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See you at the Division meeting

July 12
1000 -1300
The Bermerton Yacht Club
Bremerton, Flotilla 45

Guest Speaker:
Mike McKiernan, Sector Seattle
SAR Controller

Followed by Flotilla 45 picnic

Visit the Division Website:
<http://a13004.uscgaux.info/>

DCP NOTES—JULY 2008

Ahoy Shipmates,

I can't believe how fast the first half year has flown by. I want to commend all flotillas in the division for the flying start we have had in completing our VE's, RBS's and Public Education courses. At least two of our flotillas have completed Crew Training Colleges, and will soon be ready to QE new crewmen. Congratulations to everyone who has donated a lot of time and effort to train our new members.



Steve DeMaggio, DCP

In addition, Flotilla 42 has implemented what was initially called the "Flotilla Staff Officer" school. In reality, this turned out to be an in-depth extension of the initial New Member Training class. It was a rousing success and the new members took to it like crewmen to lifeboats. I have tasked Flotilla 42 to create a syllabus to be distributed across the division for implementation. A lot of work has been put into this training; I hope you find it useful.

A call for assistance has been requested by Jack Bradbury, Aux. C, Group Astoria. Below is his official request which was sent to DCO Bruce Miller:

"Good Morning Bruce,

This is written to ask for your assistance in getting out the word to folks on our need for help with the Buoy Ten Fishing season here at the mouth of the Columbia River this year. Several people have sent out invitations but we haven't had a District wide request to invite members down here. So far there hasn't been many inquiries.

One of my concerns is we may lose funding from the Coast Guard if we can't get people here to assist in this. The Coast Guard has funded it for this year. It is really a good deal, you are reimbursed for mileage, lodging and per diem. In these days of high gas prices, etc., here is an opportunity for everyone, regardless of the depth of their purse, to participate and really do a good deed for RBS.

The results of the "Buoy Ten," effort in the past few years indicate a very heart warming improvement in reducing fatalities here on the Columbia Bar and I think

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VCP NOTES



from the desk of Grant Winther

Thanks to all in the Division who have contributed so much to make the first six months a success. We continue to stress active communication between SO's and FSO's. The only way the staff can do their jobs is to have a free flow of contact both ways—FSO-SO and SO-DSO. Please do your part!

The Division is entering another busy boating season. There has been much preparation and planning for the arrival of the Tall Ships as they make their way from Admiralty Inlet to Tacoma, July 1-4. Flotillas are involved in the District, led by District Coordinator, Tom Lindsley of 48. Then Sea Fair in August which is well represented by our Division—long hot days, hard work and much dedication.

Again this quarter the Division is doing an outstanding job with Member Training, Public Education, and Vessel Examinations, Program Visitations, Marine Safety, Operations, Personnel Services, Communications, Aids to Navigation and Publications. We take our hats off to the Information Services Officers who compile our endless supply of vital statistics to make sure we get the appropriations for our needs. Note it is increasingly important, no mandatory, that no member should fail to file the monthly 7029 and all, who can should take advantage of the ease of making daily entries to the online form.

July 12 is our Division Meeting at the Bremerton Yacht Club, 2700 Yacht Haven Way, Bremerton 1000 to 1200. The featured speaker will be Mike McKiernan (FL 45) SAR coordinator, Sector Seattle. We all know Mike is the one who issues our orders for all of our patrols. This will be an interesting and informative talk. JB Hall, FC/45 has invited us all to his Flotilla Picnic following our meeting. Please let JB know how many from your Flotillas will be attending.

DCP Steve is working hard on Division participation in the Wooden Boat Festival, Port Townsend, September 5, 6 and 7. Dee Meek's tug, The Elmore, will be the center of attraction at the docks at Port Hudson, staffed by members from all of the flotillas. This is the kind of Division participation we are advocating. Along these lines SO-CM Don Millbauer is heading up a small group of members (one from each flotilla) to determine how we can make better use of the Division structure. His report should be available in a couple of months.

It is a continuing pleasure to work with DCP Steve and all in the Division. A big thank you for what you do.

DIVISION BOARD

Steve DeMaggio, DCP

Grant Winther, VCP

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PE Joseph Dunstan

PS Sharon Reseck

PV William Gainey

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DIVISION FOUR & THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

32nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival
September 5-7, 2008

Attention All Hands:

The Wooden Boat Festival (WBF) is an opportunity for the Auxiliary to show the public who we are and what we do. This year we are making a division-wide effort to produce a Public Awareness Event which will spotlight the Auxiliary, our members, and the things we do.

Your participation is absolutely essential for success!

This promotional will be staged on the Auxiliary Tug Elmore. We will have an impressive pictorial display showing many of the things we have done. Also aboard will be a working communications center reflecting our emergency communications capability that was placed into full service this month, located at the Fire House in Port Ludlow. We will be featuring our kayak program with Auxiliary Kayaks aboard Elmore. Auxiliary members will be on hand to promote and explain the specialty programs. We will be vigorously promoting our public education program and we will have a display of various safety and life saving equipment that should be on every boat, including demonstrations on how it should be used. Simple marlinspike, such as how to properly tie off to a cleat and make a bowline, clove hitch and becket bend will be demonstrated and taught. We will ask for members of the USCG Cutter Osprey to join with us if this will fit into the Osprey's schedule. This is going to be a show within a show and your participation is absolutely essential for success.

We will need at least 4-6 members per shift plus the specialty program staffing which we will do. There will be a shuttle from the Safeway parking lot in Port Townsend to the Wooden Boat Festival.

Each Flotilla will be called upon to provide help for this united effort. This is an opportunity for all of us to pull together and make our Division look good, teach something to the public that just might save a life, and let people know who we are and maybe even pick up a new member or two.



Photo: Ken Meyer, FL 42

Photo: Ken Meyer



John Reseck and Auxiliary Facility



WBF 2005: Photo, Loretta Rindal

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it is worthy of our very best efforts to continue to do it.

The Season runs from the first part of August til about the first of September.

People should contact the names below and we will send them the Coast Guard forms they need to register for this.

Contact people are Joyce Wilson, FL 64 (503-791-6521), or Jack Bradbury, FL 64, (503-861-3142).

Thank you Bruce for any help you can give us.

Respectfully,
Jack Bradbury, Aux. C, Group Astoria”

See you at

the Division Meeting
July 12

10:00-12:00

Bremerton Yacht Club

2700 Yacht Haven Way
Bremerton, WA 98312



The meeting will be followed by
the Fl 45 Picnic
starting at 1200 hours

You are invited to attend
Please RSVP ahead of time

This is a very important event. We have participated in the past and it has always been successful. However, it won't be very successful if we, across the district, do not assist. Let's do our part and help out, call the contacts and volunteer.

I'd like to say a word about the condition of some of the uniforms, hair cuts and general appearance of members that I have noticed. First, if you are not sure or If you have a question, please consult the Auxiliary Manual, it is all spelled out there in detail. If it isn't understandable, ask your member trainer. Many of our members are guessing and it shows. Simple things like ribbons not in the proper order, mismatched uniforms, I even witnessed a member wearing a tropical blue shirt with ODU pants and black deck shoes at an official formation. We must get our act together. Remember the words in the pledge we all took. In the Pledge for New Members, second paragraph, second sentence: "Wear the uniform neatly and correctly and fly the Blue Ensign proudly." And, as it says in the very first sentence in the Pledge for New Members: "The pledge you are about to take is your commitment to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, an organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety and providing assistance to the United State Coast Guard in the fulfillment of its civil functions." The key word here is "commitment." The key word is "commitment." Let us not forget our commitment and perform the duties we volunteer for to the best of our abilities and wear the uniform proudly. I'm proud to be a member and I hope it shows. And, I hope that all of you are proud to be members, also.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July.

I hope to see you all at the Division meeting on July 12th at the Bremerton Yacht Club beginning at 1000 hours. Don't forget that Flotilla 45 is celebrating their 53rd anniversary that day. They will sponsor a picnic after the division meeting beginning at 1200 hours. Be sure to contact your flotilla commander if you wish to attend so a head count can be obtained. There will be a small fee at the door. Thanks to all and hope to see you there.

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

from the desk of Dee Meek, FC



Agenda items for the monthly meeting—finding something new which will hold members attention is a challenge. Here FL 41 offers invaluable Member Training which is not found in the “quals” check off list for crew/coxswain.

Shown below taking it off, or are they putting it on:

(left) Dee Meek and (right) John Reseck

photos compliments of FL 41



FLOTILLA 45—BREMERTON

from the desk of JB Hall, FC

Flotilla 45 has had a very modest level of activity this quarter, with a few members being particularly active. Phil Ransford conducted two patrols and participated in planning for Tacoma Tall Ships, as well as performing RBS program visits. Al Gonzalez has worked in the D13 PA office. Janet Young led the Auxiliary involvement in Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Kids Day. Bob Erickson has performed several VSCs and participated as crew. A few members attended GNATS and thought it very well organized and worthwhile. Of our four new members, only one has been diligently pursuing qualification: Bob Zimmerle has completed most of his underway crew qualification tasks and is working on VE qualification as well. Meetings have been sparsely attended.

IMPORTANT DATES

2008

July

12 Division Meeting, FL 45,
Bremerton Yacht Club and
Flotilla 45 Picnic

* Beach CleanUp, FL 41
Port Ludlow

September

5-7 Wooden Boat Festival,
Port Townsend

12-13 District 13 Training Conf.
Grand Mound, WA
Great Wolf Lodge

October

2 FC/VFC Meeting, FL 47
Pt Townsend

18 Division Meeting, FL 48
Elections, Bainbridge Island

November

16 Team Coordination Training
Bremerton

December

4 FC/VFC Meeting, FL 4
Pt Townsend

FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND



Photo courtesy USCG

from the desk of Henry Loesch, FC

Flotilla 47, Present and accounted for.

Member training is about to pay off for flotilla 47. FSO/MT Jim Zard has been working diligently with members Victoria Pounds Brandon, Pam Kauffman, Raymond Brockmann Jackie Ayzenberg and Jim Zard. Yes Jim is also a crew candidate and of course has to be a student in his own class, a good trick and a nice job of it too. Diane McGann, Charles Martin and Steve Lewis have helped with various portions of the instruction. These candidates are well into the on-the-water training portion and are nearing their QE session. We look forward to five new crew very soon and that is a good thing because we will also be taking on three new facilities this next month. Charles Martin is also going to stand for his Coxswain rating during the QE session. We also have a couple of members who would like to become Coxswains as soon as they can. Three of these candidates are very well experienced and should be able to make short work of it. The emphasis will be on those things specific to Auxiliary and Coast Guard operations for them. A couple of other members aspiring to become Coxswain will need the whole nine yards. No! That is not an old nautical term, it originates from the length of a fifty cal ammo belt on a B-17.

In Operations, headed up by FSO/OP Charles Martin we produced several patrols and will be involved in many more through the summer. Our presence has been requested for the 4th of July fireworks display in Port Townsend and of course we will accommodate that request. We also had the pleasure of working with Flotilla 48 on MFPU operations. That was a very enjoyable and productive combined effort that we appreciate very much and enjoyed the interaction with our fellows from Bainbridge Island.

In Public Awareness we have been making an effort to be seen as much as possible around the area and particularly close to shore when on patrol. We have been cruising slow and close enough to shore so our banner could be clearly read. We also have been showing our colors within the confines of each of the three area marinas and cruising past the various State Parks and Marine State Parks and receiving many warm friendly greetings from people ashore and afloat.

Another method we have employed is to invade a local restaurant for lunch, with our crew and trainees all in uniform of course. One day, a Saturday I think it was, we had three boatloads going into a shore side restaurant, one at a time, over a span of about 2 1/2 hours. It was starting to look like a mess hall at a large CG station. The actions from some of the other patrons were quite interesting. Ranging from thanks for what you do to stares of bewilderment as to "just who are you people" and why are you here. Then there were those that worked so very hard to never look up at us and managed to visually ignore us, however, you could see their ears moving in on every word that was said. I think we are starting to be noticed and gaining some respect and in time we will be recognized as a productive and valued part of the community.

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new FSO/VE, Robert Schmicker! Robert comes to us from New Jersey, near Cape May where he was the VFC of his Flotilla. Robert has worked in vessel inspection for some time and is enthusiastic about working with his new Flotilla. Robert is also crew qualified and has been crewing with us on several missions already. If you have the opportunity to speak with Robert, perhaps at the up coming division meeting, you would be very surprised to hear of the many differences in operation etc. between the East and the West. Welcome Aboard Robert!

And one more thing to think about.....

HOW ABOUT “TEAM COAST GUARD AUXILIARY?”

As Flotilla 47 becomes more and more active in Auxiliary matters, we find that we do not have the resources in personnel to maintain a reliable staff to manage the needs of the lighthouse for tours.



We, Division 4, could use this lighthouse to promote ourselves and satisfy a community need at the same time.

Now that Flotilla 47 is a functional Auxiliary unit and not a light house preservation society its Auxiliary duties and obligations that come first and as a result the light-house tours are now suffering.

We, the Division, could work together to maintain the grounds, put up some signs, fly some flags, and conduct some tours all year round, and use this facility for many of our own purposes with the help of just a dozen or so people.

It should be realized, however, that the Auxiliary is associated with this lighthouse and the need to foster tourists and maintain the facility to some degree rest with us to some unspecified amount, also some “unfunded” amount I might add!

We could, and should be taking advantage of this lighthouse as an opportunity for very good public relations, and a method for very high profile public awareness! How many divisions have an advertising/promotional icon as good as this anywhere in the country? Let me put it to you this way. Why ain't we doin dis thing? Caaamon, watt's witt yous' already, eh!



FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

from the desk of Loretta Rindal, FC



I am very proud to report the following quarterly activities for Flotilla 48.

With respect to direct support, we have provided consistent support to Sector Seattle with Tall Ships AuxCor (Tom Lindsley) coordinating/recruiting auxiliary facilities to support the Coast Guard's security needs during the Tall Ships event, Norma Bailey, Ombudsman, USCGC Midgett and Graphics requests (L. Rindal). Additionally Larry Kight, fills the roll of Auxulo to Station Seattle.



At the Division level, FL 48 is doing its part too. We are well represented.

Our Vessel Examiners offered VSC at Blake Island State Park in June. Other VSC's have been conducted upon request.

In April Member Training held the 2nd annual PPE swim-in. And the popular 4-minute learning activities on safety and first aid are a regular feature at meetings.



In spite of being down two boats, Operations has conducted a vigorous patrol and training schedule with creative strategies to fully utilize the one constant boat available while rotating crew/coxswain. Patrols have included: Maritime Domain Awareness, Derelict Vessel, Maritime Force Protection and DNDO (Domestic Nuclear Detection Office) pilot program, Tall Ships support, placing of Memorial Wreath on Veteran's Day and mentoring of crew/coxswain from FL 47.

The continuous offering of ABC classes every other month is working. We are no longer beating the bushes for students but receiving requests for classes from as far away as LaConner. With three new instructors our Public Education program has been infused with new energy. The June class had 26 students, (5 under the age of 18).



April, May & June meetings focused on Digital Selective Calling (DSC), Cold water survival strategies (Navy Seal & MD, specialty Diving Medicine), Safety at Sea and Safety Training in Commercial Boating Industry.

Summer events continue to revolve around: Boaters Fair, 4th of July and Sea Fair. Boater's Fair has developed from a small flotilla based educational event to a broader community based event including the local fire department, marine police, harbormaster, harbor stewards, participants from FL 45 and FL 41, with gold-side support from CG Group/Air Station Port Angeles and Sector Seattle.

We are looking forward to another very busy summer season. Happy Boating and Happy Boater Education to all!

Photos: Hood, Rindal



FLOTILLA 42—SEQUIM/PORT ANGELES

from the desk of Leo Leonard, FC

Flotilla 42 has had an event-filled quarter. We swore in 16 new members, 6 of whom were in the Forks Detachment. Our current membership in FL 42 is 79 members. We are processing another 6.

Two events were significant this quarter:

1. National Boating Week: We extended the week to two weeks. FL 42 had a booth at the Clallam County Prevention and Emergency Preparedness Fair. This was followed by the Sequim Irrigation Parade. Then we had a Water Safety/PFD program at an elementary school for over 550 children. Each weekend the Public Affairs and VE's had information booths and conducted vessel safety checks at all the 3 local marinas. The flotilla conducted 82 vessel safety checks during the week.

2. Our second major event was the initial graduation of 12 Auxiliarists from FL 42 from the Auxiliary Staff Officers course. The course consisted of 56 hours of classroom instruction, with additional time required for homework. The course covered the Auxiliary manual and the counseling portion from the Leadership and Management Seminar. The students also were required to teach classes as part of their training. Graduation from the course was held on Base at Group/Air Station Port Angeles, with Base CAPT Scott Pollock conducting the graduation ceremonies. Several of the graduates had CAPT Pollock and DCP Steve DeMaggio pin on their gold bars of the FSO.

FL 42 has also been engaged in direct support of the U. S. Coast Guard. Two new members have been selected for the Marina Outreach program. Another 2 members are taking their crew training on Active Coast Guard facilities. In addition, 2 members have been selected for Watch Standing in the Communication Centers--one at Neah Bay, the other in Port Angeles. Four members are in training as Marine Responders (MSRC). Finally, two more Auxiliarists are full time augmentees at Group/Air Station Port Angeles. FL 42 is stepping up to the plate to meet the rapidly changing requirements and needs of the U. S. Coast Guard gold side.

Best to you all,



DISTRICT 13 TRAINING CONFERENCE

Grand Mound, Washington
September 12-14, 2008



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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Timothy Westcott, SO-AN

Excerpt from handout given to Boater's Fair participants by Tim Westcott.

I have been asked many times where can it get a list of all the chart corrections for a specific chart I have?



And the Answer is: The Chart Maker at <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov>. This website is free and easy to use!

The following websites contain information that I have been asked for as well:

For Light List Vol. VI Pacific Coast on line:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm>

For Coast Pilot #7 Pacific Coast:

<http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot.htm>

For the 13th District Office Aids to Navigation:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/o/oan/default.htm>

For the 13th District Private Aids to Navigation program go to:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/oan/paton/default.htm>

COMMUNICATIONS

Don Millbauer, SO-CM

Maritime Emergency Communications Center in the news big time.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has set up a new Maritime Emergency Communications Center at the Port Ludlow Fire Station. The new center will provide radio communications for Jefferson County in the event of an emergency. Conventional land-based and cell phone communications are frequently interrupted during the early stages of any widespread emergency situation.

Experience has shown that short wave radio systems are the most reliable under these conditions. The new Center replaces an old facility located in a trailer at the Point Wilson Lighthouse which used equipment that was not capable of communicating with all of the other local emergency service organizations.

Captain Stephen Metruck, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Seattle, said, "This initiative in Port Ludlow is a step forward in more effectively employing the Auxiliary in disaster response. The Sector is exploring similar ways to collaborate with local public safety response centers throughout our Area of Responsibility, which includes most of the state of Washington."

Don Millbauer, the Flotilla Staff Officer for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 41 based in Port Ludlow spearheaded the effort to establish the new communications center. Millbauer approached Port Ludlow's Fire Chief, Ed



Don Millbauer (standing) and
Dee Meeks (FC 41) answer a call

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Wilkerson with the idea of establishing a more accessible communication center at the Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue station. Wilkerson enthusiastically endorsed the concept and added the idea of including ARES in the center, to provide local interface with the Jefferson County Emergency Operating Center (EOC) in Port Hadlock and the Port Ludlow Village Disaster Preparedness Team.

It is used in routine and emergency Coast Guard Auxiliary operations and in overall disaster preparedness for the citizens of Port Ludlow and Jefferson County. Since operations began at the new communication center earlier this year, the Auxiliary has used the facility for both normal and emergency operations, including monitoring of Coast Guard marine radio channels, weekly emergency radio Auxiliary and ARES network drills, Auxiliary boat crew and communication training, "man overboard" drills, and supporting the Coast Guard in its search and rescue efforts.

Millbauer, who also heads up the communications operations for the Olympic & Kitsap Peninsula Area of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary said, "This creative partnership (with other local emergency services) allows the Auxiliary to provide better support to the Coast Guard and enhances coordination among all local emergency responders by facilitating communication between them on land, water or in the air."

For more about the communication center see:

http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/21/204254/May_29,_2008

<http://coastguardnews.com/maritime-emergency-communications-center-established/2008/05/29/>



FINANCE

Rolland Kenitzer, SO-FN

Financial Reports for April, May and June have been completed and copies emailed as needed. Copies will be available at the Division 4 July meeting. The reports show progress against the draft Annual Budget numbers.

The Division finances are in good order.



INFORMATION SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-IS

All paperwork received has been entered.

Please check your form supply and be sure you are using the latest ones issued.

I have received a number of VE 7038 Forms that are not the latest. I need to know if any of the vessels you check are High Risk or for the 1st Time. If you are working with a VE Trainee, please use a separate form.

When completing the RBS 7046 Form please use a separate form for each days visit.

Please contact me at jsreseck@cablespeed.com if you have any questions.



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MARINE SAFETY

Larry Kight, SO-MS



Division 4's MS (Marine Safety) is one of the most overstaffed departments in the Auxiliary and yet is one of the most under performing in the reporting department. Why is this? Every member in the Auxiliary is on staff. We all want to be here to promote Safer Boating and Environmental Protection. That makes you a member of our team. We just do not hear about all of the events that you are doing. Now we need one more thing from you. When you are representing the Coast Guard Auxiliary in any of these many events, why not ask for the Division's Marine Safety Booth to be loaned to you for set up. It takes very little time and makes a great conversation starter with the public. The booth was used several times during the last quarter in Port Ludlow and Bainbridge Island. It is being tended by Flotilla 42 but can be delivered in most cases to you with little notice. We would love to have more participation in the MS from all flotillas. Please consider taking on the task of being the FSO-MS for your flotilla. We just need the point of contact so we can funnel request as needed up the chain. Please contact me if you would like more information on MS.

MEMBER TRAINING

Larry Brown, SO-MT



Division 4 has continued into the 2nd quarter of the year with a strong emphasis on Member Training. Several Flotillas use significant portions of their monthly meetings to address various training topics with Flotilla 47 initiating an email "Nautical Trivia Question of the Day" to its members.

Flotillas have addressed new-member training and boat-crew training in a variety of ways. Every on-water operation is a chance for training for new and "old" Crew and Coxswains. Additionally, two Flotillas are holding weekly dry-land Boat Crew Academy training classes with practical follow-up during patrols.

Flotilla 42 hosted an 8-hour Team Coordination Training class in June as well as a Vessel Examiner training class and an IDC class. FL 48 hosted the 3rd Annual Boaters' Fair which featured instruction in topics as diverse as knot tying, helicopter rescue techniques and fire extinguisher use. Flotilla 48 also held an evening class at the community pool for life jacket and survival suit training. Kayak training continues at Flotilla 41, with Flotilla 45 also training new Crew candidates on slightly larger vessels.

Two of the flotillas now have joined together to help the Coast Guard with their monthly Marine Force Protection Unit (MFPU) training in the Hood Canal area. This training is held with both the USCG and Sub Base Bangor and has been extremely beneficial to both the Active Duty personnel and the Auxiliarists.

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OPERATIONS

John Reseck, SO-OP

In Division 4 we had a total of 63 patrols:

The action has been picking up now that the good weather (?) summer has arrived. Tom Lindsley of 48 has the "Tall Ships" under control and Larry Kight of 48 has the communications in good order for the Division with Sector Seattle.



FL 41 is helping to save money with their many Paddle Craft patrols while FL 42 is keeping everyone safe in the Straits of Juan de Fuca every Saturday. FL 45 is back on the water and is helping with the "Tall Ships" on July 4th weekend along with several other Flotillas in other Divisions. FL 48, with Tom Lindsley and Larry Kight, have taken the lead in coordinating many of the activities, not only for the Division but for the District in the Northern Area. FL 47 is well underway with training new Crew and Coxswains for their flotilla, which is growing at a fast and steady pace.

In Division 4 we had a total of 63 patrols:

Jan...8
Feb...12
Mar. 15
Apr...16
May...18



For June, I only have the figures for Flotilla 41. They have 17 patrols on the schedule. I have to wait until the end of the month and check the POMS calendar to get the totals for the Division as many patrols are cancelled and many I am not notified of in advance because the Flotillas request their own orders in POMS.

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-PS

I have received a number of Requests for Membership Information from District and have forwarded them on to the respective flotillas.

Please note that new members are required to indicate their blood type on the application. If they do not know their blood type they can purchase a Blood Type Kit from <http://www.healthtestingathome.com>
Check on the Blood Type Kit.



PROGRAM VISITOR,

William Gainey, SO-PV

We are getting busy in the Division with the start of the boating season. We have made 254 Visits, which took 85 hours. We now have 16 PVs. We can always use more. The Division plans to have a PV Workshop to qualify any members who are interested. We will encourage all our active and new PVs to qualify for the RBS Device. The Division will have a varied, interesting and relevant supply of pamphlets on the Elmore at the Wooden Boat Festival.



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Marilynn Leonard, SO-PA

Analysis of Resources within Division 4

Within the last two years, extensive Public Affairs training has taken place in Division 4. All FSO-PA staff officers have attended Auxiliary Public Affairs C-School (the basic training course for Auxiliary Public Affairs officers) with the exception of FL 45 and FL 41. In the case of FL 48, the FC (former FSO-PA) has completed the class and can support the new FSO-PA.



In case of disaster/emergencies, the Port Angeles/Sequim Areas are formally trained in Public Affairs as well as ICS 300 to be able to be augmented into the Command Center of Group/Air Station Port Angeles, WA.

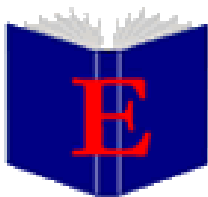
The Division 4 “Meet the Media” Lunch has been rescheduled for August 22. The main purpose of the meeting is for FSO-PA’s to develop relationships and make connections with one another, as well as better understand the media on the North Olympic Peninsula. Another purpose is to prepare FSO-PA’s to train Coxswains and crew in matters associated with the press. Ian McFall has been asked to get facilities at Port Ludlow at the Bay Club, where Division meetings are often held. Those attending will also have an opportunity to discuss Division 4 policies and look for guidance from the USCG Public Affairs Office at D-13.

SO-PA’s Analysis of Media Relations in Division 4

At the local level, things are working in all flotillas, based on their individual needs. At the Division level, FSO-PA’s don’t often get the opportunity to meet and share for various reasons. One Flotilla was able to combine 82 Vessel examinations with Public Affairs booths in 3 locations Memorial Day weekend. By cross-functional efforts within a flotilla, new levels of success can occur. By meeting with our “customers,” the newspapers and the public and by bringing Public Affairs people from Active Duty side with Auxiliarists, together we can create “buy in” and improve our Public Affairs program in Division 4.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Joe Dunstan, SO-PE



Public Education continues to be heavily emphasized in Division 4 with classes being offered in Boating Safety, GPS, Navigation and BS&S. Every flotilla is staffed with an active FSO-PE with the exception of one, however, they still continue to offer classes. Some flotillas offer the basic boating course every other month while others offer courses in response to interest shown. Kids and water continues to be a popular summer offering. Two factors seem to predict success of the Public Education program: the number of qualified instructors and a vigorous approach to getting the news out using a variety of publicity vehicles.

All should be aware of the E-Department, USCG Auxiliary National Public Education Department at <http://www.auxedept.org/>. Those who are now teaching the ABS course might want to check out the link to eLib resource center for About Boating Safety (ABS) Course slides and instructor notes.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

PUBLICATIONS

Loretta Rindal, SO-PB

As things come and go, so do newsletters. In many cases, the printed newsletter has been replaced by the electronic newsletter and thus, e-news. Other up and coming replacements are rapidly springing up as websites and blogs.

For two examples: take a look at page 17, "Welcome to the USCG Auxiliary Blog." Or look at the newly launched Public Affairs Weblog. at: <http://auxpa.org/weblog/blogs/blog1.php/2008/06/30/how-much-is-your-life-worth-is-it-worth--1>



As for newsletters within the Division (which includes both the Kitsap Peninsula and Olympic Peninsula) we have three and a fourth just recently launched. Two flotilla newsletters can be found on the Division website. Newsletter editors seem to face the same challenges, getting stories, getting documentation, getting photos and meeting publication deadlines. Various strategies have been explored. With photos, one of the simplest seems to be that the editor becomes the photographer. And so it goes in Division 4. With a camera, you have the power to capture the moment and share it. Why not join the National Photo Corps and become part of a national forum for sharing photos. Many in the Division have done just that. To see photocorp photos go to <http://www.auxpa.org>.

Be sure to read the latest from District 13 PB, "Paper vs PDF" (Portable File Document) written by Patrick Wills, DSO-PB, just released June 25, 2008. <http://d13cgaux.blogspot.com/>

In brief he states:

1) Newsletters must be published as PDF documents for electronic distribution. They may, however, still be published in a paper version as well.

2) PDF versions of your newsletter should be forwarded when released to the individuals indicated as recipients in the AUXMAN and Commodores Instruction 22. (FSO, SO, DSO, RCO, DCO, ADSO-PSH, BC-ASH, Joyner Museum, etc.).

<http://www.uscgboating.org/command/initiative/jacket.htm>



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

VESSEL EXAMINER

Larry Kight, SO-VE



With the start of boating season upon us, the Flotillas in Division 4 ramped up to add more VE to our dwindling ranks. Flotilla 41, 42 and 48 all have new VEs due to efforts of the FSO-VEs and the individual members who have taken the time to pass the test and the required inspections with a qualified VE. There were VSC presentations made to Yacht clubs, Vessel Exams days set up at Blake Island State Park, Brinnon and Port Angeles and more. While we do not report the results of individual results, there were over 150 Vessel examined by the flotillas with most of them passing. Those that did not pass were for various items with Lack of Documentation on board being the most prevalent. If you are asked by any boater what is needed or how do I get a vessel safety check, you can always refer them to www.safetyseal.net. This is the official joint Auxillary/Power Squadron site. It allows anyone to take a virtual VSC, find an VE and more. Let's get every vessel in the Division that is not a Facility a 2008 VSC exam.

AUX-C REPORT

submitted by Sandy Pinckert



Sandy Pinckert, Aux-C

The AUX-C position

The Auxiliary Coordinator or commonly called the, AUX-C, is Auxiliary liaison between the Active Duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

The AUX-C is tasked with representing and coordinating all Auxiliarists serving in direct support or full augmentation with the Active Coast Guard in the Area of Responsibility, (AOR), of Group Air Station Port Angeles. The area covers virtually all of Division 1 and that portion of Division 4 covered by Flotilla 42 and Flotilla 47 sometimes FL 41. However, some of the time all of Division 4 is covered. For example, if air support is needed for an event in FI 45, that request would be routed through me. If you are not sure whether Group PA or Sector Seattle is involved with your Flotilla, please ask me.

The job of AUX-C involves handling requests, from Active or Auxiliary, assisting in planning, coordinating, processing everything from budgets to personnel that involve support with the Active side.

Currently, I'm involved with missions of the Air Auxiliary, Surface Operations, Marine Safety, Citizens Actions Network and Crew training on cutters.

I report directly to the Rear Commodore North.

The job is interesting, complex, rewarding and a responsible service.

WELCOME TO THE USCGAUX D13 BLOG

<http://d13cgaux.blogspot.com/>

Welcome to the 21st Century and this opportunity to improve communication among the dedicated volunteers of the USCG Auxiliary. New trends, exchanges of information, and resource sharing are all a part of the goal of this Blog.

Posts and comments will not be edited for content except for grammatical and spelling changes. All posts must meet USCG and USCGAUX guidelines for Public Affairs, Operational Security, Information Security, and most of all the Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

Please send your comments in reply to this posting or to d13.cgaux@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Bruce Miller
District Commodore



TCT PUT TO THE TEST

from the desk of Leo Leonard, FC
Flotilla 42, SO-SR

The Division 4 TCT (Team Coordination Training) session at Group/Air Station Port Angeles had just started in the Pease Building training room. Rich Johnston (FSO-MT, FL 42) noticed Bonnie Schiesswohl (SO-PB2, FL 22) was on the verge of fainting. He rushed across the room and pushed a table out of the way with his foot while grabbing the front of Bonnie's clothes; stopping her fall. He next cradled her fall by placing his arms around her and gently setting her on the floor.

Within minutes of the 911 call, the fire department and EMT vehicle arrived. Bonnie was evaluated in a nearby "ready room" apartment across from the training room, and then transported by ambulance to Olympic Medical Center. At last report, Bonnie is recovering nicely. The problem stemmed from a change in medication.

After that opening excitement, the 8-hour class progressed as usual. As Richard Johnston said, "It was an unfortunate experience, but all turned out OK. It certainly made us realize the importance of knowing what to do in our Search and Rescue (SAR) training."

The TCT class was taught by Ted Schiesswohl (FSO-MS, FL 22) and Sonya Quitslund (SO-PV), with assistance from Steve DeMaggio (DCP). It made team coordination and auxiliary training "come alive." Boat Crew need to react quickly and make good decisions.

The training was a success and Bonnie is on the road to a full recovery. All in all —a day to remember.



Great Northern Area Training Session **GNATS**

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Andre Billeaudeau, Coast Guard Presence in Puget Sound



Opening Remarks, Peter Raiswell
RCO North



Operations & Ops Com Topics
Bob Hays

Highlights: Seminars and Training Topics

- Operational Excellence: Maintaining & Exceeding
- Serving Along the Gold Side: Augmentation Updates
- RBS-PV Building Successful Partnerships
- Coast Guard Presence in Puget Sound
- Hands-on VE Session with Problem Vessel
- Marketing & Publicizing PE Classes
- Member Recruiting, Assimilation, Retention
- Operations and Ops Communication Topics
- Cheap Eats!! Gary Proudlocks secrets revealed





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Tours

- Sector Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) and Vessel Traffic Center (VTC)
- Ship Driving Simulator at Pacific Maritime Academy
- Station Seattle
Unique look into Operations, new boathouse & more!
- Coast Guard Museum



Capt. Jeff Belmundo



Photographer: Jim Beyea, FL 48



Capt. Suzanne Englebert



AIR TAKES TO WATER

submitted by Marilyn Leonard, SO-PA

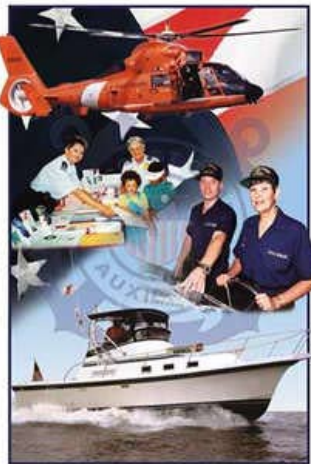


Mike Pearce (FL 45), Sonya Quitsland (FL 48) and Leo and Marilyn Leonard (FI 42) completed their annual Air Auxiliary requalifications at U. S. Coast Guard Group/Air Station Astoria, Oregon 2 and 3 May 2008.

Sonya was the first to start in the swim and survival training and was third into the life raft. Leo was right behind her, and as he climbed aboard, the raft shifted, throwing him on top of Sonya! Both survived the encounter with lots of laughs! Other training consisted of preflight threat assessment, crew safety, and review of basic crew training.

John Warner, Division Staff Officer for Air, called Mike Pearce's class "brilliant" on the subject of plane icing and how to recognize the different types of ice and make the appropriate response."

FORCE MULTIPLIER & MORE



messages from the District leadership

"As the auxiliary continues to play an ever increasing role in the Coast Guard Mission, all of us involved in recruiting and retention need to focus on attracting members who will meet the real mission requirements—members who are committed and skilled. Recruitment backed up by solid training and career development within the auxiliary are of significant importance in our ability to be a real part of Team Coast Guard. (paraphrased comments from Peter Raiswell, RCO)

In District 13 we are ahead of the recruitment and retention patterns exhibited in other areas in as much as our overall numbers have held fairly steady whereas other areas have lost members. Nevertheless we are still way behind where we were several years ago when we had over 3,000 members in the District." (paraphrased comments from Peter Raiswell, RCO)

"Auxiliary retention and growth are paramount. In 1987 Congress mandated a membership status report. In the report, it states that based on the anticipated growth of CG missions (PRE 9/11) that the Coast Guard would need 48,000 Auxiliarists by the year 2000 in order to keep up with the Coast Guard's Auxiliary-based workload. I strongly suspect that, should this assessment be re-done, the number would be closer to 60,000—more than double our current strength." (selected comments from DIRAUX) 6/24/08.

THE CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK

How the United States Coast Guard Has Put the "Home" in Homeland Security

from the desk of LCDR Andre Billeaudeau

"The maritime threat environment of the 21st Century requires broader scope and a more comprehensive vision. We must look beyond traditional surveillance of ports, waterways, and oceans, and continuously adapt to new challenges and opportunities. We must set priorities for existing and developing capabilities to efficiently minimize risks while contending with an uncertain future." The National Plan to Achieve Maritime Domain Awareness

As a DHS agency, the U. S. Coast Guard is charged with protecting the nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline, including ports, cities and critical infrastructure. To manage their burgeoning all-hazards mission set the Coast Guard relies on a scant 40,000 active duty, 8,000 reserve and 29,000 Auxiliary members who are spread across the face of the globe at any given moment; from Antarctica to Asia, from Alabama to Amsterdam.

As a relatively small agency with a highly complex and prodigious mission, the Coast Guard has been taking an innovative approach to organize, formalize and network a grassroots workforce where its newest members include waterfront businesses, tribal members, Coast Guard members and everyday Americans who simply want to make a difference. Since 1999, the Coast Guard has been accepting membership and utilizing the waterfront views, knowledge and capabilities of a group known as the Citizen's Action Network (CAN).

In the simplest terms CAN members are available day and night to assist by collaborating with the Coast Guard or other partner agencies by monitoring or reporting back real-time information from members' home locations along thousands of miles of sparsely populated seashores, rugged rivers or other complex waterways on demand. The Coast Guard communicates directly to CAN members to get assistance in identifying (or ruling out) the sources of marine flares, gathering on-scene weather, establishing lookouts or corroborating any other information. Also important is that the Coast Guard routinely sends electronic messages and emails to the membership keeping them informed and alert on emergent and long term situations.

The immediate availability of these human sensors act as a mission force multiplier allowing the Coast Guard the best opportunity to add a human element to validate, support or otherwise give focus to an emergent situation where availability of any other sensor is limited or altogether missing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy4yjTZGDJc>



(right) LCDR Andre Billeaudeau is interviewed

The Future of CAN

As a networked community, CAN represents a new homeland security working model — a best practice for building a grassroots culture of prevention that capitalizes on broad and inspired citizenry. CAN helps carry out the important duties of protecting the nation as these citizens, or any other un-affiliated maritime-oriented citizen, are by far more familiar with their waterfront communities and are therefore in the best position to help create effective solutions to unique problems.

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TRIBUTE TO ROLLY HERBERT



reflections by Henry Loesch, FC, FL 47

The tides of life have ebbed for a shipmate.

Rolly shared his special personality with everyone and was great company. He was devoted to the Auxiliary and our flotilla. We will dearly miss his expertise and council and most of all his cheerful voice and smile and that twinkle that he always had in his eyes.



Rolly Herbert crosses the bar



Photos courtesy FL 47

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