



February 2015

# Castleton Flotilla

## 082-01-07

FC – Michael McConnell  
VFC - Steve James



*Coastie and Friends at 2013 Boat Show  
photo by: Skip Nunweiler*

*23' SAFE Boat at 2009 Boat Show  
photo by: Skip Nunweiler*

### **Flotilla Commander's Report**

Shipmates,

I'm pleased to report that 07 had an excellent turnout at the 17 January 2015, Change of Watch. We had 12 members present plus 4 spouses who were not Auxiliarists. For those of you who were unable to attend, Rick McFall, our Division Commander, and fellow 07 member, did an outstanding job in orchestrating the event.

The featured speaker was retired Coast Guard Vice Admiral, Terry Cross whose presentation was both entertaining and informative.

The next significant event for the flotilla and division, is the annual Sport, Boat and Travel Show at the state fairgrounds running from Friday 20 February 2015 through Sunday, 1 March 2015 ending at 5:00 pm. We will need volunteers to work our booth for every day of the show. All timeframes are open. Please contact Rick McFall, Steve James or me with days and hours you can assist.

All new FC's who were present at the 21 January 2015 flotilla meeting were sworn in and given letters of appointment, and job descriptions. Those who did not attend, may pick up these items at the 18 February flotilla meeting.

Several goals for 2015 were discussed at the meeting which hopefully can be achieved in the coming year. Vern Smith, FSO-MT, is working on various required and optional courses of study, including first aid and CPR.

Boating season is just around the corner, so let's have a safe and productive year on the water.

Respectfully,

Mike McConnell , 07-FC

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### **Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show**

This is a high exposure show that benefits the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and it is up to us (the members) to take an active part in the show. It be-

gins 20 February and ends 1 March 2015. Check the calendar for specific times on any date that you may have a chance to volunteer. This is a chance for us to increase membership, educate the boating public and make new friends.

We can sign up boaters (new and experienced) and run Boating Skills and Seamanship classes (BS & S) starting in early March. Some Flotillas run About Boating Safety (ABS) classes, but we can get the same results. Many new students see the advantage of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and its membership, and hopefully will join our distinguished ranks.

By taking a group class (through Public Education), the general boater interfaces with other class and Auxiliary members. That interface fosters lasting friendships and again can increase membership.

Interfacing with the public boaters brings rewards to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. We gain friendships and many times members. Often we hear from the boaters on showing them how to cleat off their boat, "That is why our boat kept floating away." Amazing how a little proper instruction goes a long way.

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### Division 1 Change of Watch

Division 1 Change of Watch Ceremony took place at Indianapolis Yacht Club on 17 January 2015 at Geist Reservoir and swore in the previous DCDR and VCDR for Division 1 and swore in Flotilla elected and appointed officers from 4 of the 5 Division 1 Flotillas. District Chief of Staff, Randy Ventress helped swear in the officers.

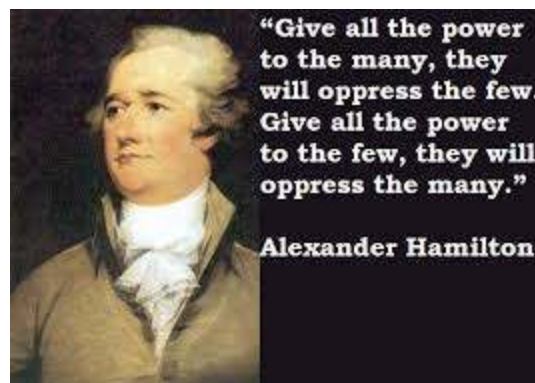
The guest speaker was Vice Admiral (retired) Terry Cross, former Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. He spoke very highly of the Auxiliary and its mission.

It was well attended by Flotilla 01-07 who had 12 members with 4 spouses. Great showing for our flotilla.

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### Coming Events

- Division 1 meeting - 2 February 2015.
- Valentines Day - 14 February 2015.
- Flotilla 01-07 meeting - 18 February 2015.
- ***Happy Birthday Flotilla 01-07*** - 23 February



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- Indianapolis Boat Show - 20 February - 1 March 2015.
- Division 1 meeting - 2 March 2015.
- BS & S Class - Legion Post 3 0900, 21 March 2015.



*2014 Boat Show Booth  
photo by: John Hulen*



*Doug Doing His Magic at 2014 Boat Show  
photo by John Hulen*

*Pictures From Change of Watch*



*Registration Table  
Photo by: Russ Beaver*



*CDR Eric Denley, DCOS, Randy Ventress, DCDR,  
Rick McFall, VADM, Terry Cross  
by: Russ Beaver*



*Division Staff after Swearing In  
Photo by: Russ Beaver*



*VADM Terry Cross  
Photo by: Russ Beaver*



*DCOS Randy Ventress  
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*CDR Eric Denley  
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## Celebrities in the U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary?

It's a common question to members of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary... Have any celebrities served? You bet! The United States Coast Guard and Auxiliary has had its fair share.

Here are just a few...



Beau, left, and Jeff Bridges during their Coast Guard days. ( The United States Navy Memorial Photo)

With the Bridges, it was a family affair. Commodore Lloyd Bridges was a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Bridges did a number of public service announcements for the United States Coast Guard. His sons both served in the Coast Guard Reserves, Beau Bridges, a Seaman served from 1959 to 1967 and Jeff Bridges, Petty Officer Second Class served from 1967 to 1975.

Humphrey Bogart, volunteered his beloved yacht Santana (as well as himself) for service with the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve in 1944.

Tim Burton, a saxophonist for the band The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is avid boater and

began volunteering at the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Naval Station Mayport during the Bosstones 2006 hiatus.

Sid Caesar, served in the United States Coast Guard from 1939-1945, after studying saxophone at the Julliard School of Music and playing in a number of prominent big bands. In the Coast Guard, he was assigned to play in military revues and shows.

Walter Cronkite was a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as an honorary commodore. His close association with sailing and love of the Coast Guard and Navy saw him serve as a veteran commentator for various "Fleet Weeks" and "Operations Sails" events.

Sam Nunn from Georgia, U.S. Senator from 1972 to 1996, served on active duty with the United States Coast Guard and then served six years in the Coast Guard Reserves.

Arnold Palmer enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1950 as a Yeoman and continued to serve until 1953.

Al Roker of the NBC Today Show and the Weather Channel was named as an Honorary Commodore in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary on May 19th 2014 live on national TV.

Cesar Romero might be best remembered for his portrayal of The Joker on the 1960s television show "Batman." In 1942 Cesar Romero voluntarily enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and saw service in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. He made the rank of Chief Boatswain's Mate before

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