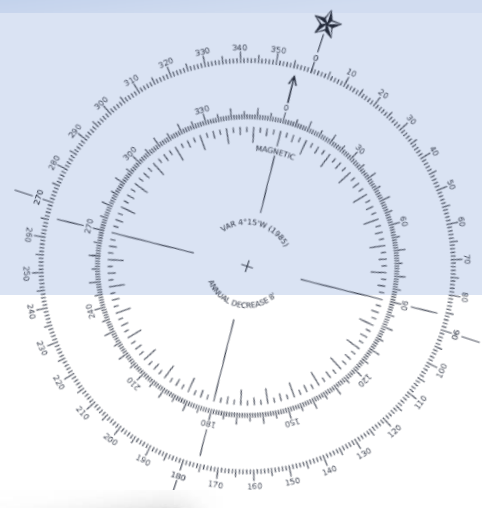


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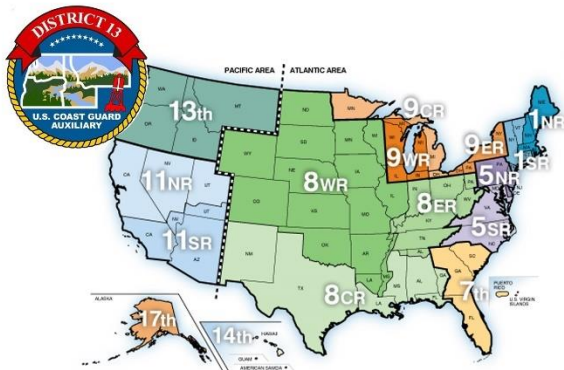
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From the Bridge...



COMMODORE'S LOG

Robin Priestley Photography



Greetings to each and every member of the District 13 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Spring has sprung and we are entering a busy time for the Auxiliary with an increase in recreational boating around the corner. It is an honor to serve as Commodore this year and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated group of members as we continue to support Team Coast Guard.

It was a pleasure visiting with several of you at our recent DTRAIN in Clackamas, Oregon. A significant opportunity to meet, train, and network, especially after two cancelations and rescheduling due

to the shutdown. Initially, we only planned EXCOM and Board meetings with a brief change-of-watch. However, Commander Brown discovered we did not meet the 90-day notification requirement to National. Fortunately, Commander Brown also had the solution which was to have 75% of the meeting agenda in the area of training. One more fast scramble and we scheduled two needed classes, back-to-back. RSSO training was presented by OTO Christopher Robinson and a new TCT refresher course was given by Mark Dobney, Auxiliarist. It worked out great as we had approximately fifty-eight members attend both classes.

On Friday night, we held a formal awards banquet, with Rear Admiral David Throop as our guest speaker. COMO Wally Smith and COMO Alex Malewski planned on attending, but were unable to schedule, due to the change of date and short notice. This is likely the last time we see Rear Admiral Throop as he is moving to PACAREA in July. 2018 Awards were given out to Divisions, Flotillas and individuals after the change-of-watch ceremony. Awards will be listed in the body of the newsletter. Congratulations to everyone who received an award and thank you all for the hard work and tremendous successes.

As you have heard by now, the Auxiliary's main focus this year is recruitment and retention. I have committed to a 10% increase in membership. I'm proud to say that you are answering the call. District 13 has already recruited thirty-six official new members this year. That is 39% of the objective.

Another area of importance this year is the Intro to Risk Management course and TCT refresher. Many of our members are required to complete the Risk Management course by April 30th and only about 26% have done so. If not completed by April 30th, those members will be REYR in all qualifications. It is a good course and worth the time to complete as soon as possible. The TCT refresher is not due until 15 months after the Risk Management course.

We have major events coming up with Safe Boating Week, Rose Festival, Seafair, Tri-Cities Regatta and all the on-the-water activities that summer brings. Be careful out there and have a great boating season. Always remember our main job is RECREATIONAL BOATER SAFETY.

Very Respectfully,

Commodore Richard C. Williams
13th Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

CHIEF OF STAFF



Courtesy Photo

The District 13 change-of-watch and awards conference was held March 21st through the 24th, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. It was well attended by our membership and we had the esteemed honor of having guests RADM David Throop, Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District; CAPT Patrick McElligatt, Prevention Chief; CDR Darkeim Brown, D13 DIRAUX; CWO4 Christopher Robinson, OTO D13; and CDR Sean Cashell, Chief of Response, Sector Columbia River. We also had Past Commodores Kathleen Goodwin, Dean Wimer and Commodore Daren Lewis, who graciously agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies (and did a fantastic job as always).

The awards were presented to the Division, Flotilla, and individual winners by RADM Throop, CAPT McElligatt, CDR Brown and Commodore Goodwin. The reading of the awards was done by Commodore Lewis and it was my pleasure to make sure the right award was handed out to each winner! We definitely had winners who deserved to be handed their awards by such a prestigious group!

We had some fantastic training given during the conference, with this particular training coming at the right time! The RSSO training was given by CWO4 Robinson, which was the perfect instructor for the class since he is the D13 OTO. Not only was he the perfect instructor to give the class, but he did a fantastic job! OTO Robinson fielded a wide array of questions. Our members got a wealth of knowledge from an expert!

We were originally only going to have attendees attend either the RSSO training or the TCT Refresher class due to time constraints. Commodore Williams was able to get the two classes presented consecutively on the same day. The TCT Refresher class, which was given by Mark Dobney, suddenly found fifty-eight of our members attending! Perfect timing for some of our membership to get this important requirement completed!

Speaking of timing, the new Introduction to Risk Management (100202) and the TCT Refresher are now requirements (either one or both) not only for Operations members, but for a multitude of disciplines including elected and appointed staff down to flotilla levels! There had been a lot of confusion and misdirection of information surrounding these requirements, but I feel we finally got the point across at the meeting. The main item, which is the Introduction to Risk Management, has to be taken by the 30th of April by the members listed in the letter from BSX which is located at the following link: http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wow/1/T-DEPT/BSX_RM_TCT_Policy_Letter_FINAL.pdf Please read the letter and see which requirement you are required to take as it could save you a lot of grief! **REMEMBER THE INTRODUCTION TO RISK MANAGEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BY 30APR19 AND THEN YOU HAVE FIFTEEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE TCT REFRESHER.** However, if you have an opportunity to take the TCT Refresher sooner, please take advantage of it. We are going to try to make it available for all areas in the near future. One of those times will be at SART (Southern Area Response Training) in May. As a note, if you have lost your password to AUXLMS, then you need to take the Introduction to Risk Management course via the [Auxiliary Online Classroom](#) instead of AUXLMS. After completing the course, make sure you make a copy of the completion screen to give to your FSO-IS officer!

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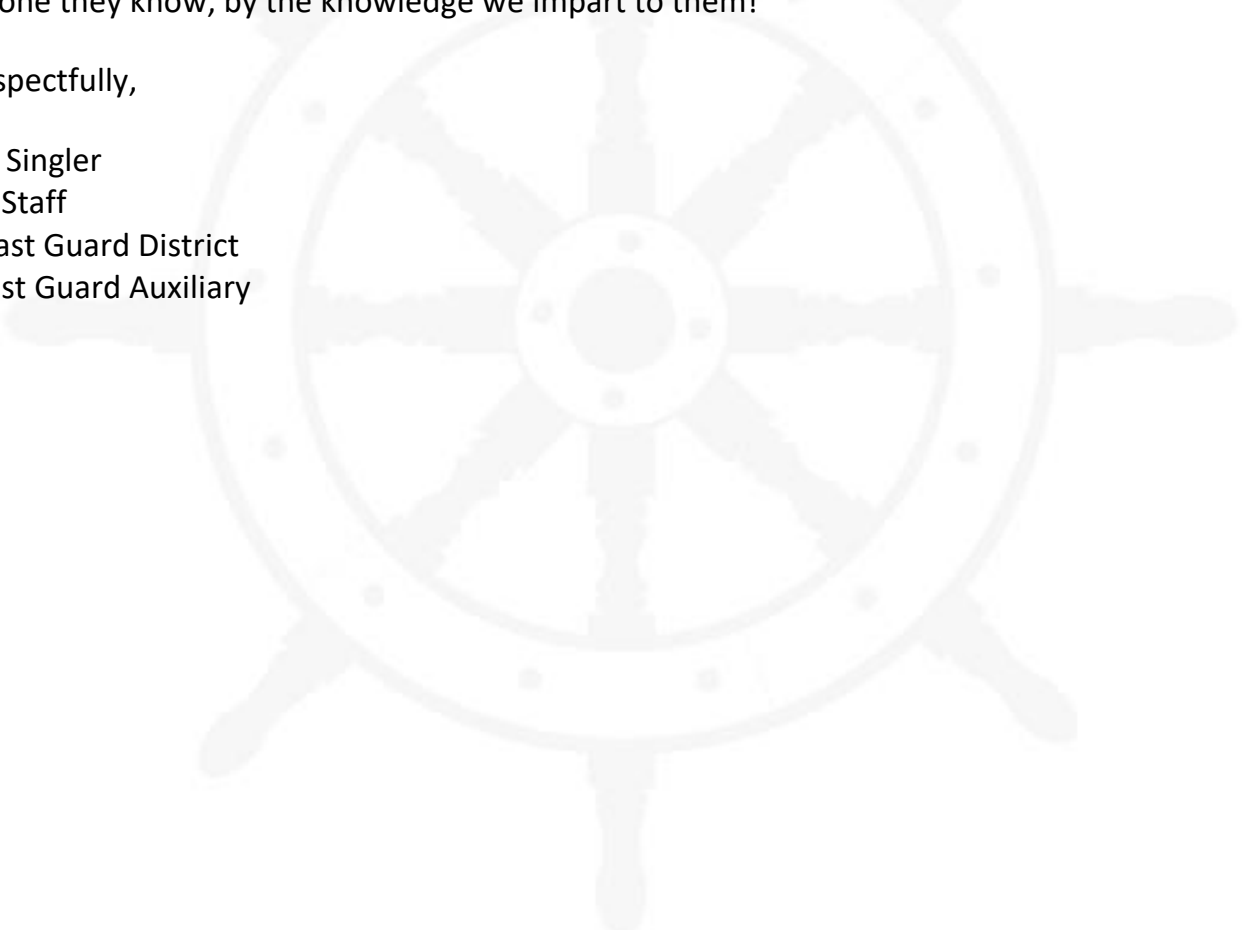
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Another important item came up at the Past Commander's Association breakfast and that was a discussion on training our flotilla leadership. The discussion centered around flotilla and division procedure guides available for our membership. I pointed out that they are available in the Leadership Directorate under Leadership Training. If you click on the different Leadership levels, these items can be read online or you can print them off. There are now certificates of completion that can be attained by completing all the items under each level. The link to get to this training is as follows: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=AUX60>.

I consider it a great honor to have been elected as District Chief of Staff (DCOS) for District 13 and I consider myself one of the luckiest individuals in the world to hold this position with our amazing District membership! I lead to serve and look forward to the next two years! Remember, every time we talk to a boater, PE student, or audience member at a public affairs event, we possibly save their life or the life of someone they know, by the knowledge we impart to them!

Very Respectfully,

Tiney D. Singler
Chief of Staff
13th Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

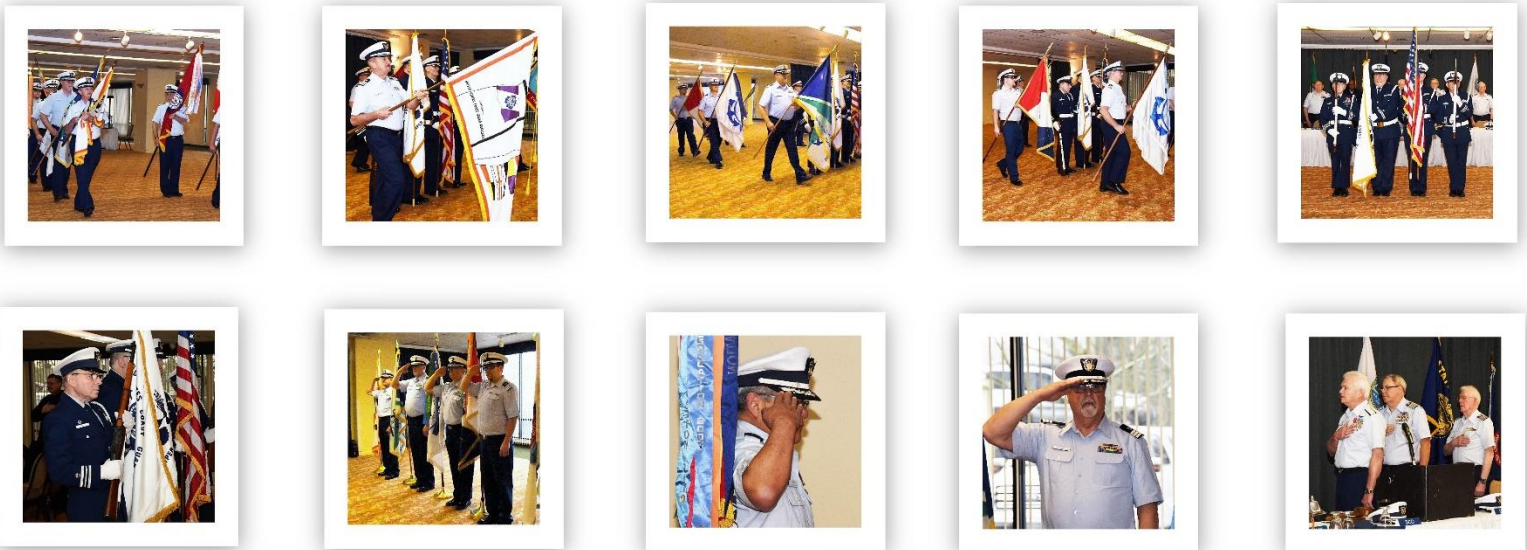




DISTRICT TRAINING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

By Deborah Heldt Cordone, USCGAUX PA3

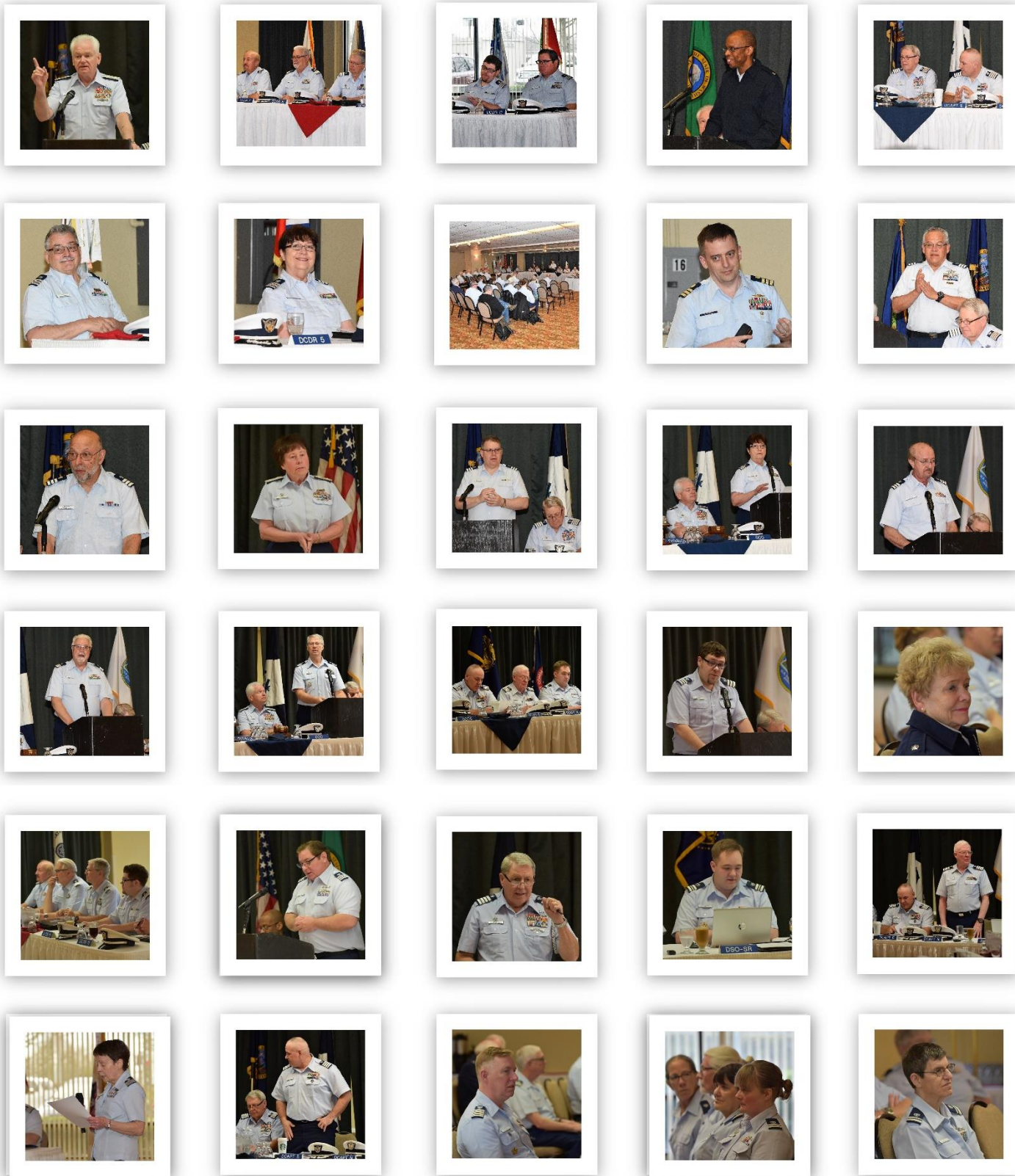
D-TRAIN was held on March 22-24, 2019 at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in Clackamas, Oregon. Auxiliary officers and members from four states converged with active-duty Coast Guard command to attend this informative Auxiliary event. The conference agenda included RSSO training, a TCT Refresher course, EXCOM and District Board meetings, plus awards, food and fellowship! Previously elected officers were formally installed with a change-of-watch ceremony during Friday night's banquet. D13 Auxiliary members were also recognized for their many accomplishments and service.



Above photos: Opening ceremony for District 13 Board meeting on Saturday morning. Color Guard members and Division Commanders presented Colors and Division flags respectively. Cover photo depicts COMO Williams conducting Board meeting. Clackamas, OR. 23MAR19.

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Above: Various photos from District 13 Board meeting on Saturday morning, Clackamas, OR. 23MAR19.

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The formal awards banquet was held on Friday night, March 22nd, with COMO Daren Lewis as Master-of-Ceremonies. Special guest speaker was RADM David Throop, Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District. Other special guests included CAPT Patrick McElligatt, Prevention Chief D13; CDR Darkeim Brown, Directory of Auxiliary D13; and CDR Sean Cashell, Chief of Response Sector Columbia River.

After dinner, the Change-of-Watch was held where COMO Rick Williams ceremoniously relieved COMO Kathleen Goodwin as Commodore for District 13, though he officially began duties as Commodore at the beginning of the year. Awards were then given out to divisions, flotillas and individuals. After the banquet, COMO Williams hosted an open house.

On Saturday, after the Board meeting, members gathered for lunch. D13 RBS Program Manager Dan Shipman gave a presentation after lunch, focusing on paddle craft and other topics. RSSO and TCT training commenced thereafter, presented by CWO4 Christopher Robinson, OTO D13, and Mark Dobney, Flotilla Cape Disappointment Auxiliarist. Fellowship continued on Saturday evening with a buffet dinner. Towards the end of dinner, the [new District 13 video](#) was presented. The video had been produced last minute for NTRAIN in St. Louis. COMO Williams again hosted an open house.

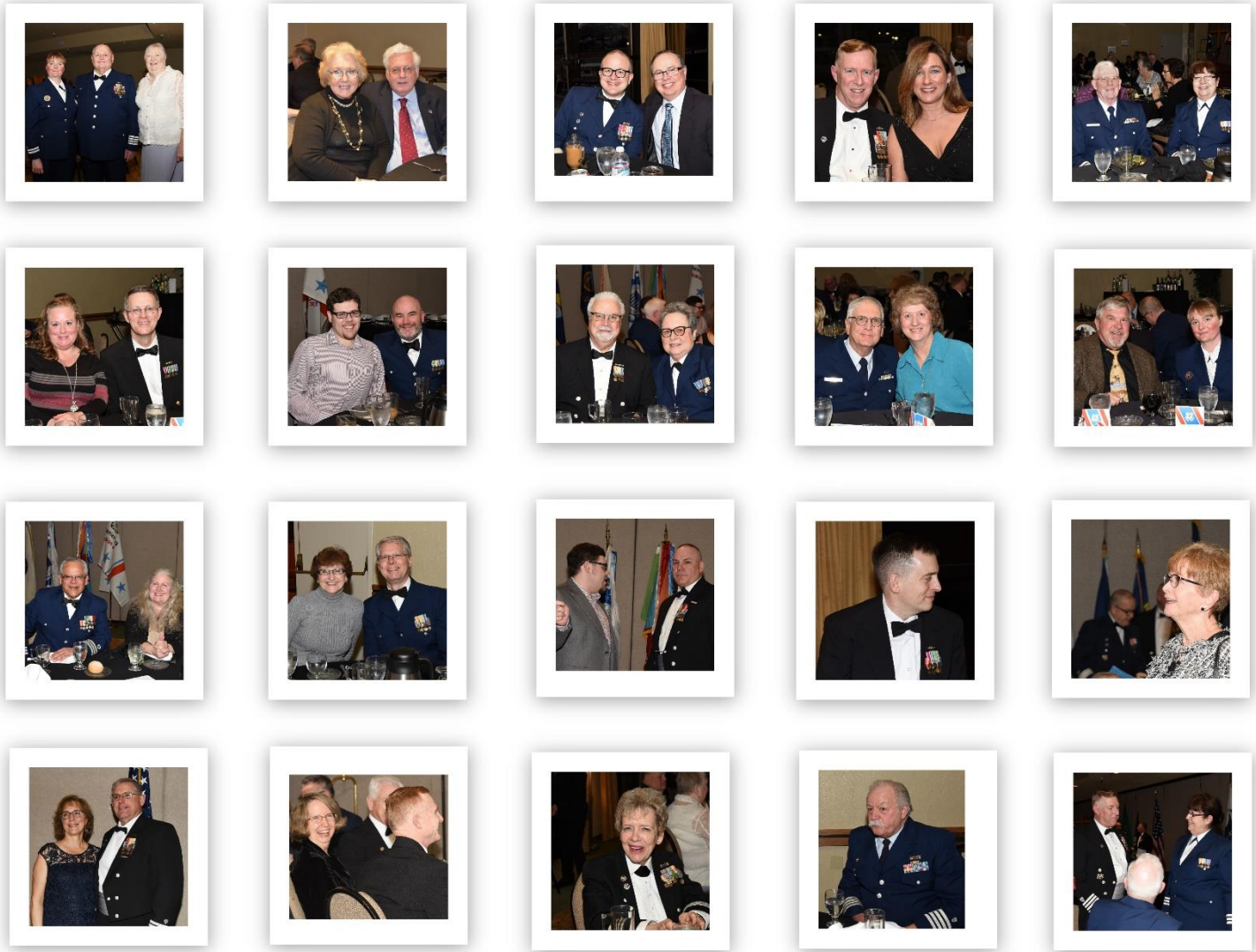
Sunday morning brought the Past Commander's Association breakfast and discussion, facilitated by COMO Daren Lewis. Division Five was presented with the mileage award at the meeting. Seventeen Division Five members attended D-TRAIN! James Ehnborn was elected the new President of the Past Commander's Association, replacing COMO Daren Lewis who was commended for doing an outstanding job over several years. COMO Dean Wimer was elected permanent Vice-President.

A special thanks to YN1 Wood for processing orders on site Saturday and Sunday.



Speakers from Friday night banquet I-to-r: RADM David Throop, CDR Darkeim Brown, COMO Daren Lewis, COMO Kathleen Goodwin and COMO Rick Williams.

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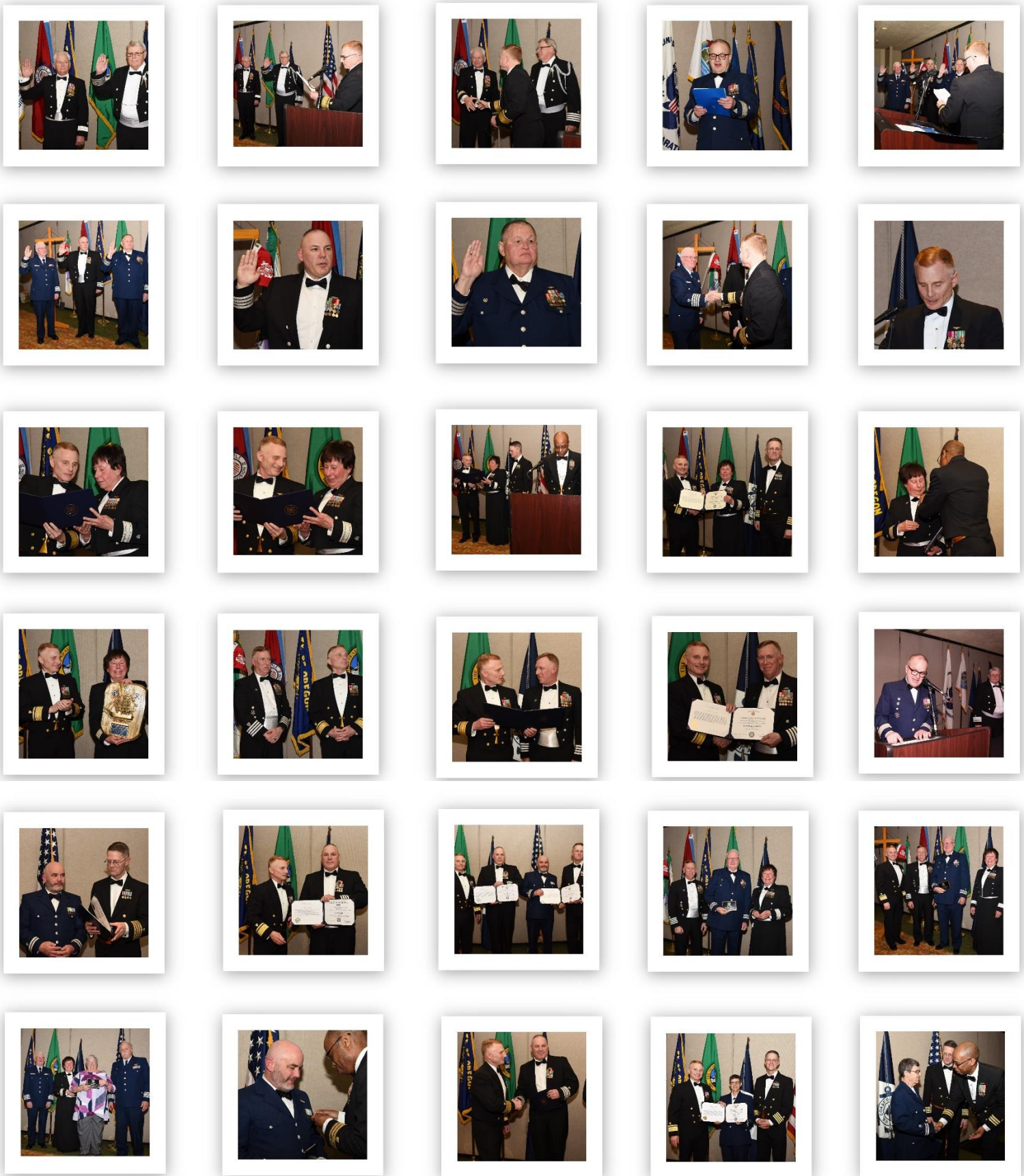


Above: Fellowship during banquet. Below: Change-of-Watch ceremony and awards. 22MAR19.



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Above: Training sessions on 23MAR19. Top row- RSSO training with CWO4 Christopher Robinson. Second row- TCT refresher course with Mark Dobney, Auxiliarist.

PLEASE NOTE: For full-size photos from D-TRAIN, email request to DSO-PA Deborah Heldt Cordone.

Awards for 2018

Division of the Year

- Member Training
- Navigation Systems
- OPS Communications
- OPS Patrols
- CG OPS Support
- Program Visits
- Public Affairs
- Public Education
- Vessel Examinations
- Human Resources

Division 5

- Division 11
- Division 8
- Division 5
- Division 8
- Division 11
- Division 5
- Division 2
- Division 2
- Division 5
- Division 5

Flotilla of the Year

- Member Training
- Navigation Systems
- OPS Communications
- OPS Patrols
- CG OPS Support
- Program Visits
- Public Affairs
- Public Education
- Vessel Examinations
- Human Resources

Flotilla 66

- Flotilla 66
- Flotilla 85
- Flotilla 52
- Flotilla 76
- Flotilla 42
- Flotilla 66
- Flotilla 52
- Flotilla 59
- Flotilla 53
- Flotilla 51

Golden Quill Award

Alert 11– Flotilla 11
Penny Milczewski

Individual Program Awards 2018

- Member Training
- Navigation Systems
- OPS Communications
- OPS Patrols
- CG OPS Support
- Program Visits
- Public Affairs
- Public Education
- Vessel Examinations

**D13 Auxiliarist of the Year
Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal
Auxiliary Commandant Letter of
Commendation**

Medal of Operational Merit

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Aux Achievement Award

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Past Commodore Awards

Past DCOS Award

DCAPT Awards for MT

- Tamsen Byfield FL24
- Paul Ploeger FL76
- Brad Hooper FL52
- Kevin Thiel FL73
- Leo Leonard FL42
- Cheryl Lundine FL66
- Deborah Cordone FL52
- Tiney Singler FL59
- Mary Lee FL53

John Stuhr
Kathleen Goodwin
David Larkin

Jon Wells

Patrick Kuntz

Mark Kovacs

Jenny Shea

Mary Lee

Kathleen Goodwin
David Larkin

North- 22
South- 78
East- 84

Introduction to Risk Management

Member Training Options

There are two ways you can take "Introduction to Risk Management (100202)" and Auxiliary Core Training. **The "Introduction to Risk Management" course must be completed by 04/30/2019 or your qualifications will be placed into "REYR" status.** Basic Qualification modules must be taken in the Auxiliary Online Classroom.

1. AUXLMS (Preferred Method) <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/>

AUXLMS is now working like it did in the past. Click "Agree" on the opening screen. Your "Username" is your primary email address in AUXDATA. This email address must be unique as it cannot be the same address in use by or registered to any other Auxiliarist. Enter your AUXLMS password. If you don't have a password or you forgot it, click on "I forgot my password" and follow the instructions on the screen. If you changed your primary email address (and hence, AUXLMS "Username") in AUXDATA you must open up a ticket on the National Help Desk, <http://help.cgaux.org>, requesting that your email address be updated in the AUXLMS. To take a class, Click on "Catalog: Auxiliary". The "Introduction to Risk Management" course can be found under "Catalog: Auxiliary Operations". Once you have successfully completed the course AUXDATA will automatically be updated.

2. Auxiliary Online Classroom <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>

1. **Introduction to Risk Management (100202) and other courses:** To take a course click on "Courses" in the Navigation panel on the left side of the screen. Click on "Training (Including Leadership Development)". As a reminder, all Online Classroom courses are NOT automatically entered into AUXDATA. The grade report from each course must be printed or saved as a pdf file and sent to the FSO-IS Officer for manual entry into AUXDATA.

Here's how to save a pdf copy of the Moodle grade report

- o Log into the Online classroom
 - o In the Navigation panel on the left, select "My Courses," then select the course of interest, such as "Introduction to Risk Management"
 - o In the Administration pane on the left, select "Grades"
 - o Right click anywhere on the grade report page, and select "Print"
 - o In the Print dialogue box on your computer, the default "Destination" is probably your printer. Click on "Change..." and select "Save as PDF"
 - o Save the pdf file to a folder where you can easily find it
2. **BQ II Modules:** Once completing a Basic Qualification module, you must go the National Testing Center (NTC) and take the test. These classes are automatically updated in Auxdata.

Henry D. Phillips III DSO-MT
and John Stur DSO-IS

District 13 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



National Safe Boating Week

May 18-24, 2019



www.safeboatingcampaign.com

National Safe Boating Week is quickly approaching May 18-24, 2019. You may ask, "what more can I do to get the safe boating message out?" Below are some guidance and ideas.

1) **National Safe Boating Week Proclamations!** Click [here](#) to find a safe boating week template for 2019. 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.)

2) **National Safe Boating Week News Release.** A press 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 a photo release with caption. Always have a second set of eyes (FC, SO-PA etc) to vet press releases before submitting. If you need a photo, please let me know.

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 Good 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 17, 2019. 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 17.



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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 month, 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 Canyon Flotilla broadcast [here](#).

6) **Social Media.** Make sure to add social media to your bag of PA tools. 2.23 billion people log into Facebook a month and 1.52 billion log in daily!! This is unquestionably one of the best methods to get the Safe Boating and Wear It! message out in the 21st century! If your Flotilla does not have a Facebook page, feel free to send me 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 <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/nsbc-wear-it-brand-guidelines-052018.pdf>

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 18 **What should I do before going boating?**

Take a safe boating course → Get a vessel safety check

CERTIFICATE
 Safe Boating Course

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK
 2018

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 19 **What do I need?**
Essentials

- Life jackets
- Visual distress signals
- Sound producing devices
- Locator device (EPIRB or PLB)
- Fire extinguishers
- Navigation lights
- Water to stay hydrated
- Correct permits & decals
- Free vessel safety check
- File a float plan

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 20 **Which life jacket is right for me and my family?**

Select the right style life jacket for your boating activity.

- Read the label for U.S. Coast Guard approval
- Ensure snug fit and fasten
- Select it for wearability

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 21 **What's the danger of BUI?**

Federal law prohibits boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI) on ALL boats. BUI is involved in 1/3 of all recreational boating fatalities.

- Impact of cognitive ability
- Judgment Impaired
- Difficulty with balance
- Lack of coordination
- Slow reaction time
- Decreased vision

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 22 **How will weather impact my boating plans?**

Weather forecasts are essential for making safe boating decisions. Check the National Weather Service for the latest forecast before leaving shore and carefully observe changing weather. Learn more at www.weather.gov.

- Thunder and lightning
- Storm surges
- Heavy winds
- Cold water boating
- Extreme heat or UV Rays (remember your sunscreen)

BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 23 **How does the environment affect boaters?**

Environmental stressors may weaken your body and mind enough to make the risk of an accident much greater.

- Overexposure to the sun causes fatigue
- Noise of the water, wind, and vessel
- Motion of the vessel
- Dehydration
- Alcohol and drug consumption are more hazardous on water



BOATING SAFETY TIP FOR
MAY 24 **What are important reminders for recreational boaters?**

- Maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times (what you see and hear)
- Travel at a safe speed for environment conditions

As a boater, you have a responsibility to all boaters - and all others who enjoy the water - to be safe, courteous and respectful. Learn more at www.boatcourse.com.

