



# Flotilla 19 NEWS

*January, 2012*



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

*[Gary actually wrote this in early December; I updated it a little – Ed]* Ah, Sunday evening, relaxing by the fire, a glass of wine, starting the news article. More wine than writing. Now it is Monday evening, with a cup of hot peppermint tea, sitting at the table, Diane reading by the fire. Most of the Christmas decorations are up. The San Diego Chargers have a good lead at half time. Time to get the article done.

Winter is only days away, and the holidays approach. Time to spend with family and friends and reflect on 2011, and set our goals for the coming year. This past year was filled with lots of activities, adventures and challenges. It was time to bid farewell to the Bogues and Randall Kall. Randall is hunkered down in Santa Barbara last I heard. The Bogues are suffering the warm Florida climate.

### Important Meeting Info:

The next regular Flotilla 19 Meeting will be on Wednesday February 1st, at 7 pm, Blaine Marina Conference Room, 235 Marine Dr., Blaine, WA. There is no regular meeting scheduled for January, but please plan to attend the Flotilla Change of Watch on January 8th. Contact Gary or Art for more info.

We completed many activities this year thanks to the great efforts of all our members. We even have a great representation in Point Roberts and connections with the Canadian Auxiliary. Now I ponder what 2012 will bring. Possibly more patrols and training, more diversified educational classes, a new safety booth backdrop that is both useful and light weight, a retreat in La Conner? And whatever direction our great leaders take us in.

Our Change of Watch is only a week away, Sunday, January 8th at 5:00PM in the Great Blue Heron Grill at the Semiahmoo Golf Club. If you have not yet responded, please contact me ASAP; we need to provide a head count and meal selection. Come join your friends and celebrate the beginning of another year.

Finally, it is with great regret that I must share the news that Andrew "Andy" King has passed away. Please see the obituary by Lou Herrick on page 2.

Thank you all for an excellent 2012. I'm looking forward to more service to the boating community, and more fellowship, with you in 2012.

*Andrew "Andy" King has passed over the bar.*

*The information that we have received is that Andy King suffered a massive stroke and passed away on Tuesday December 20th.*

*Andy had 35 ½ years of continuous Auxiliary service at the time of his passing. He was retired from the City of Seattle, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. He was qualified as an ATON verifier and Coxswain, and was an avid sailor.*

*He held 7 Membership Service Awards, the Operations Program Award, 3 Operations Service Awards, 2 Public Education Service Awards, the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation, 2 awards of the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award, the DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, the Presidential Unit Citation and 5 Auxiliary Service Awards.*

*A native of Seattle, he is survived by his sister. He will be missed.*

### **Division Change of Watch**

*By Chris Doutre, FSO-PB.*

As usual, Flotilla 1-9 was well-represented at the Division One Change of Watch. In addition to Fred Bell, Art Cummings and Lou Herrick (see photo), I saw Richard Coons, Michael DeAnnuntis, Bill and Sherri McIntosh, Kathryn Wellington, Hoyt Hatfield, and Agnes Doutre.



Fred Bell, Art Cummings, and Lou Herrick standing tall at the D1 CoW, 12/4/2011. (C. Doutre photo).

Harry Ota was sworn in as the new Division Commander and Tony Ford became the new Vice Division Commander. Then all the new division staff officers for 2012 were sworn in and there were plenty of awards to be presented.



Art Cummings being appointed DSO-VE by Peter Raiswell, District 13 Commodore, while Rear Admiral Keith Taylor, Commander USCG District 13 looks on. (C. Doutre photo).

### **Dock Patrol Report**

*By Ryan Langley, FSO-DP*

Thank you to all the flotilla members who took the time to perform dock patrols this year. I am very happy to report that we completed 52 patrols, as promised. As always, I encourage more members to get involved in this enjoyable and healthy activity. Blaine Marina has an interesting variety of boats to inspect, and it's great exercise to walk the docks. Plus, it is our commitment to the Blaine Marina in exchange for our no-charge use of their excellent meeting room for our meetings and classes. If you have an hour or so some sunny afternoon, please get in touch with me, or any staff officer, for more information or an in-person orientation. Remember, we did our job in 2011, but 2012 has already started and our current dock patrol count for 2012 stands at zero. [On behalf of the entire membership of Flotilla 19, I'd like to sincerely thank Ryan for tackling this thankless but vital job. Well done, Ryan, Bravo Zulu! - Ed.]

### **New Flotilla Staff Officers for 2012**

*By Chris Doutre, FSO-PB.*

There are several changes in your flotilla staff officer lineup for 2012. While Gary and Michael were reelected to the FC and VFC positions, many ap-


pointed positions changed hands: Richard Coons took FSO-CM, Beanie Coons took FSO-FN, Michael Farinha took FSO-MT, and Darcie Haskell took FSO-PE. The latest contact information for these members, and all other members, can always be found on the AuxOfficer website:

<http://auxofficer.cgaux.org>


## Public Affairs Report

By Andrew Breiteneder

Thanks to the generosity of our community sponsors, we are able to continue publishing a monthly Coast Guard Auxiliary announcement in The Northern Light newspaper. Here is our latest ad; check it out and tell your friends to watch for it. Our major event for January is the Suddenly in Command class on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Point Roberts. Look for the printable flyer at the end of this newsletter.



### ANOTHER CLASS STARTING SOON!








**Community Info:** Upcoming class called Suddenly-in-Command for women interested in becoming more proficient and confident with their boating skills. Class will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012. For more details or to register, contact Kathryn at (360) 220-3872 or [k.wellington28@gmail.com](mailto:k.wellington28@gmail.com) or visit <http://a1300109.uscgaux.info> and click "Public Educations Classes" on the links.

**Monthly Tip:** Your Blaine auxiliary is always looking for enthusiastic people to join the USCGA. There are many opportunities for training, education, and rewarding times spent with a professional group of volunteers. Please call Hoyt at (360) 371-3310 for more information!

*Happy Holidays from the  
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# SUDDENLY IN COMMAND

A BOATING COURSE FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

WHO: Presented by women of Flotilla 19 and Flotilla 11  
of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
FOR: Women interested in building their confidence in boating  
WHEN: Saturday, January 14, 2012  
From 10:30 am to 4:00 pm  
WHERE: Point Roberts Marina office (upstairs)  
713 Simundson Drive / Point Roberts, WA 98281  
COST: Auxiliary members: free  
Non-members: \$35  
REGISTER: Call or email Kathryn Wellington  
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360-220-3872

This course is for women who are interested in boating, who may be married to a boater but feel they are just there to provide the lunch, women who go out as passengers on other people's boats, or who may be anxious about boating altogether and would rather leave boating up to the men!

The course will be led by women from Flotilla 19 and Flotilla 11 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary who have enthusiasm and experience with boating and want to help others who "ride" on boats to know what to do if the boat captain should fall overboard or fall ill and they will need to be "suddenly in command"! We want to give women a chance to voice their concerns and help them build confidence to learn some basics of boating such as using the radio to call for help, stopping the boat, and turning it around if there is a "man overboard"! We will provide coffee and snacks throughout the afternoon. Join us!

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