

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 8-3 8th Eastern Region

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The February meeting of the Lower Ohio Valley Flotilla will be our Change of Watch and will be held at the #1 Super China Buffett located at 2714 Park Avenue in Paducah, KY. This is directly across the street from the entrance to Bob Noble Park. Dinner will be at 1800 while the meeting will commence at 1900

can be downloaded from the 8ER Director's website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/diraux/8er/> Follow the ICS links toward the bottom of the page.

The test is an open book test and you may complete a paper copy and then log on to the testing page and complete the ICS/NIMS tests.

ICS/NIMS from The Eagle 8-7

ICS stands for Incident Command System and NIMS stands for National Incident Management System. The two systems fit hand and glove with a short description of what ICS really is: The Incident Command System is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept. ICS allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

ICS NIMS Training Schedule

Course	A/D Deadline	AUX DEADLINE
ICS 100	3-31-06	6-30-06 a
ICS 200	6-30-06	9-30-06 b
ICS 210 c	unknown	unknown
NIMS 700	3-31-06	6-30-06 a
NIMS 800	6-30-06	9-0-06 b

a Failure of any Auxiliary member to meet 30 June 06 deadline will make them ineligible to participate in a CG exercise, drill or response event. After deadline, new members will not be certified as qualified in an Aux Operational program unless courses completed. This course is intended for all CG Auxiliary personnel who are determined to be "Direct Operational" during the PSI process

b This deadline is only strongly encouraged. There is no consequence for not completing course until 30 December 2007 when member will be considered REWK if courses not completed. This course is intended for all CG Auxiliary personnel potentially involved in response to incidents in a leadership role.

c This is a four-hour course which basically covers the paper work completion part of ICS 300. ICS 300 is not feasible for Aux members as it is a 4-day resident course and there are very few instructors available at this time and funds are limited. ICS 210 is still under construction and not available at this time

The study material and testing by FEMA are found online. The study material and the tests

At the Helm

The 2006 recreational boating season is about to get underway, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all members of the 8-3 for their continued support. We have a proud history of service to the 4 Rivers region of western Kentucky, and this year's activities will be starting soon. Here are our goals:

- * Increase membership by 10%
- * Fill all the seats at our March 25th Safe Boating course.
- * Conduct regular safety patrols on the Ohio River
- * Double our efforts at doing Safe Vessel Checks
- * Certify 2 Marina and Dealer Visitors

These can be accomplished with an "all hands on deck" attitude, and by personal contact with fellow boaters. Let's make this our best year yet!

Bob Lewis FC

A Brief History of the 8-3

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 8-3 was originally chartered as the Metropolis Flotilla. A name change took place when District lines were changed, to the Lower Ohio Valley Flotilla. The 8-3 was founded by Byron McGill and a charter ceremony took place on 20 May 1989 at Montego's Restaurant in Metropolis, Illinois. Present for the Charter ceremony were: Byron and Diane McGill, Jack and Sandra Mizell, Bill and Jane Webster,

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Bill and Libby Krumrey, J.D. Holley, Bill Gower, Kent Bowman, Tony Randall, and John and Cynthia Stanton. Shirley Johnson represented Division 8.

Mr. McGill, known to his friends as "Barney," was interested in starting a boating club with his friends, and since he was a member of the 8-5, suggested that a new flotilla be formed along the Ohio River. Patrols started in 1991. Recently some of the original charter members got together and recalled a most memorable event working the flood of 1993 at Olive Branch, Illinois. Over the years many boating safety courses have been taught including a marathon 3-day session in 2005 at which 57 members of the Paducah, Kentucky Fire Department were trained on the occasion of getting a search and rescue boat for the city's waterfront.

Last year as part of the river mapping project, 116.5 miles of the Ohio from Smithland Dam to the Mississippi were surveyed, which led to a Unit Citation written by MSU Paducah.

Christmas parties, fish fries, picnics and boat trips provide happy opportunities for fellowship. Prospective members and transient boaters are encouraged to contact the flotilla for information or assistance.

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Safe Boating Week will be May 20 - 26, 2006.

Vessel Safety Check Day will be 20 May at the foot of Broadway in Paducah.

America's Boating Course

The Lower Ohio Valley Flotilla will hold an ABC class on Saturday, 25 March 2006 at the Marine Safety Office, 225 Tully Street in Paducah, KY starting at 0800. This will be a 1-day class. For information, contact Bob Lewis at 270-388-5697. After March 1, texts may be picked up before class at the MSU office. Cost will be \$35

Topics covered include:

1. Know Your Boat
2. Before You Get Underway
3. Navigating the Waterways
4. Operating Your Boat OR PWC... Safely
5. The Legal Requirements of Boating
6. Boating Emergencies...What To Do!
7. Enjoying Water Sports With Your Boat
8. Review of Kentucky Boating Laws

Where did These Nautical Terms Come From?

Did you ever wonder where the title "Captain" came from? The title is derived from the Saxons - *Caput*, the head or chief, and *thane*, a title of honor. It's only a short jump from *caput thane* to Captain.

The Pilot who navigates the vessel safely into port, received his name from the fact that he did so without the use of a *peil-loth*, a lead-line.

It was the Scandinavians who provided us the word "ship" from *schiffe*, while the Dutch word for Captain was *schipper*, which became Anglicised as Skipper."

At some point, the Viking and Old English *steorboard* was replaced by a *rother*, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "that which guides." By the 13th Century, *rother* became "rudder."

Originally, naval vessels were not commanded by Captains, but by *batsuens*. The Saxon word *swein* meant a boy or servant, *bat* meant boat, and from these two words we arrived at "boatswain" - a boat boy or "steerer of the boat."

