



THE CUTTER



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
September 2009

Flotilla 08W-11-02
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Sep | 7 | Labor Day |
| | 9 | Division Meeting 1900 Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 11 | Honor Guard Presenting Colors At Twins Game 1910 |
| | 12 | Div. OPTEX 0830-1700 Red Wing MN |
| | 17 | Flotilla Meeting 1900 133 Air Lift Headquarters Bldg. |
| | 25-26 | FALCON Lodge of the Ozarks Branson, MO |
| Oct | 2 | Ham Radio Class 1900-2100 Lehman's Garage Inc. |
| | 14 | Division Meeting 1900 Bishop Whipple Bldg. |
| | 15 | Flotilla Meeting 1900 133 Air Lift Headquarters Bldg. Flotilla Elections |
| | 16-17 | Ham Radio Class 23,24,25,30,31 |

Flotilla 11-02 Vice Commanders Report

Division 11 sponsored an Operational Training Exercise (OPTEX) on July 11 at King's Cove Marina for the purpose of currency maintenance.

We had a few of our members attending but after that event we still had a few members needing check rides. There was another opportunity for currency maintenance held at the Division 11 sponsored OPTEX on Saturday, August 22. If you still have not completed your check ride please contact me and I will try to get a patrol scheduled before the end of the season. Please remember that it is your responsibility to take care of your currency maintenance for all of your qualifications.

On that note if you will be in need of the 8 hour TCT class sometime in the near future, you might want to consider getting it out of the way early. The next opportunity

at the Fall Conference in Branson, Mo. On Saturday, September 26. After that there will be a Division 11 sponsored 8 hour TCT held on November 21. The next opportunity locally after that will not be until April, 2010.

I am also proud to report that Flotilla 2 has again responded in a big way to another Division sponsored event with tremendous support. The Color Guard Twins Event will be held on September 11, 2009. Of the 34 tickets sold to date, 31 are from our Flotilla. BZ to all who have already purchased tickets. The deadline for purchasing tickets was extended until August 19 to allow more time for members to purchase tickets for this event. Please consider attending, as it will be a lot of fun for everyone and a chance to honor all of our military that serve us every day.

Respectfully Submitted,
John C. Peterson

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2009 Is Winding Down

My August intention for Member Training for our monthly meeting was to review how members of Flotilla 11-02 stand as far as meeting annual requirements to maintain currency in our various programs.

Coxswain Requires 12 hours underway annually. Those current for 2009 are Allen Stasny, Charles Woodward, Clifton Brochman, and Neil McMillan.

Boat Crew currency also requires 12 hours. Those having adequate hours are Craig Campbell, John Peterson, Robert Burck, and Shirley Nelson.

Personal Watercraft currency requires 12 hours and we have no one current.

Recreational Boating Safety Visitors need 4 visits to maintain currency. Allen Stasny, Lloyd Fanum, and Neil McMillan have exceeded the minimum..

Vessel Examiners need 5 vessel exams for currency. Allen Stasny, John Peterson, Neil McMillan, and Trent Jensen are qualified for 2009.

Instructors need 2 hours of lead time, 4 hours on non-lead time or 1 hour of lead and 2 hours of non-lead. Current for 2009 are Allen Stasney, Barry Berg, Clifton Brochman, Craig Campbell, Daniel Forby, John Peterson, Matthew Stokes, Neil McMillen, Rex Stearns, Richard Woodbury, Robert Burck, Shirley Nelson, Ted Whitten, and Wright Truesdell.

These figures were current on August 12, 2009. If your name is not shown check with either Dan Forby FSO MT or Shirley Nelson FSO IS. Shirley is the better source, Dan has to check with her.

Dan Forby FSO MT

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HOW I BACAME AN INSTRUCTOR

by: Lloyd Fanum

Part 7

You will recall in last month's article, I said:

After all — “What's so tough about being an Instructor in the Coast Guard Auxiliary?”

To help me through the tough times, I've been gone on vacation most of the month of August on 3 great fishing trips, back to back. I just haven't had time to set my mind to things that happened over 32 years ago, like, How I became an Instructor. In stead! “How about a true fish story?”

I'm writing this from a little rustic cabin, with a smaller one out back, North of the Sioux Lookout in CANADA. This cabin is located near the Artic Circle, LAT 60 degrees North. We just returned from our full second day of fishing on Lake St. Joseph's.

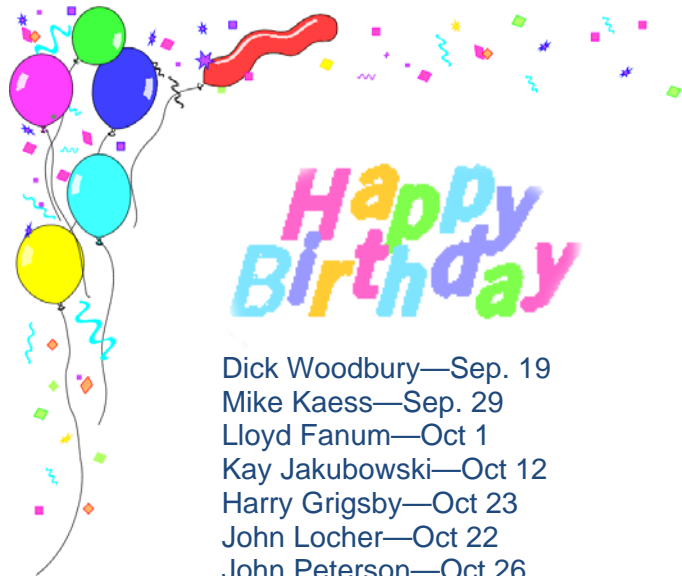
The fishing here is Fanum-tastic! My two fishing buddies, Sven, Olie and I have been very selective in our fish size for our shore lunch and those to take home. Our take home size must be under 18” for Walleye Pike. Over 18” is called the “slot size” and must be released. We released as may fish over 18” as those too small to take home. We do, however, keep the small ones around 16” to 17” for our shore lunch or dinner.



Photo courtesy Lloyd Fanum

It's now time to go fishing again. ES, we are having freshly caught Walleye for dinner. Also, fishing with barb-less hooks only on this lake. In next month's issue of the CUTTER, article 8 will be about — How I became an Instructor.

—to be continued next month—



Dick Woodbury—Sep. 19
Mike Kaess—Sep. 29
Lloyd Fanum—Oct 1
Kay Jakubowski—Oct 12
Harry Grigsby—Oct 23
John Locher—Oct 22
John Peterson—Oct 26
Bob Burck—Oct 27

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Suggestions, comments and articles you may have to this publication should be directed to FSO-PB Shirley Nelson at 9733 Russell Ave. S.—Bloomington MN 55431-2468 or email to condogulf@aol.com Please submit articles for the next CUTTER no later than **0900—Tuesday 29 September 2009.**