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String O' Pearls

Avast ye matey! Ahoy and welcome aboard the 'String O' Pearls', Operations Officer Bob Gallup's 38 foot trawler of Flotilla 57, Concord, California. Be prepared for an adventure you will not forget! Although you'll be exposed to some great views and bit of fun, the mission is to patrol the Delta, which is sanctioned by the U.S. Coast Guard because we provide an extra set of eyes and ears on America's waterways. Bob enjoys taking his trawler out on patrol and invites any interested Coast Guard Auxiliary member to join him on the fourth Saturday of the month. Auxiliary members are able to fine-tune their seamanship skills for their crew qualifications while actively patrolling the delta from Antioch to as far as the Carquinez Bridge, then back towards Rio Vista and beyond making for an exciting eight hour cruise.



The "String O' Pearls" patrolling the Delta.

Bob's affection for the water started as a child, fishing for perch on Lake Michigan in a 14 foot aluminum boat with his father and brothers. In the last 49 years he has owned many boats, but currently the 'String O' Pearls' is his pride and joy. The String O' Pearls is spacious, comfortable, sea worthy and safe; it comes equipped with a small galley, head and sleeping

quarters. Bob does an excellent job in keeping his boat in tip-top shape.— *Aye mate, from bow to stern, the String O' Pearls is a beauty to behold; aye she is!*

Bob retired from U.S. Forest Service after thirty years of service as a Civil Engineer and has been a member of the C.G. Auxiliary for the last 29 years. His favorite pastime is fishing and I'm sure he's got some great stories, in fact, one of his most exciting patrols involved a 40 ton whale... *"It was exciting to see a 40 ton whale 50 feet away and heading broad side to the boat and then diving under it. An hour later the Whale came up in front of the boat which was photographed by Contra Costa times and was shown on TV across the country."* - Bob Gallup

Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat Crew, Trainees and/or "Guests" must send an email to Bob requesting to come aboard. The schedule for patrols are emailed to crew and trainees, please fill it out & email it back. Please give at least one week's advance notice, two weeks notice is preferred because space is limited. Meet at the Antioch Municipal Marina every fourth Saturday of the month at 8 am. Bob's email address is: rmgallup@sbcglobal.net.



David Kam (left) and Bob Gallup of Flotilla 57 with members of Vallejo's Flotilla 51 preparing to get underway.

Auxiliary members who have received their member number may come on board as crew or a trainee, members in AP status may come on board as a guest. Anyone without a member number is considered a 'guest' and must first request permission from Sector San Francisco and then sign a release of liability form prior to boarding. Bob provides food, coffee, water and diet Pepsi, you're also welcomed to bring your own lunch if you like.

- ✓ Don't forget to come to our monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of every month in Concord, starting at 7pm.

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