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Next Meeting:

Monday, May 5

Waterfront Community Center
preceded by one-hour Mini-Course
1900

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Get ready for a Safe, Fun

Boating Season

Get your WA State Boating Card

Enroll in the next Class!



About Boating Safely

June 21, 2014

Enroll through the
Bainbridge Island Park Dept.

206-842-2306, ext 118

BOATER'S FAIR NATIONAL MARINA DAY—JUNE 14, 2014

The City of Bainbridge Island, Tami Allen, Harbor Master and North Kitsap Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 48, have joined forces to celebrate National Marina Day in the spirit of our former Boater's Fair. Grant Winther and David Grant are leading the charge for the flotilla.

Aimed at boater safety, education and fun for the whole family, this event will include hands-on activities for all from knot tying, navigation and anchoring to on-the-water events.

Location: Bainbridge Island Waterfront Community Park from 11 - 4 pm.

WATER 'N KIDS GOES TO SCHOOL

Flotilla members Erich Schultz, David Grant and Grant Winther will launch their first Water 'N Kids Safety Training program to second graders at Wilkes Elementary School on May 16, 2014. Three one-hour sessions will be conducted allowing a total of 100 kids to participate. Students will rotate through 3-5 stations learning about hypothermia, life jackets, boat stability and more. If you are interested in joining in with "the kids" on this very important water safety training event, please contact Erich.

FLOTILLA 48 TEAMS W/PARKS DEPT

Under the leadership of Grant Winther, Flotilla 48 and the Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District have joined forces to promote boater education on the island. The Parks department will advertise our classes, enroll students and help defray costs of meeting at the Waterfront Park Community Center.

About Boating Safely will be offered June 21, July 12 and August 8.
Charts to GPS will be offered on July 26 and again on September 7.

Registration can be completed online at <http://webtrac.biparks.org>.

A WORD FROM SHELLEY FLEMING, VFC

Fellow flotilla members

I have been a member of Flotilla 48 for less than 2 years and find myself in an elected leadership position as your VFC. I had never expected to be in a leadership position when I joined. Learning the duties and responsibilities of the position is a slow and ongoing process. The Flotilla leadership course was a help but as I'm sure you all know that the myriad of USCGA rules, regs, policies, procedures can try the patience of a saint. That being said; please don't hesitate to contact me regarding Auxiliary and Flotilla issues. I may not know the answer but I'll do my best to get one for you.

I have had a lifelong love of boating and things maritime. Growing up in the Puget Sound region, I have always been drawn to boats and the salt water. After high school, I was fortunate to work six seasons on freight and towing vessels associated with the Alaska fishing industry. I served as deckhand and later engineer on these 105' long vessels. In conjunction with this work, I went to school and received a AAS degree in marine engineering technology. After my family was started, I came ashore and have spent the majority of my career working in stationary facilities operations, safety, and maintenance. During these years, I have owned several small boats and currently I have the 29' "Tryfina," a wooden power boat that I had designed and built myself. On approaching retirement, I felt that joining the Auxiliary was another way to be involved with maritime activities. The major draw for me was the Auxiliary's focus on boating safety and education of the public. Additionally,

the opportunity to associate with folks who might be as "boat crazy" as me was appealing. Since joining, I have focused on and have been certified as a "boat crew" and "vessel examiner." My next goal in training is to be certified as coxswain. I would be very interested in working in the public education area if opportunities arise in the future. In the immediate future, I am looking forward to performing vessel safety checks and participating in on the water operations this summer.



Tom Lindsley & Shelley Fleming

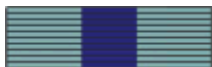
MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sustained Service Award

Larry Brown
Loretta Rindal



Shelley Fleming, Vessel Examiner



Larry Kight, Instructor



Air Operations Auxiliarist of the Year (2013)

Greg Baker
ASDO-AV OP



Assistant District Staff Officer
Aviation Operations

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WHAT'S UP IN OPERATIONS

On February 22nd Tom Lindsley's boat Terrapin, crewed by Tom, Kurt Schultz, Erich Shultz and John Yeckel, spent a day assisting the Derelict Vessel Task Force in identifying hazard-to-navigation threats from derelict vessels and barges in Puget Sound. The Task Force is led by U.S. Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, and involves representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, including Washington's Department of Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Response and Restoration. The Task Force aims to identify and remove imminent pollution and hazard-to-navigation threats from derelict vessels and barges within Puget Sound. As we all know from the recent experience with the tugboat Chicamauga, the backlog of vessels in need of removal continues to grow.

NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration's Spatial Data Branch is currently undertaking a major effort to enter an updated list of derelict vessels into ERMA. ERMA is a NOAA online mapping tool that integrates both static and

real-time data to support environmental planning and response operations. Right now derelict vessels are primarily tracked in the DNR's database. By pulling this data into ERMA, the task force will not only be able to see the vessels displayed on a map but also make use of the various layers of environmental sensitivity data already within ERMA. The hope is that this can help with the prioritizing process and possibly eventually be used as a tool to raise awareness. We anticipate that additional missions in support of this effort will take place in future months.

NAVIGATION: PROPOSED CHANGES SHILSHOLE BAY ENTRANCE

The U.S. Coast Guard is proposing multiple changes to the Aids to Navigation system at the entrance to Shilshole Bay in Puget Sound.

The proposed changes include disestablishing Shilshole Bay Approach Lighted Buoy "S" (18110), lighting Shilshole Bay Entrance Buoys 1 (LLNR 18125) and 2 (LLNR 18130), changing the light characteristic of Shilshole Bay Breakwater Light 3 (LLNR 18140), disestablishing Shilshole Bay Entrance Range Rear Light (LLNR 18120) and changing Shilshole Bay Entrance Range Front Light (LLNR 18115) to a Direction Light.

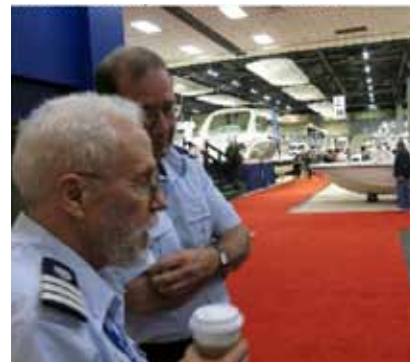
www.uscgnews.com

SECTOR PUGET SOUND CHANGE OF COMMAND

Capt. Scott Ferguson, former commander of Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, transferred command of Sector Puget Sound to Capt. M.W. "Joe" Raymond during a change of command ceremony held at Base Seattle, March 13, 2014.

Captain Raymond's afloat assignments include Deck Watch Officer on Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND (WMEC 904), Executive Officer of Coast Guard Cutter ATTU (WPB 1317), Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter SAPELO (WPB 1314), and Commanding Officer and Plankowner of Coast Guard Cutter SHAMAL (WPC 13). In addition to his afloat assignments, Raymond also served as commander of Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay from 2007-2009.

<http://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-sector-puget-sound-to-hold-change-of-command/2014/03/12/>



Seattle Boat Show, January 2014
Watchstanders from FL 48: Grant Winther, Shelley Fleming and David Grant. David above shown chatting w/Garrison Bromwell, DCDR Div 1.



Capt. M. W. "Joe" Raymond

DIVISION 4 MARINE SAFETY STAFF OFFICER ROALD BENDIXEN

Recently I had the opportunity to speak with Roald Bendixen (Flotilla 48's FSO-MS) about the unique opportunity afforded him in his role as Division 4's Marine Safety Officer. Since he retired in 2003, he has been working as a part time instructor at the OHMSETT Oil Spill Test and Research Facility in Atlantic Highlands, NJ. The facility supports a 450 ft x 50 ft x 10 ft deep salt water test tank that is the only place in the world where you can legally dump oil into a salt water environment and recover it utilizing a variety of skimming devices. The facility has bridges, oil handling equipment, a wave machine and class rooms.



Roald Bendixen



Roald is an instructor for the US Coast Guard's Oil Spill Response Technician course where buoy tender deck crews are trained about the USCG Spilled Oil Recovery System (SORS) and Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System (VOSS). This is the same skimming equipment that the Coast Guard deployed on buoy tenders and commercial oil industry deck boats in the Gulf during the Deep Water Horizon response in 2010. The students get a classroom review of the equipment and its capability, then get to practice assembling the various components (outrigger arm and hoisting davit, inflatable containment boom, diesel prime mover, hydraulic lines and discharge hoses and temporary containment devices) in the field.

The unique facilities at the OHMSETT Oil Spill Test and Research Facility give students the opportunity to spend several days skimming oil in the test tank under calm water conditions and then under more difficult skimming conditions with crested harbor chop and rolling open water waves.

As a follow-up to the OSRT course, each Coast Guard District deploys the skimming equipment on their buoy tenders every year.

Roald assists District 13 with this training for the three buoy tenders located in Everett, Portland and Astoria. These deployments take three to five days each, depending on the scenario and whether the tenders transit to other ports to practice with other response vessels. In June of 2013 Roald spent a week on the Cutter FIR which was deployed to Victoria, BC as part of a task force exercise with the Canadian Coast Guard and commercial response vessels. The Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Director General of the Canadian Coast Guard both attended.

by David Grant and Roald Bendixen

THE LOOK OF OPS, PORT TOWNSENEED



David Grant



Shelley Fleming

photos by Caroline Clarke

On April 12th David Grant, Shelley Fleming and Caroline Clarke participated in a training exercise in Port Townsend Bay in preparation for David's QE on April 19th. Shelley and Caroline served as crew on Jim Zard's boat Slo Mo, and for the third year running David served as bal-last. The boats did towing, anchoring and man overboard drills and, after a short break for dinner, night ops. While the time on the water was fun, once again King Neptune was not impressed and for the second time in a row the QE on the 19th was cancelled due to a small craft advisory.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPEN HOUSE—MAY 16, 2014

As part of the Seattle Maritime 101 Festival NOAA's Western Regional Center campus will open it's gates to the public on Friday May 16 from noon to 7PM! Come explore the work NOAA in Seattle does to support the maritime industry through weather forecasting, healthy ecosystems, safe waterways, protecting our coasts, and observing our planet. Come visit us for tours, hands-on activities, movies, and the chance to meet NOAA scientists.

Western Regional Center
7600 Sand Point Way NE

for further information: <http://www.wrc.noaa.gov/OpenHouse.htm>

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Dick Read	FSO-CS
Caroline Clarke	FSO-DV
Larry Brown	FSO-FN
Caroline Clarke	FSO-HR
David Grant	FSO-IS
Lynnea Heerman	FSO-MA
Roald Bendixen	FSO-MS
Kurt Schultz	FSO-MT
Grant Winther	FSO-NS
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Loretta Rindal	FSO-PB
Grant Winther	FSO-PE
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Larry Kight	FSO-VE



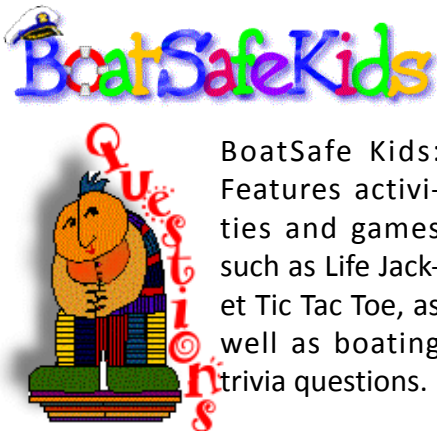
BOATING EDUCATION RESOURCES—KIDS

WAYPOINTS for Kids ages 10-12

Targeted to youth in grades 4-6, this booklet includes many of the main points of the adult 8-hr About Boating Safely Course.



www.cgaux.org/boatinged/classes/waypoints.html



BoatSafe Kids: Features activities and games such as Life Jacket Tic Tac Toe, as well as boating trivia questions.

www.boatsafe.com/kids

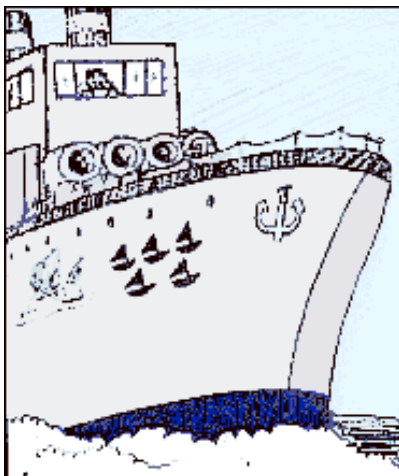


Be Boat Safe Kids - You Tube



www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/kidsite.htm

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — 75 YEARS



On June 23, 2014 the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate its 75th year anniversary.

Help tell this story. We are looking for photos, interviews, stories, artifacts and historical items to add to official archives and possible display. Whether you are a member of the public who has been impacted by the volunteer efforts or an auxilist yourself, please send your stories! You can contribute by connecting with Tom Ceniglio at DVC-AR@auxpa.org for possible inclusion in this year's celebration events.

<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2014/02/celebrating-the-u-s-coast-guard-auxiliaries-75th/>