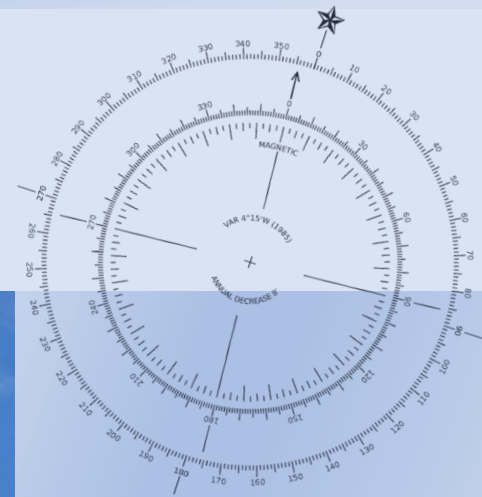


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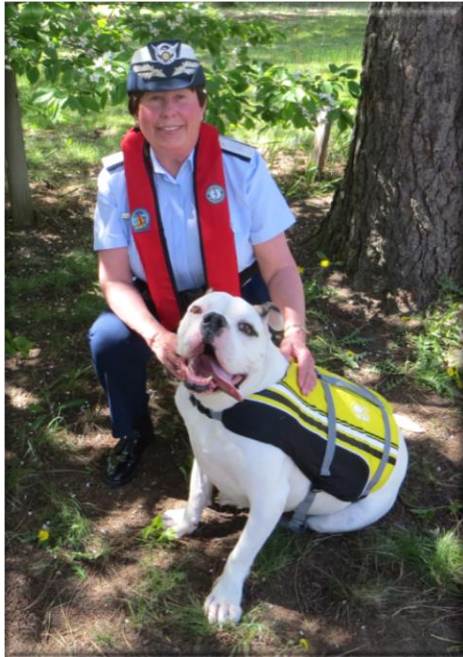


From the Bridge...



COMMODORE'S LOG

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.
- Author Unknown



Courtesy Photo

We Can Make A Difference! I recently returned from the annual Auxiliary National Convention (NACON) held in Orlando, Florida, for my last participation as District Commodore. I had the opportunity to visit with Chaplain of the Coast Guard Captain Walcott, District 13 Chaplain Commander Stewart, and Auxiliary Clergy Support (AUXCS) Program Chaplains from around the country. In attendance were District 13 Auxiliarists Mike Barnard and Lyle Schrag who are actively involved in this program. Special prayers were said for Doug Kroll, AUXCS Division Chief, who was very ill at the time and is now on the road to recovery. The AUXCS Program was introduced in October of 2016 and has been crucial in the support of the members of the active duty, Auxiliarists and communities in which they live. Miracles happen all the time and the good Lord uses the Auxiliary to do many of them.

During the convention, meetings were held for the Auxiliary's National Staff Operating Committee (OPCOM), Committee of the Whole, National Board Meeting, Deputy National Commodore Meeting, as well as a Q&A session with the Chief Director of the Auxiliary. COMO Larry King was elected as the 2019-2020 National Commodore and Alex Malewski as Vice National Commodore. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the Auxiliary and Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Sea Scout Program. This MOA provides the framework for developing a Youth Leadership Program called AUXSCOUT and expands the already strong relationship between the two organizations. Currently, there are two Districts (D9E and D5S) conducting an AUXSCOUT pilot program. They were picked because they have members who are senior leaders in the Sea Scouts as well as the Auxiliary. National is working on a way to get the word out to all Auxiliary unit leaders and Sea Scout leaders about the way forward. The only authorized interaction at this time is with the two pilot districts. No action will be taken by our District until further guidance is issued. The pilot program will hopefully have enough of the details worked out so that we can go national sometime early in 2019.

The Auxiliary's fourth cornerstone was very evident as there was great fellowship during the Patriotic Theme Friday buffet, the Commodore's luncheon, International Luncheon and National Commodore's Banquet. What I enjoyed the most was visiting with District Commodores from across the country. We

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first met four years ago as District Chiefs of Staff (DCOS) in our Auxiliary Senior Officers Course (ASOC) during which time we became good friends and colleagues. Throughout the years, we gave each other support, resolved issues, shared recommendations and voiced similar concerns that we have for the future of the Auxiliary. We all, in our own special way, stood watch over our Districts, taking special care of our members and feeling great pride in what our team has accomplished. During one of the NACON meetings, each District Commodore was given time to speak. I spoke about the pride I have of the members of our great District and the honor it is to serve alongside them. During that day, several people from other Districts approached me to thank me for including our members in my speech as apparently I was the only DCO to express my appreciation. Without you, our members and friends, we could not survive.

Before attending the convention, my family and I spent a week exploring the Sunshine State. During a portion of our trip, the beauty of the ocean was replaced by the devastation of a red tide, a discoloration of seawater caused by an "algae bloom." This year, Florida declared a state of emergency as they had never seen a red tide event as severe with far-reaching and appalling deaths of sea turtles, manatees, dolphins and inshore and offshore fish of varying species found floating along 100 miles of shoreline. The red tide is a naturally occurring event caused by marine microorganisms when conditions are right in bays and estuaries. Adding to the harmful algal blooms are the human-made algae blooms caused by polluted outflows that start inland and carry the problems of pollution and harmful algae to the coast. My family and I were fortunate enough to visit the area after the initial devastation took place; however, we did find several dead fish washed ashore at Sanibel Island. Over the years, I had read about the harmful effects that humans play on the environment, but to see it personally in the marine life washed ashore, the discoloration of the water and the smell of the acidic toxins in the air really brought to my attention that anywhere we live and play, we must do all that we can to protect our environment. We can make a difference! Auxiliary courses leading up to and including the Marine Safety Auxiliary Prevention Outreach Specialists (AUX-MEES) qualification can be obtained by members to better understand the causes and remediation of marine pollution. All Division and Flotilla leaders are encouraged to emphasize this type of training.

As we look toward the end of the year, I want to compliment and thank you for meeting our District's goals in several areas, for serving your active duty and community partners, for always "standing ready" for the next mission, for being there for one another and for the lives you save each and every day. If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life. Thank you for touching mine.

Very Respectfully,

Commodore Kathleen Goodwin
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 13

CHIEF OF STAFF

Courtesy Photo

**Diversity of Thought**

We hear the term “Diversity” tossed around a lot in the Auxiliary. But what does it really mean? For many of us born a half century or more ago we tend to think of diversity in the classic context of what we can see. We think about things like race, religion, gender, economic status, education level, etc. But that is not at all what diversity means for us in the service of our Nation.

At the National Convention in Orlando Assistant National Commodore Ken Jacobs made a statement that resonated with me. He told everyone that what we should focus on is “Diversity of Thought”. That means we all have something to offer. Each of our members come from different backgrounds with different experiences. It’s those experiences that make our organization strong and relevant to the Coast Guard.

While it would be great if our demographics reflected that of the local community with respect to the classic definitions, we need to acknowledge that we will never achieve that. We have no control over which members of our society feel drawn to volunteer service, specifically serving a Governmental agency. What we can do is openly welcome and value the views and opinions of our members and reach far and wide when recruiting new members.

The active duty members of the Coast Guard tend to follow a certain path. Most came into the service directly from high school or college and have little outside work or life experience to draw from. They are frequently predicable in how they approach a task or in decisions they make because they base those on their training and experience. That training and experience was passed down by others who have been formed in the same mold. There is nothing wrong with that, but we need to understand it. One of the major values of the Auxiliary (and the Reserves) is that we bring life experiences that were gained outside of the military environment. I can’t begin to tell you how many times a Reservist or Auxiliary member has voiced an idea that the Active Duty had never thought of. That “diversity of thought” will always be our most valuable asset. Please continue to foster that diversity.

David Larkin
District Chief of Staff
District 13

DISTRICT CAPTAIN NORTH

Opportunities

We are now nine months into the year and time to reflect on progress we have made as individuals, flotillas and divisions in District 13. We have made progress, but not as much as we would like. Our mission is to support the Active-Duty. In order to do this, we need to be more active with training and preparedness to effectively provide that support.

Don't sit back and wait for something to come your way. Take time to explore the area you have interest in and take charge of your time as an Auxiliary Member. Get qualified to do that job and commit to doing it. Actually participate, not just study and pass the test. Visit with each of your staff officers to learn what they do. You may not want to train for that area, but you should have knowledge to share of areas the Auxiliary has to offer. In doing this, you help build a strong and active unit. Try and partner with a member to work together to complete your desired task.

Just recently there was a Mass Oil Spill Drill with the various agencies responding to clean up the oil. USCG members from Seattle were a part of the drill and included members of the Auxiliary to observe and assist in deployment, operation and recovery. This day provided insight into one of the activities in Marine Safety. Participating Auxiliary members included David Larkin, Joe Treece, Dean Alexander and Roald Bendixen. Bendixen is the point man knowing the equipment in total and is very active with U.S. COAST GUARD Seattle.

Another event was the Mass Rescue Operations Tabletop Exercise led by Paul M. "Bo" Stocklin Jr., Port Security Specialist and Coast Guard Specialist Puget Sound, Seattle. The drill informed the various agencies how they could respond in the event there was a Tsunami. The time it takes and type of warnings in the "Tsunami Alert Messages" were discussed. Tsunami travel to Port Angeles, developing from the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the Pacific Ocean Coast, would vary based on the size and location of the earthquake. Participating agencies shared their resources and time it would take to respond. This was an excellent time to visit with USCG members from Sector as well as other agencies in the area working together.

Public Affairs is another area we need support, to inform both the public and our members. To that end, Port Angeles Flotilla 44 publicly exhibited the various services we provide, with an Auxiliary booth at the Sequim Air Show in August. The Auxiliary also helps the Port Angeles Sector Field Office as Watch Standers, giving the Active-Duty time to be with their family and to do their regular job. In addition, please note that Auxiliary Leadership training is available to all members. At some point, we are all in a position to be a leader. This provides a stronger unit and more successful outcome

All the Northern Area Divisions are doing great progressing along in their respective areas. Please review newsletters, meeting minutes and Easy Reports for their specific information.

Joseph Treece
D13 District Captain North



DISTRICT CAPTAIN SOUTH

The end of summer is here and Divisions 5, 6, and 7, in Oregon and Southern Washington, have been smokin'! With limited operations crews and Facilities, you have all managed to step up and complete all the requested missions from the Active-Duty Coast Guard. Bravo Zulu to you all.

I know it wasn't always easy, but you didn't stop until the missions were complete. A couple of missions you excelled at include the Rose Festival for five days and Buoy 10 for seven days. Both those missions are long and tiring. In regards to these duties, Active-Duty commented, " I didn't know you worked this hard. You do a great job."

Our main job is Recreational Boating Safety (RBS). Everyone contributed to RBS this year. In Public Education, we have a total of 421 hours with 31 classes given. Flotilla 78 (Vancouver) leads the way with 208 hours and 10 classes. In Vessel Exams (VEs), we completed 2,154 boats and 711 paddle craft. Flotilla 53 (Depoe Bay) leads this with 944 boats and 274 paddle craft. For those of you keeping track of numbers, Depoe Bay Flotilla has 42% of all VEs. Most of the count goes to Mary Lee from the Depoe Bay Flotilla. Bravo Zulu Mary. I believe that gives everyone something to chase. In Program Visits, we completed 4452, with Division 5 Leading the way with 3362. Once again, Flotilla 53 leads everyone with 2433 (54.6 %).

I thank everyone for the hard work and long hours in all missions!

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard C Williams
D13 District Captain North



Photos from the Rose Festival Patrols in Portland. Photo Credit: COMO Daren Lewis, Flotilla Swan Island/Portland. May 2018.

DISTRICT CAPTAIN EAST

The Eastern Area of District 13 consists of Eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana. This is an area of approximately 267,000 sq. miles. The DCAPT-E is responsible for three Divisions: Division 8 with 79 members in six flotillas; Division 10 with 41 members in five flotillas; and Division 11 with 12 members all in one flotilla and growing. Flotilla 85 (Tri-Cities Washington), 87 (Lake Pend Oreille) and 11-04 (Canyon), even though they are part of Sector Puget Sound, draw Operational Orders from Sector Columbia River.

Most of the waters east of the Cascades are considered to be Sole State waters, and when a Coxswain wishes to go on patrol, there must first be a written request from the local jurisdiction asking for USCGAUX presence. However, the Auxiliary may request and be granted orders for the sole purpose of training on any water. This has put dampers on the facilities in the east going on MOM patrols and will continue to do so.

The Eastern Area boating season starts on Memorial Day Weekend, does not get into full swing until the 4th of July, and ends on Labor Day Weekend. Dealerships cut staff, change to winter mode selling snow toys, or just shut down until the next spring. Last year and also this year, the Eastern Area has been plagued with poor to unhealthy air quality due to massive numbers of forest fires from Northern California to Canada, and even smoke blowing in from fires in Siberia. This has curtailed tourism and boating in our Area of Responsibility.

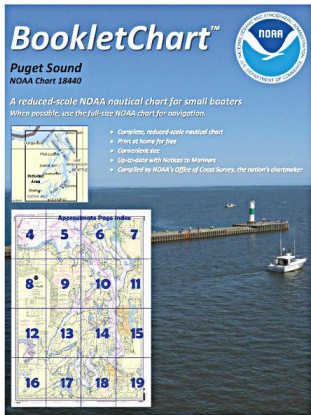
The Eastern Area has a short season to operate, but the local people are happy to see us on Patrol and let us know they love us.

Paul Otey
D13 District Captain East

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER – NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Booklet Charts – A Great Addition to Your Underway Tools and Publications

Pamela Chelgren-Koterba DSO-NS, FC Bellingham



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Note from the Editor

Though we may work with individuals on a regular basis in our flotillas, or see a particular name come across our emails and newsletters on a regular basis, we often do not know the backgrounds of our fellow Auxiliary members.

While many of you may know that our DSO-NS Pamela Chelgren-Koterba had a career as an engineer with NOAA, did you know she was the VERY FIRST female to join the NOAA Corps in 1972!! Not only was she a Commissioned Officer, that means she helped paved the way for an entire generation of women serving in NOAA.

Earlier this year, in March, Pamela Chelgren-Koterba was featured in a documentary released by NOAA, focusing on the history of women in NOAA and the important role they play. Click [here](#) to see this 31-minute documentary, *[Women of the NOAA Corps: Reflection from Sea and Sky](#)*, which includes a wonderful interview with Ms. Chelgren-Koterba. Bravo Zulu Commander Pamela Chelgren-Koterba (NOAA ret.) and thank you for your service to NOAA and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. You have served your country well.

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER – PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs hours for District Thirteen currently stands at 5,759, which is 7.3% of total hours for the District. All divisions have been active with a myriad of member PA activities. Social media--two D13 Facebook sites, and the D13 WOW--have been an increasingly active source of member and general public communication. Many flotillas have continued to publish professional-quality newsletters, with those in Division One (Sector Puget Sound area) and Five (Sector North Bend) worthy of praise. District Color Guards have admirably performed at numerous community and USCG functions.

Division Two (Seattle Metro Area) aggressively supported the summer season at the Alki Point lighthouse. Even with a reduced schedule, they recorded over 2,000 visitors from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Divisions Two and Five have been very busy supporting both Auxiliary and Active USCG missions. Division Five totally rocked with multiple community parades, photographic missions with active-duty, boat/sportsman shows, unique community events, and National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) promotions.

Division Two supported the heavily attended Seattle Boat Show, the Monroe Sportsman Show and Cabela's vessel safety day. Members were highly engaged in supporting the Seafair Festival and its many events. Members also supported multiple Angel Flights from SeaTac airport. Several USCG augmentation photo missions were successfully undertaken.

The District Thirteen (North) Color Guard performed a full memorial service at Point Wilson lighthouse for a Flotilla 47 (Port Townsend) member, and was the initial color guard for the Edmonds July 4th parade.

Divisions Seven (Sector Columbia River area), Eight (Eastern Washington and Idaho), and Eleven (Southern Idaho) provided valuable support for NSBW in addition to multiple community service events, including the Portland Sportsman Show.

The DSO-PA and DSO-PB were asked to participate in monthly national Auxiliary PA/PB conference webinars, and the DSO-PA was a member of several AUXPA3 oral boards. DSO-PB received Auxiliarist of the Week in August and she will conduct a Social Media class at the upcoming District 13 conference in Gig Harbor.

Michael Sealfon, USCGAUX PA1
D13 DSO-PA



D13 Color Guard (North) and members of the Edmonds Flotilla at the Edmonds July 4th Parade. Photo Credit: P. King, USCGAUX FL02-05 (Renton)

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER – PROGRAM VISITORS

How can I become a Program Visitor?

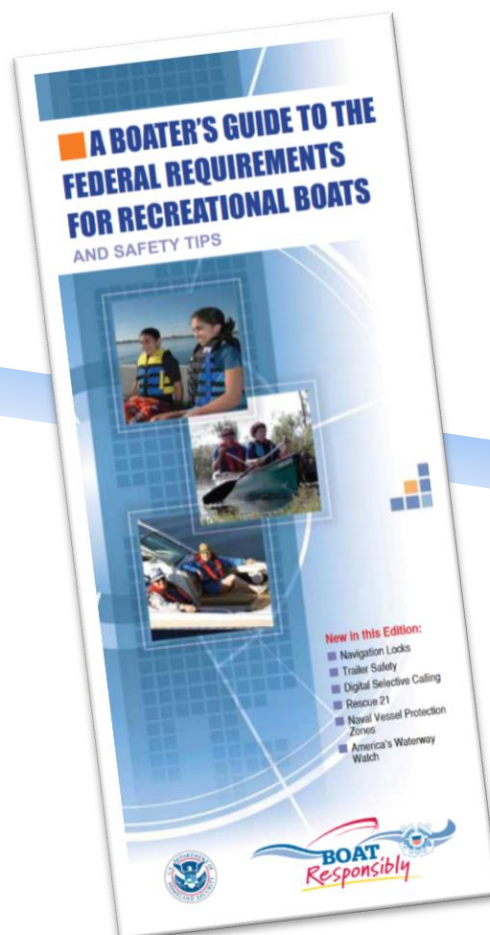
The Auxiliary has made it very easy to become part of the satisfying mission of Marine Dealer Program Visitation. Simply log onto the Auxiliary main website from your home computer, find the Directorate column, and enter the V-Directorate site. From the menu bar, enter RBS Partner Visitation or simply [click here](#). You will find all of the information you need to get started in this one place! Here you can download the Partner Visitation Program Manual, and sign up for a local Program Visitor to mentor you through the process. There are no requirements other than a desire to be involved. You do not have to be a Vessel Examiner to do this job!

Your mentor will accompany you on two initial program visits, and will always be around to answer questions! There are no limitations to where you can practice this important part of our RBS outreach. We have no AOR's to limit our activities.

Your mentor will discuss the 7046 Report Form we use to report our activities. You may want to download the form and instructions from the Forms Warehouse on the Auxiliary website, just to familiarize yourself with the paperwork.

So far in 2018, we have completed over 4800 Program Visits in District 13. Please take the leap and join our team!

Cheryl Lundine
D13 DSO-PV



DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER – VESSEL EXAMINERS

With the boating season waning, I want to thank all who have participated in their efforts during National Safe Boating Week. You did a great job getting the word out to boaters about the Fire Extinguisher recall.

We added seventeen new Vessel Examiners this year and recertified five to our ranks. Vessel Examiners, take a member with you while you do VEs this fall. This might recruit a new VE for your flotilla. It is not too early to be planning for next year.

Wildfire smoke and blue green algae has kept boaters off lakes and rivers this summer. Consequently, our total numbers are a bit behind last year, but there is still time to focus on the rivers filling up with Salmon fishermen.

New VSC Decals will be coming out in December. Just a reminder that they will be sent to this year's elected officers. Elected officers need to get them in the hands of FSO-VEs and SO-VEs for distribution and tracking.

Reminder: Some Vessel Examiners still don't know about the SOS Distress Light that is a substitute for flares as a Visual Distress Signal.

The SOS Distress Light is the ONLY LED Visual Distress Signal Device that meets U.S. Coast Guard requirements to completely replace traditional pyrotechnic flares. Unlike traditional flares, this electronic flare never expires. (Code of Federal Regulations: 46 CFR 161.013)

Respectfully Submitted,

Wil Lampa,
D13 DSO-VE



Note: New Federal Standard for Hull Identification Numbers (HIN's) on Vessels: [HIN 101](#)

DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER – MATERIALS

Elections will be happening soon throughout the District, and will bring changes of personnel in each level of leadership. It is important that all Material Officers understand their duties and procedures. The outgoing Material Officers should pass on their knowledge to the new officers. The Vice Commanders can help with the transitions. It is part of my job as District Materials Officer to support the Division Materials Officers and help answer any question they may have. Part of their duties include supporting the Flotilla Materials Officer, making sure they also understand what is expected. I have been seeing too much misinformation floating around.

Flotilla and Division Commanders will need Appointment and Appreciation certificates to hand out at their Changes of Watch. Now is the time to be ordering these from Auxiliary National Supply Center [ANSC].

Flotillas who may have extra, unused Operation PPE should be turning it into the Rescue and Survival Systems [RSS] Officer or Operations Training Officer [OTO] at DIRAUX. The Materials chain no longer handles PPE.

At the beginning of the year, the Annual Financial Audits take place. It is the responsibility of the Materials Officer to fill out the Unit Inventory Record portion of the Financial Report ANSC 7025. It is important to fill out each section correctly. Refer to the attached instructions for clarification.

Mathew Epstein
D13 DSO-MA



Jerry Evans, Auxiliarist from Coos Bay, conducts hoisting maneuvers with MH-65D AIRFAC. 26JUL18. Photos By Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.



OPFAC MISS LINDA: RETURN TO SERVICE

By Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3 DSO-PB

On July 26, 2018, crew members from around Division 5 came aboard 76 ft. AUXFAC MISS LINDA for training with Coast Guard STA Coos Bay and Air STA North Bend on the Central Oregon Coast. This was her first time out as a training platform in several years. In the morning, shrouded in a heavy marine layer, we conducted two-boat training with 47 ft. MLB crew. In the afternoon, we conducted Helo OPS with Air crew from Sector North Bend.

MISS LINDA is a 125-ton Oceanographic Research Vessel owned by Bob Pedro, USCG Auxiliary. It is the largest Auxiliary Facility in District 13. Active-Duty crew and command expressed appreciation for the opportunity to conduct training with an Auxiliary Facility of this type. Jerry Evans, FL51 (Coos Bay) Auxiliarist, performed Coxswain duties while underway. Crew members came from flotillas in Newport (Tom Divis), Grant's Pass (Tiney Singler), Brookings (Sue and Steve Mathis), Florence (Deborah Cordone) and Coos Bay (Jerry Evans, Scott Fischer, Len Guthrie, Cindy Hughes, Steve Luckesen, Bob Pedro, George Tinker, Nancy Turtle.)

More photos to follow. For additional photos, visit Sector North Bend Facebook Album [here](#).

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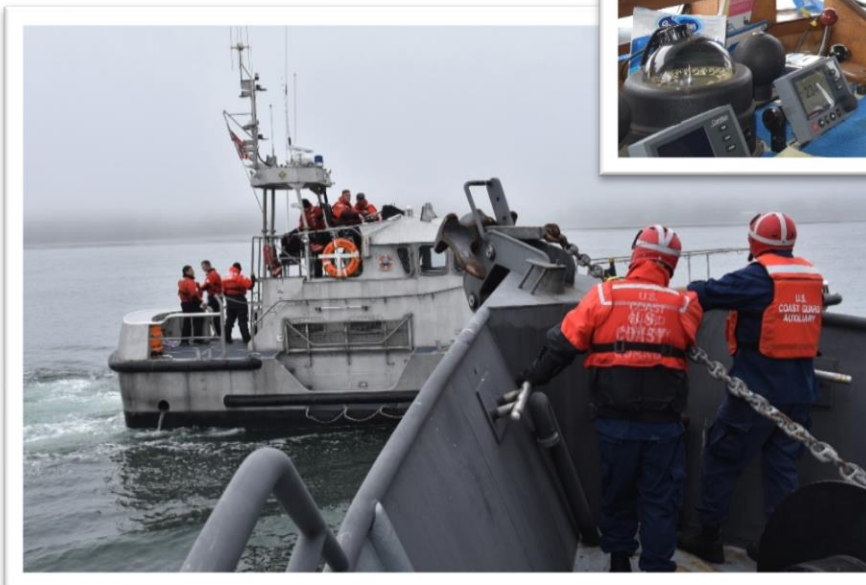
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Left: Crew aboard MISS LINDA at the Charleston Marina Complex right after lunch. 26JUL18.

Below: Bob Pedro, USCGAUX, owner of AUXFAC MISS LINDA at the helm. 26JUL18.



Left: Conducting two-boat training with 47 ft. MLB from STA COOS BAY. 26JUL18.

Right: Air crew from AIRSTA North Bend conducting hoisting maneuvers. 26JUL18.



Aiming for NACO Three Star Award

Debra Alderman, FC Seattle



Flotilla Seattle-Elliott Bay made a goal for this year to qualify for the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. Looking at the criteria for this award, we assessed our strengths and areas for development and set a course for success. While we are still in the process of working toward this award, I wanted to share some of the steps we've taken thus far to hopefully inspire other units to take on this challenge.

Many of the criteria for this award were things that we were already doing, such as holding fellowship events. But to qualify for the award, we needed to ramp up from two fellowship events to four or more this year. We decided to build upon the interests of our members. In addition to a summer picnic and holiday get together, we also held an additional outing to watch the boat parade and crew races during the opening day of boating season at the Montlake Cut in Seattle in May. We also committed to do tours at the Point No Point Lighthouse and the government locks on the Lake Washington Ship Canal (with lunch at a nearby restaurant before or afterwards).

We find that having a chance to hang out together and socialize offers a good opportunity for members to get to know each other and find out their life stories, professional backgrounds and the challenges they face. Getting to know other members helps us better serve alongside one another when it comes time to effectively carry out our mission areas. It also breaks down the stereotypes and assumptions members may have about others in the unit. A good example is the presumption that people in their 70s and 80s are physically frail. As we saw on our visit to the Point No Point Lighthouse on the Kitsap Peninsula, two of our oldest flotilla members are quite capable of climbing to the top of a ladder. Some octogenarians have a higher level of both physical and mental fitness than many people half their age!

While fellowship is an award category we tackled, there were other areas more challenging. Tasks include offering diversity awareness training for the flotilla members and staff officers. We are lucky that our FSO for diversity, Asia Wright, has contacts with people from her work and community. She was able to line up an excellent speaker, Nicky McGarity, to present member training at one of our flotilla meetings this past spring. Nicky helped our flotilla members learn more about cultural competency and identity. We plan to build on this training by offering follow up activities at upcoming meetings. In addition, we have discovered that FEMA offers a good basic training in diversity/bias awareness and we will be doing that training as a group at our early September FSO meeting (to which all flotilla members are welcome).

Probably the most important aspect of working toward this award is that we are making a stronger effort to reach out to underserved groups and those populations we have not reached with our boating safety message. Here again, our diversity officer Asia Wright has been doing a great job of reaching out to a broad spectrum of the public including neighborhood groups in parts of Seattle with very diverse populations, as well as faith communities, university campus groups, neighborhood chambers of commerce, scouting organizations, and a maritime museum that works with kids and adults from inner

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city backgrounds. We are excited to have made some excellent contacts with many of these groups and several of us from our flotilla will be continuing to plan collaborative activities with these groups throughout the coming year.

Recently we reached out and asked to have a Public Affairs booth at a community festival in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood. At that event, we had the opportunity to interact with families, and talk about life jackets and other key safety topics. Those who stopped by the booth included boaters, paddlers and those who sometimes go out on boats with friends and family. We are in the process of following up on some leads we gained from that event, including the contact information of a marina manager on the southwest shore of Lake Washington who may help us set up VSC days and boating classes – reaching many more boaters in a part of Seattle that had not been well served up until now by the Auxiliary. Who knows the ripple effect of that one PA activity on a sunny August Sunday?

I won't go into every detail of the award application, but it's available to review on this website: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=D-DEPT&category=diversity-excellence-award>

I recommend all flotillas take a look at the award criteria and think about it as a blueprint for helping your unit and our entire organization become stronger, more resilient and more capable of performing our missions. I can say from experience that we are finding it a helpful framework for taking a good flotilla and making it great!

Let us know if you have your own diversity challenges or triumphs to share. One place where conversations are happening and ideas being shared is the Diversity forum in [MyCGAux](#). Anyone can join that forum and it would be great to see more Auxiliarists from across the country taking advantage of the online platform to network and help each other with their goals.



Diversity expert Nicky McGarity provides member training on multicultural competency skills at the April 2018 meeting of the Seattle Flotilla. Center for Wooden Boats in Seattle. Photo by Debra Alderman, USCGAUX.



Inspiration to Excellence

Donna Cox, BC-DPN, Flotilla Depoe Bay

A member of Auxiliary senior leadership asked me at a district meeting after the awards ceremony, “what inspires your members to do their many PVs and VSCs?” My response seemed lame at the time, but it is hard for one person to answer the real question behind the question: “What are your best practices that inspire members to fully go forth in the Auxiliary mission?” I can boast that we have a rocket scientist among our members, but inspiration to excellence isn’t rocket science.

I turned to my shipmates for help. An anonymous response included, “I am motivated by the opportunity to give back to the community and country that has been so good to me. I enjoy the fellowship of others with similar interests. I am honored to teach and share what skills I've learned from public service.”

Tom Murphy wrote, “For me it’s about the need to accomplish things...I will best perform when others in the organization are similarly motivated... As my friend Frank noted, 'Some people make it happen, some people wait for it to happen, and some people wonder what happened.' ...I have limited faith in attempts to motivate people; either they have the juice or they don’t...However, with insightful leaders, it may be possible to discover the unique factors in an individual that can be appealed to in order to enhance performance within an organization.”

Mary Lee wrote, “What inspires me are our core values, our diversity, our fellowship, educating the public about boating safety at the ramps when I am performing vessel exams, and the opportunities to learn and enhance my knowledge when I was accepted to go to three C-Schools: Public Affairs, AUXLAMs A and AUXLAMs B. Also, writing the Newsletter for the flotilla...If by giving a free voluntary vessel safety check I save at least one life, then it was worth all the hours I have put in doing vessel safety checks this year and years before.” (Mary has done 754 Vessel Safety Checks YTD in 2018.)

Jim Fryckman wrote, “I find inspiration being active in my community & fellowship.”

Bob Wheatley wrote, ““What motivates me is getting the word out about boating safety and helping the active duty side with any help they may need. Having an active duty son and active duty daughter-in-law nearby is my inspiration.”

Karen Andreika: “I am motivated by my desire to help our military service members ...I feel that supporting Station Depoe Bay is a small way for me to make a contribution and it’s a bonus to help out with the general public by supporting Recreational Boating Safety. I feel blessed to be a small part of this great organization!”

Jim Carroll: “I am motivated to be an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and in particular a member of Flotilla 53 because I believe strongly in boating and beach safety and the Auxiliary is the perfect organization to educate the public and promote safety by the VE, the RBS PV, PE, and the PA and in participation in community events. I enjoy working with the local Coast Guard Station Depoe Bay personnel: They keep us young in thinking. But the biggest motivator is Larry Cox. Larry was instrumental in chartering Flotilla 53 and by his leadership ability has assembled a flotilla of action members who aspire to perform the auxiliary mission and duties.”

Wil Lampa: “Some thoughts on what inspires members of Flotilla 53 are 1. monthly feedback. The IS Officer sends out a monthly mission detail report so that the membership can check for accuracy. Members know where they stand. 2. Recognition: Members are recognized formally (district and national awards) and every month

Inspiration to Excellence

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informally for their efforts, i.e., Larry's Corner. 3. Fellowship: We have weekly coffees, and quarterly potlucks. Food works. 4. Meetings: Monthly informal training and birthday refreshments. There is always something besides just business. 5. Reviewing the Flotilla's progress status during meetings in regards to District and National awards. This flotilla is award focused."

Jenny Shea: "I am self-motivated as I will not go back to the situation in which I grew up. I want to hold myself accountable and become a better person. If the auxiliary gives me the platform to do so and to prove myself worthy as a person, then I will do my best and more in all areas I am capable. As a portion of the creed of the U.S. Coast Guardsman states, I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor to do more, rather than less, than my share. The auxiliary has given me job skills that I apply to my work as a teacher and social worker/advocate. The more I learn and train from the Auxiliary the more marketable I become for careers and the more worthy I become as a person."

Larry Cox: "As a former boat owner I am motivated to (1) reduce death and accidents among boaters by encouraging a Flotilla focus on Recreational Boating Safety. This allows me to conduct Vessel Safety Checks, distribute boating safety literature, participate in boating safety exhibits, and interact with boaters. (2) Being in the Auxiliary gives me the opportunity to associate with members of the local Coast Guard Station. They are a group of outstanding individuals, highly trained and motivated to saving lives and reducing accidents among boaters. (3) I enjoy the fellowship with other members of my flotilla. I find the interaction with a group of highly motivated individuals to be exhilarating and fulfilling."

So what are our Best Practices? First is a strong focus on our Coast Guard Mission, Recreational Boating Safety. Newcomers are mentored to become qualified VEs and RBS PVs. We encourage them to earn their RBS device within their first several years. Fourteen of our members (54%) wear the RBS Device. We support each other. Our PE Instructors help other flotillas with their PE classes. We create a NSBW planning committee every year to give our communities everything we've got: Proclamations, Flyers, VSC blitzes at boat ramps, RBS Program Visits, Safe Boating Classes, newspaper articles, and in past years we made radio interviews and announcements, and assisted at Open House at Coast Guard Station Depoe Bay with fitting life jackets for the public tours of the 47-ft. Motor Life Boats.

We go the extra mile for the gold side. We do weekly survival vest maintenance for Station Depoe Bay. We do a weekend VSC Blitz every summer at the invitation of a Coast Guard surf station that does not have a flotilla. We wear our uniform with the same pride and respect that we have for our flag. We present a personalized CG Teddy Bear from our flotilla to every person being rotated away from C.G. Station Depoe Bay. We invite them to our quarterly fellowship potlucks including a great Christmas potluck every December. We hire Santa Claus who arrives with gifts for the children of members and families from the gold side. We had 60 people at our Christmas party last year.

Final Best Practice: We appoint an Awards Chairman for our flotilla. This member has become familiar with all the awards that are within our flotilla's grasp and gives monthly progress reports beginning late summer. Ask your FSO-DV to work with your Awards Chairman on the application for the NACO's 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity Management found on the DV Directorate website. Fulfilling this leadership project is practically guaranteed to balance, strengthen, inspire, motivate, and increase your effectiveness as a dynamic flotilla over time. Promise.



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Safe Kids Northwest - Family Safety Fair

Submitted by Penny Milczewski, FSO-PB Flotilla Bellingham



Flotilla Bellingham had more than 800 visitors come to their exhibit at the Safe Kids Northwest Safety Fair, in Bellingham WA. USCG STA Bellingham crew brought the 29 ft. Response Boat-Small II. Touring this boat is one of the favorite attractions, along with talking to Coastie the robotic patrol boat, generously loaned by Flotilla Renton. 02JUN18. Photo Credits this page: Pam Chelgren-Koterba, FC Bellingham.

Our new “Expect the Unexpected” Banner was very popular!

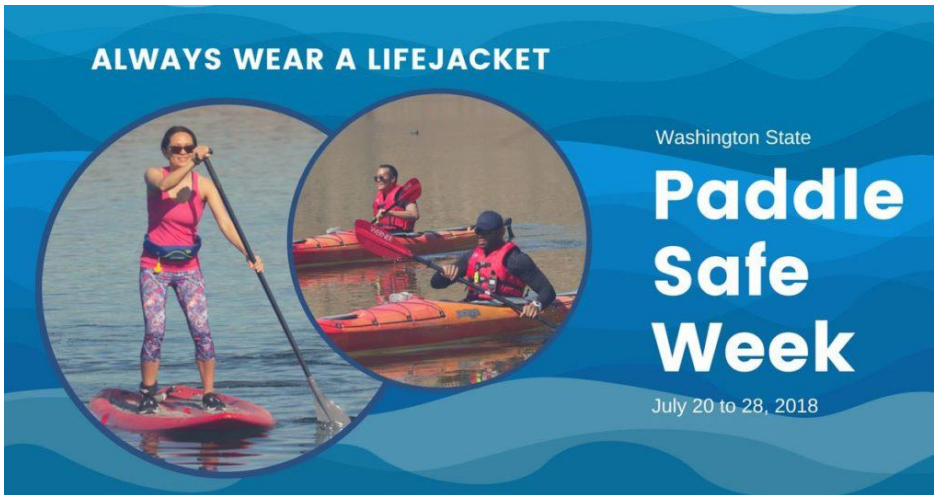


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Washington State’s First “Paddle Safe Week” a Success

Submitted by Penny Milczewski, SLO-WA



We all participate along with national and state authorities in multiple boating safety campaigns annually. However there has been one group in the recreational boating arena that seems to be on the periphery of many of those campaigns. As paddle sports have grown, it is becoming apparent that many paddlers do not identify as boaters. The Washington State Boating Program responded to this insight by developing the first statewide safety campaign focused solely on paddle sports and promoting safe paddling practices.

Paddle Safe Week



Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation declaring July 20 through 28, 2018 as Paddle Safe Week. WA State parks boating program delivered promotional materials with paddle safety tips to nearly 300 partners and encouraged them to amplify the messages. The tips educated people about precautions to take before heading out on Washington’s diverse waterways in any type of paddle craft. The Paddle Safe Week campaign resulted in broad media coverage—print, online and broadcast—with a reach of 850,000 views.



The San Juan Islands detachments of Flotilla Bellingham joined State Parks Boating Program staff, the SeaGrant program, and local marine law enforcement for a Washington State Safe and Clean

Boating Outreach effort. Paddle Safe activities at the Port of Friday Harbor included distribution of the new paddle markers, “If found” decals, information about the expanded pump-out access program, boating safety demonstrations, and vessel safety checks.

Following the event, the detachment hosted a BBQ for Washington State Staff and San Juan Island boating partners to share outreach ideas.



Photos: Above- Thom O’Conner, AUX; WA State Boating Outreach and Education Coordinator Derek VanDyke; San Juan County Sheriff Ron Krebs, John Salinas, AUX; and WA State Parks Kaitlin Arnes. Top right- Kaitlin Arnes and John Salinas talk with a boater. Photos by Chuck Dalldorf, FSO-PA Flotilla Bellingham. Bottom right: Chuck Dalldorf grills burgers for the after event gathering and debrief. Photo by John Salinas, Flotilla Bellingham.



National Safe Boating Week Division 130-05 Summary Central and Southern Oregon

Submitted by Deborah Heldt Cordone, PA3 FSO/SO-PA, DSO-PB

According to *The Modern History of Recreational Boating Safety*, the first *official* National Safe Boating Week was held by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and declared in 1957. The Federal Safe Boating Act of 1958 was then enacted and the National Safe Boating Week Committee (later named the National Safe Boating Council) was formed. Since that time, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, in conjunction with other organizations, safe boating partners and a cavalry of volunteers, has made a tremendous effort to educate the public about invaluable safe boating practices.

This year, Division 130.05 (Central and Southern Oregon) successfully held a myriad of National Safe Boating Week activities during the week of May 19-25, with an additional flurry of activity the time period preceding and following that week. In April, we held a Southern Area Readiness Training conference in Newport, OR, which included instruction in paddle craft safety among other topics (see video [here](#)) and in May, we conducted an extensive Boat Crew Academy in Yaquina Bay. The following is a summary of our National Safe Boating Week and other related activities.



Above: USCG Station Siuslaw River personnel don Type III PDFs to help get the word out about National Safe Boating Week 2018. Photo and graphics, created by Div 5 SO-PA, were utilized on both Coast Guard and Auxiliary social media and web sites to help promote the NSBW message.

Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

FLOTILLA 51 (Coos Bay): NSBW kick-off weekend started with a Boat Oregon Boating class with 18 students. FL51 also had a VSC Station in the parking lot of England Marine. On Memorial Day weekend, FL51 partnered with active-duty for Port of Bandon's Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony and also conducted a VSC and Boater Safety Station at Port of Bandon's launch ramp during the Fisherman Swap Meet. Prior to NSBW, on April 28, FL51 had an informational PA booth/trailer at Sector North Bend Open House.



Flotilla 51 members with PA booth and trailer at Sector North Bend Open House. 28APR18. Photo Credit: Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.

FLOTILLA 52 (Eugene): Flotilla 52 got a jump on National Safe Boating Week activities. On Saturday (12MAY18), FL52 members set up a Public Affairs booth at the Peace Health Family Safety Fair at the Bob Keefe Center for Sports and Recreation in Springfield, Oregon. Besides safe boating literature and PFDs, they had a chance to display the new face-in-the-hole photo-op PA banner and Comms/PA trailer. The banner was a huge hit! Contact was made with approximately 1,500 people during this one-day event.



FL52 members at Peace Health Safety Fair in Springfield, OR. 12MAY18. Photo Credit: Rick Parsons, USCGAUX FL52.

Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

FLOTILLA 52 (continued): Flotilla 52 continued to have a very active month for NSBW and May. FL52 FSO-PA wrote and organized the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation presented by City of Florence Mayor Henry at a well-attended City Council meeting in May (see video at 19:40 mark [here](#)). Mayor Henry donned a Type III PFD prior to the meeting to encourage wearing life jackets. A press release was made by FL52 with FL52 article and photo published in the *SIUSLAW NEWS* on 19MAY18. USCG Station Siuslaw River members also attended the proclamation event and STA Siuslaw River OIC accepted the proclamation. Earlier in the month, STA Siuslaw River personnel wore Type III PDFs to help deliver the National Safe Boating Week 2018 message (see pg. 1 this report for photo). Photos by Cordone, USCGAUX PA3.



Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

FLOTILLA 52 (continued): Flotilla FL52 participated on May 19th with an all-inclusive National Safe Boating Week Event at Cabela's in Springfield, Oregon. Near the front door was a PA table with literature and the face-in-the-hole photo-op PA banner for children. Sign-ups were conducted for the NSBW Life Jacket World Record event, taking photos of each participant for the official count (43 signatures were obtained and sent to the NSBC). A special area was set aside in the adjoining parking lot for free VSC's and displaying the PA/Comms trailer. (FL52 had an earlier VSC event in Florence on 12APR18) Photos by Cordone.



On 20MAY18, FL52 members joined active-duty for the Rhododendron Parade in Florence, OR. The Auxiliary supplied two Wear It! banners for the USCG 29 ft RB-S II parade entry. The RB-S II was followed by a FL52 AUXFAC, which was decorated with rhodies and Auxiliary banners. Photos below with more [here](#). Memorial Day, FL52 participated with STA Siuslaw River crew on the 47 ft. Motor Lifeboat for the community Memorial Day and wreathing-laying ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park on the waterfront. Photos [here](#).



RBS-II



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RBS-II

Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

FLOTILLA 53 (Depoe Bay): Flotilla 53 was also very busy for NSBW. National Safe Boating Week Proclamation signed by Depoe Bay Mayor Barbara Leff on 15MAY18 at the Depoe Bay City Council Meeting. Photo below: L-r: Bob Wheatley; BMCS Chris Hinote, OIC CG Station Depoe Bay; Jenny Shea, FC 53; Depoe Bay Mayor Barbara Leff; MK3 Mattie Leguillon, Jim Carroll, and BM3 Jacob Nelson. Photo by Karen Andreika, USCGAUX FL53.



Right: "Newport News Times reporter Rick Beasley was on hand to capture the moment with a photo that he captioned with detailed safety information and published in the 18 May issue of the Newport News Times."

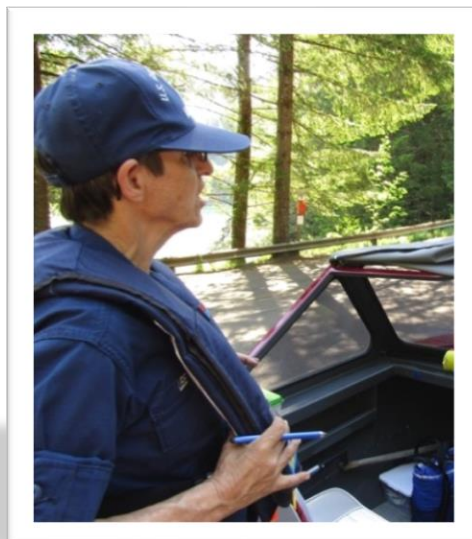


Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

FLOTILLA 53 (continued): Cheryl and Curt Lundine (previously FL53, now in Division 6) had NSBW Proclamations signed by the Governor of Oregon and the Mayor of Salem. The framed proclamations will be on display this boating season at FL53's simplified and focused Safety Exhibit.



Dedicated Vessel Examination Staff Officer, Jim Carroll, made sure that all the VEs in the flotilla were aware of NSBW, and with his encouragement they were out and about doing VSCs during the week. They totaled 93 VSCs for the week. FL53's number one VE for the week was Mary Lee with 48 VSCs. Photo below shows Mary Lee, FL53 VE, conducting a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) during NSBW. Photo provided by Larry Cox, USCGAUX FL53, as a courtesy photo.



Division 130.05 NSBW 2018 Summary

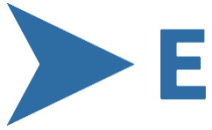
FLOTILLA 53 (continued): With encouragement from Jim Fryckman, FL53 FSO-PV, the RBS Program Visitors were also out and about distributing boating safety literature to their RBS Program Partners. The grand tally for the week was 156 visits with Tom Murphy completing 90 visits. FL53's Oregon State Marine Board instructors made sure that a Boat Oregon boating class was conducted in Salem during NSBW. The class was conducted at the Salem Elks on 19MAY18 with eleven graduates. Four Flotilla members participated. Below photo taken by Tom Murphy, USCGAUX, FL53.



FLOTILLA 54 (Yaquina Bay): FL54 held an OSMB class on 19May18 at the South Beach Marina facility in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week. Vessel Examiners manned the Safety Booth at South Beach beginning at 0430 hours 24-26JUN18, which coincided with Halibut Fishery days. Recreational boaters were advised of weather and ocean conditions, restrictions, and members conducted VSCs. A patrol was held on Saturday to provide coverage for recreational boaters in Yaquina Bay. FL54 also held the Boat Academy earlier in May, hosted the SART conference in April, and also participated in the Loyalty Days parade in Newport on 05MAY18.



FL54's AUXFAC, owned by Auxiliary member Tom Divis, gets ready for the Loyalty Days parade in Newport. 05MAY18. Photo Credit: Louse Messer, USCGAUX FL54.



Columbia River Hydro Cup Races

Submitted by Beverly Hannibal, DCDR DIV 8 (East Washington and Idaho)

The Columbia Hydro Cup races occur every year on the Columbia River at Kennewick, Washington. And as usual, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was on hand to assist the Active-duty Coast Guard from both Sector Columbia River and Sector Puget Sound, to keep boaters safe and stray boats away from the races. On July 27-29, 2018, Flotillas 83 (Yakima), 85 (Tri-Cities, WA) and 87 (Lake Pend Oreille, ID) from Division 8, District 13, were on the water providing patrol coverage. In addition, the Sheriff's Marine patrol and Fish and Wildlife were also on hand.

Flotilla 85's four facilities were supported by crews from Flotillas 87 and 83. The support crew drove to Kennewick and stayed with local Auxiliarists to support the FL 85 facilities. Many thanks to all. We "celebrated" together by having all coxswains and crew meet for dinner Saturday evening. Thanks to Flotilla Commander Tom Elliott who covered many bases in the planning and execution of this year's action.

The races themselves were typical although the temperatures were a bit warmer than the last couple of years. The wonderful air show was split into 2 offerings which resulted in more vessel traffic. That being said, some said they felt the overall numbers were down. All coxswains reported good working relationships with local law enforcement and active duty. The assisting two active duty boats came from Seattle this year.



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News Release from National Public Affairs 04SEP18

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Recognizes Sea Scouts As its Official Youth Program

Boy Scouts of America and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Partner to Promote Youth Leadership Development and Introduce More Youth to Maritime Skills and Opportunities

ORLANDO – Rick Washburn, National Coast Guard Auxiliary Commodore, and VADM Charles Wurster, USCG (ret.), Sea Scout National Commodore, announced signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary that strengthens ties between the two organizations. The new agreement establishes BSA's Sea Scout program as the Auxiliary's official youth program, broadening the Auxiliary's efforts to reach out to young boaters and encourage them to consider Coast Guard careers.

"Working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary will give Sea Scouts an opportunity to benefit from Coast Guard seamanship and vocational training, while giving Sea Scouts a unique introduction to the Coast Guard," said Admiral Wurster, Sea Scout National Commodore.

"With this cooperative effort we will reach out to the emerging population of young adults who share the Auxiliary's commitment to safe boating, service to the nation, and Coast Guard and maritime careers," said Rick Washburn, Auxiliary National Commodore.

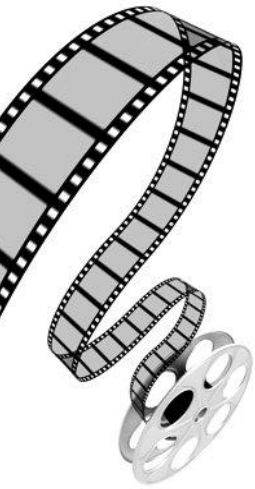
This stronger relationship will allow Auxiliary flotillas to become Sea Scout Ship chartered organizations. This will also provide the Sea Scouts with a broader pool of adult leaders with seamanship skills and training and access to vessels. In addition, Auxiliary programs will facilitate advanced science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)-oriented training.

"The BSA is proud to continue our partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as we continually strive to improve leadership development, real-life skill-building and unique STEM training through the Sea Scout program," said Mike Surbaugh, BSA Chief Scout Executive.

For the Auxiliary, Sea Scout participation can become a pathway to Auxiliary membership and will enhance the Auxiliary's ability to reach out to and recruit newer constituencies in the recreational boating community. This initiative will also be an additional source of potential Coast Guard Academy candidates and enlistees with prior training and an aptitude for the Coast Guard.

This new partnership will undergo initial development and evaluation between Auxiliary and Sea Scout units in Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia as well as portions of New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania before it is ultimately implemented nationwide.





AUXILIARY RECRUITING VIDEO

A recently released Auxiliary promotional video was produced by members of the National Public Affairs Directorate. It is to be shown at Flotillas Meetings, PA events, boat shows, festivals, speeches and anywhere else there is a viewing opportunity for the public. GREAT production and relevant to all our missions.

[View Video HERE!](#)

NEW RULE FOR PUBLICATIONS and PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ALL AUXILIARY OFFICERS TAKE NOTE!

From: Rich Mihalcik, Director Public Affairs Directorate USCGAUX

"For years, there has been much confusion over the way to designate flotilla and division numbers in publications. The Public Affairs Directorate, has changed the policy for how flotillas are to be designated in Auxiliary publications at all levels.

As of August 31, 2018, a flotilla will be described by its name as it appears in AuxDirectory, without any unit numbers.

Examples: Flotilla 43 in District 7 would be described as "Lake County Flotilla, Florida, participated in..."

Another example would be "Jim Smith, Flotilla Commander of the San Diego Flotilla, said...." The only time the state is required to be shown is when there could be confusion surrounding the flotilla's location.

In the case of divisions, the division number will still be used unless the division has a name assigned to it in AuxDirectory.

Examples: "Division 5 in southeast Florida" or "The Oahu Division, Hawaii"

Publications already "at press" are grandfathered from this change. Future publications should reflect the new style.

I believe that this will also assist in helping market your flotillas. Currently the public does not understand our numbering system and by seeing the Flotilla name, this will give the public a starting point, if they wish to contact the flotilla or division.


The applicable PA and PB manuals will be updated to reflect this change."



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Patrol in the rain during Rose Festival in Portland in May 2018. Photo Credit: COMO Daren Lewis, Flotilla Swan Island/Portland.