

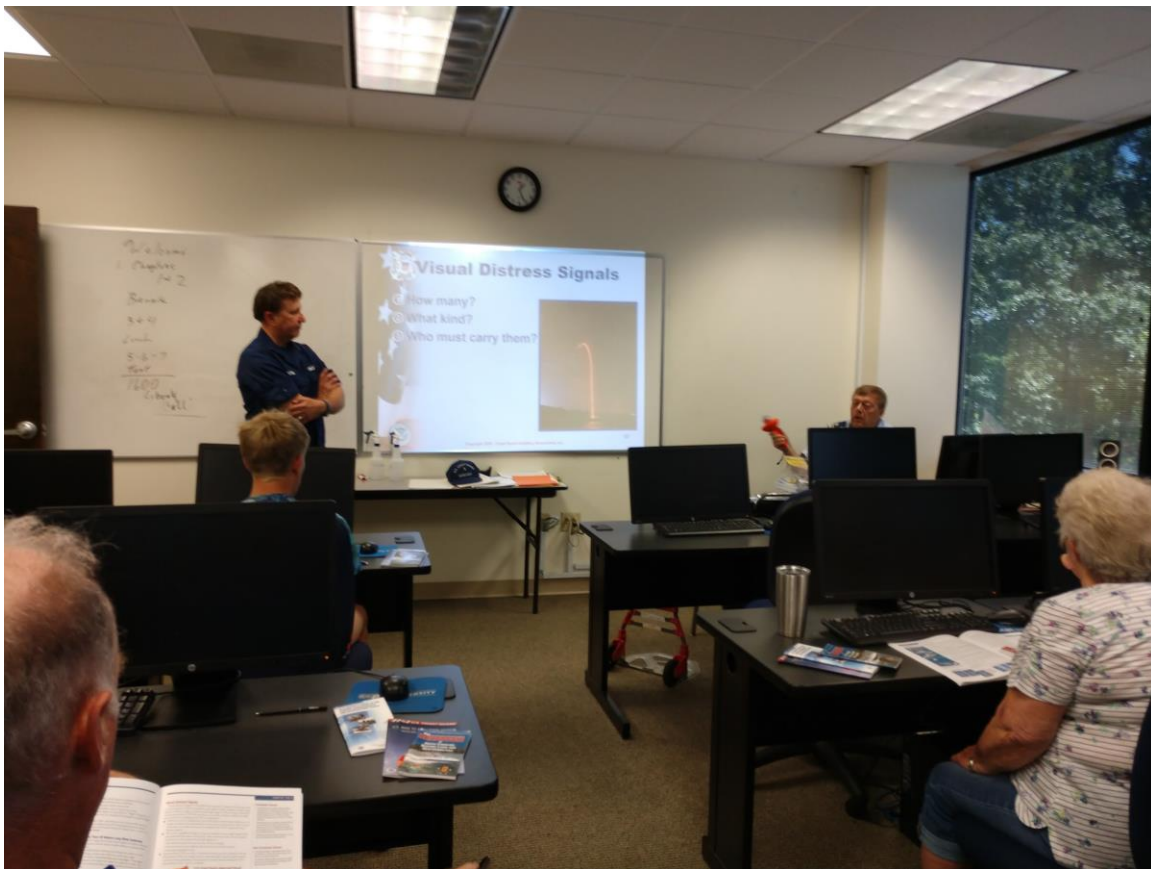


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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray has a Busy National Safe Boating Week



Columbia, SC – Steven Pstrak (left) and Clay Goodwin(right) from Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 teach about distress signals in an “About Boating Safety” class at ECPI on May 18, 2019. The class meets the requirements for 15 year olds to be allowed to legally drive a boat. It is also an excellent refresher for those who have been boating for years. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Linda Warren.



Lighthouse Marina, Lake Murray, SC. Auxiliarist Linda Warren shares boating safety information with a boater prior to inspecting his vessel. The Marina allowed the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 to conduct inspections on site on Sunday May 19, 2019. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Ken Johnson.



Sandy Beach, Lake Murray, SC. John Bradley, Commander of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3, supported the Wateree Dive Center with shoreline support during their “Clean the Lake Dive 2019” on May 18, 2019. Approximately 40 divers and over 20 non diving shoreline supporters participated in the clean up. The divers entered the water from the beach and 2 kayaks were used to bring the bags of trash from the divers to shore for weigh-in. The dive area was restricted by marker buoys and support from the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department, DNR, Richland County Sheriff divers and the US Power Squadron. Wateree Dive Center gave out gift bags including Boating handbooks, “About Boating Safety” class information and other marine safety information provided by Coast Guard Auxiliary. An information table was set up on the beach with additional marine safety and America’s Waterways Watch information. The divers recovered 542 pounds of trash from the bottom. Photograph provided by the Wateree Dive Center.



Columbia, SC. Summer James of B106.7 Cumulus Radio in Columbia helps Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray put out the word about National Safe Boating Week May 18-24 2019. During an interview on April 30, 2019 John Bradley (left), Flotilla Commander, and Clay Goodwin (right), Vice Flotilla Commander, were encouraged to discuss the upcoming activities and explain the responsibility of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in promoting boating safety. The week includes an “About Boating Safety” class, free vessel examinations and visits to local businesses in Lexington, Cayce, West Columbia, Columbia, Newberry and Saluda to provide safety information. Photograph provided by B 106.7.

What is National Safe Boating Week?

The National Safe Boating Council promotes life jacket wear and boating safety throughout the year, but emphasis is placed during one week in May, the beginning of our busiest boating season. This year National Safe Boating Week was May 18-24, 2019. Since one of the primary missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is Recreational Boating Safety, several events were scheduled during the week to increase awareness of boating safety and educate boaters and passengers about the importance of knowing the “Rules of the Road” for the boaters, as well as the best safety practices for everyone on the water. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 Lake Murray will continue to conduct classes, visit local businesses and offer free vessel safety checks the rest of the year.

The Safe Boating Campaign is a worldwide effort focused on promoting responsible boating and the wearing of a personal flotation device whenever on or near the water.



The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org