

# 30 Knots

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## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 30, 8<sup>th</sup> Western Rivers Region

### Division Captain Gene McCallister

Boating season is fast approaching. All those who need TCT need to do so before May 31st. Anyone crewperson who needs to get their check rides done need to make arrangements with a Coxswain. If you need requals for Crew or Coxswain or who are just beginning their tasks for either of these and are ready for a QE please call and schedule it early. You must remember that the QE's have lives too and they need to be able to arrange their schedule to accommodate you. Always have an alternate date in case there is a scheduling problem. Most QE's will try to be there for you but there are times when someone else has already made arrangements. Sometimes (in my case) work is a priority and I am working some Saturdays so please be aware work pays the bills and will take precedence. Please remember to report your hours. If you don't report them in most cases no one else will. If you think someone else is going to report your hours please make sure. No one should lose their hours because

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someone else forgot. Now is the time for you to hit the boat ramps! You will be there when a new boater takes his first ride of the year. In some cases you may save a life. It may be the time when a boater may say "It was there last year when I put the boat in the garage". If they don't know they are missing an item on the list that may be the one that they need the most. Good luck!

We are looking forward to a very successful year! If you have questions or need something from the Captain please let me know. I can't help if I don't know.

Gene McCallister  
DCP 30, 8WR

### **FLOTILLA 30-01**

Flotilla 30-1 is having a great year so far and expecting it to get even better! In February we had a joint training day with Flotilla's 04, 07, and 13. Total we had 27 members who took their PE workshop and started their Crew or Coxswain. At lunch we had a Chili cook off and voted on 9 different pots of Chili. Ribbons were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, honorable mention and nice try. Everyone had a great time!

In March we participated in a Sport and Lifestyle Booth at Metro North Mall. We signed up several people for our BS&S classes. We also started our BS&S classes in March we have 24 students and at this writing it looks like they will all graduate. We have used the Internet to our advantage to get class members and I want to tell you it does work. We started getting inquiries in January and most of those who inquired showed up. We qualified 2 new Instructors this year.

In April we had a joint VE Station with Flotilla's 04, 07 and 13. 12 Members participated. We were able to qualify 3 of our new members as new VEs and requalified 3 others. I believe the other Flotillas also qualified some of their new members as well. Afterward we had lunch at one of the picnic tables above the boat ramp parking lot. We had a great time. We are planning to have a joint VE station every month through July with lunch following "Weather permitting."

We are trying to pin down our local Coxswains for their patrol dates so that we can advise any new Crew or Trainees when and who they can call to get their hours. We expect 4 of our members to begin their Crew training this spring.

On a sad note we will be losing two of our members in June. Eric and Janice Reinertsen will be transferred to Corpus Christi in June. Eric will be back in a Coast Guard flight crew as soon as he has some updated training. Eric has been a great asset to our Flotilla and they will both be missed. Eric is our Career Counselor officer and Janice is our Secretary. They will be transferring to a Flotilla down there. May I say that Flotilla is lucky to get them!

Working together with the other Flotillas in our area is very rewarding. We strengthen friendships and make new ones. I think that having fellowship along with our other events is probably one of the most important cornerstones. You cannot work well together if you don't know the other people involved. The more relaxed you are with other members the easier it will be to work with them. Each of you knows the other is not "the enemy" but a friend who will help you if you need it or who can tell if

you need that help without stepping on anyone's toes so to speak.

We are having a great year and boating season has not yet started!

Brenda McCallister  
FC 30-1, 8WR



### **FLOTILLA 30-02**

8th WR SPRCON 2004 in St. Louis was well represented by Flotilla 30-02. Even our newest member, Wendy Darling, was in attendance to take part in receiving her qualifications as one of two newest PVs in our flotilla; Sandy Venis was our other qualifying member.

Each and every member of the flotilla is going above and beyond the call of volunteerism (if there is such a word) to make the flotilla successful in all facets. Boating Classes are being held on a monthly basis, members are attending the Crew Class, new qualifications are being attained, workshops are being attended, and our website is up and running. Who knows what is in store for the members of the flotilla in the future. Thanks goes out to each and every member for your time spent making Laurie Flotilla 30-02 grow and excel.

And talking about growing, Flotilla 30-02 has averaged one (1) new member per month during 2004. Applications received in January - Wendy Darling, February - Cecil Layton and March - Guenther Quittschau. At the

time of this writing we are expecting some more prospective members at our April meeting, so will have to report them later.

We are getting the spring rains and cool evenings at this time, but summer is just around the corner and it will be time for the Vessel Examiners (VE), Program Visitors (PV) and Operations (OPS) to kick into high gear within the month of April. Materials have been ordered for VEs, PVs are ordering their stock materials through our FSO-MA, Bobbie Aubuchon and the Coxswain's and Crew Members are getting ready to do their check off qual's. With such a large inland body of water as the Lake of the Ozarks, it will take a lot of time to cover the area. Team Work is the word and "we can do it" as a team.

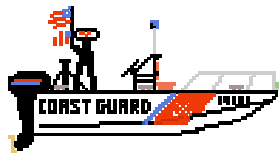
The VSC Class held on Saturday, 10 April was a success with 6 USCG Aux and 3 USPS members ready to take on the job of checking vessels for safety this year. All thanks again to the "team work" of Div 30 SO-VE Bob Spruell, Div 31 SO-MT Dave Chaffee and his wife, Pam. Even Michael R. Snively was there to transfer boats to the class area for the convenience of the students getting those five (5) vessel checks. I want to thank all who helped make it a success for those members wishing to become Vessel Examiners.

Division 30 SPGCON 2004 will be hosted by Flotilla 30-02 on 30 Apr through 2 May 2004, at Millstone Lodge in Laurie. Much time has been given to put together this conference by our Co-Host John and Norma Berlette. There will be meetings, workshops, training and most importantly the fellowship time. This is a great time to meet new members and refresh the old friendships.

The next Boating Safely Class will be held in conjunction with Camden County University Outreach & Extension Center (EXCEL Program) on Saturday, 8 May for teens ages 13 through 18, but that is not the end of the classes as more and more marina's are requesting classes held for their clients. Seems the word is passing around about safer boating, the new Missouri Certification Law and the possible per-cent off on the boat insurance. And on this subject we have averaged a boating class per month since 1 Jan 2004 with good attendance at each. Great work instructors!

Always remember to wear your uniform proudly and properly,

Carol Lee Prosser  
FC 30-02, 8WR



### FLOTILLA 30-04

Flotilla 4 got off and running rather slowly at the beginning of the year, I think perhaps because of having a new Flotilla Commander and some new Staff officers as well; however we are picking up speed as we progress. The Boat Shows in Kansas City at Bartle Hall produced an adequate number of people interested in taking Boating Classes. The 1st session of our Boating Classes at Blue Springs High School got off to a good start on the 16th of March and finished on the 6th of April. We did not have a full class room of students, however we did have six very interested folks, and it went very smoothly. We are now in our 2nd session of Boating Classes, with not as many; however we are pleased to be able to teach anyone who desires to know

more about Boating Safety. Our 2nd session will finish up on the 4th of May.

Regressing a little bit, in February, Flotilla 01 had a Training Session for Crew & Coxswain mentoring, along with a day of food and fellowship at the McCallister's in Holt, Mo. The date and time was Feb. 28 at 9am. The Workshop was a success, and everyone that I know of had a real good time deciding who made the best Chili. Flotilla 4 had the best turnout of all the Flotillas. We had 11 people show up for the day's festivities. And that was excellent for us.

We are quite proud of our new members and how they have responded to their newly appointed Staff jobs, and are offering lots of new ideas as well. We have three people who became members the last part of December and the 1st part of January. Anthony Buller, Eric Long & Roseline M. Wires. We are hoping to enlist another in the very near future. Bruce Perkins, from Grain Valley. He is an ex-Coast Guard fellow, and has lot of expertise.

At our last Monthly meeting (April 8th) we voted to approve a new meeting location, that of the US Army Reserve Bldg. @ 11101 Independence Ave., Independence Mo. We are very excited about this new location as it will be an opportunity to expand our horizons and in turn we have been told by the Facility Director, 1st. Lt. Ellen Coddington that we could inter-act with some of the Reservists in their Education Classes, etc. This Reserve Bldg. houses 6 Medical Units, some of which are being deployed to the Far East. They have ample class room space and we have been told that we could use (if needed) them to hold our Public Education classes. They have many Education tools

at their disposal, and have offered them to us for our use as well. Our 1st meeting in the new bldg. will be May 13 for our monthly meeting. Wish us well!

Now we are now getting ready for Division Spring Conference, which is coming up April 30 thru May 2nd. We are all hoping for a real good Conference, as the Conference is offering 4 or 5 Workshops, which will be extremely important to those people who need a workshop or two.

Hope this gives everyone an idea of what Flotilla 4 has been up to for the first few months of this new year. Good luck to all those other Flotilla's and their efforts to become the best of the best. Safe Boating to all.

Lyle D. Wright  
FC 30-04, 8WR

### **FLOTILLA 30-05**

With 5 new members from last year, member training has been very important for flotilla 30-05 this year. So far, we have worked together with flotillas 30-02 and 30-06 to hold a joint Instructor's Workshop and VE training session. We are also in the process of gaining a few new crewpersons from a crew class hosted by 30-02.

Undoubtedly, 2004 should prove to be a very busy one for our flotilla. We have already held two Boating Safety Courses and will probably hold a few more towards the end of the boating season. During the summer months, we will be manning booths at a number of events and our crews will be out on the water conducting safety patrols.

Another focus of our flotilla will be our mile marker project. The mile marker project, a long-term mission

which should be completed sometime within the next year, promises to have mile marker signs installed on all arms of the Lake of the Ozarks, port and starboard. We already have a large number of signs purchased and are just waiting for a good day to install them. Thanks to Gwen and Ron Grapes for all their hard work on this project.

Finally, congratulations are in order to Fred Stogsdill, our newest VE, who passed his exam with a perfect score!

Chase D. Waggoner  
FC 30-05, 8WR

### **FLOTILLA 30-06**

I'm proud to report significant activities in our unit during the first quarter of the year. We are nearing completion of a 13 level Basic Skills & Seamanship (BS&S) class. We have 2 prospective members that answered our targeted recruiting call for Instructors assisting with our BS&S course. We hosted a 3 day boating safety booth over Easter weekend at the Tan-Tar-A Boat Show and have provided member training at each flotilla meeting.

Charles Hartjen, Lisa Tull and Bill Tull have received their VE qualification. Bill Tull successfully completed the ICS-100 exam and AuxNAV exam qualifying him as our newest Operations Specialist (AuxOP.)

Tom Munger is newly qualified in the Aid Verifier Program.

Bill Tull and Vickie Vose completed on-line exams for the Good Mate Course and Intro to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.



## **FLOTILLA 30-07**

Flotilla 30-7 started 2004 with the Pony Express Award, exclusive to 30-7. This award encourages and praises the accomplishment of all the members.

January 16th, a Boat Show booth at the St. Joseph boat show at the St. Joseph, Civic arena. Working with the St. Joseph Sea Cadets was a rewarding experience.

The St. Joseph News Press interviewed Robert Vaughn, IPDCP and VFC 30-7.

February 5th, started our 9 lesson course at the St Joseph Hillyard Technical School. A graduating of 27 students learned and responded with multiple questions.

A visit to the St. Joseph, Missouri Western College Planetarium, February 11th with Jerry Wilkerson, FSO-PE. The Lewis and Clark journey was shown and discussed.

March, a vessel safety check article was published in the Lake Pilot, this annual publication started the Vessel Safety check Mega Week program.

April 8th, a BS&S banquet was held at the Ramada Inn, St. Joseph, Missouri. Forty-four guests and students were present. Color guard was provided by the St. Joseph, Sea Cadets. SGT. Eldon Wulf, Missouri State Water Patrol presented an interesting video and speech on the functions of the water patrol and the up coming licensing law. Response to this was outstanding and questions were many.

Spring time is patrol and VSC time. Roger Fenn, FSO-VE will be requalifying our 2 vessel examiners.

Robert Vaughn FSO-MT will be holding an instructors workshop at the IMFC David and Sandra Magee's home to qualify our 4 instructors. Member training an essential part of our flotilla meetings the latest District video on Carbon Monoxide and filling out those necessary forms to be counted for member achievements. Our 2 Coxswain and 5 crew members will patrol with the facility. Increasing membership with the multiple press releases in the multi-medias, Cable Spots, hard copy and electronic press releases is ever present on 30-7.

Three of our flotilla members, David Magee, Dick Gibson and Frank Shores will be representing 30-7 at a River Front Park Committee. An attractive and stable sign along the parkway will represent the Coast Guard Auxiliary with Aids to navigation, membership and environmental information.

September 25th, 30-7 is looking forward to working with the Mayor of Smithville, Missouri on the Ultra Max Triathlon. A 2 1/2 hour swim is an ever present opportunity for us to participate.

Mary Jo Payton  
FC 30-07, 8WR

### **Division Staff Officer** **Communication Services**

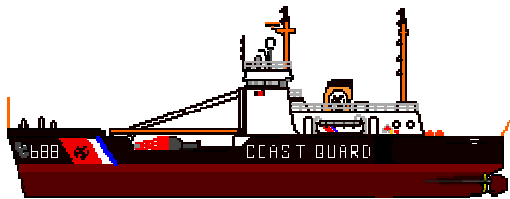
The Division web page is located at [www.cgaux.net](http://www.cgaux.net). It is a good resource that contains direct links to the AuxInfo reports for each flotilla. In addition, there is a page (for each division/flotilla staff position) that describes duties, lists the national and division forms required, and displays all relevant links. There are also pages that list the Vessel Exam locations, Public Education classes, and Member Training opportunities. One of the pages,

(the Public Education page) is also linked to the National, District, and Missouri Water Patrol sites. Flotilla 30-1 received at least 6 students from Internet listings.

Our web site is only as good as the information that you, the membership, provide. If you have any additional links or ideas, or any scheduled activities that you would like listed, please submit them to [cgauxnet@hotmail.com](mailto:cgauxnet@hotmail.com). There is a text only version of the entire web page, to assist with a "dial-up" or slow connection to the Internet. Just click on the link that says, "Please click here for a Text only version of this page".

Very Respectfully,

Debi Marlott  
SO-CS



**Division Staff Officer**  
**Information Services**

I encourage all of you to take some time to visit our Division 30 website. Debi Marlott, SO-CS has done a wonderful job creating a huge resource of information for our benefit. Our Division 30 website address is <http://www.cgaux.net>. Any information you may want to find regarding the division, your flotilla, Staff Office area of responsibility or individual can be found at the AuxINFO page at <http://cgaux.net/auxinfo.htm>. Technology today offers you the opportunity to access information on your own.

Reflecting back on 2003, we continue to have a deficiency of reporting Miscellaneous Missions and Member Training at the flotilla level. Newer members should be submitting their misc. hours so they can accumulate 750 hours and obtain their Sustained Service Award ribbon and miniature medal. If anyone has questions about the procedures to do this, please contact me and I'll be happy to help. As a reminder, please remember that prep, travel and unit meetings are recorded on your Member Activity Log form (ANSC 7029.) You are authorized to submit all forms to me via postal, fax and email.

Your FSO-IS receives monthly activity reports for your flotilla the beginning of each month. Ask to see these reports at each monthly meeting or ask to have them forwarded to you via email, check them carefully for errors and omissions. If it's more convenient for you, give your monthly activity forms to your FSO-IS at your unit meeting. The forms can then be forwarded onto me.

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Vickie Vose  
SO-IS 30, 8WR

**Division Staff Officer**  
**Marine Safety/Environment Protection**

Marine environment (MS) is ever present and busy. The Litton Center in Smithville, Missouri is the location of a banquet size display table displaying the Coast Guard Auxiliary MS information. The Corp of Engineers will use this material for the training of their employees boating class.

St. Joseph Sea Cadets are interested in the MS information and look

forward to using it as an excellent learning tool.

Showing the District approved video on carbon monoxide in your flotilla is an excellent learning tool. Using the five minute Carbon Monoxide video "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: What You Can't See Can Harm You" as a member training is a life saving tool. 30-7 showed this as member training, with questions and interest. 30-4 has shown the Good Mate video, discussing water clean maintenance and the West Nile virus.

Working on the Gladstone Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is Informative and productive. 30-7 has been sharing MS information with the committee and promoting a clean safe environment. Helping the community recycle and keep the water and air environmentally friendly. Smithville, Missouri Parks board is interested in environment and hope to work with them.

30-1 is always ready to pick up debris with a fishing net aboard their boat.

**Dates to promote MSEP to the public:**

May 22nd -28th National Safe Boating Week.

June 11th-19th is National Clean Boating Week.

September 6th is Clean a Beach at Smithville, Lake.

Mary Jo Payton  
SO-MS 30, 8WR



**Interim Division Staff Officer**  
**Member Training**

Let me start off by saying, "WOW!" We've had some busy students the first quarter of 2004. As of 22 April, Division 30 successfully completed almost 30 exams and 90% of the exams were taken on-line from the National Training Center. When people take it upon themselves to study and take exams on-line, they more than likely possess self-starter characteristics. They know what they want and they go out and get it and usually with little guidance. Most all of our flotillas can stake claim to self-starters. It's important to recognize who they are and provide the necessary tools for their continued growth. Without challenges they will soon get bored.

Keep up the good work!

Here's a summary of member training activity as of 22 April 2004 for our seven flotillas.

**30-01**

Basically Qualified – 3; Member Training Hours – 11; Instructor – 3; Vessel Examiners – 3; Good Mate Course – 1

**30-2**

Basically Qualified – 1; Member Training Hours – 23; Program Visitor – 2; Aid Verifier – 1

**30-4**

Instructor – 1; Program Visitor – 1, Administrative Procedures Course – 1

**30-5**

Member Training Hours – 4; Finger Print Tech – 1

**30-6**

Member Training Hours – 15; Vessel Examiners – 3; Aid Verifier – 1; AuxNAV – 1; AuxOP – 1; ICS/100 – 1; Intro to Marine Safety/Environmental Protection – 2; Good Mate Course – 2

**30-7**

Member Training Hours – 1

**30-13**

Vessel Examiner – 1; AuxWEA – 1

Vickie Vose  
SO-MT-i 30, 8WR\*\*\*

*\*\*\* Note – The previous article was written by the Interim SO-MT. Prior to publication, Tom Vargo (30-01) was officially appointed permanent SO-MT.*

**Division Staff Officer**  
**Public Affairs**

Division 30 started PA with a Change of Watch photo in several media's the FSO-PA'S in 30-1 and 30-7 worked together to share the media information in three publications. Working with the Smithville Mayor, elect and the Gladstone, Missouri Mayor on Safe Boating Week Proclamations is a wonderful experience. Monthly Smithville Chamber of Commerce meetings are being achieved with Auxiliary opportunities being discussed.

September 25th, the UltraMax a multiactivity triathlon includes a 2.5 hour swim at Smithville Lake, Smithville, Missouri. A letter from the Smithville Mayor, elect requested the Auxiliary participation.

Several local newspapers have reporters taking pictures of scheduled

Auxiliary events. Meeting notices, BS&S classes, Mega VSC week and Safe Boating Week articles have been requested by six local newspapers. The news keeps flowing and the public is informed.

Looking forward to hearing from the FSO-PA's.

Mary Jo Payton  
SO-PA 30, 8WR

**Division Staff Officer**  
**Publications**

Thank you to everyone who submitted an article for 30-Knots. Remember, without your help, this publication wouldn't be possible. Don't forget to send in articles and pictures of Coast Guard Auxiliary activities. I'll gladly take anything fit to print.

Also don't forget to regularly send articles to the editor of your flotilla's newsletter. Your input helps keep your flotilla newsletter interesting and informative. Speaking of flotilla newsletters, congratulations to Marie Wires (30-04) and Linda Vogel (30-05) for taking up the challenge of producing a newsletter for their flotillas. Please support them with articles, pictures, and kind words of encouragement.

Chase D. Waggoner  
SO-PB 30, 8WR

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**Editor's Notes**

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Division 30 Bridge, Change Of Watch 2004

L-R: C. Dillard, CWO M. Helmers, D. Williams, G. McCallister, D. Johnson, R. Vaughn



Division 30 South - Instructor's Workshop Graduates (21 Feb 04)

Top Row L-R: C.L. Prosser, I. Shadrick, C. Waggoner, R. Johnson, J. Williams, B. Biggers

Bottom Row (Facilitators): E. Venis, V. Vose