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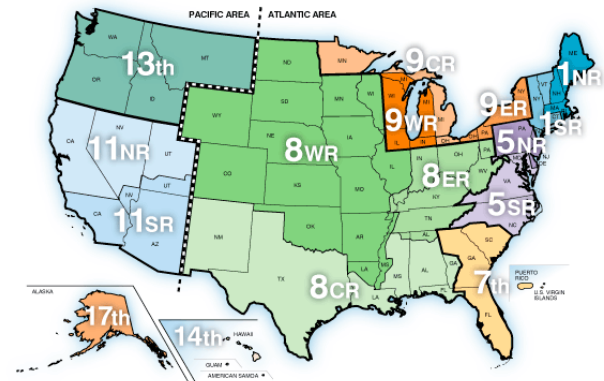


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*** About the Cover Photo: 0JUN2023, Auxiliary Facilities (five shown) from Divisions 5, 6, and 7 heading downbound (North) on the Willamette River returning to Station Portland pier after a full day on scene at the Portland Rose Festival Security Zone. US Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Daren Lewis**



Commodore's Log By Como Dan Kienle



I hope everyone is doing well and actively participating in another successful year for District 13. We are busy on a number of fronts this season as we complete workshops and inspections and utilize our facilities to assist the Coast Guard in a wide range of operations.

We are headed for another successful and safe season and I believe we were never more needed and relevant to boating safety than we are now. I want to thank everyone that participates in our efforts and especially those who have stepped up this year to be leaders of their Divisions and Flotillas. Being a leader in the Auxiliary is challenging, but I think many find it to be very rewarding.

As the year progresses, we also want to identify and start mentoring our future leaders. It's never too early to prepare for the future. RBS will always be job one for the Auxiliary, but the need for our members to assist the active duty has never been as important as it is now.

There are so many opportunities available for members to work side by side with active duty at stations in our AOR. Contact the AUC for the unit you are interested in for more information on possible opportunities.

Thank you again for your great work. Words from the Auxiliary Membership Oath always come to mind for me: "The satisfaction you derive from your Auxiliary membership will be in proportion to your level of participation in the organization's activities.." Good luck and may your satisfaction be great!



District Chief of Staff By Craig Hartman



Taking Action on the Me and Mine of Me, Mine, You, Yours

Each of us has joined an organization that helps people. We prepare and help through communication of safe boating practices, by performing Vessel Safety Checks, and train to be proficient as boat crew and Coxswains to help distressed boaters when called upon. To be able to help people, we need to take responsibility and assure that we ourselves are prepared. Preparedness is more than training for the auxiliary, it involves your families as well.

So what do we have to do other than train for a specific role or responsibility? We need to assure that each of us is prepared to take care of ourselves and our families during times of need. This means creating and maintaining an emergency kit with all the essentials necessary to sustain ourselves. If we are prepared for emergency situations we are better prepared to help our neighbors when the opportunity arises and ultimately help the USCG with their response.

But first we need to go to FEMA.gov and download their personal preparedness list and assure we have what we need to take care of ourselves, our families, and our communities when called upon. Obviously, the Me and Mine of the boat crew statement draws attention to the need to take care of yourself, your crew mates and your vessel so you can help others and their vessels when needed. If you're not taking care of yourself and able to help others, there is no way you can help the Coast Guard perform its mission to help others. So please take a moment to assure that you and your shipmates are prepared to take care of themselves and their families. That way, you can help your community and the Coast Guard when called upon.

Stay safe and be prepared!



District Captain Reports

By Klaas Nijhuis, DCAPT-N

The Northern area is very much back in the swing of things with our members there at marina safety days, community safety fairs, boat shows, in the classroom and on zoom calls offering both outstanding public education and member trainings including those required workshops you all should have completed by now. Also we are on the water, Seattle Opening Day started our year formally and Sea Fair is around the corner. At Gig Harbor, our festival patrol turned into a SAR. What is remarkable about the listed events, and the numerous others, is that the work is being done cooperatively with multiple units within Divisions and across Divisions working side-by-side.

Another wonderful thing happening within and among our four Divisions here in the North is fellowship. I want to call out in particular the Thursday morning weekly call hosted by Simeon Baldwin, Division 4, where a bunch of us get together and recharge as we share a virtual meal together. We are also increasing fellowship with the active duty. Regular galley duty affords us the opportunity to connect and has led to invitations to serve at Change of Commands and the recent retirement of SPS Captain Hilbert. This happens because of being present, visible and engaging. We know it happens because of the stories relayed, but alas not often enough put down in print. I encourage our members to follow up each event with a quick e-mail and maybe some attached photos sent to those who might have missed it or could use some inspiration. Dale Vodicka has been great in doing this and others are following suit. Hats off to John Rose who sent me and others photos and tidbits of the recent Lake Forest Park/ Shoreline Safety Fair. See below:



LAKE FOREST PARK, Wash.— Dale Vodicka with Coastie and John Rose (right) of Flotilla 22 along with Byron Jennings of Flotilla 25 in PFD along with members of Lake Forest Park Police Department and the Marine Unit of King County Sheriff's Office at the June 24 Lake Forest Park Safety Event. Auxiliary Photo by Susanne Summers,

DCAPT-E By James Harris

THE BOATING SEASON IS FINALLY HERE!

Hello from the Eastern part of the District, as our season traditionally runs from about Memorial Day to Labor Day (and we've seen snow on the 4th of July on our waterways in the past) so we only get a few months to try to complete our mission of promoting and improving recreational boating safety, through safe boating education, vessel exams, program visits, public affairs, on-water activities and patrols, among other activities.

The Eastern Area supports many major events on our waterways, from hosting full and 1/2 Ironman competitions, triathlons and other swimming events, numerous fireworks displays and several Hydrofoil and other boat races, just to name a few of the activities. These events draw tens of thousands of spectators and participants seasonally and plans are already underway to assist local authorities with ensuring the public and participants can safely enjoy these events.

As our member size is smaller than those units in the West, and our AOR is extremely vast, comprising all of Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington, we have often relied on the other Divisions in those neighboring States to assist with our local activities. We are already planning for the cooperation between our Divisions for this season's events as well.

Our Divisions in Idaho, Montana and Eastern Washington are conducting many in-person Safe Boating Education classes, VE's and RBS Visits. Our members are also ensuring that the loaner PFD stands at boat launches are stocked (and re-stocked) and ready for the summer boating season and doing what we do: Inspecting, Teaching, Supporting and Training.

In Addition to the above-mentioned VE's, RBS Visits and ATON Inspections, Division 8 had great success with promoting NSBW including FL 84 obtaining an electronic billboard on a major Idaho highway promoting the "Wear it" campaign for PFD's along with PA events and other outreach in the community. FL 84 also provided the CDA Iron Man Boat Team Captain and ensured the safety of over 1000 participants in the CDA Ironman, including coordinating the rescue of 23 distressed swimmers during the event. FL 85 also had tremendous success and response with the Salmon Summit and Sportsman show resulting in numerous VE requests. FL 87 had their first night OPS which resulted in a SAR of 6 people and a held a very successful 4th Cornerstone event.

Along with conducting numerous in-person Safe Boating Education Classes, Division 10 held a statewide meeting and training event in Helena, MT., with members from all three Montana Flotillas, 10-2, 10-3 and 10-5 in attendance including conducting an on-water training exercise on the Missouri River.

Division 11, FL 11-4, spearheaded the effort of all three Divisions in obtaining proclamations for National Safe Boating Week from our Local, County and 3 States officials and they have conducted numerous PA events at major venues providing 2289 paddle craft brochures to local vendors and end users, already exceeding their annual goal of 2000.

Looking forward to a safe, productive and enjoyable season!

James Douglas Harris
District Captain - East

We are All Leaders By Craig Hartman, DCOS

Every member of the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary is expected to be a leader, no matter their role. Each of us has taken a pledge to support the U.S. Coast Guard which mentions being charged with responsibilities and obligations. Regardless of what role we take, we have personal responsibility to ourselves, the Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard as a whole. Personal responsibility during our Auxiliary career should include stepping up and filling the leadership needs and roles of our organization. We also have the responsibility to respect each other, correct when respect is not given and support each other to represent ourselves and the Coast Guard as we agreed too.

Responsibility means speaking out if something isn't right and mentoring each other to support Team Coast Guard's missions, and we each have a responsibility in our leadership role to ensure mission success. Lastly, we have the responsibility to adhere to the core values and take pride in our uniform appearance. Remember, leadership is necessary so we can perform our Auxiliary missions and support the Coast Guard's boating safety mission. So, next time you are asked to consider a leadership role in your Flotilla or Division, please consider taking the role so that we spread the leadership responsibilities among our membership. When we come together as Auxiliarists, we are more than individuals, we are Team Coast Guard.

Help Wanted

We are adapting to the current and future needs of District Thirteen. The Coast Guard is evolving to meet new mission requirements and we need to do the same. We will need to recruit people who are proficient and able to offer the skills we currently need and will need in the near future:

- Medical
- Publishing
- Emergency Management
- Culinary
- Construction
- Social Media
- Computer Programmers
- Chaplain
- Electricians
- Writers
- Educators
- Marketing
- Mechanical
- Photographers
- Ombudsman
- Geographical Information Systems

If you know someone or meet someone with one of these skills, please invite them to your next Flotilla Meeting and show them how we can use their skills to help our communities and our Nation!

"Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day!"

By Como Kathleen Goodwin

A Local supermarket in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, May 19, 2023
Employees in Every Department Supported the "Wear It!" Campaign!



WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET TO WORK DAY CONTINUED —



COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—
Various employees donning life jackets for
“National Wear Your Life Jacket to Work
Day” U S Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by
Como Kathy Goodwin



Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Mayor James Hammond presented COMO Kathy Goodwin, USCG Auxiliary in May, with the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation to begin the year-round effort to promote safe boating.



What's New from Materials

By Mathew Epstein, DSO-MA

Your District 13 Materials Store has many "Pre-owned" items as well as new items in stock that are available to order. The Materials Team is in the process of developing an online ordering process to make it easier to "see" what is available and make an order. You will also be able to "pre-order" items before the "D-TRAINS" to pick up on site.

As prices have fluctuated at AUXILIARY SUPPLY CENTER,[AUXCEN] our prices have to be adjusted accordingly. So purchasing items we already have in stock, can save you money. We are aware that certain items are not currently available through AUXCEN or Coast Guard Exchange, so check with me to see if the "Materials Store" has it.

Note: Materials Officers-- Public Education materials can now be ordered by you from AUXCEN. All SO-MA's should have a current price guide with order forms. Please pass down to your FSO's.

Cooking up mission readiness with the AUXCA program

By Debra Alderman, District Staff Officer for Public Affairs

Would you love to support active duty Coast Guard personnel who are serving our country in a variety of mission areas? The Auxiliary's Culinary Assistance program has the ingredients to achieve your goals!

Many Auxiliarists love the idea of supporting the mission readiness and morale of active duty Coast Guard personnel. Gaining Culinary Assistance qualification opens up extensive opportunities for Auxiliary members to do just that. Auxiliarists who achieve CA1 qualification may assist with food service shoreside and some are eventually eligible to be deployed aboard cutters to fill in when CG Culinary Services (CS) personnel are on leave or additional team members in the galley are requested by the unit.

During a Culinary Assistance training at Base Seattle from May 22-24, 2023, three Auxiliarists from around the District gained their CA1 qualification: Braden McIntire, Flotilla 130-07-03; Carel Verlinden, Flotilla 130-07-03; and Jack Adams, Flotilla 130-05-09. In addition, three Puget Sound area CA1 qualified Auxiliarists were approved as CA Instructors. The three were Klaas Nijhuis, ADSO-CA-N; Max Schneider, and Richard Pinches. The lead instructor was Dennis Wood, CA1, ADSO-CA-S.

The course provided both the required classroom learning as well as practical, hands-on activities during several days of meal preparation in the Base Seattle galley, enabling course participants to master and demonstrate skills required for their Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) check offs. Throughout the four-day course, the instructor trainees taught class participants how to accomplish the myriad tasks involved with creating a delicious, wholesome meal and assuring it was ready to serve, on time, to civilian and active duty personnel who work at Base Seattle.

The in-class portion of the training included skills ranging from scaling recipes appropriately to food safety practices including proper hygiene and food storage. During the practical portions of the course, the trainees experienced the tempo and interpersonal dimensions of a busy and crowded galley as they assisted in the preparation of breakfast and lunch each day.

There are two CA program qualification levels. Those with a CA2 qualification only prepare food for other Auxiliarists. Auxiliarists meeting all of the qualifications for CA1 (includes health screening and Hepatitis A immunization), should have a minimum of 40 hours of food service at an active duty shoreside unit before being considered for deployment at sea.



SEATTLE – Culinary Assistance program trainees Braden McIntire (second from left), and Jack Adams (third from left), serve hungry active duty and civilian personnel during lunchtime fajita buffet at the Base Seattle galley on May 24, 2023. The two are supervised by Max Schneider, CA1 (far right). U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Klaas Nijhuis, CA1.

Auxiliarists have a variety of reasons for wanting to get involved in this mission area. McIntire says he plans to enlist in the active duty Coast Guard and hopes that CA1 qualification and experience as a cook through the Auxiliary will be stepping stones to his career goals. Verlinden and Adams say they love to cook and hope they'll have the chance to serve aboard cutters and feed active duty crews. Nijhuis and Pinches provide breakfast and lunch support every Friday in the galley at Base Seattle. Schneider has had opportunities to provide elegant refreshments for Coast Guard receptions.

Those wishing to explore this exciting mission area should contact Robert Megel, DSO-CA, to learn how to qualify and apply for CA training. They can also learn more about the requirements for the program at [Culinary Assistance Page \(uscgaux.info\)](https://uscgaux.info) or [Culinary Assistance Program \(uscgaux.info\)](https://uscgaux.info).



SEATTLE - Max Schneider, CA1 (center), coaches trainee Braden McIntire (left), on the proper preparation of salad during a four-day Culinary Assistance course held at Base Seattle in late May 2023. Klaas Nijhuis, CA1 (right), whips up a batch of hummus. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Debra Alderman.

AUX CA Continued —



Richard Pinches, CA1 (left), instructs two Culinary Assistance program trainees, Carel Verlinden (center) and Braden McIntire (right), on use of industrial mixers and other equipment in the U.S.C.G. Base Seattle galley on May 24, 2023. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Debra Alderman.

[Below] Instructor-trainees teach the in-class portion of the Culinary Assistance training at U.S.C.G. Base Seattle on May 22, 2023. The course includes topics such as reducing risk of food borne illnesses, meal planning, managing supplies, and prevention of accidents. Pictured left to right: Max Schneider, CA1; Jack Adams, trainee; Carel Verlinden, trainee; Braden McIntire, trainee; lead instructor Dennis Wood, CA1 (standing); and Richard Pinches, CA1. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Klaas Nijhuis, CA1



TINEY SINGLER, DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMODORE- PACIFIC AREA INTERVIEW

By Renard N Maiuri, Vice Flotilla Commander 5-9

On any given day, Commodore Tiney Singler is busy answering emails, text messages and telephone calls from a host of Flotillas and fellow Auxiliarists. He is used to it. He has served in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2005 in a variety of roles.

From his Medford, Oregon home, the 73-year-old directs and oversees an area that includes District 11 North which includes northern California, Nevada and Utah; District 11 South is southern California, southern Nevada and Arizona; District 13 which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; District 14 is Hawaii, Guam, Samoa and Singapore; and District 17 is Alaska.

He held large engineering and construction jobs in civilian life and at one point was Vice President of fourteen automobile dealerships. His prior military experience includes two tours in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Division and he wears a Bronze Star ribbon with cluster. Each of his past experiences helped prepare him for his current job as Deputy National Commodore, Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

His challenges are many these days, “making sure that all of these areas keep moving forward from coming out of Covid”, he says. “We now have to grow, keep recruiting and being out there, readily seen”, adding, “we’ve got to do programs that inject growth, making people want to participate. We have to keep inclusiveness in mind and re-engage our members”. He points out that the local Auxiliary Flotilla based in the Rogue Valley is recruiting new members now.

His initial involvement with the Auxiliary goes back to 2005 when he was trying to get his Captain’s license and sought out the Auxiliary. Since then, he’s had many jobs and talks eagerly about “some great mentors and trainers”. One of the jobs he’s held in the past that he enjoyed a lot was Watch Stander three times a week. He loves meeting young Coast Guard members. “I have never met one that wasn’t nice”, he says. He “really loves public education” and continues to do that once a month, virtually. “I never get tired of doing it”, adding, “I just enjoy it”. He loves seeing the “light come on above their heads when they understand safety factors”.

The Auxiliary is the all-volunteer force multiplier for the regular Coast Guard he says. “You can train to do just about all the jobs regular Coast Guard men and women do except for those jobs involving military or policing actions. We are the civilian, uniformed branch of the Coast Guard. We are all volunteer. Once you join you buy your own uniforms. You set your own times and decide how much time you have to give to your own area of interest,” he adds.

Commodore Singler believes the Auxiliary serves two major clients. The recreational boating community is number one and number two is the United States Coast Guard. “We have to make sure we are training our members and giving them the tools necessary to carry out those two missions”. He says whether it is surface patrols, marine safety, or educating the public, all are needed now more than ever. He points out the high number of boat purchases during Covid. “There was no safety being discussed.” Although his wife sometimes thinks his Auxiliary involvement is



Como Tiney Singler Continued —

just to keep his brain active, it's his passion and enthusiasm of teaching boating safety that is a big part of his long-time association with the Auxiliary. "I sincerely feel that every time I give a public education class and talk to a boater and give them knowledge, I am possibly saving their life, or a friend."

Commodore Singler says when it comes to recruiting for the Auxiliary, he tells people "It's an opportunity to not only be active with the military but also serve your community and the boating public." He reminds people it's not just about salt water. That there are rivers and lakes throughout southern Oregon where Auxiliary members serve the public too. He also tells them about the training available at the Flotilla, Division and District levels, along with C-Schools.

"You do not need prior military experience", he says. People as young as 17-years-old can join the Auxiliary. At the other end of the spectrum, many members are retirees who seek being active, helping the boating community and remaining challenged.

"You can't beat that feeling of helping your fellow man or woman. I honestly feel I may have helped save someone's life", Singler says. "And that potential member can feel that way as well."

Let anyone interested in learning more about the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary can go on line to: <https://join.cgaux.org/index.php> where they can learn more and look for the "Join Today" button to be contacted.

History of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebration

By Carole Cohen, 130-05-02

From sailors to fishermen to powerboaters, ordinary citizens rose up and volunteered themselves and their boats on every coastline of the U.S. becoming an integral defense force for the Nation. (Photo: U S Coast Guard Auxiliary)



In June of 2023 the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrated its 84th anniversary. There are so many facts, dates, missions and milestones that it would take pages to recount all that the Coast Guard Auxiliary has accomplished since its inception in 1939. The Coast Guard Auxiliary's vision was to provide education and promote boat and water safety to be a force multiplier to support the Coast Guard. Yet, when the Auxiliary was called upon to do even more, the brave men and women of the Auxiliary stepped up and not only met the need but exceeded it.

When the Pearl Harbor Naval Base was attacked on December 7, 1940, the Honolulu Auxiliary rose to the occasion and began to patrol the harbor. The Auxiliary in San Francisco began immediate patrols of their harbor and the Seattle Flotilla 27, stepped up and provided picket boats for the Navy as they searched for mines in the waterway. Those were only a few of the brave acts that the Coast Guard Auxiliary performed during the war years.

There are many other untold acts of heroism on the East Coast as well. In fact, during the first six weeks of World War II the flotillas across America took over harbor patrols. These brave actions exemplify the heart of the Auxiliary. It is truly amazing that a group of active yacht club members who saw the need to assist the Coast Guard with boating safety has grown to over 26,000 volunteers. This volunteer group continues to provide a valuable service to both the Coast Guard and the public.

Happy Anniversary, Coast Guard Auxiliary

Important News from Navigation Systems Regarding NOAA Products

By Pamela Chelgren-Koterba, DSO-NS

NOAA/NOS is sunsetting their paper and Raster nautical chart products!

It's not immediately critical - there are lots of nautical charts. The process will extend through 2025. However, they are about halfway through the process now. So far, 16 of D13's charts mostly affect Divisions 1, 6 and 8, but also Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. (Chart #'s 18429, 18430, 18432-4, 18457, 18476, 18477, 18504, 18527-9, 18551, 18553, 18556, 18589; and 18525 in August). Although these charts can be used for training, they are no longer suitable for navigation! NOAA strongly urges mariners to use their electronic products, including NOAA's ENC (electronic navigational chart) and ENC online Viewer.

In fact, many boaters have already transitioned to electronic products i.e. electronic navigation systems commonly called chart-plotters, and navigation applications. But to behave as a professional, owners should be knowledgeable about their systems and then compare them to NOAA's online Viewer. Most systems available to boaters merely incorporate the elements of NOAA's data that the vendor believes boaters want and need.

NOAA has developed a paper product that they have been working to improve to be able to use for navigation – NOAA Custom Chart (NCC). However, it will not currently display controlling depths, the Compass Rose insertion tool is not reliable, and the included charted feature labels and symbols are still being worked on.

Note: There are three laptop-based navigation programs that will directly download ENC data, and can be used for checking boat navigation units (or used as the primary navigation device – Open CPN, Coastal Explorer, and qtVlm. Additionally, Furuno has a Time Zero Series chart-plotter that also can directly download.

It is important to become knowledgeable about this critical aspect of our field activities.

General Recommendations:

1: Carry a laptop aboard the vessel that utilizes one of the three above-mentioned navigation programs. Have that laptop act as the navigation device and the existing chart-plotter (or other navigation device) as a backup and secondary device.

2: If a vessel cannot accommodate a laptop, perform a comparison between the onboard system and the NOAA ENC during the week before each Patrol.

For further information and instruction, members can contact me and can review more information on the NOAA/OCS website: <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>. I have also created some additional guidance documents that are available on my DSO-NS site (or can be emailed, if requested).

NOAA Tide and Current Tables

NOAA has also stopped issuing paper Tide and Current Tables and will not authenticate any T&C info other than that which is from NOAA's tidesandcurrents@noaa.gov website. (Note: This includes 3rd party-printed books.) Owners should check their unit's T&C information to see if it compares well with NOAA's. (Some do not compare well)

**Sea Partners/Beach Cleanup, Marine Environmental Protection —
Division 7 Beach Clean up**

By Braden McIntire

On April 22 at 1030, seven CG Aux members from Division 7 and three active duty members from Station Portland met to clean up three beach sites. Before departing for the beach sites referenced below, we met at the parking lot right off of Sauvie Island Bridge and cleared it of litter. Our three teams split and went to Warrior Rock Lighthouse Point Trailhead, Collins Beach, and Sauvie Island Beach led by Jim Fenske, Mary Schuck, and myself, respectively. We filled several bags with litter and debris. Warrior Rock Lighthouse Point Trailhead had multiple tires and a large styrofoam cylinder which were hauled away by the team there.

At 1230, the teams were recalled and we met back at the original parking lot before dismissal. A couple of us went to Lighthouse Restaurant and Bar for food and fellowship. SOLVE and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife were both very helpful and we're grateful for their cooperation. I would love to do these cleanups more than once per year and make it a semi-regular service that can do for our communities.



Left— Jim Fenske with trash collected by Flotilla 73 [Right]. Kevin Thiel, Mary Shuck, Bill Standridge and Tim Migaki collecting trash on Sauvie Island
Photo by Jim Fenske. FL 73

Sea Partners/Beach Cleanup, Marine Environmental Protection Mission Continued--

Division 5

April 22 (Earth Day), Auxiliary District 13 participated in three Beach Cleanup Events in Oregon/ Washington. Flotillas 73, 76, 7-12 of Division 7 participated a beach cleanup in the Portland area along the Columbia river . Division 5 participated in two beach cleanup events. Flotilla 51 and Flotilla 52 joined for the beach cleanup event in Florence at Siltcoos Dunes Beach, and Flotilla 56, Brookings participated in the beach cleanup event Harris State Beach. Many of the Auxiliarists participating in the Earth Day Beach Cleanup events were completing the practical exercise requirements for the MEES and MSAM PQS. The Beach Cleanup is also a great opportunity for recruitment, as 52 gained one new member who was participating in the local beach event.

Sea Partners, a marine environmental protection outreach and education program was established in 1994 and remains the only environmental public education program in the Coast Guard. During 1997, the Coast Guard expanded the program to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Auxiliarists earning the Auxiliary Prevention Outreach Specialist (MEES) qualification prepares them to conduct Sea Partners events. Sea Partners is also the only Coast Guard initiative to meet the Coast Guard’s legacy obligations for public education.

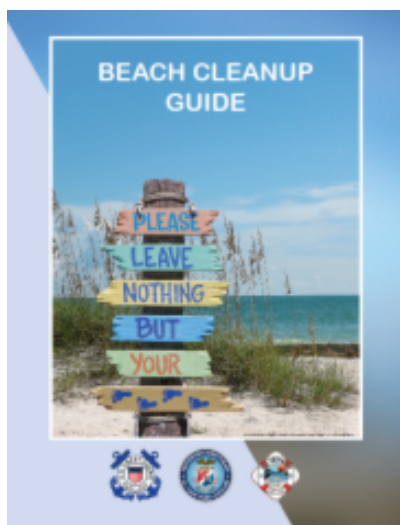
The missions that fall under the Sea Partner program include:

Public Education for children and families using Inky the Whale or Sammy the Sea Otter messages on protecting the marine environment to children and their families.

Aquatic Nuisance Species education program on the prevention of spreading nonnative aquatic species such as Zebra Mussels.

Pollution prevention in the marine environment focusing on oil and

plastic discharge prevention at the community level beach clean up events where the CGAUX participates with the community to clean up beaches, local lake shores, and rivers. This mission was developed by the Ocean Conservancy and supported by the US Coast Guard



FLORENCE, Ore — Oregon SOLVE Booth FL 52 L-R Wil Sumner, & Ken Coombs, and FL 51 Dan McCarren pick up trash on April 22nd. US Coast Guard Auxiliary photo

Sea Partners/Beach Cleanup Continued—

Auxiliary. Beach Cleanup participation is also required for both the (MSAM) Marine Safety Administration and Management and (MEES) Auxiliary Prevention Outreach Specialist PQS. The USCG Auxiliary follow the Beach Cleanup Guidance Manual that describes CG Aux policy and how to set up and participate in beach cleanup missions.



[Above]. L-R Wil Sumner, Dan McCarren, and Ken Coombson beach cleanup.

[Left] Blair Elliott and Bruce Beck with buckets to collect trash. US Coast Guard Auxiliary photos

I'm Hooked Fishing Event
 By Diane Epstein, FSO-PA

For the past several years, Flotilla 66 has been involved with the "I'm Hooked Fishing" event held at Henry Hagg Lake in Gaston, Oregon in June. Members help fit life jackets on children as well as adults who come out to fish for trout on the "free fishing weekend". After registering to go out on a boat or fish from the shore, everyone comes to the "Life Jacket station" to be properly fitted with a personal flotation device.

This year we were also able to provide a Public Affairs station by utilizing the Div. 6 PA trailer. The trailer was equipped with a TV and DVD player, allowing us to play videos on "water safety". We provided whistles, wrist bands, patches and various brochures relating to water safety. Some of these items were procured from the *National Safe Boating Council*.

The "I'm Hooked Inc" organization provides families the opportunity to get outdoors to learn about fishing as well as other activities such as running an obstacle course, shooting an air gun, building a small project such as a bird house, even riding a bicycle. Other organizations, such as the Oregon State Police Wildlife Division, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and Home Depot participate in this event to help teach about wildlife and water conservation. Anglers from the Steel Headers Association provide their time and vessels to support the fishing activities.



Gaston, Ore. Life jacket fitting by Mariann McKenzie of OR Marine Board [left] and Mathew Epstein FL 66[right]. Auxiliary photos by Diane Epstein



[GASTON, Ore. — Above] Diane Epstein, FL 66 interacting with people attending I'm Hooked with Div. 6 PA trailer on June 3rd. Photo taken by Como Dean Wimer.

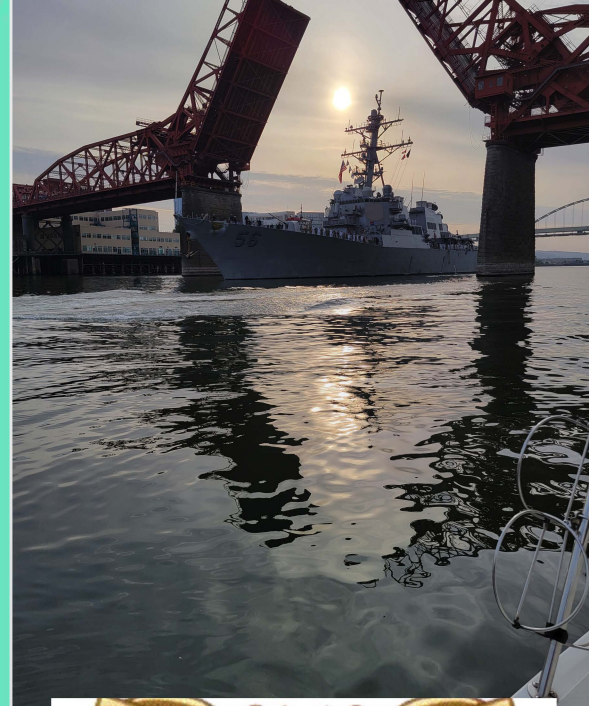
[[upper left]. Banner touting a "Great Outdoor Experience" for families attending this event.



Left]. Como Dean Wimer at Public Affairs station with Div. 6 PA trailer.

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Rose Festival Highlights



[Above] crew of the USCG AUX Facility Andy B." Marcus Smith (left), John Lester (right)
Photo by Lee LaFollette,

[above] Daren Lewis looking at chart

[right] Daren Lewis behind camera

