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Summer Operations



14-09 Facility patrolling on Lake St. Clair Photo: K. Iglesias

Harrison Township: It was a busy summer for operations. Facilities participated in safety patrols for area fireworks, the Selfridge Air Show, the annual Jobbie-Nooner, and the Port Huron Raft Down in addition to routine patrols and training.





Flotilla Meeting
2nd Thursday of the Month
1930 Hours

Island Cove Marina
Harrison Township

Calendar of Events

October

21 Division Elections
 Combined 12 and 14
 VFW Bruce Post

October

25 Division 12 and 14 date of
 unity entry for paperwork

November

Flotilla Elections

December

4 *Flotilla COW*
 12 Division 14 COW

January 2010

16 Division 12 COW

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September	August 31st
December	November 30th





The time is nearing when the changes we have been hearing about will go in effect. In 2010, Division 12 and 14 will combine to what will probably be Division 20. The Flotilla numbers will stay the same. In 2010 we will become Flotilla 20-09. October 25th is the date for unity entry for paperwork for Division 12 and 14. Please get your paper work in to Nancy Pryjmak FSO-IS as quickly as possible so that Division 14 will get credit. Remember that Nancy has to send on the paper work to the SO-IS, which takes additional time.

I am pleased to report that our Flotilla received 2nd Place for at the D9 District Fall Conference. I want to thank each of you for your commitment to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the countless hours you spend supporting the organization.

I want to also thank Herb Lorenz for hosting Vice Night at his house and Dick and Judy Marten for hosting the picnic at their cottage. A good time was had by everyone who attended.

The Flotilla Change of Watch will be the 4th of December at the North Star Sail Club. Invitations will be going out at the beginning of November. I hope that everyone will be able to attend.

Kristen Iglesias, FC



Where has the summer gone? I am still waiting for the summer to get here. Fall is slowly creeping up on us. It seems like it has gone by too fast. Brian and I have been doing some training patrols and getting in some time on the water. It is getting close to the end of the season for getting your time in. We don't want to see anyone go into re-year. So get with Brian or me and find out when it would be a good time to go out. For the ones that have been going out on patrols ... BRAVO ZULU!

We had Vice Night at Herb's house and had a good turn out. Thank you, Herb!
The flotilla bought pizza and salad and cookies and boy did we pig out!

Dues are coming up and so are elections. Al Giera is running for Vice and I am running for Commander. Contact Nancy if you want to run for elected office.

We had our flotilla picnic at Dick and Judy's cottage. We all had a great time and the food was great. Thank you all for a great job. Thank You Dick and Judy for the use of your cottage!

The wrist band program continues to generate money for the Coast Guard. I sent in \$350.00 to the Coast Guard Mutual Aid Fund. I still have a lot more bands and am still collecting for another donation in a few months. So with your help we could do it again. Thank you all for helping me make this happen.

Vicky Marko, VFC



Selfridge ANG Base

By: Paul Hill

Our Flotilla lives in the shadows of Selfridge Field which has been designated as the Selfridge Air National Guard Base and is home to the Coast Guard –Air Station Detroit. Some of our members volunteer support for the Air Station Detroit Missions with their aircraft patrols while other members work in the Operations and Medical Services. Though the base was here many years before we were born, it is interesting to leap back into time and review its early name.

We are all familiar with the Selfridge entrance “Joy Road”. In fact this road was apparently named after Mr. Henry Joy (an Executive of the Packard Motor Car Company) who bought the swampy land and named it the “Joy Aviation Field”. In later years he leased it to the Army in 1917.

It is quite interesting that Lt. Selfridge may never have set foot on the Joy Aviation Field. He was killed in Fort Meyers in 1908 in what is considered to have been the first powered aircraft accident. Selfridge ANG Base was named after Lt. Selfridge in his honor of being the first person killed in a powered aircraft accident (as a passenger) and most interestingly, with none other than Orville Wright at the controls.

Coast Guard Air Station Detroit moved from Grosse Isle to Selfridge in 1966 and has expanded its facilities and home land security role beyond its early original missions of basic Search and Rescue. The airfield field has become the home to all five Military Branches as well as several other law enforcement agencies.

The air History can best be viewed at the Selfridge Air Museum as this museum continues to add aircraft for public view. (only

aircraft models that had been stationed at Selfridge.

Of course we all know the Selfridge as where free Air Shows prevail every few years.



Wristband Update

Victoria Marko, VFC



Thank you all for participating in the sales of the wristbands. People these days do not always have a lot of money. They think why should we give such a small amount. It will not make a difference. But it is the small donations that add up. The wristbands have been selling well. I sent in a check for \$350.00 to the **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FUND**. I still have more wristbands if anybody is interested. I would like to send in another donation in a few months time. I can be reached at 586 469-3977 Work, 586 201-1103 Cell, 586 231-8078 Home. E-Mail vickymarko@sbcglobal.net . Wrist bands are selling for \$ 3.00 each and all proceeds are going to CGMA.

Thank you all, great job!



What's New: National Website

FY10 C-School Schedule

C School class dates are available on the new C School Portal: Follow link below to view

C School Portal

Added today is the 4th convening of Aux-10 To be held at Training Center Yorktown in June. There is still 1 seat left for the AUXLAMBS B class To be held at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod. There are many open seats for the Nov convening of AUXSCE to be held in Seattle.

[Posted: Sep 14, 2009. Source: Gail Venezio]

Safety Tips for Fall Boating from Boat US

Labor Day marks the start of the fall boating season, a time for cooler temperatures, uncrowded waterways, and great sailing. But this time of year also brings its own safety challenges. Here are some fall boating safety tips:

Cold water quickly saps your strength. Wearing a life jacket could give you the time you need to safely re-board if you accidentally fall overboard. Also ensure you have a means to quickly get back on board without assistance, such as a ladder or a dockline.

Don't let sunny skies fool you. Dress appropriately and recognize that even slight weather changes can make hypothermia a real threat if you are unprepared.

In the fall there are very few boaters nearby -- your closest potential rescuers. Without the help of fellow boaters, your float plan is your only back-up. Share with a family member or trusted friend where you plan to go and when you expect to return, so they may notify authorities if you are overdue returning.

A VHF radio is a must. Depending on where you are, a cell phone or personal locator beacon may be additional pieces of important communication gear.

[Posted: Sep 3, 2009. Source: Bruce Johnson, DC-Bd]



Election Results D9CR

DCO - Jerri Smith

DCOS - Joe Chenevert

DCAPT - Joe Gregoria

DCAPT - Dick Martin

DCAPT - Russ Marshall

FLOTILLA 14-09 District Awards from Fall Conference

2008 Flotilla Award of Excellence

2nd Place – 14-09

2008 Outstanding Publication – Flotilla

14-09, Dan Iglesias, Editor for “The Compass”

2008 Outstanding Publication

Dan Iglesias, Editor for “The Portside”



Flotilla 14-09 Annual Picnic



Good Food.....Good Fun.....Good Fellowship

