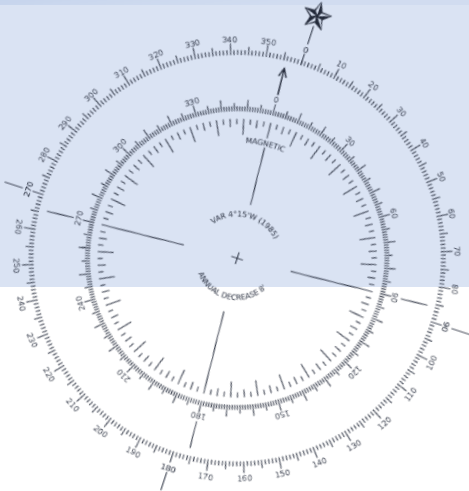


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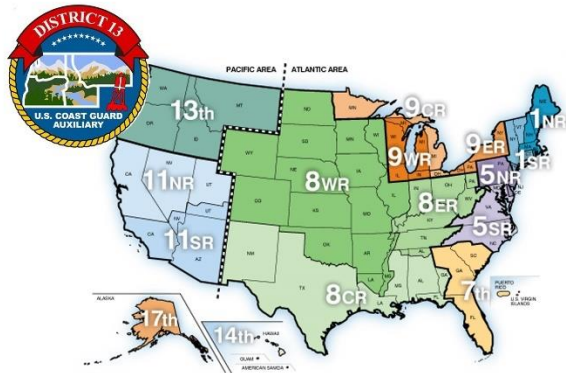
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## From the Bridge...



### COMMODORE'S LOG



Greetings D13 Members,

It was hard to believe that it had been a little over two years since we had our last in person District 13 Conference, and I must tell you it was exciting! The absolute best part was to see people talking together, laughing and I feel genuinely enjoying every moment of the three-day event!

We had our EXCOM meeting on Friday morning and the Ways and Means Committee meeting in the afternoon. In the evening we had a genuinely nice, relaxed dinner where we had the Boating Law Administrator, MariAnn McKenzie, from the Oregon State Marine Board, talk to us about items concerning the Recreational Boating Safety in the state. It was also

one of many times we had NACO and the DNACO speak to us. It was a fantastic feeling sitting there with all the members who attended, something that has not happened since March of 2020!

Saturday was a full and rewarding day, starting out with the District 13 Board Meeting in the morning, which I have to say I was sincerely proud of our Division Commanders and District Captains for giving great reports (orally I might add) with meaning and emphasis on their areas-Well Done! We then moved into the training for the afternoon, where we had a great class on IS given by John Stuhr, Linda McCarty, and Jim Blaylock. Plus, we had a fantastic and productive Division Commander Training Class given by COMO Daren Lewis, plus we were honored to have the National Commodore sit in on the class. At the same time, we had our OTO, CWO4 Robinson (Acting DIRAUX and also temporary Yeoman duties), talk to the QEs.

Then on Saturday night we had our formal dinner where we had the US Coast Guard District 13 Commander, RADM Bouboulis and his wife Mimi, District 13 Prevention Chief, CAPT Burkett, Sector Columbia River Commander, CAPT Jackson and his wife Melani, Sector Puget Sound Deputy Commander, CAPT Cederholm, our OTO, CWO4 Robinson and the NACO, COMO Alex Malewski, plus the DNACO, COMO Mary Kirkwood attend. The Master of Ceremonies was our fantastic COMO Daren Lewis, who I think I am going to owe so much over the next few years for all that has been asked of him helping out over the last few years! The Division Commanders were called to come get their unit awards and streamers that we brought to hand out (they had been announced at the On-line Awards Ceremony), and I must say there were a few of the DCDRs received plenty of exercise going back and forth to receive them. Now, I would never say that was done on purpose, because I do not want to be retaliated against in the future! There was plenty of laughter and enjoyment for a great night.

I wanted to make sure we understood how many trips had to be made to the podium and to also extend congratulations for a job well done to the units and individual members who had received awards and streamers at the District 13 Awards Ceremony that was held on the 26th of February

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## Commodore's Log (Cont'd)

Then there came Sunday where we started the day out with a breakfast during the PDCA (Past Division Commanders Association), which everyone is welcome to attend. Then the training started, which was a TCT Refresher to start, which was presented by Wil Sumner and Linda McCarty. My hat is off to them for doing a bang-up job and the participation by the members is exactly what is prescribed! The time flew by, and it was time, right afterwards, for the Operations Workshop to be given, which was presented by Ron Hilburger, and once again it was done superbly! The participation was fantastic, and I know our members appreciated both the TCT Refresher and the Operations Workshop being done so professionally! It is always an easy thing to see by the involvement of the members and I truthfully believe there were not any questions left unanswered.

I want to give many thanks to our OTO, CWO4 Robinson, for all the work he did getting our orders taken care of dealing with the new Coast Guard Finance System. He is filling not only the OTO position but also the positions of the Director of Auxiliary and having to do Yeoman duties at the same time and showing the patience he did while getting us taken care of!

I am so proud and honored to be part of this organization and am humbled to be able to be the DCO of District 13! I am looking forward to what we can accomplish for this year, 2022!

Very Respectfully,

Tiney D. Singler

District Commodore Thirteenth Coast Guard District

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Safety Patrols in Northern Area



Coxswain Dale Vodicka, center, at helm of a Division 2 facility providing safety perimeter support on Lake Washington during Opening Day of Yachting Season, May 7, 2022. At left, crewmember Diana Shaw. At right, boat crew trainee Dave Savage. Photo credit: Klaas Nijhuis.



Division 4 Auxiliaries prepare their facilities to provide a safety perimeter during the Gig Harbor paddling race in late April. Left to right: James Armstrong SO-OP Div 4, Tom Bliss FC Flotilla 45, aboard "Winnie". Robert Hancock's facility, "Goat Locker," in the background with crewmember Joann Garner of Sequim. Photo credit: Robert Hancock, Flotilla 45

# DIVISION AWARDS

Division mission performance streamers  
Division of the Year

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**Division 5**

RAKY RHM WO NOSHIVID

Division mission performance streamers  
Culinary Assistance

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**Division 7**

UOJEDH A KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Human Resources - Recruiting

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**Division 2**

HUJKEHROJHJH KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Human Resources - Retention

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**Division 2**

KO-JHJHJHJH KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Member Training

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**Division 10**

HJKEHJH KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Navigation Systems

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**Division 1**

NAVIGATION KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
CG Ops Communications

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**Division 5**

UO KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
CG Ops Support

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**Division 6**

UO KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Operations Patrols

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**Division 5**

OPERATIONS KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Public Affairs

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**Division 5**

UO KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Public Education

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**Division 1**

PUBLIC EDUCATION KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Program Visits

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**Division 5**

PROGRAM VISITS KEJEFURCE

Division mission performance streamers  
Vessel Exams

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**Division 5**

VESSEL EXAMS

Division  
Golden Quill

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**Division 6**

"The Flag Hoist"  
Camile Hickman SO-PB



# FLOTILLA AWARDS

<p>CULINARY ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Flotilla mission performance streamers</p> <p>Culinary Assistance</p> <hr/> <p><b>Flotilla 7-12</b></p>	<p>WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Flotilla mission performance streamers</p> <p>CG Ops Communications</p> <hr/> <p><b>Flotilla 52</b></p>	<p>CG OPS SUPPORT</p> <p>Flotilla mission performance streamers</p> <p>CG Ops Support</p> <hr/> <p><b>Flotilla 62</b></p>	<p>HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITING</p> <p>Flotilla mission performance streamers</p> <p>Human Resources - Recruiting</p> <hr/> <p><b>Flotilla 24</b></p>
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HUMAN RESOURCES RETENTION

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Human Resources - Retention

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**Flotilla 25**

MEMBER TRAINING

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Member Training

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**Flotilla 87**

NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Navigation Systems

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**Flotilla 11**

OPERATIONS PATROLS

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Operations Patrols

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**Flotilla 52**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Public Affairs

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**Flotilla 52**

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Public Education

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**Flotilla 11**

PROGRAM VISITS

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Program Visits

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**Flotilla 53**


FLOTILLA OF THE YEAR

Flotilla mission performance streamers

Flotilla of the Year

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**Flotilla 53**



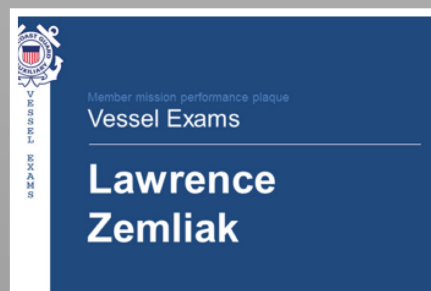
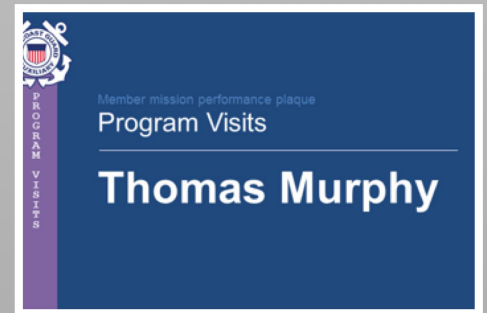
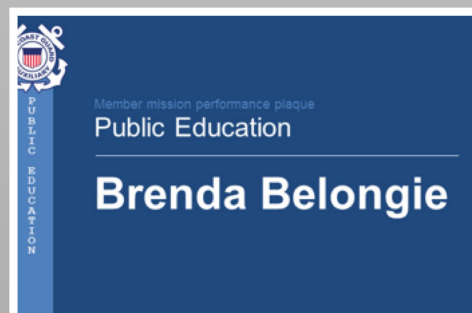
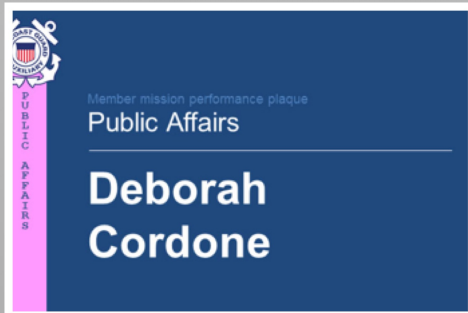
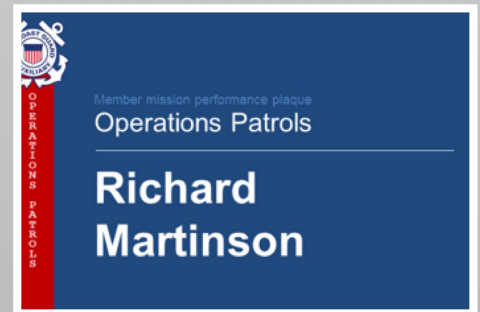
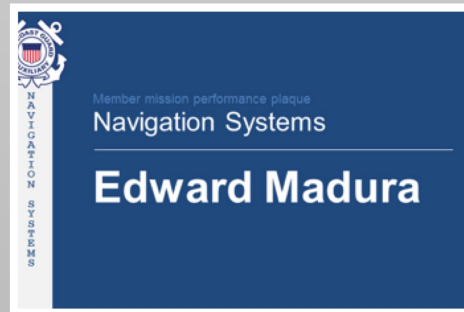
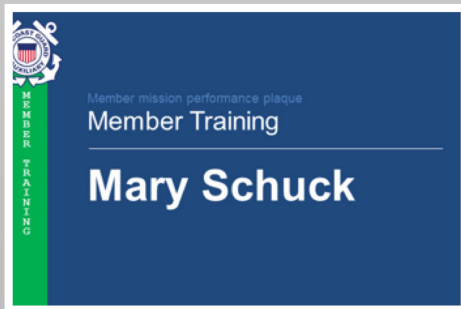
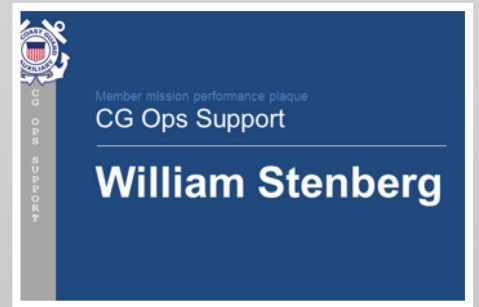
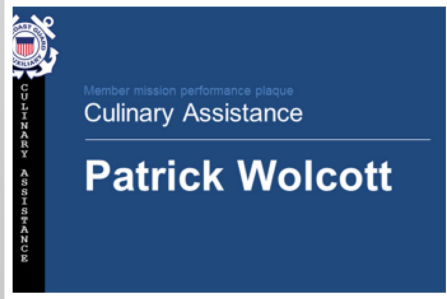
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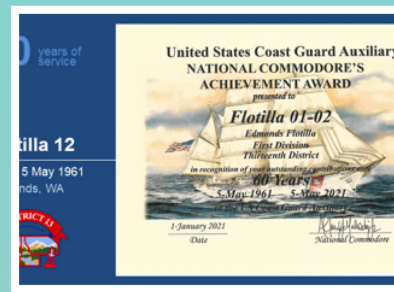
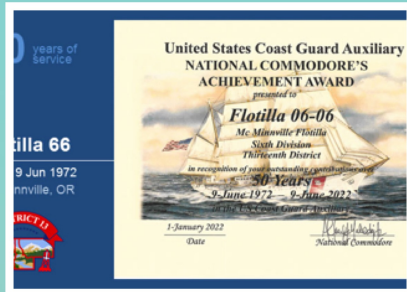
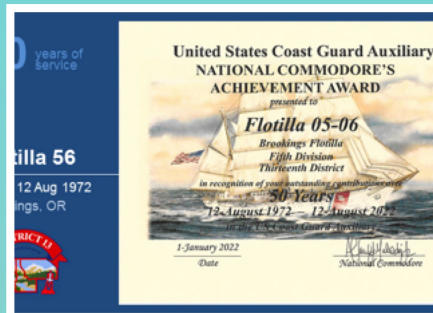
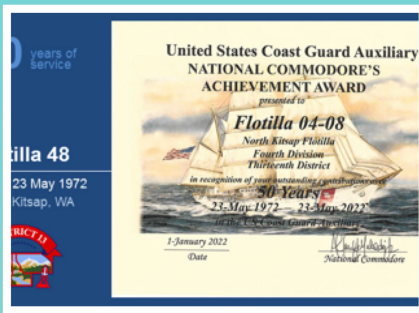
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Richard Leonard FSO-PB

# INDIVIDUAL AWARDS




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# MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS



**Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation**

Brenda Belongie  
Scott Fischer  
Daniel McCarren  
Richard Gutierrez  
George Tinker




**Auxiliary Commendation Medal**

The Auxiliary Commendation Medal (ACM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding assistance that furthers any of the Auxiliary's authorized activities, except operations (since the Medal of Operational Merit is for operations).

**Eligibility:**  
This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service worthy of special recognition as described below. The key words for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal are outstanding achievement, which significantly furthers any of the Auxiliary's authorized activities. The Auxiliary Commendation Medal is for outstanding administrative services. This requires services accomplished in a manner, which is much better than could normally be expected from an Auxiliarist of like capability and experience. Neither doing a difficult job well nor doing a routine job in an excellent manner will suffice. The achievement must be truly outstanding.

Claren  
**Ronald Hilburger**




**Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal**

The Auxiliary Meritorious Medal (AMSM) is awarded to Auxiliarists who have contributed exceptional meritorious service to the Coast Guard and/or Auxiliary. Auxiliarist who serve in any capacity within the Auxiliary are eligible. The AMSM may be awarded by any Flag officer.

**Eligibility:**  
The meritorious performance of duty must have enhanced Auxiliary goals. This performance must clearly be of a nature much higher than that normally expected, and which has a significant positive effect on the ability of the Coast Guard and/or the Auxiliary to complete its missions and goals. For this award, the key words are outstanding and meritorious service worthy of special recognition, which contributes significantly to fulfillment of Auxiliary goals at the local level.

Claren  
**Margaret Albert  
John Stuhr**

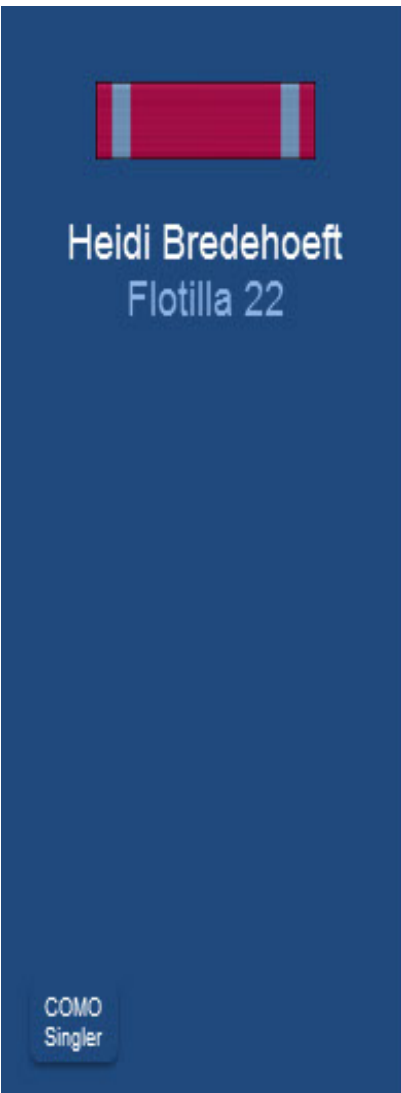


**Auxiliary Achievement Medal**

The Auxiliary Achievement Medal (AAM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of their sustained professional and/or leadership achievements in administration or operations.

**Eligibility:**  
This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of a nature, which is worthy of special recognition as described below. The key words for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal are sustained professional, leadership achievements and period of time. The Auxiliary Achievement is for recognition of Auxiliarists who have maintained an outstanding level of performance and/or achievement over a period of time to further authorized activities of the Auxiliary. The achievements could be in administration or operations.

Claren  
**James Armstrong Heidi Bredehoeft  
Pamela Chelgren-Koterba  
Deborah Cordone John Costic  
James Dickinson James Ehnborn  
Craig Hartman Efrem Krisher  
Wilmer Lampa Penelope Milczewski  
Gail Porter John Thoma**



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 THE AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL  
 TO  
 MS. HEIDI BREDEHOEFT  
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Auxiliarist BREDEHOEFT is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as the Assistant District Staff Officer for Human Resources, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Thirteenth Coast Guard District from January 2021 to December 2021. Auxiliarist BREDEHOEFT's technical acumen and knowledge of computer based applications was critical to the success of all District Thirteen Auxiliary personnel and their missions throughout the COVID19 pandemic. After being faced with restrictions on mass gatherings, Auxiliarist BREDEHOEFT immediately coordinated an effort with Auxiliary leadership to design and implement a standard for virtual meetings. Her efforts, ensured continuity of operations and the delivery of critical training to over 900 personnel. Additionally, Auxiliarist BREDEHOEFT was responsible for recruiting and processing 14 new Auxiliary members within Division two. Auxiliarist BREDEHOEFT's diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF



Courtesy Photo

### Resilience and Flexibility

What a great time was had at our April D-Train. It was so good to see everyone in person and enjoy the fellowship we have missed for so long. I hope that everyone that attended enjoyed it as much as I did. If you heard my remarks at our board meeting, you know that I focused on some key words with regard to the last couple years and the remainder of 2022. We have endured one of the most difficult periods of time the Auxiliary has faced. We did so by showing our *resilience* and *flexibility*. We not only survived, but in some areas, we prevailed due to the phenomenal efforts of district membership. I offer my personal thanks to you all. You make me very proud to be a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and honored to be your Chief of Staff.

I am really excited about this year's boating season. So many of our activities are back on the table. As in the recent past, we will need to concentrate on our goals as an organization, find innovative ways of meeting those goals, and avoid obstacles to getting the job done. We will do this by staying positive and concentrating on what we can do and not fixate on what we can't. Once again, our success may well mean that we have to make some course corrections to our past ways of doing things and once again, our *resilience* and *flexibility* will be required.

As we all know, opening day and National Safe Boating Week is just around the corner and soon we will be getting out and doing the incredibly important and fun work that we have missed the last couple of years. If you haven't already started your preparations for the season, there is no time to waste.

Make your plans, get members lined up and ready. Promote your PE classes, schedule your vessel safety check events and operation missions, and start working with your local municipalities on proclamations and activities.

My challenge to you is to put the last couple years in the past and focus on meeting the needs of the future. This may mean putting some new and innovating plans into action. This organization is full of incredibly smart and talented people. As far as I'm concerned, the sky is the limit, so let's just see how high we can go. We have a lot to do this boating season. Let's serve the World's Best Coast Guard and the Recreational Boating public and give it our very best.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Kienle

District Chief of Staff

Thirteenth Coast Guard District

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

**DISTRICT CAPTAIN REPORTS****District Captain North**

Debra Alderman

The Northern Area's divisions are coming out of the pandemic with lots of enthusiasm and plans for contributing to the safety of our region's recreational boaters and paddlers and augmenting the active duty in a variety of ways. Here are just a few of the many highlights.

Auxiliarists from Divisions 2 and 3 were on hand at Seatac Airport to send off and welcome back dozens of Viet Nam era veterans from all branches of the military when they participated in the Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. the weekend of April 23-25. I was there April 25th to be part of the festivities. These veterans told me that they had the time of their lives. Since there were no officers from any of the services present, Auxiliarist from Flotilla 3-2, John Thoma, with his four stripes as a former DCAPT, was asked to serve as the official "highest ranking officer" to personally shake the hand and greet each of the vets as they came off the plane. He made each one of them feel incredibly special. In addition to John, Bravo Zulu to all of our team who have been helping with these events including Leigh Ewbank (Div. 3) who serves as liaison to Alaska Airlines and the Honor Flight organization, and Division 2 leaders Dale Vodicka, Klaas Nijhuis and Larry Blackstock. The welcome home America provided these vets when they returned from Viet Nam a half century ago was not very enthusiastic. It is heartwarming to see the incredible public appreciation they are receiving now. The airport was lined with applauding and cheering members of the public and representatives of a variety of service organizations. If you haven't had a chance to help with an honor flight, I urge you to do it. There are more opportunities to be a part of this incredible chance to thank the vets and honor them this spring. Contact Leigh Ewbank for details on how to get involved.

Division 4 coordinated and led a very successful surface operation event on April 23-24, responding to a request to provide regatta support/vessel traffic control in Gig Harbor for the Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup. Division 4 provided three facilities and Division 1 supported the event with a facility, crew and coxswain. Division 4 DCDR Jared Ellars reports that the event organizers were very happy with the support they received. They credited the Auxiliary for helping to make sure that recreational boats and the race boats did not come into conflict and everyone enjoyed a safe day out on the water. Kudos to Tom Bliss, FC of flotilla 4-5 (Bremerton) for serving as point person with Gig Harbor and driving the planning and coordination. Jim Armstrong, Div. 4 SO-OP also gets recognition for a great job coordinating the operational planning and reaching out to facility owners and coxswains to get everything lined up. Many thanks to all the of participating crews, coxswains and facility owners for making this a huge success.

Division 3 members have been doing some great public outreach during the past month including VSC days at local marinas and participating in community shoreline cleanup events. Deserving special recognition is Flotilla 3-8's (Olympia) Ron Holtcamp. Ron presented several 15-minute boating/water safety sessions at the Lacey Family Fish-in on April 9th, reaching hundreds of kids and their families. Then Ron was the sole watchstander for six full days staffing a public affairs outreach booth at the Western Washington Spring Fair in Puyallup, held 14-16 and 21-24 of April. He focused the booth primarily on promoting paddling safety and received support from the Washington State Parks Boating Program. The state provided backdrops, a mannequin and handout packet materials which supplemented Auxiliary materials. Ron had conversations with 335 adults and 88 youth which ranged a from 'what is the

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Auxiliary?' to queries about toxic algae in American Lake, to requests for guidance on specialized life jackets for people (young and old) in wheel chairs. Great job Ron!

Division 1 has been busy in a number of areas but they are really leading the way in the areas of public education and member training. Highlights of their efforts include a recently concluded Weekend Navigator class, taught online by members of Flotilla 1-2 (Edmonds), with 55 graduates! This is a remarkable achievement as there is often significant attrition with participation in multi-week classes. Flotilla 1-1 (Bellingham) has been holding zoom-based Boat America classes, recently finishing up a class with 18 successful students. More Boat America classes are planned for this spring. Member training highlights include an Aids Verifier refresher for 42 members and a wonderful array of guest speakers at division and flotilla meetings presenting on great topics such as marine mammal conservation and a demonstration of a newly developed system for use in MOB situations.

Division 2 led a very successful Seattle Boat Show public affairs booth, which reached over 1000 boaters in early February. Note that members from all the Northern Area divisions stood watch at the booth, so this was truly a collaborative effort. Major kudos to Div. 2 VDCCR/SO-PA Dale Vodicka for his hard work and personal dedication to making sure this outreach event was successful. Division 2 is gearing up for a very busy May with lots of promotion of National Safe Boating Week. The PA team has sent requests to 13 local cities in King County to ask that safe boating/paddling week proclamations be made at city council meetings during May. Several cities have already responded, indicating their intention to do so and inviting Auxiliary representatives to attend either in person or online to say a few words about boating safety.

Finally, Alki Point Lighthouse tours will be resuming this year in West Seattle, as Admiral Bouboulis has indicated his support for this wonderful outreach project. Auxiliarists from the entire Northwest are welcome to come help as watchstanders on summer weekends. For more information or to get involved you can contact me.

All our northern area divisions are in the midst of the busy season when lots of vessel safety check days are being held at marinas and other locations. A VSC day on Lake Washington was held in March, several on Puget Sound were held in April and several are scheduled for May. Flotilla 2-5's (Renton) "Moti" Krauthamer was featured in a segment on a boating couple's YouTube channel recently conducting a VSC on their boat which was seen and given high praise by active duty leadership at Sector Puget Sound. The video shows clearly what Auxiliary vessel examiners check for and gives boaters encouragement to request a VSC to make sure they are ready for a safe boating season. BZ Moti! You can see the video at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t-3FbV39OQ> and feel free to share that video with members of the public. That way when they request a VSC they will know what to expect and be prepared.

There are many more things I could brag about that are going well in the Northern Area and plenty of plans afoot for the rest of the year. I just want to say that I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of Auxiliarists throughout Western Washington and I look forward to visiting them during the coming months at all the great activities that are coming up.

Very respectfully,  
Debra Alderman  
DCAPT-N



**District Captain South**

Kevin Thiel

Spring has made several intermittent appearances in the Southern area and recreational boaters have been out during these bursts of good weather. I am confident that 2022 will be another record setting year for recreational boating as more people spend time out on our local waterways. The communities in our area continue to experience unprecedented growth and along with tourism, the need for our members to be out talking to boaters about Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) has never been greater!

The first four months of the year kept everyone busy. Our members staffed Public Affairs Booths at five Boat Shows and Sportsman Shows held our area. We made many contacts with boaters and had conversations with them about safe boating. I want to thank everyone who supported these events and made them successful. Our members have been busy training and preparing for the start of the boating season. Our Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors have been working diligently and are off to an excellent start. Division 5 has reported 414 VSCs and 891 PVs to date. John Costic from Flotilla 06-03 has already completed 112 VSCs.

It is hard to believe that National Safe Boating Week is less than 1 month away. We are pleased to have PA, PV and VE events scheduled throughout the Southern area in celebration of National Safe Boating Week. I encourage everyone to get involved and participate in one of these events. This is our chance to be preemptive and promote Recreational Boating Safety early in the season before boating mishaps occur.

We are looking forward to participating in local Public Affairs events once again. We will be participating in the Long Beach Loyalty Days Parade, Newport Loyalty Days Parade and Blessing of the Fleet, Depoe Bay Fleet of Flowers, Blessing of the Dory Fleet at Pacific City, Ilwaco Yacht Race, and the Hillsboro Air Show.

This will be another busy year for our surface operations program. Division 6 has recently completed the classroom portion of their Boat Crew Academy. On the water training has started in several locations and will continue throughout the summer. Our members will be out supporting a variety of events which include races, regattas, 4th of July fireworks celebrations, along with safety zone support for the Astoria High Water Boat Parade, Portland Rose Festival and Christmas Ships Parades.

The Divisions and Flotillas have started the process of transitioning back to in-person meetings. Some units have indicated a desire to move to a hybrid meeting platform which will make it easier for members to attend meetings and increase member participation and engagement.

I hope this finds you well and ready for the busy summer days that lie ahead for us. This summer is another terrific opportunity for us to serve recreational boaters and the Coast Guard. I hope you will actively participate in programs and missions that give you satisfaction and enjoyment. Thank you for service and support. Have a great summer and be safe out there.

Be Always Ready!

Very Respectfully,  
Kevin Thiel  
District Captain - South

## DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

### Public Affairs by Deborah Heldt Cordone, DSO-PA National Branch Chief-Social Media

*Social Media*, which falls under the Public Affairs Directorate, has greatly enhanced our ability to tell the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard story via text, imagery, graphics and video. It is used as an avenue to directly connect with the boating public and publicly disseminate valuable content in various mission areas. Social media is dynamic and allows two-way, synchronous communication and feedback with our stakeholders.

With benefits of utilizing front-facing social media, the Auxiliary also has a certain responsibility in understanding guidelines and ramifications. Official Auxiliary guidelines have not wholly kept up with the ever-changing technology. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary social media pages potentially have a worldwide audience and are exposed to public scrutiny more than ever. A social media post is akin to an abbreviated news or multimedia release. We need to be prepared to present content and responses in a professional manner, reflecting our core values, uniform policy and command messages. Thus, those involved in using this very public medium need to be trained in the discipline of Coast Guard/Auxiliary Public Affairs coupled with social media training, knowledge and experience.

The D13 District Commodore Instruction DCOINST I-21032, SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES v.2 assists in addressing and maintaining professional use of the medium. All posts and pages should also fall within guidelines set forth in the Auxiliary Public Affairs, Publication Officer's Guide and Coast Guard External Affairs Manual 2021 in addition to the Coast Guard Social Media Handbook released in late 2021. The Auxiliary Social Media Handbook is on the desk of the BSX awaiting approval. Social media management is often more complex than we realize. Units should take into account resources and training when considering a social media presence. Only create a social media page if you have the trained staff to manage and monitor it on a consistent basis. Unit leaders must include social media management during periods of unit leadership transition. There are several social media sites available. We are currently authorized to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube plus a national-level blog. Instagram is only authorized at District level and above. Facebook is currently the most commonly used platform by the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. It is statistically the most populated social media site available, with over two billion monthly active users. Units are not required to have a social media.

Recreational Boating Safety is job one and sharing that mission to save lives is our goal. Our Auxiliary Facebook page expands the ability to share the RBS message. By sharing our posts to your pages and timelines, the RBS message gets out to your friends... hundreds and potentially thousands of boaters, and the paddling public! Every time you like and share a post, the audience increases exponentially! Sharing that knowledge and following our page may even save a life! And it is an excellent recruiting tool.

So please share our valuable RBS and Auxiliary information! Follow our D13 Facebook page daily for new posts and content. Our National Facebook page has even more excellent content. Every online effort you make is appreciated. Semper Paratus! Even online.



## Navigation Systems by Pamela Chelgren-Koterba DSO-NS

### Time to Get Familiar with Electronic Charts

#### Retirements of Raster (paper) charts and products


NOAA retired six D13 Raster charts on 6 April, 2022 (18476, 18527-18729, 18561-18563). Three more are being retired in June (18457, 18556, 18589), and seven more in October (18429, 18430, 18432, 18433, 18434, 18477, 18504). That is 16 charts so far, in Divisions 1,4,5,6,8!

After their retirement date, NOAA considers those charts to be outdated/invalid for navigation. The last of all of the charts are scheduled to be retired by January 2025.

#### Working with ENC's

Chart-plotters and a number of navigation apps utilize NOAA's ENC files to populate the chart data. Some programs allow downloading from the weekly updated NOAA ENC files, whereas some other programs only update on a quarterly or annual basis.

You can freely view NOAA's ENC data online by using either the ENC Viewer or by opening/ utilizing NCC (NOAA Custom Chart; details not covered here).

Symbols on ENC charts are covered in Chart #1, but they need getting used to. Sometimes it is easier to scroll to the location you are interested in, then click on the "i" in the upper left, thence the pin  thence click on a specific location. There will be between 4 and over 12 layers. Keep right-arrowing until you find the item you are interested in. In the example below, I wanted to find the updated "Controlling Depth" (least depth, Feature Code DRGARE) in the Swinomish Channel. The attached screen shot gives me 1.2 meters Note: Depths are in meters! That depth converts to 4.1 feet (in a 12-foot Project!) Important navigation safety information!

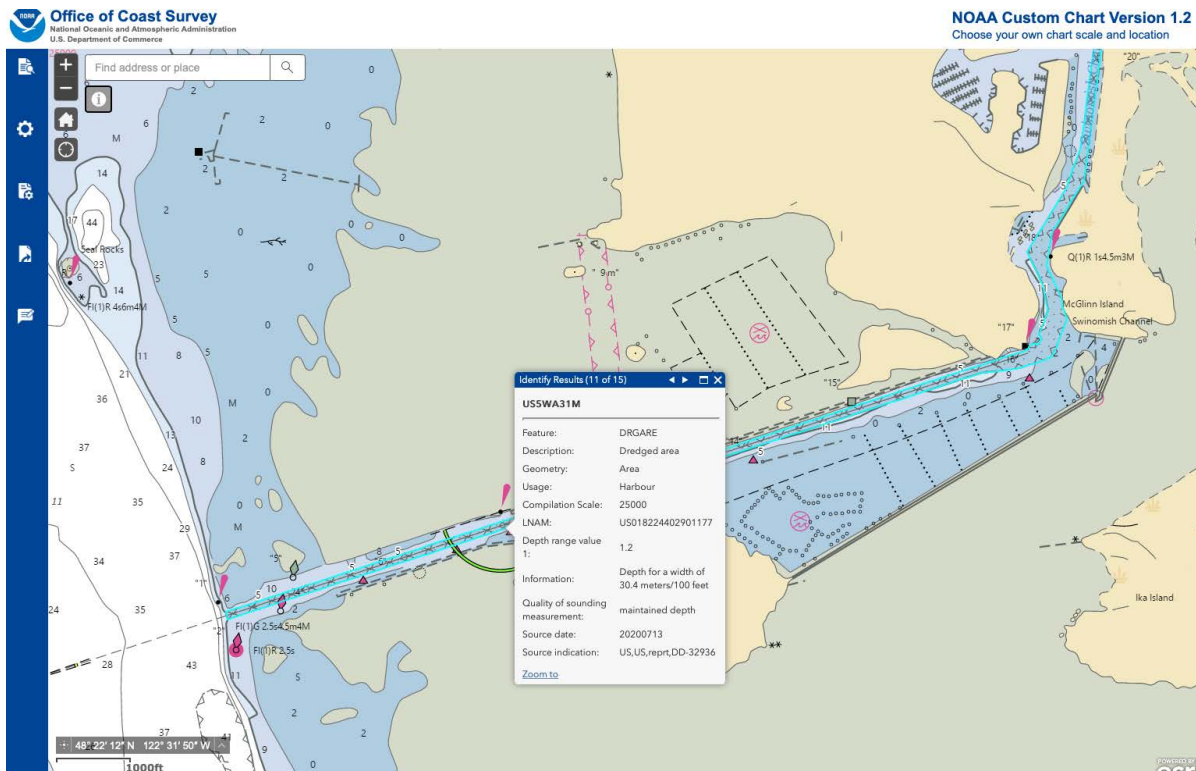
#### Outdated Paper (/RNC) Charts

With regards to using paper charts, a significant concern is that NOAA/OCS is only applying LNM entries to the Print-On-Demand paper chart files. Items like changes to P/ATONs and upcoming 'retirement' dates for RNC charts appear to be the sole entries. Shoaling in (maintained) channels are not being posted. Recent example: For the 12-foot Project depth in the Swinomish Channel, the ENC shows 1.2 meters/4.1 feet. The Print-on-Demand Chart shows a 2017 depth of 7 feet (significantly deeper!) You are highly encouraged to use Navigation programs that frequently apply the NOAA Updates.

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## Navigation Systems by Pamela Chelgren-Koterba DSO-NS(Cont'd)



## MATERIALS by Mathew Epstein, DSO-MA

A few weeks ago, we had our District 13 Training along with our Materials Store which offered a good selection of new and pre-owned uniform items. I am offering a special price for garrison caps, normally \$16 now \$14 until the next issue of Buoy 13.



I encourage flotillas to have a "lucky bag" of uniform items or anything Auxiliary related that members no longer need and can pass on to members for free. This helps new members cut the cost of getting outfitted for uniforms. The Materials Store will take pre-owned items as long as they are in serviceable condition and not obsolete. These items will be re-sold at a greatly reduced price.

You may order directly from Auxcen or from me. My email is [matt.epstein09@gmail.com](mailto:matt.epstein09@gmail.com) You will need to send a check to me before I can order your items.

To all MA's-- please enter your "Easy Reports" in a timely manner, even if is nothing more than "nothing to report". I look forward to hearing from any of you and please let me know of items you may need ahead of the next District Store at DTRAIN, it could save you the shipping costs!

Matt Epstein, DSO-MA

**District Meeting Highlights Continued--**



**General Board Meeting Speakers on Saturday  
With NACO Malewski, DNACO Kirkwood and CWO  
Robinson in attendance.**

**Photos provided by  
Robert Megel FL 73**



Top- more Board Mtg  
Bottom- Various locations



EXCOM meeting on Friday  
QE Meeting



Various leaders  
at work

**DISTRICT DIRECTORATE CHIEF-LOGISTICS** James Ehnborn**2022 Highlights thru April**

This year, I have the opportunity to manage the Logistics staff. Who are we and what do we do? Our primary responsibility is to help provide support for YOU to accomplish your goals in the Auxiliary. It is a rewarding experience to work with members that unselfishly give their time to help accomplish Auxiliary missions. I am amazed how our members balance Auxiliary duties with life challenges. I am truly thankful for the wonderful support of our members.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** DSO-CS: ADSO-CS Rick Myers and ADSO-CS Chris Kuehner enhance the District 13 website as the place to go for critical information. You will find latest updates on COVID-19, D13 calendar for events and D13 workshop, Paddlecraft, Auxiliarist of the Month, Member Training, D13 Programs, Awards Program, Easy Reports and D13 Help Wanted.

**CULINARY ASSISTANT:** DSO-CA Robert Mengel - The Coast Guard is in need of Auxiliarists performing food service duties. The District set a high goal for the group in 2022... Increase the team to 20 members serving on USCG stations and underway cutters. We certified five members in one year. The program would not have been successful without the full assistance from the Coast Guard team. One member joined the Auxiliary and completed the AUXCA1 certification in 38 days. The member served on the Polar Star mission this year for the 147 day mission to the Antarctic.

**DIVERSITY:** The team is responsible for working with Flotillas to help insure that we are creating a culture of acceptance by valuing the uniqueness of each individual member. The team also explained the NACO Three Star Award that can be earned by Flotillas and Divisions. It provides guidance for creating a positive environment in YOUR flotilla.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** DSO-HR Carol Bobo and ADSO-HR Heidi Bredehoeft work as a team to review and approve New Member Applications received from the flotillas prior to being submitted to DIRAUX. They are also responsible for approving disenrollments and transfers. Their many phone call and e-mails help keep the process flowing. Their New Member Enrollment Application Guide continues to be a best seller and is available on the District 13 website.

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS:** DSO-IS John Stuhr and his team work with the Division and Flotilla IS officers to help insure information is correctly entered in AUXDATAAll. The accuracy of the data is dependent upon members entering their information or submitting it to their IS Officer. John and ADSO-IS Linda McCarty conduct AUXDATAAll workshops. John Stuhr is also the team lead for members working at DIRAUX to help record Auxiliary awards, certifications, and transfers.

**MATERIALS:** DSO-MT Matt Epstein and his team helped Material Officers insure there is sufficient material for events. Matt also manages the District store where you can purchase uniforms and other related items at reasonable prices. The store was a success at the April District Conference. The District 13 website section for Materials includes information, order forms, and links for uniform and supply websites.

**PUBLICATIONS:** DSO-PB is responsible for editing and publishing Buoy 13 articles submitted by officers and other members. Our District newsletter is an important tool to help collectively reach out to the membership and the public. It helps maintain relationships and serves as encouragement.

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SECRETARY: Neil Christenson is responsible to insure that our minutes are being maintained and to help train SR officers in using the 7017 Record of Meeting web-based form on the District 13 website. He also assists in the preparation of the District Strategic Operations Plan.

Very Respectfully,  
James Ehnborn, DDC-L

### Boating Safety Partners





# National Safe Boating Week

## May 21 -27, 2022



[www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com)

**National Safe Boating Week** is quickly approaching May 21 - 27, 2022. You may ask, "what more can I to get the safe boating message out?" Below are some guidance and ideas. Get a team together *now* in your unit to coordinate for National Safe Boating Week. It will be here soon!

1) **National Safe Boating Week Proclamations!** Click [here](#) to find a safe boating week template for 2022 on Page 31. You can use the template as is or customize it for your particular area. This year, please make an effort to get one proclamation signed by your local government. That can be the governor of your state (make 100% sure another flotilla or division has not already made such arrangements), your city mayor, your city council, or your county council. Make arrangements for this by mid-April, so the proclamation signing can be on the schedule for the government entity in May, a few days prior to the actual date. If you can get your local Coast Guard unit involved with the signing, even better (go through proper leadership channels to do so.) If COVID-19 prohibits meetings, then signing can be accomplished electronically.

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

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

4) **Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day.** Friday, May 20 2022. 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 20th.

**May 20, 2022**

Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day

#wearyourlifejacketatworkday

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