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Flotilla 19 News

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Flotilla Commander's Report *By Gary Cordrey, FC*

July started strong with Flotilla 19 members participating at three significant public events: The City of Blaine's Old-Fashioned 4th of July parade, a safety booth at the Point Roberts marina, and a safety booth at BP's Safety Fair. In Blaine our banner was carried by Ryan Langley and myself and was followed by two jeeps driven by Jim Engelson and Richard Coons, towing two highly polished PWCs. Pat and Joy Guimond hosted a great food booth where our hot dogs were grilled to perfection on a brand new BBQ borrowed from Richard (it's not new now). Pat and Joy were ably assisted by renowned sous-chefs Randall Kall, Michael DeAnnuntis, Art Cummings, and Jeff Shaw. There was lots of fun chatting with the crowd, we got a VE request, and we sold great food till we ran out of supplies. Thank you everyone for all your help.

Next Flotilla 19 Meeting: Wednesday August 3rd, 7 pm, Blaine Marina Conference Room, 235 Marine Dr., Blaine, WA. See you there!

At Point Roberts, our booth was staffed by Andrew Breiteneder, Kathryn Wellington, and Lou Herrick. The weather was perfect, and lots of good contacts were made.

At BP, our booth was staffed by Randall Kall, Michael DeAnnuntis, Art Cummings, Chris Doutre, and Lou Herrick. It was a beautiful day, but somewhat cool, and plenty windy. As you can see from the picture, one of the tent poles had to be tied down. From the many BP employees and contractors who stopped to chat, there was a tremendous amount of interest in our boating classes and the Washington State Boater's Card.



Our La Conner Rendezvous for 2011 is gone, but not forgotten. Michael DeAnnuntis has put together a very nice PowerPoint presentation with lots of great photos (sample below) for our next meeting. Speaking of our next rendezvous, where should our 2012 outing be? What are your ideas?



August 6th & 7th bring us to Drayton Harbor Days, a truly great event showcasing the city of Blaine and our marina with lots of great family-friendly activities. The S/Vs Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will be available for tours and rides. The M/V Plover will provide rides from Blaine Marina to Semiahmoo Resort, and back. Ten steamers (steam-powered boats) will be moored off of Gate #2 for your inspection. The Great George Raft Race will celebrate the competition among homemade rafts cobbled together from odds and ends. Small sailboats will race around Monkey Island. And this year there will be a vendors' area across from the Marina office providing all kinds of interesting items. Please join us for this great event, at our safety booth, doing VEs, dock walk patrols, or just enjoying the event. Don't forget your sun screen.



Northwest Washington Fair *By Michael DeAnnuntis, VFC*

The NW Washington Fair is probably one of our most important public outreach activities of the summer. This year, the six-day event runs from Monday August 15th to Saturday the 20th. This is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet the public, recruit new members for our flotilla, and recruit new students for our classes. This is a District 13, Division One event. All members from Division One are welcome to assist in staffing the Recreational Safety booth. To make this an enjoyable event for all members assisting in staffing the booth, I have broken each day into four shifts: 10:00-1330, 1330-1630, 1630-1930, and 1930-2230. There will be free admission into the fair each day a member signs up for a shift. Please let me know ASAP. Contact me at michael (dot) deannuntis (at) gmail.com or 360-799-3179 and let me know what day and shift you would like to assist with. Thanks for all your assistance in making this a great event for our community and for our membership.

Vice Flotilla Commander's Message *By Michael DeAnnuntis, VFC*

As the summer heats up and we begin to get more sunny days in the Pacific Northwest, many boaters will be heading out in the lakes, rivers and Puget Sound. As your Vice Flotilla Commander I'd like to let you know that your Flotilla 19 Staff Officers are busy this summer helping to keep the boating public safe. We've been setting up display booths and handing out boating pamphlets. We've been offering free vessel exams and talking directly with the public about safe boating practices. For August Flotilla 19 will be at Drayton Harbor Days August 6th and 7th, NW Washington Fair August 15th through the 20th and Hoyt Hatfield will be at the Blaine Sail-A-Bration. Your Flotilla 19 Vessel Examiners have done over 300 vessel exams to date, thanks in large part to Hoyt and the leadership of FSO-VE Lyle Schrag. Earlier in the year Public Education has had several classes: About Boating Safety by Terry San-

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chez and Randall Kall, and *Suddenly in Command* by Kathryn Wellington and Darcie Haskell. The *Suddenly in Command* class was offered to just the women and was well attended and received by the public. Another class will be offered this fall/winter. Also a *VHF For Mariners* seminar was hosted by Chris Doutre. Thanks to Terry Sanchez for his leadership direction in Public Education. Our FSO-CS Bill McIntosh has improved our Flotilla Website greatly and has received national approval...well done Bill. FSO-PA Andrew B. has been busy getting our Flotilla information out to the public, our flotilla now has an ad in the Northern Light newspaper and we are a member of the Blaine Chamber of Commerce. I have had the pleasure of working with incredibly talented group of people who are all dedicated to the success of this Flotilla and we should be thankful for their dedication and efforts in running a great Flotilla. I'd like to give some additional recognition to the other Staff Officers who do a lot of behind the scenes work and make this Flotilla run smoothly: Agnes Doutre, Secretary; Darcie Haskell, Finance Officer; Art Cummings, Member Training, Information Services; Patrick Guimond, Navigation Systems; and Randall Kall for always helping out. Have a great summer, enjoy your time with family and friends, and stay safe on the water.

Public Affairs Announcement
By Andrew Breiteneder, FSO-PA

Flotilla 19 is pleased to announce that we are joining the Blaine Chamber of Commerce. The CoC in Blaine is an important entity in the business community, and we believe in supporting all efforts which enrich the community as a whole. The USCGA Blaine flotilla will be happy to help the CoC in any future endeavors where our assistance might be beneficial

Surface Patrol Reminder
By Hoyt Hatfield, FSO-OP

This is to clarify the pre-patrol procedure for coxswains. Please remember to submit a Pre-Patrol Notification Form after you receive approval of your patrol orders, but prior to the Wednesday before the patrol date. You can access the Pre-Patrol Notification Form at the link below. You must select the TONO # (Patrol Order #) of the approved patrol order in order to complete the form. Fill in the appropriate boxes and click on SUBMIT at the bottom. If you need to change something (such as a crew member) just submit a completely new form. Link: <http://tinyurl.com/sps-ppn>

All flotilla members are welcome to contribute to the newsletter. Email your articles to Chris Doutre, FSO-PB. Plus, if you have burning questions, or newsletter article ideas, please send them to me and I will find someone to write an article on your topic. Try it; you'll like it!

Dock Patrols, and Flotilla Calendar Updates
By Chris Doutre, FSO-PB



In exchange for our free use of the Blaine Marina conference room for our meetings, we have committed to conducting 52 dock patrols per year. This is a great opportunity for our members to see the inside of an excellent municipal marina operation. If you would like to find out about what's involved in doing a dock patrol, please contact Randall Kall. He will be available at the marine throughout August to describe the process to anyone who is interested.

We have received a few updates to our flotilla events calendar. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please get in touch with the contact named in the chart below. If there is no contact listed yet, and you want to get involved, please contact FC Gary Cordrey.

Event Calendar For 2011	Date	Contact
Drayton Harbor Days	August 6 – 7	Michael DeAnnuntis, Pat Guimond
Sandy Point Bullhead Derby	August 20	Lyle Schrag
Northwest Washington Fair	August 15 – 20	Michael DeAnnuntis, Sherri McIntosh
Semiahmoo International Regatta	September 10	

Monthly Ad in "The Northern Light"
By Andrew Breiteneder, FSO-PA

Here is our latest ad; it appeared on page 6 of the July 28th edition. Thanks to the PA team for working so hard to make this happen.




COME BY FOR A VISIT!

Community Info: Your Blaine US Coast Guard Auxiliary will have a display table set near the Blaine Marina Office (235 Marine Drive) during Drayton Harbor days August 6 and 7, 2011. Volunteer members will have boating safety and regulations material available. You may also book a free vessel examination during that time. Hope to see you there.





Monthly Tip: There are strict policies in relation to boats and killer whale interaction. You must remain at least 200 meters from killer whales at all times and no less than 400 meters if you are in the direction they are swimming. For more info please visit <http://a1300109.uscgaux.info/>

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