

Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary installs 2020 Commander



From left: Richard Bankert, Division Commander, with Clay Goodwin, the newly elected Lake Murray Flotilla 12-3 Flotilla Commander, and William Hayes, Division Vice Commander, pose after the oath of office ceremony on January 11, 2020. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Barbara Burchfield.

The members of the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary elected new leadership for the term of office beginning January 1, 2020.

Clay Goodwin received the Flotilla Commander oath of office at a Coast Guard Auxiliary quarterly division meeting in Pawley's Island on January 11, 2020 by Richard Bankert, Division Commander, and William

Hayes, Division Vice Commander. Goodwin will serve as Flotilla Commander for the Lake Murray membership, leading the unit along

with Robert Falsetti, Flotilla Vice Commander, in managing sixteen Auxiliary department and programs and many community activities at Lake Murray and in the Midlands.

A Navy veteran, Goodwin is a cyber security college professor at ECPI University in Columbia, SC. He joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Murray flotilla in 2014 in part because he missed the camaraderie of his fellow shipmates. Since then, Goodwin has earned qualifications as Boat Crew member, Instructor, Vessel Examiner and Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor. He also serves as the Flotilla Public Education Officer with a zeal for boating safety education. Recent boating accidents and tragedies on Lake Murray is driving an aggressive schedule of eight boating safety classes in 2020 taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors.

As Flotilla Commander, Goodwin has appointed a complement of new and experienced staff officers to support many programs, activities and community events this year. Flotilla Staff appointments for 2020 are Calvin Bowen, Communications; Roger Matherly, Communications Systems; Hiroko Bowen, Diversity; Barbara Burchfield, Finance; John Bradley, Human Resources and Marine Safety; Allen Crothers, Information Services; Rebecca Connelly, Materials and Program Visitors; David Smith, Member Training; Festus Burchfield, Operations; Linda Warren, Public Affairs; Robert Falsetti, Publications; Clay Goodwin, Public Education; Roddy Whitaker, Secretary/Records; and Ken Johnson, Vessel Examinations. Lake Murray Flotilla 12-3 also enjoys a quiet cadre of long-time members known internally as the "Special Projects Team"; they are Bill Lindsay, Roger Deaton, Kenny Ushelbec, and Stephen Pstrak. John Bradley, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander 2018-2019, continues to use his experience to assist the new leaders in a smooth transition.

To learn more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Murray flotilla or to register for a boating safety class, visit www.uscgaux-lakemurray.com.

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