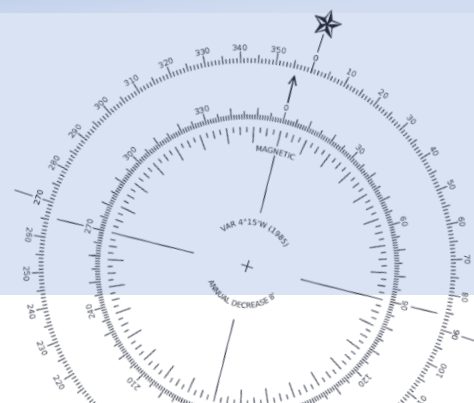


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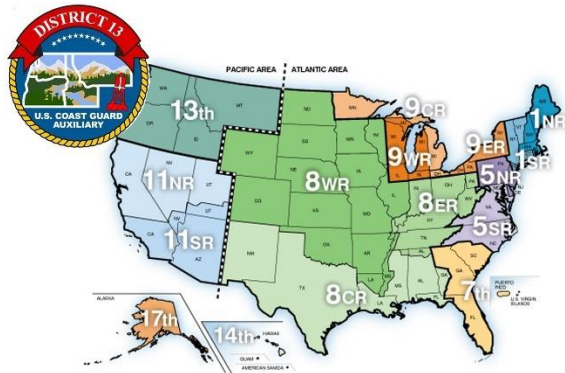
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From the Bridge...



COMMODORE'S LOG



Greetings! I sincerely want to thank all the Coast Guard Auxiliary members and their spouses for helping make the Thirteenth Coast Guard District Spring DTRAIN conference a big success! It could not have been such a success without the attendance of RADM Vogt and Mrs. Vogt, CAPT McElligatt, CAPT Saboe, CAPT Smith, CAPT Moore, CAPT Bailey, CDR Valente, our DIRAUX CDR Brown, Deputy National Commodore for Pacific Area Wally Smith, and our Deputy DIRAUX and Operations Training Officer CWO4 Robinson!

We had a Flotilla Commander Academy start on Thursday night, which went all day Friday, and finished up Saturday afternoon. There were twenty-seven Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders and future leaders in attendance. The team of instructors was headed up by Dan Kienle, D13 Chief of Staff, Craig Hartman, Division 11 Commander, and Henry Phillips, District Staff Officer for Member Training. The team of instructors consisted of COMO Kathy Goodwin,

Maggie Albert, Mark Hannibal, Beverly Hannibal, Jim Ehnborn, Art Cummings, Debra Alderman, Carol Bobo, Penny Milczewski, and John Stuhr, who also coordinated the event.

COMO Daren Lewis put together a fantastic training program for Division Commanders, which was given Saturday afternoon. Some of the instructors pulled double-duty, giving training to DCDRs as well as to the Flotilla Commanders. The climax of both academies was a collaborative roundtable discussion late Saturday afternoon, bringing together students from both classes. What an amazing networking experience for the leaders of our district, with implications and vision for a very productive future!

We started Friday with an EXCOM meeting consisting of District 13's Director of Auxiliary, CDR Brown; District Commodore Tiney Singler; Dan Kienle, District Chief of Staff; Jim Ehnborn, District Directorate Chief of Logistics; John Warner, District Directorate Chief of Response; Efrem Krisher, District Captain North; Curt Lundine, District Captain South; Jonathan Wells, District Captain East; Neil Christensen, District Staff Officer Secretary Recorder; and Ron Hilburger, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator for Sector Columbia River. The primary item completed, from the meeting, was the presentation of District 13's Operational Plan for 2020, which can now be found on the District 13 website by clicking on "About District 13" on the left-hand side of the main page.

Friday finished up with a terrific dinner, with approximately sixty-five members and spouses in attendance. The food was excellent and there could not have been any better company to keep! We also had the pleasure of listening to Debra Alderman, Assistant District Staff Officer Aux Scout for the North and Division 2 Commander, give an informative presentation on the Aux Scout program, followed by a detailed question and answer session.

Saturday morning brought about District 13's Board Meeting, which included D13 DIRAUX (CDR Brown), DNACO PAC AREA (COMO Wally Smith), DCO (COMO Tiney Singler), DCOS (Dan Kienle), IPDCO (COMO Kathy Goodwin), PDCA President (Jim Ehnborn), DCDR Division 1 (Tomas Todd), DCDR Division 2 (Debra Alderman), DCDR Division 3 (Leigh Eubank), DCDR Division 4 (Dick Halsaver), DCDR Division 5 (Tom Divis), DCDR Division 6 (John Costic), DCDR Division 7 (Kevin Thiel), DCDR Division 8 (Mark Hannibal), VCDR Division 10 (Mark Kovac), DCDR Division 11 (Craig Hartman) and the DSO SR (Neil Christensen). COMO Wimer read the poem for *Crossing the Bar*, along with Jim Ehnborn (kneeling) ringing the bell as our members who have passed since the last meeting had their names called out.

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DTRAIN HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Saturday afternoon continued with the excitement of the day with guest speaker Mariann McKenzie, from the Oregon State Marine Board, talking to over seventy members at lunch. Flotilla Commander Academy attendees then went back to classes, DCDR's went to the Division Commander training given by COMO Daren Lewis, and QEs went to a meeting headed by our OTO, CWO4 Robinson. There was also a closed-session meeting held by RADM Vogt for AuxAir personnel, which included CAPT Saboe, CDR Jackson, CAPT Smith and CDR Brown. The afternoon was a whirlwind, especially after I went back to help finish up the Flotilla Commander Academy and the Division Commander Training!

Saturday night dinner was a prelude to District 13's Change of Watch and Awards, with COMO Lewis once again our Master of Ceremonies. There were over 120 Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary members (plus spouses) in attendance, which was unbelievably exciting! Speeches were delivered by me and DNACO Wally Smith, followed by a very inspirational speech by RADM Vogt. Immediately after, COMO Goodwin presented outgoing DCAPT North, Joe Treece, with a plaque and flag. I was then called up to receive my DCOS plaque and flag for completing my tour as DCOS. Dan Kienle and I were brought up and sworn in by RADM Vogt. What a fantastic feeling surged in my heart for such an honor bestowed on me... swearing in as the Commodore for District 13. Thank you District 13 membership!

Then came my favorite part of the night, helping hand out awards to our membership! Flotilla, division and individual award recipients, from Saturday night, are listed below:

Division Award Streamers

11 – Member Training	Green
11 – Human Resources (Retention)	Brown
07 – Human Resources (Recruiting)	Orange
07 – Navigation Systems	Silver
05 – CG Operations Communications	Yellow
04 – CG Operations Support	Gray
08 – Operations Patrols	Red
05 – Program Visits	Purple
02 – Public Affairs	Pink
04 – Public Education	Blue
05 – Vessel Exams	White
07 – Food Services	Black
05 – Division of the Year	Gold

Flotilla Award Streamers

59 – Member Training	Green
82 – Human Resources (Retention)	Brown
78 – Human Resources (Recruiting)	Orange
73 – Navigation Systems	Silver
52 – Operations Communications	Yellow
44 – Operations Support	Gray
76 – Operation Patrols	Red
53 – Program Visits	Purple
24 – Public Affairs	Pink
48 – Public Education	Blue
53 – Vessel Exams	White
7-12 – Food Services	Black
53 – Flotilla of the Year	Gold

Individual Awards

Member Training	Linda McCarty
Navigation Systems	John Stuhr
Operations Communications	Brad Hooper
Operations Support	James Armstrong
Operations Patrols	Kevin Thiel
Program Visits	Cheryl Lundine
Public Affairs	Mary Liebert
Public Education	Loretta Rindal
Vessel Exams	James Carroll
Food Services	Patrick Wolcott

District Captain Awards

District Captain's Award for Member Training Achievement
DCAPT-S Flotilla 59
DCAPT-N Flotilla 48
DCAPT-E Flotilla 85

Special Recognition Awards

Certificate of Appreciation	Kathy Goodwin
50 Year Streamer	Division 10
50 Year Streamer	Flotilla 32
50 Year Streamer	Flotilla 71
Golden Quill Award	Flotilla 66/Doug Kroll
Auxiliary Commendation Medal	Joe Treece
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Thomas Bliss
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Robert Hancock
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Thomas Murphy
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Bryan Wilkins
Auxiliarist of the Year	Patrick Wolcott
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Patrick Wolcott

DTRAIN HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

My hat is off to the exceptional job done by all recipients. These awards were handed out by RADM Vogt and CAPT McElligatt, with help from CAPT Saboe, CAPT Smith, CAPT Moore and CAPT Bailey.

On Sunday morning, we had the Past Division Commander Association's breakfast and an out brief EXCOM meeting. We then went to the Annual Risk Management TCT Refresher class, put on by two excellent instructors, Danny Dail and Linda McCarty. There were over eighty members attending! Immediately afterwards, the Mandatory Operations Workshop was given by Ron Hilburger, with close to forty members.

District 13 DTRAIN 2020 was a great success! I am so appreciative of the work that the instructors and our members accomplished. Also grateful to CDR Brown and his office having the awards ready for presentation; for YN1 Wood being there Sunday to take care of orders; and especially for RADM Vogt, plus the CAPTs and CDRs who graced us with their presence! I stand in total humility being the District 13 Commodore for one of the best districts in the nation! Thank you so much!

Very Respectfully,

Tiney D. Singler
District Commodore
Thirteenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF***Energized For 2020***Exciting Times

In recent weeks, I had the privilege of attending NTRAIN and visiting a number of Divisions around the District. With so many new and helpful tools coming our way from National, along with the very talented and dedicated members in our district, I believe District 13 is in for some exciting times! 2020 has already started out with a bang with a very successful DTRAIN. The new AUXDATA is coming soon and we will all be busy learning a new way of managing our data.

Recruiting and Retention

Among the new tools being introduced are presentations on Recruiting, Retention and TIM (The Invisible Member). These are very timely subjects for the Auxiliary. I am particularly impressed with the information on retention. Included are "The Secrets of Member Retention." Discussions include:

- Fair & Equitable
- Communication
- Pride and teamwork
- Fun
- Recognition

The presentation also contains great information on retention best practices, the top reasons members leave, why members stay, why member retention is important, member retention strategy, what members want, and highest impact leadership practices. These [presentations](#) can be found on the home page of the District 13 Website under "Important Announcements and New Items."

Training

Other new workshops and seminars include:

- Kids and Paddlecraft
- Waterfowl Hunting and Boating Safety
- Introduction to Boating Safety

These and many more training tools can be found on the E-Directorate webpage. Just go to Public Education under Directorates and click on 'What's New!'

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CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT (Cont'd)Communications

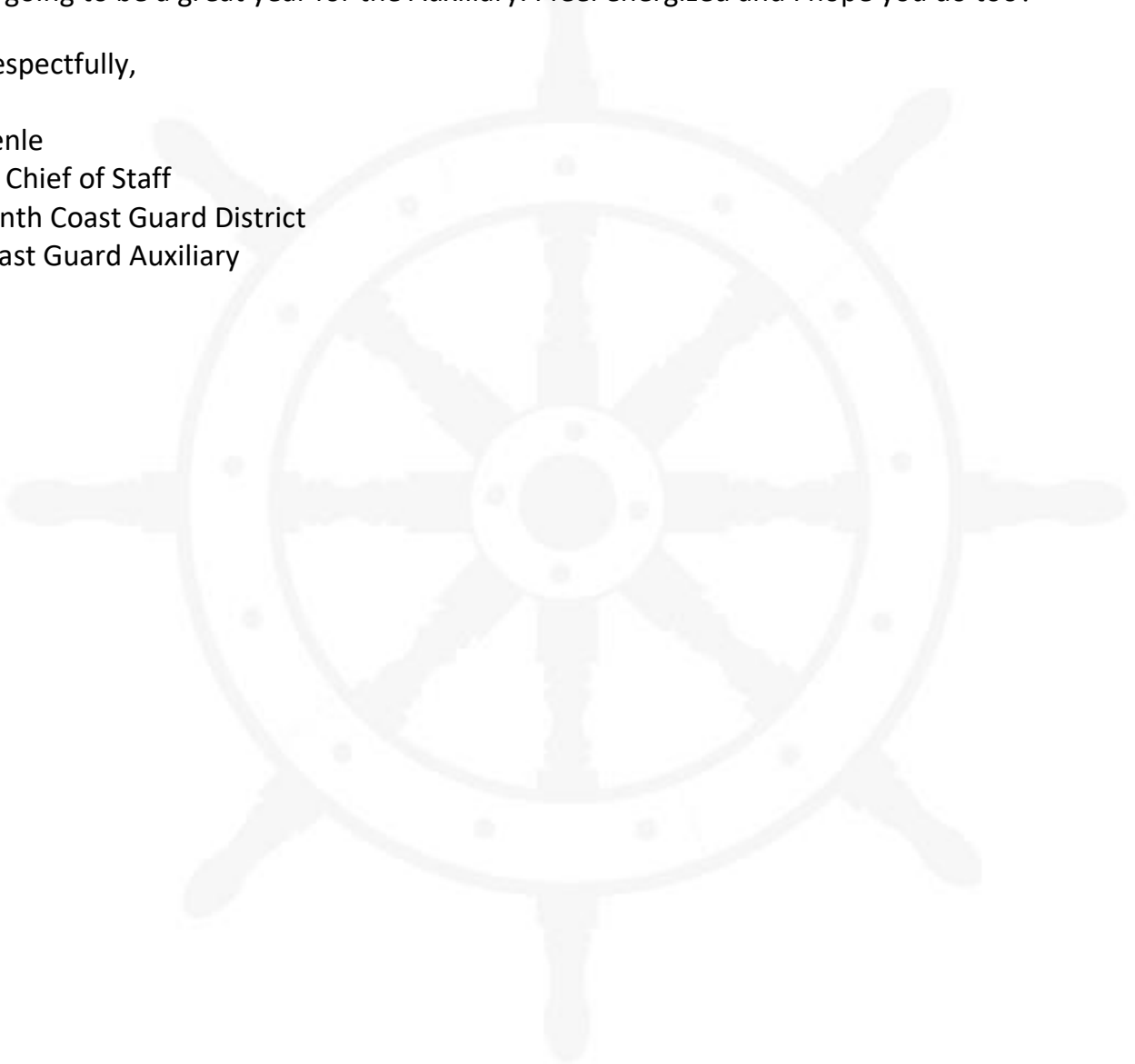
A summary of NTRAIN was sent out on 04 February 2020 by Commodore Singler. Please carefully review this document and communicate the many new and upcoming items up and down the chain of leadership and management. To take advantage of these new tools, members have to know about them. Let's make sure everyone is aware of what the directorates have been up to.

A Great Coming Year

If I haven't visited your Division yet, please know that I plan to do so. I enjoy learning about the unique aspects of each area and, more importantly, learning how the District can help support your activities. It is my honor and privilege to represent District 13, and I am grateful to be given the opportunity to serve. 2020 is going to be a great year for the Auxiliary. I feel energized and I hope you do too!

Very Respectfully,

Dan Kienle
District Chief of Staff
Thirteenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



DISTRICT CAPTAIN REPORTS

District Captain North

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The Northern Area is comprised of four Divisions, sixteen Flotillas and 436 members. Division 1 covers North Puget Sound from Blaine to Edmonds; Division 2 covers the Seattle/Bellevue/Renton areas; Division 3 covers South Puget Sound from Des Moines to Olympia; and Division 4 covers the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas.

We are looking forward to an exciting year! Some of the upcoming highlights for 2020 are listed below:

Member Training

- Boat Crew Academies: Divisions 1, 2 and 4 will each have a Boat Crew Academy.
- Navigation Systems: Division 1 sponsored NS training and Division 4 will have NS training later this year.
- C-Schools: Division 1 will host AUXLAMS Road Show A & B in May and August. Division 2 is hoping to host AMLOC Road Show.
- AUXOP: Division 2 will continue to offer AUXOP courses.
- Core Training: Instructors are available to teach a one day core training blitz.
- Leadership Development: Division 2 is offering FEMA courses for Leadership Competencies 1 & 2.

Public Education

All 4 Divisions will be providing Public Education during the year including About Boating Safety, Suddenly in Command, Boating Skills & Seamanship and Weekend Navigator.

Public Affairs

- The major Public Affairs event is Seafair. All 4 Divisions will participate both on the water and shoreside.
- There will be a number of Honor Flights for Veterans from SeaTac, with Auxiliary participation.
- National Safe Boating Week events including proclamations from cities throughout the area.
- Alki Point Light House: Tours are given every Sunday during the summer. All Auxiliarists are invited to tour and are welcome to help.

Vessel Exams and Program Visitors

All Divisions are involved in Vessel Exams and Program Visits and this will continue throughout the year. All new members are encouraged to obtain both certifications.

Operations

We are hoping to get more members involved in surface operations. We are looking forward, with great interest, to the possibility of resuming air operations in Sector Puget Sound.

I have visited all of the Divisions to date. I am planning to revisit the Divisions and many of the Flotillas during the coming months. Retention is so important and we will be striving to keep our long-time members involved or get them rededicated. They are a major strength and asset.

District Captain South

Curt Lundine

It must be spring! I know that because along with the buds swelling on the apple trees, the seed catalogs are showing up daily in my mailbox! All over the country, folks are gleefully preparing for summer watersport activities, creating great opportunities for Auxiliary boating safety activities and for member training.

The Flotillas of Divisions 5, 6 and 7 have prepared ambitious activity plans for all phases of RBS activity, and have shown zeal and determination to accomplish their goals. Our members will be kept busy well through this boating season!

I challenge all auxiliarists to commit to our mission. We will assist the Coast Guard by being ambassadors for recreational boating safety, and by always appearing in proper uniform – looking like the professionals that we are!

We accept this challenge with pride in ourselves and with the skills to achieve our goals. Safety is no accident!

District Captain East

Jonathan Wells

Hello Shipmates! Greetings from the Eastern Area Divisions 8, 10 and 11.

2020 is gearing up to be a great year! The water is still a little hard in some areas, but the weather is starting to change and there is spring in the air. Driving around, I see boaters starting to pull their prize yachts, big and small, out of their winter naps. Units are starting to pull their gear out and prep for the upcoming season, shaking out the cobwebs and seeing if their kits still fit. It is time to make sure your safety equipment is organized and functional.

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, protects the user against physical harm or hazards that the environment may present. It is important because it exists as a preventative measure for the types of environments that we operate in. Don't forget the most important piece of equipment, the life jacket! Wearing a life jacket is critically important for a variety of reasons. Anything can happen when sailing or water skiing and it is always important to be prepared. A life jacket can easily save your life if rough weather or high winds send you into the water. A life jacket helps us to stay afloat and prevent drowning. Make sure it fits properly and is functional to meet the high demands we put on them.

Coasties, remember to be safe this season. Wear it, advocate it and commend those that choose wisely.





DISTRICT TRAINING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

By Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3

DTRAIN was held on February 27 - March 1st, 2020 at the Monarch Conference Center in Clackamas, Oregon. Auxiliary officers and members converged from four states (WA, OR, ID, MT) with active-duty Coast Guard command, to attend this informative Auxiliary event.

The conference agenda included the Flotilla Commander's Academy, Division Commander's training, QE Workshop, Risk Management TCT Refresher Course, Operations Workshop, Finance committee meeting, plus the EXCOM and District General/Board meetings. The four-day event was highlighted with awards, food and fellowship!

The General meeting began on Saturday morning with the ceremonial entrance of the Division flags, and Presentation of Colors by the District 13 Color Guard. The meeting continued with [COMO Dean Wimer ceremoniously reading](#) Lord Tennyson's [Crossing the Bar](#). Jim Ehnborn rang the brass bell while DCDR's called aloud the names of members who had passed since the last district meeting.

The General/Board meeting ensued most of Saturday morning, with training in the afternoon. Members were treated to an Italian-themed buffet luncheon while Mariann McKenzie, Oregon State Marine Board, gave a presentation on recreational boating safety updates in the State of Oregon. The Flotilla Commander's Academy, which had begun

Thursday evening, was completed late Saturday afternoon with the presentation of certificates.

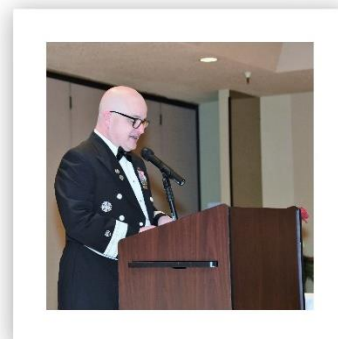
On Saturday evening, attendees gathered for a formal banquet and awards. Special Guests included USCG RADM Anthony Vogt, Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, and Mrs. Vogt; CAPT McElligatt, D13 Chief of Prevention; CAPT Moore, Commander Marine Safety Unit Portland; CAPT Saboe, Commander Sector North Bend; CAPT Smith, Commander Sector Columbia River; CAPT Bailey, Deputy Commander Sector Columbia River; D13 DIRAUX CDR Brown; CDR Valente, Chief of Response Sector Columbia River; COMO Wally Smith, Deputy National Commodore, Operations and Pacific; Deputy DIRAUX/Operations Training Officer CWO4 Christopher Robinson.

After a delicious meal of Grilled Salmon and London Broil, D13 Auxiliary members were recognized for their many accomplishments and service, with COMO Daren Lewis as Master-of-Ceremonies and RADM Vogt as the key note speaker. COMO Tiney Singler and Dan Kienle were officially installed and sworn-in by RADM Vogt, as DCO and DCOS respectively.

Above photo: D13 Color Guard during opening ceremony for meeting on Saturday morning. 29FEB20. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, AUXPA3.

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District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)



Above: Speakers and presenters from Saturday night banquet l-to-r: RADM Anthony Vogt, COMO Wally Smith, COMO Tiney Singler, COMO Daren Lewis.



Above: (l) Doug Kroll gives the invocation before dinner. (r) COMO Dean Wimer conducts the fallen comrade ceremony at the missing man table. Below: RADM Vogt (r) officially installs COMO Tiney Singler (center) and Dan Kienle (l), DCOS, for their elected 2020-2021 two-year terms. 29FEB20.



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DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER REPORTS**Communication Services by Deborah Heldt Cordone, DSO-CS/DSO-PA**

The Communication Services (CS) team is responsible for the internet presence of District 13 via the WOW website. We also support CS officers by helping build and/or review website pages to meet national guidelines. The district website network, including division and flotilla WOW webpages, connects members with important information, and also reporting capabilities through Easy Reports.

In 2014, the District 13 website was transferred to the WOW platform being utilized today. This transition brought about many challenges, especially keeping hundreds of pages and links updated on a regular basis. There are still links and pages outdated back to 2014. We have recently formed a CS team to help address and update District pages and links as soon as possible. These updates have already started, but it will take a few months with attention given first to critical areas of need and requests. This is a monumental task and will be taken in steps.

The WOW website is one of the public faces of our organization and should meet all necessary criteria to positively reflect on Team Coast Guard, adhering to Auxiliary Public Affairs/Publications and Coast Guard External Affairs manuals. We encourage local Auxiliary units to showcase our story and how we serve the public, while fitting within our national branding and formats. Even though WOW is designed as an easy "push button" platform, please be careful when updating website pages as wrong keystrokes can corrupt the underlying HTML (HyperText Markup Language), creating a situation needing technological mitigation. Additionally, please be mindful of OPSEC and Privacy Act requirements.

For clarification, the CS program does *not* include social media (such as Facebook or Instagram) as that area falls directly under Public Affairs. It is also not to be confused with the Information Services, Information Management, or Communications programs, though all these programs can and do collaborate across disciplines.

Be aware than there is a tremendous amount of helpful information for Auxiliary members on our District 13 website, but several pages or links can only be accessed by first signing-in under "member zone" towards the bottom of the left column.

Helpful Links:

[District 13 WOW Website](#)

[WOW Website Basic Checklist](#) (not all inclusive)

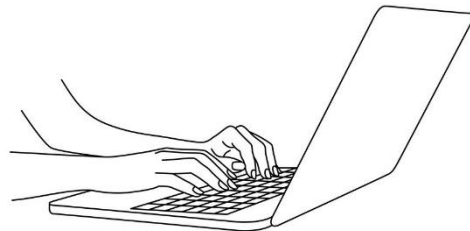
[WOW Website User's Version II](#) (not all inclusive)

[WOW Website Quick Start Guard](#)

[Auxiliary Public Affairs Guide](#)

[Auxiliary Publication Officer's Guide](#)

[US Coast Guard External Affairs Manual](#)



Information Management by Joseph Notch, DSO-IM

The mission of Information Management is to foster communication, standardization, and interoperability in Auxiliary contingency planning and incident management systems. We provide tools, training and assistance to Auxiliary members to improve our overall planning, readiness and response capability for all-hazard scenarios. Although the Auxiliary District level still uses the "Incident Management" title, National has switched over to the Q Directorate and goes by Emergency Management and Incident Response, following the active-duty lead.

The DSO-IM page was recently updated with basic information. We are working on further page additions so it can be used as quick reference for all things Emergency Management and Incident Response. We will add important links such as the CG version of ICS forms. The ICS-201 form is designed so that any information you fill out should automatically populate any form that needs that same information. I ask all Flotilla Commanders to review these forms and then, as a Flotilla, create the forms for the most likely incidents that your Flotilla may encounter. Think of it as measuring out all your ingredients before you bake the cake. Doing hands-on exercises of filling in the forms would be like pre-heating the oven. By doing this you should get familiar with the process, more familiar with the forms and get used to filling out the forms properly. You want to be able to eat the cake you bake.

Note that the FEMA Training website has the standard forms that you can use but they are not linked. They are in PDF format.

Here are just a few potential scenarios to consider:

Sector Puget Sound-Eastern AOR

Earthquake

Cargo Ship run aground (River Barges included)

Volcano-Yellowstone Caldera

Sector Puget Sound -Western AOR

Cargo ship ran aground (Crude Oil Tankers included)

Earthquake-Think Cascadia Rising

Tsunami

Volcano-Mt. St Helens

Airliner in the Puget Sound waters

Ferry Incidents

Sector Columbia River-River AOR

Cargo ship ran aground (River Barges included)

Earthquake-Think Cascadia Rising

Tsunami

Dam break

Airliner in the Columbia River

River cruise/Sternwheeler incidents

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Information Management by Joseph Notch, DSO-IM (Cont'd)

Sector Columbia River-Coastal AOR

Cargo ship ran aground (River Barges included)

Earthquake-Think Cascadia Rising

Tsunami

Commercial Fishing Boat Mishap

Sector North Bend

Cargo ship ran aground (Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas terminal)

Earthquake-Think Cascadia Rising

Tsunami

Commercial Fishing Boat Mishap

Granted these are large events, but I'm sure you can think of some smaller, more localized events as well. Remember that communication is always key and your primary communications system may not be available. Systems can be standard radios (VHF/Marine and HF), cell phones voice/text (note-most cell phones won't work in a large scale event but text may get through), emails, and sneakernet (walking documents/discs between parties).

Recent updates to the Incident Management Handbook are available here:

[Apple App U.S. Coast Guard MIMH](#)

[Android App U.S. Coast Guard MIMH](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please [email](#) me.



Marine Safety by George Long, DSO-MS

Supporting America's Waterway Watch

America's Waterway Watch (AWW), a combined effort of the Coast Guard and its Reserve and Auxiliary components, continues to grow, enlisting the active participation of those who live, work or play around America's waterfront areas. All Coast Guard personnel concentrate on connecting with businesses and government agencies, and building AWW awareness with recreational boating.

When and who to call in an emergency is a common question and can be answered very simply: if you are watching it happen right now (in the last 15 minutes) and there is an immediate threat to life or property, call 9-1-1 or US Marine Channel 16. This will connect you with local law enforcement and/or the local U.S. Coast Guard near and will get responders moving quickly. When you call, you will need to provide the following (let the dispatcher on the other end of the phone guide the information you give):

- The location of where the suspicious activity is taking place.
- Descriptors of the person, boat, or vehicle involved. Start big, then go small. For example, a white four door car. License plates and registration numbers are great and needed, but if it is in progress, those are hard to see when things are moving so it may be one of the last things you give.
- Direction of travel.
- What happened that makes the activity suspicious.

Do not hesitate to call. Dispatchers are trained to ask questions and get the right people to the incident. If the incident occurred a while ago, and you are still feeling like you should report it, you can call your local law enforcement's non-emergency number or the National Response Center at 877-24-WATCH.

For more information. visit [America's Waterway Watch](#).

Helpful Links:

[Auxiliary Staff Officer Marine Safety Guidelines](#)

[Auxiliary Marine Safety Trident Device](#)

[Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examiner](#)

[Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection](#)



Member Training by Henry Phillips, DSO-MT

The Latest News from Member Training

It was my privilege to help train the Flotilla Commanders and Vice Flotilla Commanders at the District 13 DTRAIN Flotilla Academy in Clackamas, OR, at the end of February. Many instructors and attendees shared about how to make our flotillas better prepared to support the US Coast Guard. They now know where to go to obtain help through the DSO web pages, and that District leaders and staff are available to help every flotilla accomplish its missions. The attendees were given many handouts, along with the presentations and discussion in each session. They were also given a USB stick with most of the presentations and other helpful documents.

My main emphasis was that attendees should use all the helpful forms and links available on the District 13 [Member Training WOW webpage](#), which is kept current, to help new members quickly qualify for BQ status.

The District 13 [New Member Basic Qualification \(BQ\) Checklist](#) is very helpful!

There are only six AUXCT courses and seven BQ II Modules required to get to that BQ goal, plus completing a NASBLA or USCG approved Safe Boating course. Make sure you and your members take the Workforce Resilience Course 502379 and *not* the old Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide course with the same number. You no longer need to take the Sexual Assault Prevention/Response course either. The Influenza Training Course is now optional, though this might be a good time to look at it with the present outbreak of the coronavirus.

If you take courses through the AUXLMS or NTC sites, your completions should automatically be recorded in AUXDATA. Make sure if you are completing courses by the Moodle Online Classroom, PDF, PPT, or video that you use the self-attestation form called "Completed Core Training Attestation." After filling it out and signing it, give it to your FSO-IS for record completions in AUXDATA. The form is available at this [link](#).

If you have any questions about Member Training, please ask your FSO-MT or SO-MT. I am available to respond by phone or email to any questions or situations involving MT that they cannot answer.



Henry Phillips, DSO-MT, teaching at the recent Flotilla Commander's Academy. DTRAIN. Clackamas, OR. FEB2020.

Navigation Systems by Pam Chelgren-Koterba , DSO-MT

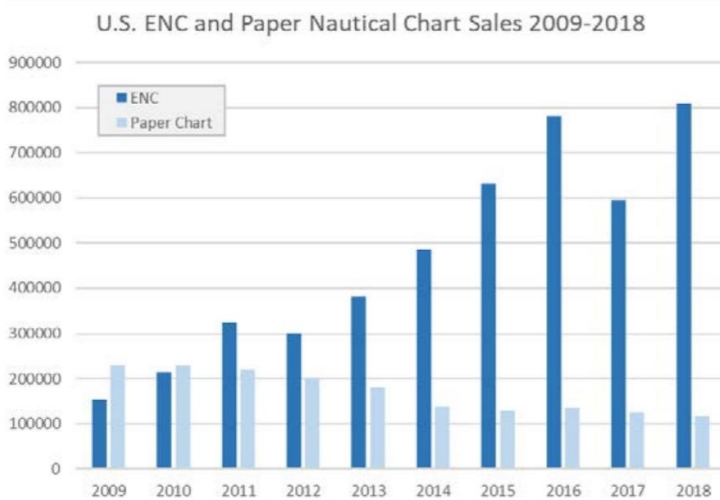
Navigation Alerts!

NOAA/NOS has commenced sunseting their paper and Raster nautical products!

It's not all bad news as there are lots of nautical charts and the process will extend through 2025. The first product may transition as early as mid-2020. Notice will be posted 6-12 months beforehand. Until transitioned, the raster/paper versions will continue to be updated and available. Selection for transition will be determined by the following criteria:

- New, larger-scale, reschemed ENC coverage is available.
- Compilation of a large amount of new depth or shoreline data is applied to the ENC.
- Volume of chart sales indicate a low rate of use.
- Regional concerns, i.e., all or most of a chart's adjoining were cancelled,
- Similar-scale chart coverage is cancelled.

NOAA is moving to electronic (ENC) formats. Most users have been moving that way too. See the table below.



[Sunsetting Traditional NOAA Paper Charts: End of Paper and Raster Nautical Chart Production Introduction of NOAA Custom Charts.](#) Office of Coast Survey. November 14, 2019. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

New Online NOAA Custom Chart (NCC) Tool

NOAA paper charts, created as 'NOAA Custom Charts' may become available from existing NOAA print-on-demand (POD) paper chart agents who are developing that ability to print and ship NCC style charts to customers.

This "NOAA Custom Chart" tool can be used to create your own geospatially referenced Portable Document Format (geoPDF) image of a nautical chart. Then you can download, view, and print the output as a paper (or digital backup for electronic chart systems).

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Navigation Alerts by Pam C-K (Cont'd)

We are not alone!

- Commercial vessels were allowed to use electronic only, starting in 2016 for US waters and 2018 internationally.
- USCG just issued ALCOAST Commandant Notice 011/20 allowing their ‘approved’ units to go paperless.

Suggestions for VSCs:

In case your VEs would like updated recommendations to boaters-

- Recommend boat owners buy annual update packages for Chartplotters (from authorized vendors).
- Carry a 2nd Navigation Device (/tablets) using authorized-vendor products.
- ‘DIY’ (Do It Yourself) NOAA Custom Charts for the computer savvy.

Authorized Vendors:

Don’t forget to only purchase navigation products from authorized vendors:

<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/print-agents.html>

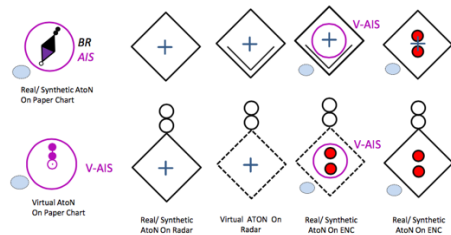
Differential GPS is being turned off:

Turn-off started in 2018 and concludes this year, 2020. WAAS-GPS has replaced it (and is more accurate).

AIS (Automatic Identification System) ATONs.

In District 13, we have 26 AIS ATONs of two types- Synthetic and Virtual. Synthetic has a physical ATON as well as an AIS signal broadcast from somewhere onshore. Virtual just has an AIS signal broadcast from the shore - no physical ATON. There are four in D13.

Here are the chart symbols:



You will only see AIS if you have an AIS in your integrated navigation system (chartplotter). Generally, that entails separately purchasing AIS (active or passive, passive is cheaper – your vessel does not broadcast.)



Public Affairs by Deborah Heldt Cordone, DSO-PA

Social Media and the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Social media, which falls under the Public Affairs Directorate, has greatly enhanced our abilities to tell the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard story. It is now used as an avenue to connect with the boating public and disseminate valuable information. Unlike most websites, social media is dynamic, fast moving and allows two-way communication with our stakeholders in an unprecedented fashion. Social media provides an avenue to bridge time and distance to facilitate online communication among people with various backgrounds. This phenomenon has an ongoing impact on society, since social media has become integrally woven into the fabric of everyday life.

With benefits of utilizing social media, the Auxiliary also has a certain responsibility in understanding the guidelines as a communication tool. Official guidelines have not wholly kept up with the technology, but the US Coast Guard did release the [Coast Guard Social Media Handbook](#) in 2015. The handbook is not all inclusive, but we should follow those guidelines and checklists set forth, using knowledge even beyond the handbook. One must use the handbook in concert with adhering to the [Auxiliary Public Affairs](#), [Publications](#) and [Coast Guard External Affairs](#) manuals.

Posting on an official Coast Guard Auxiliary social media page (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) is akin to an abbreviated news release. Consequently, all posts should fall within guidelines set forth in all aforementioned PA manuals. The National PA Directorate is currently working on an additional Social Media manual.

As a matter of course, any member as a social media administrator or other page role on an official Coast Guard Auxiliary page should, at the very least, have taken the eLearning course AUX20 Introduction to Auxiliary Public Affairs. There should always be more than one administrator on every Auxiliary page as backup.

There are other rules and responsibilities that come with using social media. We must be vigilant in acting professionally online. You can assume anything posted is or may become public. If you affiliate as a Coast Guard Auxiliary member on social media, in any fashion including via images, video, text, comments, etc, then you should act accordingly and respectfully.

Be vigilante protecting yourself, fellow Auxiliary and family members, following OPSEC guidelines. Never post active operations information on an official page or your personal timeline when currently engaged in those operations. That would be an example of an OPSEC issue. Do not share posts from your personal timeline or the timeline of another Auxiliary member to a public or official Auxiliary or Coast Guard page. That could potentially violate the Privacy Act of 1974. Please think before you post and check with your leadership when in doubt. Also, due to online identify theft, be cognizant of privacy settings on your own timeline.

Please visit and like our [Official District 13 Facebook](#) page with daily posts. Any questions about social media, feel free to contact me.



Publications Michael Sealfon, DSO-PB

The Publications Officer is responsible for keeping members of the Auxiliary unit well informed on matters of importance and interest. The official job description for Publications Officers is in the AUXILIARY MANUAL COMDTT NST M16790.1. Job duties include editing the unit newsletter, staff responsibility for matters relating to publications, assist in the preparation and distribution of publications and their clearance, support and encourage the submission of articles by members and staff officers, maintain a file of all unit publications and submitted articles. To be a successful Publications Officer, an Auxiliary member should have knowledge of Public Affairs and Publications guidelines plus skills in the area of reporting, photography, design, editing, and technology.

The DSO-PB works closely with the DSO-PA to publicize internal and external auxiliary communications, to include social media, newsletters, and other distributed publications. A key aspect of this position is the review and editing of all flotilla and division-level publications to insure: accuracy of content, correct spelling and grammar, apolitical nature of content, and the appropriateness of photographic images. Ideally, this process will be completed within five days of submission.

The DSO-PA and DSO-PB participate in monthly Auxiliary National PA/PB webinars. The DSO-PB is also periodically involved with AUXPA national oral boards.

Other aspects of this position include:

- Via publications, initiate and promote the district's activities related to National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Encourage District, Divisions, and Flotillas to appoint NSBW coordinators and develop plans for unit activities during NSBW. Forward material from the National Safe Boating Council for use by unit publication officers within the District.
- Prepare articles appropriate for perpetuating leadership, training, motivation, and enthusiasm of the Publications staff for inclusion in publications and/or regular correspondence. An example is: reporting on activities at the 2020 Seattle Boat Show to include photographs and statistics. The USCG Auxiliary booth attracted over 2,000 visitors and generated a significant number of requests for VSCs and potential membership applications. Another example is describing the summer activities at the Alki Point Lighthouse, which represents a unique public affairs opportunity for interaction between the general public and the Auxiliary.



Debra Alderman, DCDR DIV2, standing watch at Seattle Boat Show 2020. Photo by Michael Sealfon, USCGAUX PA1.

Program Visitation by Scott Prestel, DSO-PV

The Traveling Salesman Parallels The Program Visitation Program

Early in my father's career as a traveling salesman he would often drive the back roads of remote Eastern Oregon making sales calls. He would amaze his boss who would see stacks of new orders from business contacts he had made. His boss would often double check the new orders coming in with true disbelief with the increased business. Going a little above and beyond in new territory made my dad very successful due to the fact nobody had ever taken the time to visit these outlying businesses. I often think of my late father when I travel my area in Southern Idaho conducting Program Visitor (PV) checks. PV's are like salesman in many ways and we market our products. The end game for us is not sales but getting important recreational boating safety information out to vendors and the public. We are often the critical link and the ambassadors of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the only interface people see of the USCG. I can't stress how important and critical are role is.

I was persuaded by my father to pursue a career in business and follow in his footsteps. I found that a career in Corporate Security was better suited for me than making a living selling products for a living. The PV Program has forced me to get outside my comfort zone and talk directly to vendors and often directly to the business owner. So, I guess in a way I am following in my father's footsteps. We have many tremendous PV's that have established outstanding relationships with vendors over many years. This pays off for us in many ways. For me, it has made our flotilla aware of marine dealer open house events, potential new auxiliary recruits, aware of local boating issues, and cultivating partnerships with vendors for VE events. I have included some tips that I want to share that have helped me get started in my PV Officer role.

A) Important to know the recreational safety brochures that we supply and stock on a monthly basis in the display stations. Know your boating safety brochures and be able to answer specific questions.

(B) Be passionate about the recreational safety brochure products that we are providing and our U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary mission.

(C) It is important to establish a key contact person that you can stop by and interact with each month during your site visit. Provide them with a business card with your contact information. Determine what type of recreational boating safety information that they would like stocked at the display station at their business. This creates rapport and establishes a name with a face.

(D) Create opportunities like a salesman. If you see new watercraft or Marine dealer business in your area take time to stop by and introduce yourself. See if they would like a recreational boating safety station at their business. Many of our PV's in District 13 are very creative. They have established PV stations in libraries, barber shops, tire shops, convenient stores, and even coffee shops. Doesn't have to be traditional marine dealer locations. Never know what new opportunities our partnerships may foster when establishing a new contact.

(E) Don't overextend yourself and get burned out when stocking PV stations on a monthly or weekly basis, during peak times. Work as a team to break-up some of the work load. Many flotillas are getting multiple PV's trained. This is a great proactive idea.

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Program Visitors Program by Scott Prestel (Cont'd)

(F) The PV Program is a great way to get a new member involved and active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the start of an auxiliary career. There is also an opportunity to earn the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Device Award. Existing PV or other members can mentor this involvement.

(G) Treat the PV monthly site visits as a scavenger hunt. Always be on the lookout for new display areas, new territory, and opportunities that were previously discussed. Distributing and obtaining information from your monthly contacts is an important conduit.

(H) Take time to reward your vendor or marine dealer, for their participation in the PV Program, with a USCGAUX Certificate of Appreciation. This is a personal goal for me this year.

(I) Don't forget Assignment to Duty procedure for liability, when conducting PV missions. Emails should explain the PV mission, the locations of your travel, and the mode of travel. Email to one the following listed below and to your FC/VFC.

Sector Puget Sound auxordersps@gmail.com

Sector Columbia River aux.orders@gmail.com

Sector North Bend aux.ordersnb2@gmail.com

I am continuing to learn my role as the new DSO-PV this year. I have already met some great PV's in District 13 and can't wait to meet more of you. I appreciate your dedication and efforts that you are putting into to this great program. Bottom line is you are making a difference directly and indirectly. You are helping save lives from your hard work and dedication, driving countless miles distributing this important boating safety information. Remember to seek opportunities if you see a new watercraft or marine dealer. Take initiative to stop by and introduce yourself. We are the ambassadors to getting the message out, promoting our recreational safe boating mission. Have a safe and successful year.



State Liason Officer- Washington by Penny Milczewski, SLO-WA

Washington State had twenty-eight reportable fatalities in recreational boating in 2019. This included fourteen paddlecraft deaths. In one 30-day period during the summer of 2019, there were four stand-up paddleboard (SUP) fatalities, all from drowning. None of the paddlers wore a life jacket or used a board leash. The national total for SUP fatalities in 2018 was five (USCG Recreational Boating Statistics 2018)

What's happening? Paddleboards are relatively affordable, available to purchase almost anywhere, and they are a fun way to get out on the water. As sales have moved from sports specialty stores to general big box stores, buyer education and information has been reduced to a printed pamphlet attached to the board. No salesperson is talking to the buyer about appropriate use, safety equipment, weather and water conditions, or even general handling of the board. Paddling organizations recommend that SUP riders wear a PFD and have an ankle leash attached to the board. The leash provides the opportunity to stay with the board.

Currently, Washington State law only requires that a PFD be on the vessel. Many boarders strap the life jacket or inflatable to the board rather than wear it.

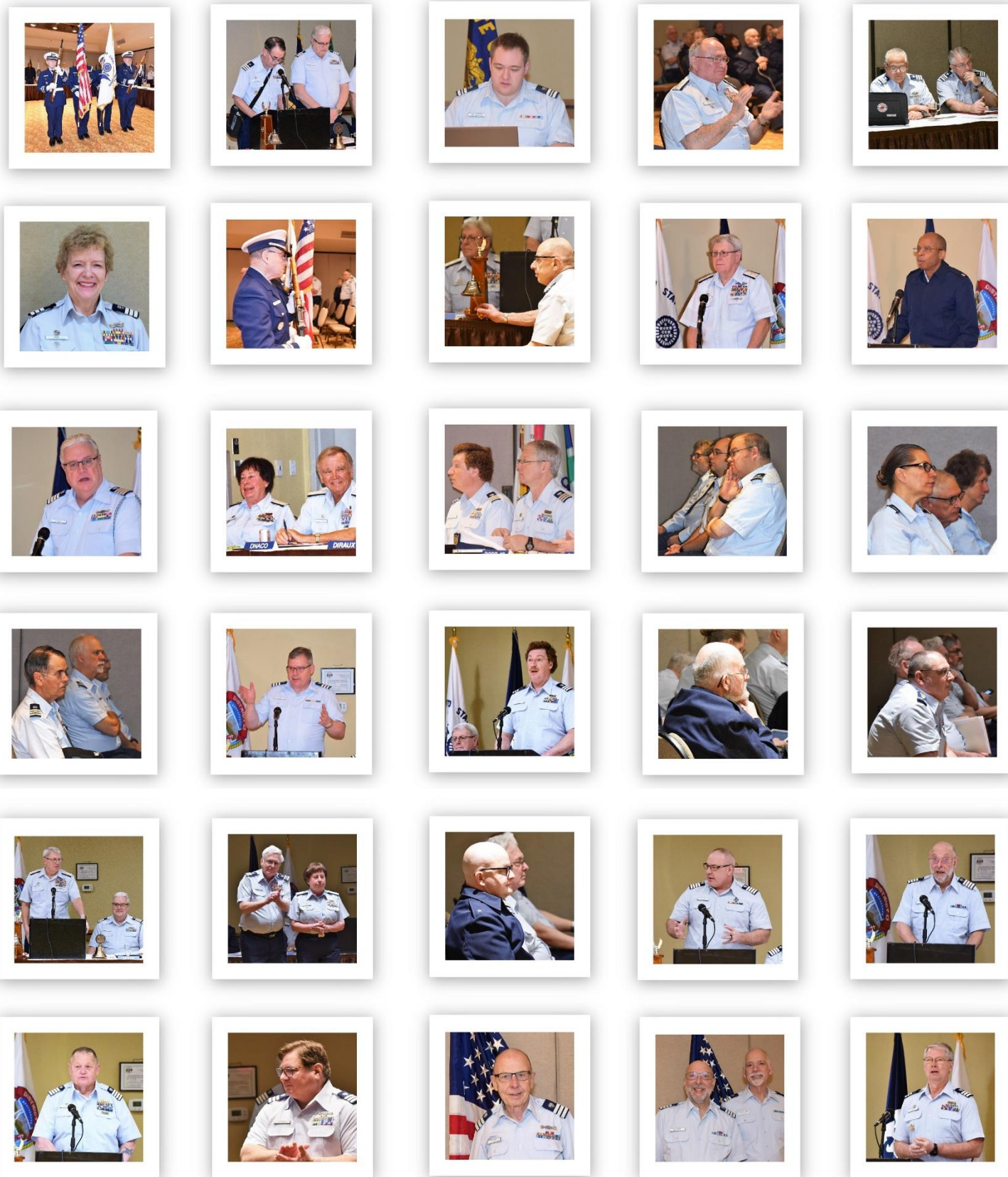
The 2020 boating safety campaigns will emphasize Paddleboard safety, and life jacket loaner stations will have the opportunity to also have board leashes available. Auxiliary units are encouraged to include demonstrations of boards and safety equipment in their RBS exhibits and classes.

Washington State Parks has responsibility for Recreational Boating Safety Programs. Rob Sendak is the Washington State Boating Law Administrator (BLA). Penny Milczewski serves on the Boating Program Advisory Council.



Paddle boarder near the mouth of a river. Photo Courtesy of Deborah Heldt Cordone. Used with permission.

District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)

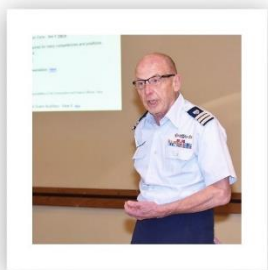
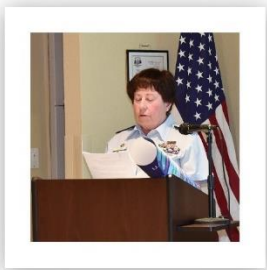


Above: Various photos from District 13 Board/General meeting on Saturday morning. Clackamas, OR. 29FEB20. If you want a regular size photo from this event (not all photos are posted), please email DSO-PA and specify what photo(s) you want sent.

District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)



This year, D13 DTRAIN offered the Flotilla Commander's Academy facilitated by Henry Phillips, DSO-MT, and Craig Hartman, DCDR DIV 11. There were several instructors and presenters in the line-up, which began Thursday night and finished late Saturday afternoon. Thursday evening, COMO Tiney Singler, COMO Wally Smith and Dan Kienle, DCOS, addressed the attendees. COMO Kathleen Goodwin kicked off the instruction portion of the academy. The team of instructors consisted of COMO Goodwin, Maggie Albert, Debra Alderman, Carol Bobo, Art Cummings, James Ehnborn, Beverly Hannibal, Mark Hannibal, Penny Milczewski and John Stuhr. Photo above: Maggie Albert, DSO-FN, gives a presentation on audits and other financial information, to the class of about twenty-seven. Below are images of some of the instructors: l-to-r top: COMO Goodwin, Mark Hannibal, Art Cummings, James Ehnborn, Henry Phillips. l-to-r bottom: Maggie Albert, Craig Hartman, Debra Alderman and Beverly Hannibal. Note: If you need a specific or larger photo(s), including one not posted, please email DSO-PA and specify what photo(s) you want.



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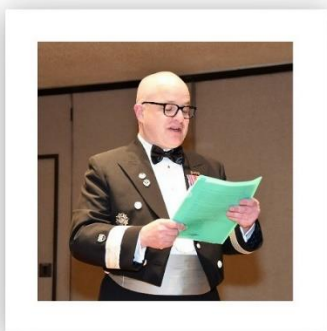
District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)



Above: Various photos from Flotilla Commander Academy in Clackamas, OR. Bottom Photo: The Graduates. Note: If you need a specific or larger photo(s), including one not posted, please email DSO-PA and specify what photo(s) you want.

District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)

On Saturday evening, there was an abbreviated Change-of-Watch ceremony and the District Bridge for 2020 was installed, as previously mentioned. District Captains were sworn-in by RADM Vogt. Below l-to-r: Efrem Krisher, DCAPT-N; Jonathan Wells, DCAPT-E; Curt Lundine, DCAPT-S; and RADM Vogt.



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District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)

D13 Auxiliary members were recognized for their many accomplishments and service. Flotilla and Division streamers were awarded, individual plaque awards were given out, as well as District Captain and Special Recognition awards. RADM Vogt, CAPT McElligatt, CAPT Moore, CAPT Saboe, and CAPT Smith and CAPT Bailey helped hand out awards. Division 5 received Division of the Year (first photo with Tom Divis, DCDR), Flotilla 53 (Depoe Bay) received Flotilla of the Year (second photo with Jenny Shea), and Patrick Walcott received Auxiliarist of the Year, as well as an Auxiliary Achievement Medal (other photos). Other awards listed on page 5.



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District Training Conference Highlights (Cont'd)

Below: A collage of fun photos from the Saturday evening banquet.



Please note that there are many other photos, from all four days of the DTRAIN event, that are not posted in this newsletter (meetings, classes, awards, etc). If you need a specific or larger photo(s), including one not posted, please email DSO-PA and specify what photo(s) you want.



National Safe Boating Week

May 16-22, 2020



www.safeboatingcampaign.com

National Safe Boating Week is quickly approaching May 16-22, 2020. You may ask, "what more can I do to get the safe boating message out?" Below are some guidance and ideas. Get a team together *now* in your unit to coordinate for National Safe Boating Week. It will be here soon!

1) **National Safe Boating Week Proclamations!** Click [here](#) to find a safe boating week template for 2020 on Page 31. You can use the template as is or customize it for your particular area. This year, please make an effort to get one proclamation signed by your local government. That can be the governor of your state (make 100% sure another flotilla or division has not already made such arrangements), your city mayor, your city council, or your county council. Make arrangements for this by mid-April, so the proclamation signing can be on the schedule for the government entity in May, a few days prior to the actual date. If you can get your local Coast Guard unit involved with the signing, even better (go through proper leadership channels to do so.) If COVID-19 prohibits meetings, then signing can be accomplished electronically.

2) **National Safe Boating Week News Release.** A news release to your local newspaper and radio station is an effective tool. The article can include the definition of Safe Boating Week, some safe boating tips, info about proclamation signing, and/or any events your Flotilla is having in conjunction with Safe Boating Week. I usually submit two press releases... one of the proclamation signing with a photo, then one focusing on Safe Boating Week events and tips. Submitting a good resolution photo, with the article, has a better chance of being printed. Or send an Auxiliary photo release with caption. Always have a second set of eyes (FC, SO-PA etc) vet press releases before submitting.

3) **Safe Boating Week events.** May is an opportune time to have a media blitz for Vessel Safety Checks, PA booths and/or PE classes. Many flotillas combine PA/PE booths with VSCs at the same location. Sporting Goods store parking lots, marina parking lots, and similar locations are ideal places to encounter the boating public. Don't forget to wear a life jacket during these events!

4) **Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day.** Friday, May 15, 2020. Get your Flotilla and community members involved with this day. It is a great opportunity to take a photo for news release or social media post. The goal is to publicize the life-saving importance of all boaters/paddlers wearing a life jacket each time they are on the water. You can take photos of Aux members, local Coast Guard members, local fire department members, mayor, city council members etc. wearing life jacket. It is sometimes easier taking these photos over a period of a few days, then posting the photos on social media on May 15th.



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National Safe Boating Week (cont'd)

5) **Broadcast Media.** Television and radio are ideal methods to get the Safe Boating message out to the public. Whether a 30-second PSA or in-depth interview, consider utilizing broadcast media. Make sure to write clear, concise scripts and be prepared to answer basic questions. Practice helps. Provide news or TV broadcasters with photos or video clips, and make sure all members have uniform/vessel guidelines in place. Last year, the Flotilla Boise (previously known as the Canyon Flotilla) in Idaho was involved in an extensive television newscast on the Auxiliary. Though it was not specifically focused on Safe Boating Week, it is a nice example of how to use broadcast media. Find out who in your Flotilla is a good speaker and keep a speakers list for broadcast events. Check out the Flotilla Boise broadcast [here](#).

6) **Social Media.** Make sure to add social media to your bag of PA tools. Almost 2.5 billion people log into Facebook a month and 1.6 billion log in daily!! This is unquestionably one of the best methods to get the Safe Boating and Wear It! messages out in the 21st century! If your Flotilla does not have a Facebook page, feel free to send me (DSO-PA) info and photos. I will be happy to share your content and upcoming events on the [D13 Facebook page](#)!

For more information and resources about National Safe Boating Week, please visit <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

For Wear It! branding graphics and guidelines, visit [here](#). Some of the logo graphics have changed.



COVID 19 INFORMATION

COMO Tiney Singler recommends everyone take or retake Influenza Training course # 502290 on AuxLearning.

Per DIRAUX: Until further notice, all Public Affairs, Public Education classes, and assigned to duty missions are cancelled. Meetings are to be held via electronic means. Operational missions can be conducted on a case-by-case basis with the approval of your Orders Issuing Authority. For more information, refer to ALL HANDS notice sent by COMO Singler 11MAR20.

US Coast Guard Coronavirus (COVID-19) [Information](#) and [FAQ's](#)