



Flotilla 19 NEWS

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

October is now history. Fall has arrived with its own beauty, and it's also time to put on the winter tires. I just chatted with our daughter in New Jersey; they are snowed in and without electrical power, along with over 2 million other homes. We are fortunate to live in the great state of Washington.

Congratulations to Kathryn Wellington for another successful "Suddenly in Command" seminar held at the Blaine Harbor Marina conference room. And a special thanks to all of those who assisted in presenting this great program: Darcie Haskell, Sherri McIntosh, Pam Chelgren-Koterba, Nancy Kaye, Delilah Bragg, Beanie Coons, and Agnes Doutre,

We (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and The United States Power Squadrons) entered into a new agree-

Important Election Meeting:

The next Flotilla 19 Meeting is Wednesday November 2nd, at 7 pm, Blaine Marina Conference Room, 235 Marine Dr., Blaine, WA. At this meeting, we will be electing the Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander for 2012. Please plan to attend and show your support.

ment at our NACON 2011 meeting on August 11, 2011: to jointly promote Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) – In 2010 there were over 12 million registered boats in the United States, plus many more that were not registered. During 2010 the U. S. Coast Guard recorded more than 4,600 boating related accidents resulting in 672 deaths, 3,153 injuries and property damage of over \$35 million. The majority of these accidents involved boats operated by individuals who had received no boating education. We clearly have a lot more work to do in educating the boating public.

Our new memorandum of understanding will address three main areas where our current activities overlap.

1. Vessel Exams and PV – Involving interchangeable training, joint workshops, & coordinated locations for VE's and PV's.
2. RBS manpower – Having more members involved in this area & focusing on introducing new members to this area, along with encouraging older, inactive, members to participate in the RBS mission.

3. Recruitment: Both of our organizations represent the two largest U. S. Boating education organizations, but we are a small part of the whole boating community. We need to plan some joint community outreach programs & develop material that can jointly promote both the USPS and Auxiliary.

I believe that the above goals are realistic and make good sense to utilize our collective talent and knowledge to make a deeper impact on the boating community. I will hand out copies of this memorandum at our next meeting.

Suddenly in Command

By Sherri McIntosh & Kathryn Wellington

On October 15th 2011, Flotilla 19 held a course taught by women for women – “Suddenly In Command”. It was well attended by the local community, including several women from Canada.

The object of the class was to provide women with knowledge to help them become safer and more confident boaters. The class was taught by instructors from Flotilla 19 and Flotilla 11.

A total of 15 students and six Auxiliarists were in attendance.

The class ran from noon until 4:00 and topics of discussion included Being Prepared; Know your Boat; Emergency situations and how to deal with them; Rules of the Road; Man Overboard; Communications and handling/tying lines.

Various hands-on demonstrations were presented including inflating a life vest, practicing communications and line handling on the Auxiliary Facility “Challenge”.

We were pleased to have Coast Guard Petty Officer Lydia Miller from Station Bellingham join us for the afternoon session.

Positive feedback was given by the group and we left them wanting to learn more!

Thanks to all who participated in making this class a success:

Kathryn Wellington - Lead Instructor/Coordinator
Pam Chelgren-Koterba - Instructor
Darcie Haskell – Instructor
Sherri McIntosh – Instructor
Nancy Kaye – Assistant
Delilah Bragg – Assistant
Beanie Coons – Assistant
Agnes Doutré - Assistant



Life Jacket Demonstration: Nancy Kaye / Sherri McIntosh / Kathryn Wellington / Beanie Coons / Pam Chelgren-Koterba / Delilah Bragg / Darcie Haskell



Pam Chelgren-Koterba Instructing. Photo by Kathryn Wellington

December Holiday Social

By Michael DeAnnuntis, VFC



Gary and I would like to plan a holiday social for December. We are seeking ideas and thoughts on how you would like to celebrate. This would be a great opportunity to have some fun and enjoyment with your Coast Guard Auxiliary family. Please contact Gary or me via email or phone with your thoughts and ideas!!!!

Dock Patrols

By Chris Doutré, FSO-PB

I had the pleasure of doing two dock patrols recently and I highly recommend it. Blaine Marina has an interesting variety of boats to ogle, and it's great exercise to walk the docks. Last I heard, we had completed 28 dock patrols this year. Since we committed to 52 dock patrols this year in exchange for using the conference room, we still owe the harbor 24 patrols. That's three a week for the next eight weeks. If you have an hour or so some sunny afternoon, please get in touch with Ryan or me for more information or an in-person orientation.

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