

Division 10 Staff Reports Summary

16 February 2008 Meeting

Wilmington NC

Flotilla Commander's Reports

10-01

1. Flotilla Status: Currently, Flotilla 10-01 has 37 members listed in AUXDATA, 3 of which were enrolled since the beginning of 2008. We began the year with 33 members. Six members retired or disenrolled during the year and we acquired 10 new members resulting in our net gain of 4 members. Since 2006 we have taken in 16 new members, almost one half of our Flotilla. Because of this member training is a high priority.

2. Training:

Public Education Classes – The first BS&S class for 2008 began January 14th and will continue through the early part of March. A second BS&S class will be offered in the Fall. Five ABC classes are scheduled for 2008, the first beginning in April. A GPS class will be given following the BS&S class in the fall. The Flotilla is considering teaching a Navigation course later in the year.

Boat Crew Training – The schedule for classroom training to achieve crew and coxswain qualification has been set by our FSO-MT and FSO-OP. Classroom sessions will be held every Wednesday evening at CG Station Wrightsville Beach beginning February 13th and continuing through the end of March at which time we hope to begin on the water training.

3. Activities:

Public Affairs – Several events are already being organized by our new FSO-PA. We plan to attend a number of booth display events and to take the display trailer to outside events at Wrightsville Beach and other places in the area. We hope to involve other Flotillas in the Division for outdoor public events using our trailer that would benefit all the Flotillas in the Division.

The second of the 5 PA information displays funded by a \$500.00 grant from the National Water Safety Congress is to be installed February 12th at Creekside Marina. Several other areas to place the last three signs are under discussion and should be in place by the beginning of the busy boat season.

Operations – Our first Operations planning meeting is scheduled for the end of February and we hope to begin patrols sometime in March depending on the weather.

Communications – Our communications station at Mason's Marina has been involved in several drills the last few months. Following approval at one of our Flotilla meetings a new radio was purchased and is available for testing during the next radio communication drill.

Other Activities – An active program with the Marine Safety Unit has already begun with an initial request going out this week and the promise of more involvement this year with the Auxiliary. Our communications facility is operational and ready for drills and surface/air

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operations. Program Visitor and Aids to Navigation programs are in place and ready to carry out their duties. Staff Officers in all positions demonstrated interest and enthusiasm for the year at our first Staff Officer meeting held early in February.

10-03

Flotilla 10-03 has a 13 lesson BS&S course in progress with 9 students. 3 more courses are tentatively scheduled for the remainder of the year. Dates are dependent on Fayetteville Tech CC.

Flotilla is in the process of getting started on Mandatory as well as other Workshops to get everyone indoctrinated and refreshed on how to do what we are supposed to.

At our first meeting our goals were discussed and modified. In a nutshell, we have doubled our goals for everything we did last year. This includes PE, VE, PV, PA, Ops. Other items which were not accomplished last year are also now included in our goals. (1) Recruiting. Each meeting will begin with a survey of members regarding any contact they have made with reference to recruiting with encouragement and challenging being a factor. (2) We have challenged members to become either a PV, VE, IT, to participate in the PA program, as well as to becoming crew and/or Coxswain qualified. (3) We have approached 3 members about making their vessels facilities. The goal for the Operations program is to improve our resources to two crews and two vessels during the upcoming year.

AUXOP COURSES as well as CREW TRAINING will be a constant goal for the entire year.

FELLOWSHIP will be emphasized and hopefully we will at least have some sort of outside fun activity every quarter of the year. The Flotilla Board and the new PS officer will be a committee to oversee this and hopefully make a go of it.

10-05

10-05 now has 101 members with 2 potential new members who visited our January flotilla meeting.

We now have four (4) qualified Auxiliary Communications Watchstanders at Station Oak Island, and four (4) Auxiliary Watchstanders at MSU, Wilmington.

We are starting a BS&S course on 14 February which will run two nights per week until early April.

We are presently running a new Crew Academy that just started 29 January. Anyone interested should let our FSO-MT (Bill Tiernan) know the name(s). It's being held at Station Oak Island.

We have three (3) Coxswains in REYR. Two Coxswains failed their 3 year recertifications in late 2007. One is preparing to try again. The other has a medical problem requiring surgery in March, and may retire from the Auxiliary. The third Coxswain has requested to give up his Coxswain qualification, and will try to qualify as Crew in early spring.

Flotilla 10-08 5SR presented Flotilla 10-05 with a plaque at the 10-05 change of watch ceremony. The plaque was given to express gratitude from members of 10-08 for inviting them to sign up for 10-05 patrols during 2007. A letter of thanks was sent to 10-08 with the assurance that during 2008, we will continue to invite 10-08 members to go on 10-05 patrols.

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Three 10-05 officers, (FC, VFC and FSO-MS), attended the District 5SR, Sector NC Conference at Durham, NC on 9 February, 2008.

Plans are underway to focus on a 10-05 "In reach" program. The "In reach" program will involve calling our inactive members to renew communication with them, and determine what the flotilla can do that will be of interest to them, and what talents they have that could serve the flotilla, and/or Coast Guard. At this point, the plan is to have the FC, FSO-PS and LL make the calls.

10-06

13 lesson BS&S class began on 14JAN and will conclude on 03MAR. Course began with 22 students and one has dropped out citing the course as being too difficult for her.

Our next PE offering will be a GPS class on 05 and 08MAR.

From 10MAR through 31MAR, on Monday and Thursday, we will offer the first 6 lessons of Advanced Coastal Navigation.

All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend our classes – necessary materials for any course are to be provided by the member (home flotilla) and notice must be given to our FSO-PE, Lois Dowty.

On 14 and 15FEB we presented an ABC course to the personnel of the Brunswick County Emergency Management Services. Approximately 26 students were graduated and Flotilla 10-06 expresses its gratitude to Flotilla 10-05 for lending the services of Gene Hagerty who served as an instructor during the class.

On Tuesday 04MAR, preceding the Flotilla Staff Meeting, the mandatory 1 hour TCT refresher training will be offered and members from other flotillas are welcome. Please notify our FSO-OP, Joe Truelove, of any members wishing to attend. The training will be conducted in Kure Beach and Joe will provide directions.

The Advanced Skills Weekend, formerly known as Specialty Course Weekend, will be held at TRACENYORKTOWN on 28, 29 and 30MAR. I feel very privileged in representing my Flotilla 10-06, our Division 10 and Sector North Carolina as an instructor at this event.

Flotilla 10-06 sent 5 members to the Sector North Carolina Workshops in Durham on Saturday 09FEB. While this was not either the best or the worst flotilla attendance, I was disappointed in our number and attribute it to the reluctance of many members to travel the 300 mile round trip for the event. While fellowship is a cornerstone of the Auxiliary and a worthy goal, most attendees tend to "hang" with their friends and not co-mingle with others. We don't need to travel 300 miles to be with "our own" and I would suggest that all required workshops be given locally. Extra curricular sessions, such as the District Restructuring, can be put on DVD and shown at flotilla meetings thus assuring wider distribution.

At the MAR flotilla general meeting, all Boat Crew PPE will be inspected and furnished with new batteries, at Flotilla expense, thus assuring readiness for the upcoming patrol season.

We will be providing a PA booth at the Azalea Festival, 11, 12 and 13APR. As always, this booth will stress boating safety, Auxiliary membership and cooperation between active duty and Auxiliary units.

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We will be providing our talents and skills to Cutter DILIGENCE during its next stay in Wilmington to refurbish the “shack” which serves as the dockside quarterdeck of the cutter. We are looking forward to demonstrating our partnership with DILIGENCE.

MSU Wilmington has asked us to provide more vessel patrols on the Cape Fear River, north of Sunny Point, and on the Northeast Cape Fear River. We look forward to furnishing greater coverage of our AOR.

10-07

As a new member of Flotilla 10-07, there is not much I can say about past achievements or experiences of the flotilla. I can only state what has been accomplished since January of this year.

The flotilla has joined the NSBC (National Safe Boating Council). This will give the flotilla an opportunity to keep up with any changes in software or equipment pertaining to our PE classes on safe boating.

The flotilla has also obtained a Safe Boating Instructor Kit from the NSBC. This kit includes various types of PFD'S, miniature buoys, display's of portable lighting equipment for boats that don't have any. For your information I have attached a list of the Instructor Kit contents.

When I was in NJ several flotillas bought them for their PE classes. I also displayed the kit at a 1SR conference. I could display it at another one for the 5SR if wanted.

The flotilla is in the process of posting information about when, and where, we hold our meetings. This will be posted on the TV cable's Community Information Channel. We will also be using this to advertise our PE classes and VE locations and dates, as well as flyers and the newspaper.

We currently have one crewmember working on Coxswain qualification and one working toward boat crew.

The flotilla has obtained information and disks regarding the Coast Guard Academy. I plan to seek out student counselors at high school and hold a recruiting class. I have attended the Coast Guard recruiting class several years ago, in Yorktown, VA. The CGA information will also be available at our PE classes.

The flotilla will be holding TCT and IT workshops for those members that need did not make it to the Sector Conference. We plan to call flotilla 10-03 to see if they want to join us in the workshops.

10-08

Flotilla 10-08 completed many tasks including the following;

Installed new Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander elected officers at our COW in December, 2007. Flotilla Commander Berkey swore in the Flotilla Staff Officers immediately thereafter.

Two new members received a letter congratulating them that included their ID number but we

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have not yet received an official letter from DIRAUX.

We have received one inquiry about joining our flotilla and we are pursuing the inquiry.

Three flotilla members are training for crew.

We are planning an ABC course which will begin Feb. 26th and end March 1st.

Our Treasurer's records have been audited and found to be in order.

We are coordinating all of our instructors so that they complete an online required Instructor Workshop 08 course by the May, 2008 deadline.

10-09

1. Twelve (12) members of this Flotilla attended the Sector North Carolina Workshops in Durham, NC on 9 February 2008.
2. Four (4) members of this Flotilla are currently participating in the Instructor Development Course.
3. T. Poston was appointed and sworn in as the FSO-VE on 06 February.
4. This Flotilla is conducting a BS&S class in February for approximately 12 candidates.
5. Three ABC courses are scheduled in 2008 to be presented by Flotilla instructors.
6. Priority activity in 2008 will be to prepare our members for certification/recertification in Coxswain and Boat Crew qualifications.

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SO-AN

Attended Mentor & AN Refresher Workshops in Durham.

We were introduced to CWO4 Steve Lyons from Sector North Carolina in charge of the CG ATON Program.

We should be receiving a Bridge Checklist from the District Commander.

We should be receiving a 2008 PATON Checklist from the DSO-AN.

Currency is still 1 verification or discrepancy per year.

I have received no reports for this year thus far. We will try emailing the reports as much as possible. If this doesn't work, we will go back to surface mail.

FSO-AN from Flotilla 10-01 sent in their AN 2008 Plan (as follows):

2008 Rotation to verifier, photograph & chart update all PATONS in 10-01 AOR

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Supervise our current AV Verifiers to maintain AV Verifier status

Continue to assist CG Station WB with ATON, PATON, or BRIDGE inspections post hurricane patrols as requested from CG.

Would like to assist FSO-MT with Chart Updating Training Class for Operations

Encourage AVs to submit AN reports

Plan to attend AUX-06 "C" School at TRACEN, June 6-8 (Chart Updating)

Forward marine information to 10-01 members as received.

Maintain close liaison with DSO-AN & SO-AN

SO-CM

1. After discussions with a number of FSO-CMs, it was concluded that maintaining Division 10 radio drills on a monthly basis during 2008 is the preferred course of action. A summary of identified benefits follows:

- 1- confirming that each radio station is operating as expected minimizes risk of a surprise outage in a real emergency
- 2- as new DSC enabled facilities are brought on line they can be more broadly tested in a relatively short interval
- 3- Expanding AUX SAR Control capability utilizing DSC technology will require training additional members and frequent drills offer the vehicle for skill development.
- 4- as new radio facilities are added with expanding membership interest they can be quickly integrated and performance verified
- 5- radio skills of all participants continuously improve with more frequent observation and feedback
- 6- this satisfies the required quarterly operations per District

Given the above rationale, Division 10 will conduct radio drills the 3rd Wednesday of each month for all 2008 starting at 1900 hours.

Next drill will be on 20 February 2008 at 1900 hours. Dan Caywood - Auxiliary Radio Loran Station will be Net Control. If Dan has a priority interrupt for unexpected reasons, he will designate an alternate radio facility based on known transmission and receiving capability established with experimental work during 2007.

Our 2007 SO-CM suggested we use Channel 80 for these drills since past drills have indicated the following: Ch-21/SW interference with Sector Charleston; Ch-83/NE interference with Station EI; Ch-81/Camp Lejeune CG interference with Surf City. In reviewing this with District, direction was given that we must use CG channels and obtain agreement with the appropriate CG stations for a time slot.

2. Although District CM has a focused interest in deploying Automatic ID System (AIS) for vessels > 300 tons, much concern was expressed throughout Division about the value of

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establishing this capability. As a compromise for 2008, one flotilla has volunteered to create a station for evaluation of benefit.

3. Goals for 2008:

a- recruit and train teams of Radio and SARCON qualified operators in each flotilla following the model developed by Dan Meigs November 2007. This is perceived to be both a motivational and potentially useful expenditure of AUX time going forward related to the Division Communications function.

To successfully implement, we will need qualification courses offered by SO-MT over the next 12 months covering a broad range of topics; specifically AUXCOM, AUXSAR, AUXNAV would be the main focus for 2008. This will be a multiyear ongoing commitment to training if accepted.

b- obtain DSC class D enabled radio facilities for training of Division personnel

c- take an inventory of Division hardware and either deploy to interested persons or dispose of all obsolete equipment.

SO-IS

1. Meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars.

a. None

2. Activities, Projects, or Events

a. Data input to AUXDATA was been suspended until 15 January 2008. During this period the databases were reinitialized for 2008 and end of year processing was (mostly) completed.

b. New forms go into effect on 1 January 2008. SOs into whose areas these forms fall should familiarize themselves with the new information/format in order to respond to questions concerning the new forms. These forms are:

i. Enrollment Application (7001)

1. Previous editions are obsolete.

ii. Annual Unit Officer's Report (7007)

1. Previous editions are obsolete.

iii. Mission Activity Report (7030)

1. While previous editions may continue to be used, recommend only the new form be used as the changes to the activity/mission codes have changed substantially.

iv. Vessel Examination Activity Report (7038)

1. Previous editions may be used.

c. Some Activity reports have backed up during the past 10 days and have not been entered into AUXDATA. As a result no Flotilla Summary Report has been created for the Flotillas for this period.

3. Requests for assistance by the Division Captain

a. None

4. Special Recognition

a. None

SO-MA

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1. Minimal Postal Supplies on hand for distribution at meeting.
2. Will advise new as well as remind returning Staff Officers to make any materials requests by email and/or voicemail to me at the email address and phone numbers in the Division Directory.
3. I will also inform FCs that their MA officer is responsible for ordering materials for them.

I will fill orders if on hand, if not I will have orders shipped direct, which usually takes 7-10 days.

SO-MS

There have been a series of meetings with MSU personnel to discuss their patrol support requirements for the coming year. Generally, Division 10 will provide MSU's designated focal point with access to our Patrol schedule and a common method for MSU to request that their personnel come aboard for a particular Patrol. In addition, if there are continuing or routine patrols MSU requests, those will be passed to the Flotillas for their implementation. Both Flotillas 10-05 and 10-06 routinely run Patrols in the Cape Fear River and 10-06 has three OPFACs located with quick access to the upper River. And, if necessary trailerable OPFACs are available to for these Patrols as well.

SO-OP

5. Operations Workshop:

The workshop is a District requirement the common information has been published to the "faq".

6. Surface/Air AUXSAR Exercises:

These exercises will continue and build on the successes of last year. We hope within 6 weeks to run a full-up surface/Air AUXSAR exercise.

An objective this year is to develop and "certify" a number of "SAR Control" teams throughout the Division. One issue, of course, is the lack of suitable VHF radios on vessels and shore Stations. At this time, only Middle Sound Radio and SA Transportable and OPFACs 21979 and 23475 have Class "D" DSC radios.

7. Boat Crew Currency Maintenance:

It became clear last year that if a member is not fully practiced on the Qualification Guide Tasks for the 3-year currency task QE session, that member is very likely to fail. FSO-Ops have a specific responsibility to assure that every currently-qualified boat crew member is fully prepared before being presented to the QE.

8. USS North Carolina:

There will be substantial Auxiliary participation in the events, details later.

SO-PA

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Flotilla 10-01: The second of five large outdoor signs, with mailboxes containing information on classes held at the flotilla, has been installed at Creekside Marina. Additional signs will be set up at three other locations.

Discussions with the Cape Fear Museum have been ongoing for several months on a number of topics. The museum has had a USCG motor surf boat on display without a descriptive narrative for the public to read. After doing research, the flotilla installed an exhibit in front of the boat with the message, "courtesy USCG Auxiliary Wrightsville Beach Flotilla 10-01.

The flotilla has established a schedule of events at the museum regarding the Ocean exhibit.

Flotilla 10-03: Announcements about the flotilla and its community involvement are being planned for February.

Flotilla 10-05: A news article with photo regarding the flotilla's Change-of -Watch was submitted to the State Port Pilot and the Brunswick Beacon. The article was published during the week of January 21.

Announcements for the flotilla's BS&S course beginning 14 February were run in the Port Pilot and Beacon. Roadside signs have been placed throughout Southport and Oak Island.

Warren Edman, IPFC, attended the AuxAir Workshop and took photos for use in a news story.

On 01 February, Chris Halladay, FSO-PA; Joe Mazzei, FC; and Larry Coble, FSO-MS, made a presentation about the Auxiliary's activities and boating safety to approximately 50 members of the Oak Island Fishing club.

On 07 February, Warren Edman and Chris Halladay gave a talk to the St. James Fishing Club about boating safety. Approximately 40 members of the club were in attendance.

Flotilla 10-06: Advertisements for the flotilla's Boating Safety class were run in local newspapers.

A monthly magazine, *Snows Cut*, was found to be willing to publish ads for flotilla activities during the remainder of the year.

The flotilla is planning to set up its regular trailer display at the Watermark Marina Boat Show at the end of March, and at the Azalea Festival in April. Finding staff for those events – and for serving as tour guides for the Diligence – is currently underway.

Flotilla 10-07: No report received.

Flotilla 10-08: Flyers advertising the flotilla's ABC course, taking place at the end of February, have been prepared and posted.

News releases regarding the ABC course were submitted to several newspapers and have already been published in two papers.

Contacts with local marinas have begun to publicize Safe Boating Week.

Flotilla 10-09: No report received.

SO-PV

The year 2008 has gotten off to a good start. FSO-PVs as a whole are active and many issues that lingered around during the last part of last year have been resolved, however a few problems remain. I continue to work on the process of establishing responsibility for each Partner in Division 10 at the direction of the DSO-PV. Five of the six Flotillas with active PV programs have already reported visits and three have already recruited new Partners.

SO-PB

The first publication of *Forward Lookout* went out in Jan '08. It is my intention to publish same on a bi-monthly basis.

I have requested help from FC's and FSO-PB's in supplying stories, information, pix, general information. This done within the pages of *FL* and in separate e-mail correspondence.

Requests for copies of flotilla newsletters have also been requested. I will pull interesting articles from these as well as other sources. Three flotillas do not have newsletters and I have offered my services to them. I will intensify this effort during March and April.

My goal is to have all flotillas publishing a newsletter on a monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly basis by mid-year.

Contact with the DSO-PB has not yet been made. This will be handled before the end of Feb.