to participate as "victims" in the training event in Charleston Harbor on the 30th. This event is designed to simulate a cruise ship sinking in the harbor, and subsequent evacuation of the vessel. Numerous state, local and federal agencies will participate in this event to evaluate their capability and readiness to respond to such an event. This should be an interesting exercise.

We have requested a date for a boat crew and coxswain QE. Hopefully this will occur within the next few weeks and all will be re certified.

Many thanks to all who are participating in surface operations with the flotilla. **SEMPER PARATUS!** Ω



## PROGRAM VISITOR Larry Odom Boating Safety Visitation Program

Although formal verbal or written orders do not have to be issued by a Coast Guard OIA to authorize the conduct of many authorized Auxiliary activities, Auxiliarists who perform them should keep their Auxiliary unit leader informed of their plans and should, as a minimum, attempt to advise their immediate Auxiliary program manager, in advance, of their intent to do so (an advance verbal or e-mail notice of intent, even if not acknowledged, is sufficient). For example, a PV who intends to visit several marine stores the following weekend should attempt to advise the FSO-PV in advance (it would be best to advise both FSO-PV and FC). Ω

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## WHAT BOAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU (con't)

Once you decide what you want from a boat, understand that the price will be based on the size, model and brand – and that options can be overwhelming. Begin your research by getting to know the different types of boats below and their uses:

**Bowrider Boats:** A type of runabout with a seating area in the bow, a V-hull, and typically used for day cruising. Riders tend to enjoy sitting in the bow because of the nice breeze it offers. With swim platforms off the stern, bowriders also allow for skiing. Size: 16-35 feet.

**Pontoon Boats:** Considered the most popular boats in the world, these multi-hull craft rely on pontoons, which resemble large tubes, to float. They are comfortable because of their wide decks and couch-like seating. And while primarily used for leisure trips, pontoons with large and powerful engines can be used to pull skiers. Size: 16 - 30 feet.

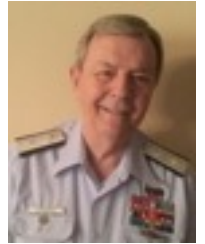
**Trawler Boats:** Recreational trawlers are well suited for longer trips. These boats have a displacement hull, which makes them fuel-efficient as they use less horsepower, and they are spacious enough to accommodate sleeping and cooking. Size 26 - 50 ft.

**Cabin Cruiser Boats:** These powerboats often have such amenities as a galley, bathroom and a sleeping area. Depending on size and engine configuration – inboard or outboard – cruisers are typically capable of handling choppy waters. Larger, inboard models require a greater level of skill to pilot. Size 24 - 75 ft. Ω

## PUBLICATIONS COMO Jay Dahlgren

### LIMITING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COSTS (a no no)

The major components of a volunteer program add to the direct costs. Orientation and training sessions such as the annual Coast Guard Auxiliary District Training Program prepare them for public sector work responsibilities. These items and others are important, but are some more important than others? The issue is a delicate one, for it has overtones of exploration. No director of volunteer services should countenance any less support for a volunteer program than would be required for a paid staff to carry out the same obligations. Volunteers should not go begging for operating funds, nor should they be relegated to inadequate training. Regrettably, this commitment is violated at least as often as it is observed.



Elected District Auxiliary officers and their district staff officers who conduct the annual training of our volunteers should not have to provide their own funding, even partially, when their sole mission is to provide that necessary training to other Auxiliarists. This training is vital to take on our many tasks. Some Auxiliarists may find the expanded responsibilities satisfying and motivating, particularly if they carry development opportunities-for example, the chance to attend special conferences or training. Weakening the financial support of Auxiliarists training may result in a lesser trained volunteer force having proved itself numerous times as a blessing to the United States Coast Guard since its inception in 1939. Ω

*Lexicon: Crook's 20-20 : Burglarize*

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## DTRAIN ORLANDO, FLORIDA 2015

*COMO Jay Dahlgren, FSO-PB*

In my opinion, the DTRAIN held in Orlando, Florida this year was quite a success. One of the largest group of members and Coast Guard personnel were in attendance. There were terrific and very beneficial training courses conducted. What is of particular interest to our Flotilla 12-1 is receiving the District Seven award for most VEs in a single year. Al Crothers, IPDCDR 12, accepted for our flotilla accompanied by DCO7 Commodore Bob Weskerna and National Commodore Mark Simoni. Of course, Commodore Dahlgren, from his special seating up front during the business meeting let the assembly know he was a member of this great flotilla. It was also easy to recognize how proud he was to be a Flotilla 12-1 member. Think for a moment how small a flotilla we are... then add that there are over 100 flotillas in District Seven. Congratulations to all of our VEs. especially to Ron Cunningham, FSO-VE 12 for his leadership. Both the banquet and Saturday night's 'Fun Night' were a huge success. Try attending next year... you will not be disappointed. And remember to bring the wives (and credit cards) as the attached Florida Mall has 101 top-notch shops. Ω *Some photos courtesy Barbara Burchfield*



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*South Carolina* – The South Carolina is a popular and distinguishable state flag, featuring a palmetto tree and crescent moon symbol. Its design can be dated back to the late 1700s, based on one of the Revolutionary War flags.

**One human hair can support 6.6 pounds.**

**There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet. (Whew!)**

**If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.**

### **LOVE (4-8 YRS OLD)**

*‘If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.’*

**Nikki - age 6**

*(we need a few million more Nikki’s on this planet)*

### **WORDS**

*Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.*

*I’ve learned that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.*

### **CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHERS**

*After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.*

*~ Italian proverb*

*Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.*

*~ Harrison Ford*

### **OCTOBER 2015**

**3 DIV. 12 MTG & ELECTIONS**

**21 FLOTILLA MTG (ELECTIONS)  
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## 35 LONGEST RIVERS IN THE USA (FINAL)



3. Yukon River, 1979 miles. Begins in Canada, ends in the Bering Sea in Alaska.



2. Mississippi River, 2202 miles. Begins in Minnesota, ends in the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana.



1. Missouri River, 2341 miles. Begins in Montana, ends at the Mississippi River in Missouri.