

2011 NACON TRIP REPORT

CHARLOTTE, NC

AUGUST 25 – 27, 2011

The primary purpose of this trip was the presentation of the ***Outstanding Public Education Award*** to Flotilla 11-05 from Lake Elsinore, CA. The flotilla is a part of District 11, Southern Region, of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This purpose was accomplished successfully on Saturday afternoon, 27 August 2011, when Flotilla Commander Joe Capobianco accepted our award on behalf of the Auxiliarists of Flotilla 11-05.

The National Boating Federation (NBF) sponsors this award annually. The award aims to increase the number of Public Education Class Sessions held by increasing the competition for this award between the flotillas of the Auxiliary.

The National Association of Commodores (NAC), an association of Past District Commodores of the Auxiliary, administers the NBF award among several other award programs. NAC promotes these competitions through its exhibit at all NACON conferences. I discussed the feasibility of providing an un-engraved award trophy to be displayed in his exhibit at future NACON events. Commodore Richard Ives, President of NAC, was enthused by the idea and offered to also present the award at District Conferences he attends. I committed to him that NBF would evaluate this concept at its Executive Committee Meeting in Dallas, TX, to be held on 8 October 2011. I indicated to Commodore Ives that I would anticipate approval at our meeting.

Attempts to meet the USCGAux National Education Officer, Commodore David Maul, were stymied by the impact of Hurricane Irene.

Respectfully submitted

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