



THE CUTTER

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Flotilla 11-2, Twin Cities Metro South, Minnesota
Division 11, 8th Coast Guard District Western Rivers

May 2010

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| May | 3, 4 | ATON Workshop 1800-2100
Maplewood Public Words Lunch Rm. |
| | 8 | ABS PE Class 0730-1700
Lehman's Garage Inc. |
| | 12 | Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 20 | Flotilla Meeting 1900
133rd Air Lift |
| | 21, 22 | Boat Crew Academy-OPS @ SPYC |
| | 22, 23 | Boy Scouts |
| | 29 | VSC's Hubs Landing &
King's Cove |
| Jun | 4 | BCA on Water |
| | 5 | OPS, IT, VE, PV & 1 hr. TCT
0800—1630 Maplewood Fire #7 |
| | 9 | Division Meeting 1900
Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 12 | BCA QE Check Ride |
| | 17 | Flotilla Meeting 1900
133rd Air Lift |
| | 19 | VSC's Miss Croix Yacht Harbor

BCA QE Check Ride |
| | 26 | OPTEx |

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Notice to all Flotilla 2 elected and appointed officers to review their section of the flotilla website and get back to me with updated photos and information.

Most of our officers have not kept current with their responsibilities for their office in regards to our website.

Help us keep it fresh so there is a reason for people to visit our site.

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Steve Jones FSO-CS

2010 OPERATIONS

The season that we have all been waiting for has arrived. Facilities are being prepped and launched and operations will begin shortly.

All of the OPTEx this year will focus on currency maintenance.

This seasons schedule is:
26 June at St Paul Yacht Club
21 August at Hudson
18 Sept at Red Wing
0800 to 1730

All coxswains and crew should review their qual status in AUXDATA to assure that you're current or to see which currencies you need to update.

This year I would like to set up an advanced schedule for patrols. I would appreciate it if the coxswains and facility owners would set up a preliminary patrol schedule for the summer and e-mail it to me. This way crew can organize their schedules. I will publish the schedule and send it to all coxswains and crew.

PPE has not yet arrived. I will contact everyone who requested materials as soon as I hear anything.

Al Stasny FSO-OP



INFORMATION SERVICES

ATTENTION:

For you VSC and RBS individuals, you have the capability of submitting your activity reports (7038 & 7046 forms) via the electronic method.

Just go to <http://forms.cgaux.org> and scroll down to the email forms section. There you will see all of the forms that are available for emailing. These forms are easy to use and will save you time because you will not have to scan and then attach them to your mail.

If you have questions about the above process, please feel free to contact me and I will get you answers.

Shirley Nelson FSO-IS

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OR

HOW I BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR

by: Lloyd Fanum

Part 15

The story you are about to read is true! Even the story in last month's article was true. And yes, as of 1 September 1977, I am now an instructor in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

You will recall in last month's article, I was elected Master of Ceremonies for the graduation party. The instructor announced that the class shall meet at 1800 hours out in front of the Officers' Club. We will join the class members from the Vessel Examiners (VE) School for a combined photograph with the Instructor (IT) School. After picture taking time, we will go inside the Officers Club for a graduation dinner and entertainment. Our duly elected Master of Ceremonies, Lloyd Fanum, will take over right after dinner.

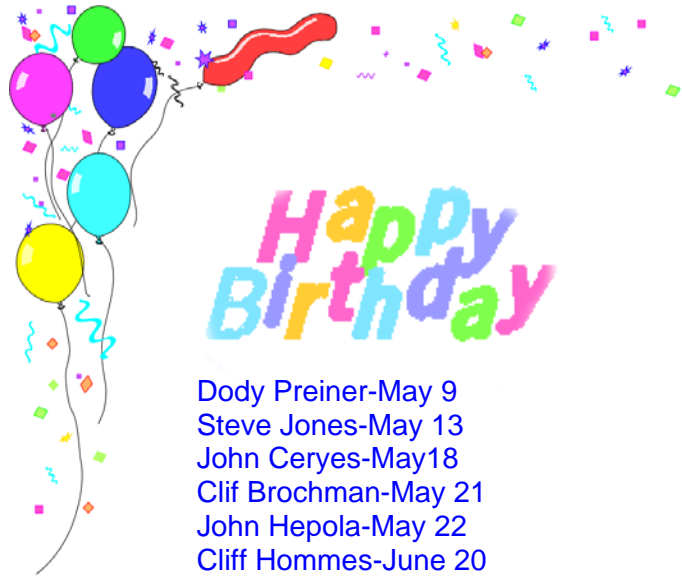
Please be in proper uniform for tonight's party and graduation picture. Joining us for dinner will be the base commander and his wife, members of his staff and their wives or guest, and who knows, maybe our Commander-in-Chief. At this point, I really became nervous.

A picture of the graduating class is in the next column.

-----to be continued next month-----



Photographer unknown



¿Got Questions? We'll find the Answers

When nearing a bend or other place in a narrow channel where you can't see very far ahead, what must you do?

If an approaching vessel hears you, what must she do?

You sound one prolonged blast.
She sounds one prolonged blast.

INPUT

Suggestions, comments and articles you may have to this publication should be directed to FSO-PB - email to condogulf@aol.com

Please submit articles for the next Cutter no later than **0900—Wednesday, 26 May 2010.**