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Our Vision for 2007 – 2008

Jack Gumb District Commodore

Our members will remain efficient, qualified in what they choose to do and vigilant in all of the Auxiliary missions. We will maintain ourselves as professionals both on and off duty in completing our missions.

We have encountered a lot of change the past few years in what we hope will make for a better Auxiliary. We will willingly and eagerly embrace change as a means of keeping us sharp and alert for what lies ahead. We will find ways to keep a balance among homeland security, recreational boating safety and operations programs.

To make use of our daily and future readiness, we must use the Three R's. **RECRUIT, REVITALIZE** and show **RESPONSIBILITY**:

RECRUIT More than ever before we must find ways to attract and recruit new members in all of our programs. We must take the responsibility to work with our new members insuring they have professional instruction on the areas that they wish to be involved. They must

have caring mentors that show caring attitudes and professionalism.

REVITALIZE We will be competent in our programs by keeping trained in the areas that we are weak on or need additional training to keep us strong. We will exert our energies to achieve the highest standards in all that we do.

RESPONSIBILITY We will show responsibility to our new members by mentoring them and teaching them the programs they desire to participate in, thus becoming proficient in these programs. We will demonstrate responsibility to the U.S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and to ourselves by keeping our qualifications up to date and always ready to serve the public or our fellow members. We will remain dedicated to our core values of Honor, Respect and devotion to Duty.

JACK Gumb District Commodore



Honor Guard

The First Kansas City Flotilla is looking forward to another productive and busy year.

During the first quarter we've got boat shows and open houses and the start of our Boating Skills & Seamanship class. We've already distributed press releases promoting the Auxiliary, safe boating and our BS&S class. We'll use all of these various opportunities to solicit new members. We've had several individuals contact us this winter requesting information about the Auxiliary and expressing a desire to join a local flotilla. I fully expect that with a little effort we can grow our flotilla by at least 20% this year, adding 4 or more new members.

We'll begin conducting Vessel Safety Checks in April, and run VE stations at least once a month through September. April will also bring the start of our operations on the water. In addition, we have two more public education courses (ABC) occurring on back-to-back Saturdays in May. One of these courses will be held at Raintree Lake in Lee's Summit, Missouri. The other course, being held at the Clay County Courthouse Annex, is being promoted in the North Kansas City Community Education Booklet. At some point during the first half of this year we are expecting to participate in the all-day TCT course at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center in Smithville.

Our operational activities will kick into high gear during the summer months. Our members are very active on Smithville Lake and the Missouri River. During 2006 our members spent 743 hours on operational patrols, and I would not be surprised if we greatly exceeded that total during 2007. With five operational facilities, six coxswains, and a number of members that are Crew qualified, we are in a good position for growing our operational activities on the water. In addition, one of our new members

is a pilot and we anticipate conducting air patrols at some point down the road.

As indicated above, we expect to be quite busy in 2007.

*Tom Vargo 30-01
Flotilla Commander*

Laurie Flotilla 30-02, was the recipient of the 2005 Commodores Honor Flotilla Streamer,

They had a busy and productive year in 2006. Our Aids to Navigation department was able for the first time this year able to complete all of the aids on the Missouri River that were assigned. Communications Services kept our members informed and our website up to date. Our website received Honorable mention in the 2006 National Best of the Web contest. Member Training (MT) was held at every Flotilla meeting and all of the workshops were presented. Marine Safety and Environmental Protection was kept busy checking for fuel and oil spills from sunken and damaged vessels and from marina's which were heavily damaged following the big ice storm. Our Operations were kept busy with many patrol requests for fireworks and annual lake area rescue shootout. Along with the MT department crew training was held which qualified 2 crew members for our Flotilla, 1 Coxswain and brought 2 crew members out of REYR for Flotilla 30-05, as well as required training for many other members in the division. Public Affairs has been busy keeping the public informed of our public education classes, meetings and attending many functions such as: Safe Kids Fair in Columbia MO, The Boy Scouts in Camdenton MO, National Association of Retired Federal Employees in Laurie MO, Mile High club in Wichita KS, American Business Women's Association in

Laurie MO and Wichita KS, Civil Air Patrol, Warsaw, MO just to name a few. All members of the Flotilla are our Public Affairs Team. Our newsletter the Compass Rose has been an outstanding publication which has kept our members, organizations and businesses informed and up to date on the latest happenings. Numerous compliments were received from CDR Omernick, Director of Auxiliary. Our Public Education department kept the instructors busy by scheduling 9 classes in 2006. Personnel Services has kept the members busy recruiting, with 1 new member in 2006 and several good prospects for 2007.

Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitation went through the roof in Laurie Flotilla 30-002 - We started the program in 2003 with 114 visits and culminated in 2006 with 1734 visits and over 300 partners being serviced. Many more are being added this year. Our small Flotilla received the National VE Department's Award for Excellence - 2005 as being the second best Flotilla in the Nation for Program Visitation. What makes this award even sweeter is that in 2005 we received the award as being the Best Flotilla in the Nation for 2004, seems another flotilla in the nation went full steam ahead. The Vessel Examination department took off this year with over 300 Vessel Safety Checks. One member said he would driving around, see a boat parked in a yard, stop and asked if they wanted a VSC and performed one on the spot. He was leading Division 30 in VSC production until unfortunately the last 2 weeks of 2006 a member from another flotilla turned in more VSC's than any flotilla in the Division. We partnered with many organizations in our Public Education, Program Visitation, Vessel Safety check programs. One partnership was with the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District and PFD Panda to take boating safety and marine environmental protection messages to the third graders at Hurricane Deck Elementary School.

At this time, Laurie Flotilla 30-02 is proud to announce that they have completed all requirements for the 2006 Commodores Honor Flotilla Streamer.

2007 promises to be as busy or even busier than 2006 as we plan to increase our participation level in every program and Laurie Flotilla 30-02 will strive to win the Commodores Honor Flotilla Streamer for a third consecutive year. A partnership with a local State Farm Insurance Agency and Lake Regional Hospital has been created to give our first America's Boating Course on 10 February 2007.

Laurie Flotilla 30-02 has 4 members who have qualified in the first year for the Recreational Boating Safety They are R. R. Foster, C. F. Layton, C. L. Prosser, and M. R. Snively.

*Michael R Snively 30-01
Flotilla Commander*



Our Special Visitor—

Good to see you back!

Best Flotilla Awards for 2005

Excerpt from For Safety's Sake newsletter

During NACON 2006, the top two Auxiliary Flotillas in support of the Vessel Safety Check and RBS

Visitation Programs were recognized. These awards are based on a formula, which combines growth, overall performance, percent of members participating and the number of "star" members.

The Top 100 Flotillas in the country have

already received certificates of performance and at NACON, the first place and runner-up Flotillas received plaques and their accomplishments were recorded on the traveling trophies that are displayed at N-Train and NACON. The top two finishers for 2005 were:
 For The Vessel Safety Check Program:
 1st Place: Flotilla 05-06 District 9W
 2nd Place: Flotilla 05-01 District 9E
 For The RBS Visitor Program:
 1st Place: Flotilla 12-02 District 5N
 2nd Place: Flotilla 30-02 District 8W
 Our congratulations and thanks go out to all Flotillas who have supported these two important Recreational Boating Safety missions and a special thanks to the top performers.
 Charles Dimaggio BC-VCA
Machael R Snively 30-01

Williams finds Coast Guard Work Suits His Retirement



By Joy Miller/Lake SunLeader

LAKE OF THE OZARKS - Like many people, Jack Williams retired to the lake, not knowing much about boats. Determined to change that, Williams got involved with one of the local United States Coast Guard Auxiliary groups.

That was 13 years ago. These days, Williams is an active volunteer for First Lake Flotilla 30-6, leading the group's public education program.

The proverbial saying 'there is no such thing as a stupid question,' is true, especially when

it comes to boating safety and education, according Williams.

'One of the biggest problems we have on our lake is ignorance,' Williams said. 'There are boating rules and things that are important to safe operation. We want to dispel the myth that boats are toys. We see people with a \$250,000 boat, tying it up with what amounts to clothesline or people who don't consider a personal watercraft a boat.'

Every spring, Williams spends his time preparing for 'classes,' arranging for instructors and getting personally involved teaching boater safety.

The 2007 classes get underway on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and will run for the next seven weeks. Each two hour session will be held at Central Bank in Osage Beach.

For a \$30 registration fee, Williams said the auxiliary provides an instruction manual that covers boating rules and regulations, choosing a vessel, handling and trailering, waterway markings and other topics that every boaters should be familiar with before heading out onto the water.

The course meets the mandatory education requirement set by the Missouri Water Patrol for all boat operators born after Jan, 1, 1984. Once completed, the certificate can be used to satisfy the state requirement and could possibly lower insurance premiums, he said. But more importantly, the completion of the course teaches boaters the basics; how to operate a vessel responsibly and safely.

One of the advantages of the Coast Guard program is it not only teaches about boating on a lake, but rivers and inland waterways and places where boaters will find currents and debris that are not common on the lake. 'Most of the people who come to the class are in the middle-age group, but we are seeing a few teenagers,' he said. 'We are seeing couples and we encourage that. One

of the most important pieces of equipment on a boat is a second person who can pilot it.'

Williams said the importance of boater education can't be stressed enough. A recent study he came across said 80 percent of accidents occur to boaters who have never had any boater education.

For this class session, reservations can be made by calling 365-2779. Registration will also be taken at the door.

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Burt & Ernie

Division 30 Ops Newsletter February 2007

As Auxiliaries operating under orders we must remember that we are the "eyes and ears" of the active duty, to that end if / when we come across something unusual during our patrols, that is not an immediate threat to life or property, we must contact our Operational Command (Sector) for instruction. Premature action or intervention on our part may come with severe liability and / or safety consequences. Let the OPCON make the decision as to what action is to be taken, that is their job and they also

may be privy to information that the coxswain does not have. Please remember that the safety of our members and facilities is of paramount importance and we must be continuously monitoring and evaluating our risk assessment and following operational policy.

The DIRAUX will be reimbursing ALL auto mileage involved with trailering a facility under orders at the ACTUAL cost rate. Receipts will be required for your fuel expense. It might make sense to get separate receipts; one for the truck and one for the boat.

As available on the National Forms Site, all Facility Inspection forms, Vessel (7003), Radio (7004), Aircraft (7005) and PWC (7008) have been revised to include facility availability questions. All previous editions are obsolete and may not be used. Also added to this group is a new Vehicle Offer for Use form, ANSC-7065. The ATON Verification form (7054) has been updated. The previous edition may not be used. All of these forms are dated 1-07.

Facility Offer for Use (7003 form) – When you complete the form this year be sure to specifically list EACH coxswain you want to be able to operate your boat. This information is required to make POMS work right when a coxswain tries to request orders for your facility. It is extremely important that accurate latitude and longitude be entered on Offer for Use Forms as a new mapping program has been developed for use by our Sectors and Contingency Planners. If it's a trailered facility, the lat & long should reflect where the boat/trailer is stored (home, etc.)

Boat Crew Training Manual Appendices - The five new appendices from the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, COMDTINST M16794.51A, are now posted on the National

Forms Site. They are located on their own page: Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual Appendices. All will be converted to fill-ins in the near future.

The 2007 Instructor Workshop is available in the National E Department Library. Whether you teach in the classroom or mentor other members, this workshop is for you. Guest appearances by the Public Affairs, Vessel Exam, Program Visitor and Personnel Departments. Their tips for promoting and recruiting are outstanding. Download this workshop and schedule it for your whole flotilla today.

2007 Vessel Exam (VE) and Program Visitor (PV) Workshops Released
The US Coast Guard Auxiliary National V Department has released the 2007 VE and PV Workshops. The workshops for 2007 are not mandatory but units are encouraged to hold the workshops to better the knowledge of their Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. The workshops are also available on CD from ANSC, the V Department 2007 Workshop CD is ANSC 2001A.

2007 Team Coordination Refresher Training
- The Operations Department has released the documents and presentation for Team Coordination refresher training for 2007. This 2007 TCT Refresher Training session is MANDATORY for all Crew, Coxswains, and PWC Operators. The Refresher Training session is approximately 1 hour in length. Flotillas and Divisions should plan to present this program. Note - This session is designed to be given at the local level and a 'qualified' TCT Facilitator is NOT required. See the 2007 TCT Facilitator Guide (PDF: 124 KB / 10 pages) and the optional 2007 TCT Participant Reference (PDF: 72 KB / 5 pages) guide for more details. This session must be completed prior to May 31, 2007.

The following are some topics discussed in DSO-OP Training during N-Train this past weekend. If you have any questions, let me know.

1 Hour TCT Refresher is required each year BUT, if your 5 yr/8 hr course is taken in a specific year, you DO NOT need to take the 1 hour refresher that year.

The 5-year Navigation Rules test is OPEN-book.

Qualification Guide task sign-offs good for UP TO 2 years from date of first task sign-off by mentor

For those being mentored for Crew, CXN, PWO; any old Qualification Guide task sign-offs should be transferred (with dates) to the new Qualification Guide, by the mentor. As of 1 January 2007, Crew, CXN, and PWO must finish qualifications using the new Qualification Guide

ICS 210 has been released, but there are currently no official ICS 210 instructors or classes available. (ICS 300 instructors should qualify as 210 instructors) If you have completed ICS 300, you need not take ICS 210.

SONS (Spill of National Significance)
Exercise scheduled for 19-21 June 2007.
You must have ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 to participate.

Rumor Mill

POV Towing Liability Insurance - The problem of liability insurance in the case where a privately owned vehicle (POV) was not covered for liability insurance when towing government property has been corrected. The vehicle may now be "Offered for Use". This is particularly important if the vehicle is towing a trailer registered as a DHS trailer with DHS license plates. The

vehicle owner must annually complete the new ANSC 7065 form, "Vehicle Offer of Use", (available on the Forms page) and have it on file at the DIRAUX's office prior to the towing. A record of this POV "facility" will eventually be recorded in AUXDATA. I will determine if this form will be required for those of use that tow our facilities while under orders; when I go to the SO-OP class at the end of February.

The Operations Workshop will "possibly" return to mandatory next year (2008).

Although not a National policy, DIRAUX would like to see no more NON-Operational facilities. Would possibly be considered on a case-by-case basis. More discussion to follow.

As always, please share this information with your members at the next flotilla meeting. That's all now. If you need to catch up with me, I have both work and home information below.

George Hurlburt, 30 SO-OP

Marine Safety

I have reviewed the status of Division 30's Marine Safety programs and intend to pursue the following priorities in 2007:

Re-establish communications between the SO-MS and the DSO-MS for 8WR, and between the SO-MS and FSO-MS for each flotilla.

Promote increased participation in Marine Safety programs by all members of the Division, especially those activities that will

assist members who desire to complete the Trident Program.

Re-energize interest in, and promotion of, Marine Environmental Protection activities such as the Good Mate Program and Aquatic Nuisance Species countermeasures.

Re-energize interest in, and promotion of, America's Waterway Watch and other MARSEC programs appropriate to Division 30's area of operations.

Promote support of the SO-OP in fulfilling requirements from MSO St. Louis.

The ADSO-MS has transmitted the following opportunity for Watercraft Decontamination Training. Flotillas should forward the names of anyone who elects to participate to the SO-MS for forwarding to District.

"This training opportunity is being offered to state and federal agency staff who deal with aquatic nuisance species (ANS) all across the U. S. Auxiliarists with a background in biology, interest in and a commitment to the ANS issue could take advantage of this training opportunity and help by being a part of the solution to the threat of ANS.. Qualified Auxiliarists should contact their local, state or federal agencies to see if they could be on the teams being formed in their area. Please send the names of the Auxiliarists who apply, to me, so that their involvement can be tracked.. The deadline for applying for the training is 31 January 2007.

*Mike Bragg
SO-MS*

Member Training

People join the Auxiliary for many reasons, one of which is the training that we can provide. It behooves us to find out what sort of training our new and experienced members are interested in, and help them to acquire that training.

During the past two years we have been busy dealing with quite a bit of mandatory training for a number of our members. There were three required workshops during 2005 for: members engaged in Operations, Vessel Examiner/Marine Dealer Visitors, and Instructors. There were four Incident Command System (ICS) courses that had to be completed by folks engaged in operational activities during 2006. And, I am happy to report that within Division 30, at this point in time:

40 members have taken and passed ICS 100,
 35 members have taken and passed ICS 200,
 37 members have taken and passed ICS 700, and
 30 members have taken and passed ICS 800.

Starting in 2007, members qualified as Crew, Coxswain or PWC Operator will now have to take a mandatory Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher course every year, unless they are taking the all-day TCT course in that particular year. The Operations Department has released the documents and presentation for this refresher training for 2007. This session is approximately one hour in length, and designed to be given at the flotilla level. I have already learned that Flotilla 30-2 plans to hold the TCT refresher course during February.

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For the northern flotillas in our division, plans are underway to hold an all-day TCT course at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center at Smithville Lake during the first half of 2007, as a number of our members took this class more than 3 years ago. As of today, no Flotilla Commander from the Lake of the Ozarks area has requested such TCT training.

There are a number of new and updated workshops for 2007 that are considered optional. This includes an Instructor workshop, a Program Visitor workshop, and a Vessel Examiner workshop. In addition, there are a number of Value Added Courses available to our members including: Electronic Communications Course; The New Member – The First Six Months; Influencing the Spectator Fleet; Program Management; AUXDATA / AUXINFO; and, Rules of Order.

There are six Operational Specialty courses that are available to our members including:

AUXCOM – Communications
 AUXPAT – Patrols
 AUXSAR – Search & Rescue
 AUXSEA – Seamanship
 AUXWEA – Weather
 AUX NAV – Navigation

Training is available to members who want to become qualified as Crew, Coxswain, Vessel Examiner, RBS Program Visitor, Instructor, Air Pilot/Air Observer, etc. There is, of course, new member training and a host of other programs such as: Good Mate, Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, and the Administrative Procedures Course (APC). Keep in mind that passing the APC course is one of the requirements for an elective office position in the flotilla.

Find out what your members are interested in, and help them to acquire that training.

*Tom Vargo 30-01
 SO-MT*

Public Affairs

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has an excellent Public Affairs website that can be accessed at: <http://www.auxpa.org/index.html#NavBar>.

As indicated on that site:

"The Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Web Site is your resource for media information about the Auxiliary. These stories, both press releases and pre-written stories, are available at the [News Room](#). We also have available, photos and video of various newsworthy Coast Guard Auxiliary activities. These, as well as Public Service Radio Announcements are located at [Multimedia](#)."

There are a number of press releases in the News Room that our Public Affairs Officers can utilize in our local areas. For instance, there are articles titled:

Wearing Life Jackets Save Lives

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Five Hot Tips On Staying Safe While Staying Cool This Summer

DANGER AHEAD: 4th Of July Holiday Is The Busiest, And Often Deadliest Time Of The Boating Season

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Gift Ideas For Water Lovers

Coast Guard Auxiliary Recommends To Boaters: Know Before You Go

These articles can be taken, modified, updated, and distributed to the media in your local area. For example, the last article referenced above starts off by saying "With boating season winding down for many of America's boaters..." This same article can be modified and used at the present time by stating: "With boating season fast approaching, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is urging America's boaters to start thinking about taking one of many boating courses offered by the Auxiliary to enhance their boating skills." This particular article references some courses that we may not teach in our local area. The content of this

article can be modified to reflect what we do teach, and when we hold our classes.

Some of the other articles are geared to certain times of the year, such as: during boating season; at the start of summer; and, immediately prior to the fourth of July. Many of these articles can be repeated from year-to-year.

In addition, there are a number of topics that can be addressed in a press release currently as well as over the next couple of months. CD's were distributed to all of the Flotilla Commanders at Change of Watch that had press releases that are currently being used in the Kansas City area. The titles of these press releases follow:

Coast Guard Auxiliary Looking To "Welcome Aboard" New Volunteers

Boaters Urged To Resolve To Be Safer In 2007

Sign Up For Boating Skills Class

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offering Free Vessel Safety Checks

America's Boating Course

Principles of Safe Boating

Further, there are many other useful tools on the national Public Affairs website. If you click on "Writing and Publishing Tips" it will take you to a page that has a host of Public Affairs tools that you can use, including: PA Courses, Imagery, Working With the Media, Miscellaneous Writing, Photography, Print Aids, Promotion, Sample Press Releases, How To Make Your Own Local PSA's, and so on.

One of the sample press releases deals with providing notice of an upcoming flotilla meeting. Such a press release could be taken and modified to publicize your local flotilla meeting, and be as simple as:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Flotilla 30-01 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 PM at the Clay County

Courthouse Annex, 1901 N.E. 48th Street,
Kansas City, MO, 64118.

The public is invited. Come and join us to find how much you can benefit by an Auxiliary membership. We offer advanced training courses for members in many specialty areas including weather, seamanship, navigation, piloting, and more. Join with us in exploring the many areas of service involving waterway patrols, boating and water safety education, courtesy examinations of recreational vessels, and other programs.

For more information about the Auxiliary, visit our website at <http://www.cgaux.net/> or contact us at (816) 682-6552.

It is important that we not only publicize our boating classes and vessel safety checks, but that we also use the media to help us recruit new members, promote safe boating, and tell our story!

Tom VargoSO-PA

Material

The new ANSC Catalog is now available online at (www.cgaux.info) go to Manuals and click ANSC catalog for the 2007 Book. The new DMC Price Catalog is also ready to download to you PC and print. From: Stella Francis DSO-MA at E-Mail address: francisaux@peoplepc.com. Please download both Catalog to your PC and print off copies as needed for your Flotilla.

The New VE Decals are available to order from ANSC. Please order ASAP so you will be assured to get what you need for the coming boating season. Will keep all the MA's up to date on any new items that come available during the year.
Carroll Vogel SO-MA

National Dates for a Boating Safety Message - 2007

REMINDER: *Post your public affairs and boating safety events on NSBC's campaign website: www.safeboatingcampaign.org.*

April

Alcohol Awareness Month, April 2007. See <http://www.ncadd.org/> and <http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/bui/bui.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: don't drink and boat; reminder: drunk passengers are JUST as likely to suffer a fatality as drunk operators; what to eat/drink instead of alcohol.)

Keep America Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup," March 01– May 31, 2007.

See <http://www.kab.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: Be safe while cleaning up our waters – wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly – don't pollute; is your boat Earth-friendly? – get a VSC to see!)

Month of the Young Child, April 2007. (Tie-in: childproof your boat; state regulations on life jacket wear for children; PFD fashion show for young children; it takes only 20 seconds for children to drown – make sure your child wears a life jacket; CO poisoning on swim platforms; teach your kids about boating safety – the habits that will last a lifetime.)

National Youth Sports Safety Month, April 2007.

See <http://www.nyssf.org/campaign.html> for more information. (Tie-in: paddling safety; proper gear for paddlers; use the gear – wear your life jacket; CO poisoning while skiing, swimming or "teak surfing.")

Alcohol-free Weekend, April 7-8, 2007. See <http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/bui/bui.htm> and <http://www.badd.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: don't drink and boat; have fun and boat sober; reminder: drunk passengers are JUST as likely as drunk operators to suffer a fatality; healthy alternatives to alcohol.)

Week of the Young Child, April 3–9, 2005. See <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc/default.asp> for more information. (Tie-in: childproof your boat; state regulations on life jacket wear for children; PFD fashion show for young children; it takes only 20 seconds for children to drown – make sure your child wears a life jacket; CO poisoning on swim platforms.)

Earth Day, April 21, 2007. See <http://www.earthday.net/> for more information. (Tie-in:

be safe while cleaning up our waterways – wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly – get a VSC.)

National Volunteer Week, April 1–21, 2007. See <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/> for more information. (Tie-in: appreciation for our volunteers in boating safety – Auxiliary, USPS, and others.)

Volunteer to make a difference – join the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary).

National Wildlife Week, April 17–23, 2005. See <http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek/> for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket as you explore the waterways; know how to go – take a boating course; hunting and fishing safety; paddling safety.)

National Park Week, April 22–29, 2007. See <http://www.nps.gov/>. (Tie-in: be safe while enjoying our national parks – wear your life jacket; boat earth-friendly – get a VSC.)

National Environmental Education Week, April 15–22, 2007. See

<http://www.eeweek.org/>. Coordinated by National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF). (Tie-in: teach Sea Partner principles of clean and green boating.)

Be safe while cleaning up our waters – wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly – don't pollute; is your boat Earth-friendly? – get a VSC to see!

National Safe Kids Week, April 30 – May 6, 2007. See www.safekids.org for more information. The theme this year is water safety! (Tie-in: it takes only 20 seconds for a child to drown; physiology of drowning; children and life jackets; latest life jacket styles for kids; 12 and under rule for life jacket wear.)

Husband Appreciation Day, April 15, 2007. (Tie-in: show your husband just how much you appreciate him: get him a great-looking life jacket!)

May

National Electrical Safety Month, May 2007. See <http://www.electrical-safety.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: Is your boat safe from electrical hazards? – get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC); electrical hazards in & on the water/electrocution; fire safety; carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.)

National Trauma Awareness Month, May 2007. See <http://www.amtrauma.org/> and <http://www.pwcsafetyschool.com/> for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket;

know how to go – take a boating course; get a VSC; boat safe and sober; helmets and "extreme" sports; PWC safety.)

Older Americans Month, May 2007. See <http://www.aoa.gov/> for more information. (Tie-in: boating keeps you healthier; older boaters and life jacket wear; latest life jacket styles.)

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May 2007. See <http://www.apiahf.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: concentrate on outreach to boaters of Asian-Pacific Islander heritage; depict Asian-Pacific Islander Americans wearing life jackets & having a safe and fun time on the water.)

Clean Air Month, May 2007. See (Tie-in: carbon monoxide poisoning; houseboat safety; "teak surfing"; be Earth-friendly and boat safe; is your boat "clean"? – get a VSC!)

Keep America Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup," March 01 – May 31, 2007.

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Mother's Day, May 13, 2007. See <http://www.boatus.com/women/> for more information and links for women who boat. (Tie-in: show Mom how much you care – buy her a life jacket; give Mom a boating safety course; "suddenly at the helm" information.)

National Safe Boating Week, May 19–25, 2007. See <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket!) Make sure you post your events on NSBC's website! Boating safety events can be posted throughout the year – they do not have to be Safe Boating Week events!

Vessel Safety Check Mega Weeks, beginning May 19, 2007, thru July 4th weekend.

See <http://www.safetyschool.net/>. (Tie-in: get a Vessel Safety Check!) USPS and the CG Auxiliary have set aside over a month of activities to emphasize the importance of getting a VSC before going out on the water. You can advertise VSC dates and

locations on NSBC's website:

[http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/!](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/)

National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 20–26, 2007. See

<http://www.acep.org/emswweek> for more information.

(Tie-in: show your support for emergency responders – wear your life jacket; survival strategies; “suddenly at the helm” information; know how to go – take a boating course.)

National Transportation Week, May 13–18, 2007.

See

<http://www.ntweek.org/default.htm> for more

information. (Tie-in: recreational boaters have a responsibility in overall waterway safety; depict Vessel Traffic Services, safety around commercial vessels and barges, “stand-on” vs. “give-way,” know before you go – take a boating course.)

National Buckle Up America Weeks, May 14–28, 2007. See

<http://www.buckleupamerica.org> and www.nsc.org for more information. (Tie-in: while you remember to buckle up in your car, how about “buckling up” on the water, too? – wear your life jacket!)

Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2007. See

<http://www.defenselink.mil/afd/> for more

information. (Tie-in: show your support of the Coast Guard and the Army's Corps of Engineers: boat safe out on the water and wear your life jacket!)

National Maritime Day, May 22, 2007. This date is held in recognition of the importance of the Merchant Marine to our nation's economic and readiness posture.

See

<http://www.usmm.org/md/maritdaygwb.html#anchor04> for more information. (Tie-

in: recreational boaters have a responsibility in overall waterway safety; depict Vessel Traffic Services, safety around commercial vessels and barges, “stand-on” vs. “give-way,” know before you go – take a boating course.)

Memorial Day, May 28, 2007. (Tie-in: “America's Waterway Watch”; keep our waterways safe and secure – show your support by wearing a life jacket, boating soberly, taking a boating course, and getting a vessel safety check.)

National Senior Health and Fitness Day, May 30, 2007. See

<http://www.fitnessday.com/senior/index.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: older boaters and life jackets; fishing safety; survival skills; get a VSC; “suddenly at the helm” info.)

June

National Rivers Month, June 2007. See <http://www.amrivers.org/> for more information.

(Tie-in: be safe while you enjoy America's rivers – wear your life jacket; take a boating course; boat safe and sober; is your boat Earth-friendly – get a VSC!)

National River Clean-up Week, June 2-10, 2007.

See <http://www.americaoutdoors.org/>

or <http://www.nationalrivercleanup.com/> for more information. (Tie-in: be safe while cleaning up our precious rivers – wear a life jacket; boat Earth-friendly – get a VSC.)

National Safety Month, June 2007. See

www.nsc.org for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket; take a boating course; get a VSC; boat safe and sober; houseboat safety; carbon monoxide poisoning; “teak surfing.”)

National Drive Safe Month, June 2007. (Tie-in: Don't drink and boat; wear your life jacket, to improve your boating skills – take a boating safety course, and get a Vessel Safety Check - safe boats save lives.)

Vessel Safety Check Mega Weeks, beginning May 2007 thru July 8 weekend. th

See www.safetyseal.net for more information. (Tie-in: get a Vessel Safety Check; safe boats save lives.) Remember, you can advertise VSC dates and locations on NSBC's website!

National Fishing and Boating Week, June 2–10, 2007. See

<http://www.nationalfishingandboatingweek.org/> and <http://www.waterworkswonders.org/>

for more information. (Tie-in: have fun on the water and wear your life jacket; fishing safety; take a boating safety course; get a VSC.

Check out the Sportsman's Forum for additional tips and safety messages:

[http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Sportsman/.](http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Sportsman/))

Flag Day, June 14, 2007. See

<http://www.flagday.org/Pages/PausePage.html> for more information. (Tie-in: “America's Waterway Watch”; keep our waterways safe and secure; show your support – wear a life jacket.)

Father's Day, June 17, 2007. (Tie-in: show Dad just how much you care – buy him a great-looking life jacket; “fishing safety” tips; give Dad a boating course.)

July

The month of July is the peak of the trauma season for unintentional childhood injury,

according to a study by the National Safe Kids Coalition. See <http://www.safekids.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: children and life jackets; 12 and under rule; children and drowning; carbon monoxide poisoning; "teak surfing.")

UV Safety Month, July 2007. (Tie-in, prevent sun and heat related injuries).

National Recreation and Parks Month, July 2007.

(Tie-in: enjoy the water in our beautiful parks – wear your life jacket; know before you go – take a boating course.)

Independence Day, July 4, 2007. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; boat sober – reminder: drunk passengers are JUST as likely as drunk operators to suffer a fatality; wear your life jacket.)

National Youth Sports Week, July 10-14, 2007.

(Tie-in, water safety practices, life jacket wear, water skiing safety, CO awareness).

August

National Kids Day, August 5, 2007. See <http://www.kidsday.net> for more information.

KidsDay is a day to celebrate and honor children through the gift of meaningful time.

(Tie-in: have a safe and fun day out on the water with your kids; 12 and under rule for kids; be a good role model for your kids by wearing your life jacket; boater education for kids; "suddenly at the helm" information.)

Coast Guard Day, August 4, 2007. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; show your support for Coast Guard men and women – wear your life jacket!)

National Marina Day, August 11, 2007. See <http://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd/home.cfm> for more information. This year's National Marina Day will focus on getting candidates and elected officials out to visit local marinas with the adage, "Boaters are voters." Note that MOAA is partnering with the Coast Guard in America's Waterway Watch. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; wear your life jacket; boat Earth-friendly – get a VSC; know how to go – take a boating course; boat safe and sober.)

September

National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2007. (Tie-in:

concentrate on outreach to Hispanic Americans this month; depict Hispanic Americans wearing life jackets & having a safe and fun time on the water.)

Baby Safety Month, September 2007. See <http://www.jpma.org/industry/BabySafetyMonth/BabySafetyMonth.htm> and

<http://www.familyresource.com/pregnancy/67/133/> for more information. (Tie-in: cautions regarding babies on recreational boats – they don't belong on boats; life jacket styles for very young children; 12 and under rules for wearing life jackets.)

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, September 2007. (Tie-in:

Alcohol and boating don't mix; boaters consuming alcohol are more likely to fall overboard).

Labor Day, September 3, 2007. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; boat safe and sober; wear your life jacket; hunting and fishing safety; reminder: drunk passengers are just as likely to suffer a fatality as drunk operators; what to eat/drink instead of alcohol.)

National Childhood Injury Prevention Week, always September 1–7. See

www.AsSafeAsPossible.org for more information. (Tie-in: children and life jackets; children and boating accidents; drowning prevention; carbon monoxide poisoning; "teak surfing"; PWC safety; paddling safety; 12 and under rule for wearing life jackets.)

Grandparents Day, September 9, 2007. See <http://familyinternet.about.com/cs/grandparentsday/a/agrandparent.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: show them how much you care – buy Grandma and Grandpa life jackets; give Grandma and Grandpa a gift they will use forever – buy them a boating course; hunting and fishing safety; carbon monoxide poisoning; be a good role model for your grandchildren – wear your life jacket.)

Patriot Day, September 11, 2007. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; help maintain the focus of first responders on homeland security – wear your life jacket.)

National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 22, 2007. See <http://www.nhfd.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket; hunting and fishing safety; paddling safety; don't drink and boat.)

National Family Health and Fitness Days USA, September 29, 2007. See

<http://www.fitnessday.com/family/index.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: have fun with

your family and be safe out on the water; "suddenly at the helm" info; paddling safety; canoeing/kayaking and fitness; proper "gear" (life jackets, helmets, etc.) while working out on the water.)

National Public Lands Day, September 29, 2007.

See

http://www.npld.com/about/partners/girl_scouts.cfm for more information. (Tie-in: wear your life jacket as you enjoy our public treasures; "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; hunting and fishing safety; paddling safety; PWC safety; conflict resolution in mixed-use waterways.)

National Women's Health and Fitness Day, September 26, 2007. See

<http://www.fitnessday.com/women/index.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: concentrate on outreach to female boaters; paddling safety for women; latest life jacket styles for women; "suddenly at the helm" information.)

October

National Children's Health Month, October 2007.

See

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochnpweb.nsf/content/chm.htm> for more information. (Tie-in: child PFD regulations; keep them safe in a life jacket; CO poisoning; dangers of "teak surfing"; child-proofing your boat; it only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown.)

National Fire Prevention Week, October 7–13, 2007. See

<http://www.firepreventionweek.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: is your boat fire-safe? – get a VSC; fire safety on the water; change out batteries on smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors.)

Columbus Day, October 8, 2007. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; don't drink and boat; cold weather survival; hunting safety; take a boating course.)

November

National Family Week, November 18-24, 2007. See

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/> (Tie-in: have a safe and fun day out on the water with your kids; 12 and under PFD rule for kids; be a good role model for your kids – wear your life jacket; boater education for kids – take a boating course together; "suddenly at the helm" information.)

I Am So Thankful Month, November 2007. (Tie-in: save yourself for the ones you love

– wear your life jacket!; depict recent "success stories" of those who were saved by wearing their life jackets.)

National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month, November 2007. See

<http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/Heritage/index.cfm> for more information. (Tie-in:

concentrate on boating safety outreach to Native Americans; depict Native Americans and Alaskan Natives wearing life jackets and having fun out on the water; cold weather survival; paddling safety; hunting & fishing safety.)

Kids' Goal Setting Week, November 5–9, 2007. See

http://www.goalsguy.com/Events/k_overview.html for more information. (Tie-in: 12 and under PFD rule for kids; buckle up in your car and on the water; knowledge is power – take a boating course.)

Veteran's Day, November 11, 2007. See

<http://www.va.gov/vetsday/> for more information. (Tie-in: "America's Waterway Watch"; keep our waterways safe and secure; cold weather survival; hunting safety; take a boating course.)

Thanksgiving, November 22, 2007. (Tie-in: cold weather survival; hunting safety; don't drink and boat; reminder: drunk passengers are just as likely to suffer a fatality as drunk operators; what to eat/drink instead of alcohol.)

December

National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D)

Prevention Month, December 2007. See

<http://www.3dmonth.org/>, <http://www.madd.org/home/>, and <http://www.badd.org/> for more information. (Tie-in: don't drink and boat; reminder: drunk passengers are just as likely as drunk operators to suffer a fatality; holiday suggestions for healthy alternatives to alcohol on boats.)

Christmas, December 25, 2007. (Tie-in: life jackets make great gifts; latest life jacket styles; review other safety related gifts for boaters, cold weather survival; hunting and fishing safety; don't drink and boat; what to eat/drink instead of alcohol: reminder: drunk passengers are just as likely as drunk operators to suffer a fatality.)