

The Jaffa Mosque Outdoor Show
After Action Report
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Flotilla 053-05-07 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary participated in the 2014 Altoona Pa. Jaffa Outdoor Show, held 21-23 February. The Auxiliary's participation in his event was hosted by Flotilla 5-2, Raystown Flotilla. The flotilla's participation in this event has occurred consistently for a great number of years. This year Flotilla 5-7 was able to muster enough manpower from it's own flotilla to "go it alone" successfully. The booth consisted of an 8 foot table along with the "pull up" backdrops. The estimated attendance over the Friday afternoon through Sunday was 4,500.

The Auxiliary received outstanding cooperation from the Jaffa Mosque's committee by donating excellent location which allowed virtually every one in attendance to view our booth/display. Planning for the event took place both over the phone, at flotilla meetings and one Division 5 meeting. Prior to the beginning of the show we always meet with officers from PA Fish and Boat Commission to discuss all new boat regulations and enforcement. This step in our preparation is always taken so that both Auxiliary and Fish and Boat enforcement officers are delivering a consistent message on their enforcement efforts. During the entire show the display was manned by from 2 to 5 members of Flotilla 5-7.

On both Friday and Saturday "PFD PANDA" made an appearance on the upper level stage at the trout fishing pool to give children water safety and Inky The Whale coloring books. In addition to bringing the message of water safety to the children in attendance, we where able to recruit 2 additional members, signup many boaters for one of our listings for future boating safety classes. It is also worth mentioning that we where quite surprised by the increased numbers of paddle craft operators who stopped at our booth which allowed us the opportunity to talk about new boating regulations relative to paddlecraft and hypothermia issues.

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