

**03/07/00 President's Special Report - 3, 5, 10 or 12 Mile Limit**

**(CMDR Tim Bloomfield - email)**

Most of the calls I have received since Friday, and it has been a considerable number, have been about the above subject. Some of you asked; "what are we going to do about this?". There have been many suggestions regarding action we could take. Some of you have accused the Executive of sitting on their hands etc. etc. etc. I am asking you to take a deep breath, and hold back on any action until Admiral Hudson and the NAA has exhausted their avenues of representation on this issue. Through my involvement with the NAA, as a Federal Vice President, as well as FESR National President, we are in the loop, and I will keep you informed as the necessity arises.

When I was invited to represent the FESR Association as part of Admiral Hudson's Joint Consultative Group, we pledged our support to that organisation. We have come a long way together. This is not the time to fragment.

The provocative tone of Tim Bloomfield's email is hard to understand. I thought at first that it may have been just my interpretation. However, many of the members read it in the same light. Tim Bloomfield seems committed to, if not passionate about, his task.

A further reason for us to get behind the NAA is that the Minister's office has been very sparing in its contact with us. Much of this may be personal. However, I think it is just the 'ignore them and they will go away' ploy. In view of our public praise for the Minister, and, for that matter, Tim Bloomfield, it is very disappointing that it has come to this.

In my opinion, we must stay united behind the NAA. We have been, and will continue to be, an important part of the team.

Yours sincerely,  
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