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Division Commander's Report



David Aho, DCR

Summer is upon us. This is the busiest time of the year for the Auxiliary and a great many activities are happening in our area. Probably the activity which will most affect members of Division 4 is that the Commander of District 13 has issued an order for Operation Safe Summer 2010. The Operation will begin May 1 and end September 7, 2010. The Operation emphasis will remain focused on reaching recreational boating safety goals for the District. Op Safe summer 2010 will consist of an operational education and outreach campaign conducted by active duty, reserves, and auxiliary forces. A second facet will consist of regional operations based around traditional summer season events, including Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, Fourth of July, Seafair, Wooden Boat Festival, etc.

Focused operations have significantly reduced accidents and fatalities and are benchmarks for cooperation utilizing both active duty and Auxiliary forces throughout the district. The third facet will be normal operations focused on achieving district targets for national Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) program goals. This provides for specific target boarding goals by the active duty and unit activity reporting to permit measurement, re-evaluation, and retargeting of high threat areas.

The Division and each Flotilla is being asked to report their RBS activities each week. We are usually accustomed to reporting our individual and Flotilla activities monthly. However if the active duty is to coordinate activities with the Auxiliary and the District leadership is to have knowledge of Auxiliary activities, it will be necessary to report what we are doing and when we are doing it in a more timely manner, eg. weekly.

Each member and each Flotilla should set goals and benchmarks for their RBS activity. Your goals should include the percentage or numerical increase in your activity. How many Vessel Safety Exams will you perform this



Next Division meeting

August 21

Port Ludlow Beach Club

121 Marina View Drive
Port Ludlow
1000-1300

Speakers:

Harry Ota,
Oil Spill Response

Bob Hays,
Sector Puget Sound

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Flotilla Commanders

Flotilla 41

Dick Moore, FC
Ian McFall, VFC

Flotilla 42

Jack Janis, FC
Richard Johnston, VFC

Flotilla 45

Tim Westcott, FC
Mike Dunn, VFC

Flotilla 47

Jim Zard, FC
Joanne Kaufmann, VFC

Flotilla 48

Jim Beyea, FC
Larry Brown, VFC

summer? Is the number greater than last year? How many Public Education classes will you teach this summer? Is it a greater number than last year? How many Program Visitor contacts will you make? Is it greater than last summer? How many Operational Patrols will you perform this Summer? Is it greater than last summer?

If you are reaching your goals and increasing your activity, are you reporting it weekly to your FSO-IS on forms 7029 and 7030? If you are participating in a Shrimpfest, a Boaters Fair, or a Boat Festival, are you submitting a request for non-reimbursable orders? Are you reporting your hours on the 7029 form?

Setting performance goals, conducting the activity, and reporting the activity lets the active duty know what we are doing.

If we tell them what we are doing and when we are doing it, the active duty can then set up coordinated exercises with the Auxiliary. Weekly reports sent to Sector let the leadership know what the auxiliary is doing and how active we really are!

The hours of activity the Auxiliarist reports on forms 7029 and 7030 translate in to a savings to the Coast Guard of \$24.74 per hour (The Navigator Spring 2010). Each hour we spend on a Safety Patrol in The Strait of Juan De Fuca, Admiralty Inlet, or the Hood Canal means that an active duty boat crew can be doing other activities. Each boater we educate who does not become a SAR case saves the active duty time and money.

The Auxiliary is changing. Our mission will be focused on RBS. If we don't do it or if we don't report it, who will know what we are doing?

Your time is valuable and appreciated. Let the Leadership know what you are doing. Thank you for your outstanding effort. Keep up the good work.

Semper Paratus

David Aho, Division Commander
Division 4, District 13 USCG Auxiliary



CANOE JOURNEY

edited article from 4-Every1 by Ian McFall

The annual tribal canoe "Journey" was hosted this year by the Makah tribe at Neah Bay. Canoes from East and West Vancouver Island, Campbell River, Lummi, Squaxin and from Potlatch participated in this two week long event. Several Olympic Peninsula flotillas provided escort to the canoes.



photo by George Sichel

On Sunday July 11 Carpe PM with Al Burgan (coxswain) and John Reseck, left Kingston to escort a single canoe across Admiralty Inlet. Unfortunately, the boat sucked up some slime into the cooling intakes causing the engine to overheat. The boat was towed into Kingston Harbor by another AUX facility in the area.

On Monday, Siren's Song with Ian McFall (coxswain), Ralph Hogan (owner/crew) and Sonya Quitslund (crew) escorted the five canoes from Potlatch to Hjelvik's Beach. The five canoes with three support vessels and the Aux vessel left Potlatch at 5:30 am to catch the tide. This was the second highest tide differential of the year, providing a favorable one knot current for the fleet. Only one of the canoes made it to Hjelvik's Beach, the knowledgeable crew making full use of the current in the middle of the straight parts of the canal and in the deep water running close to shore in the turns.

The remainder faltered once they reached Quatsap Point where the tide began to turn and the wind piped up. One canoe wisely decided that the choppy water was too much for the canoe and put into Pleasant Harbor. The remainder beached their canoes; their crews exhausted. Siren's Song and one of the support boats towed two of the canoes into Pleasant Harbor.

The next day (Tuesday) John Reseck, coxswained his own facility, Motivator with crew Dee Meek, Alden Johnson, and Phil Keys aboard. They escorted twelve canoes and some ten support vessels from Point No Point to Port Gamble where they met up with the canoes from Hood Canal escorted by George Sichel's Virgin Sturgeon coxswained by McFall. It was a perfect day, sunny but not too hot and virtually no wind.

The following day Motivator met the entire fleet at Port Gamble now numbering twenty five canoes and some twenty support boats.

Motivator with crew Deek Meek, Alden Johnson, Vicki Young and Joe Langjahr escorted the fleet to Indian Island where they were to be picked up the next day by Jim Zard from the Port Townsend Flotilla.

Altogether a worthwhile effort involving four facilities from Flotilla 41, ten Flotilla members, twenty support vessels with seventy five crew members and twenty five canoes with 250 paddlers.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY SPECIAL EVENT RADIO DAY

Saturday — 23 October 2010

Operational: 1400—2300 Z



All US Coast Guard Auxiliary members within Div. 4, who are amateur radio operators, are invited to man the Special Event Radio Station located in The Keepers House at Pt. Wilson Lighthouse.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2010. We will operate on amateur HF frequencies to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary. This annual event provides an opportunity to exercise our capabilities while demonstrating skills to a wide and diverse audience.

The Division's special event radio station (call sign W7Z) will be operating on the air all day long, contacting amateur operators and other Coast Guard Stations, nationally and internationally. **What an opportunity!**

Each radio station contacted by our Special Event Station will be sent a commemorative QSL Card. Last year over 60 USCG Aux. special event stations contacted thousands of other amateurs, and USCG Auxiliary members.

Don't be left out! Come join us for a great time, fun and fellowship.

Purpose of the Event

- Commemorate the 71st Anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary
- Spread the word on the event and the purpose of USCG AUX
- Get members and non-members involved with communications within the AUX
- Bring new members into the auxiliary
- Enjoy Auxiliary fellowship

If interested in operating the station or just helping out at this event, contact:

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Thanks for being there when we need you,
BZ Don



last year's team Kevin Ryan, John Ammeter, Bill Davis, Don Millbauer, Joe Langjahr

KIDS DAY 2010

Kitsap County Fairgrounds, June 5, 2010

article submitted by Janet Young, FL 45

Auxiliarists from both Flotilla 45 and 48 participated in the 25th Annual Kid's Day at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds on June 5th, 2010. This safety event, which is put on by Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, attracts several thousand people. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has participated for many years.



Janet Young, Lynnea Heerman, Norma Bailey and Bob Erickson.

Children and their families visit booths to receive various information on safety in daily life. There are demonstrations to help children and their parents become aware of dangerous situations and how to respond. The Coast Guard Auxiliary emphasized wearing Life Jackets and taught about hypothermia in our local waters. The children were quite surprised how cold their arms could get being plunged into the bucket of ice water. The kids were very cooperative and enthusiastic about our safety message. Along with being able to get out our important message to kids, this event enabled our two flotillas to coordinate and share resources. This was a great event to have good fellowship that is so much a part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary experience.

25th Annual KIDS' DAY 2010

FREE Fire & Life Safety Event for the whole family!

**Saturday, June 5
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
President's Hall
at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds**

Live Fire & Rescue Demonstrations · Entertainment
Fire Safety Science House with the Professional Fire Fighters
of Kitsap County, IAFF, Local 2819

A colorful poster for the 25th Annual Kids' Day 2010. The top features the text '25th Annual KIDS' DAY 2010' in a stylized font. Below this is a cartoon illustration of a red fire truck with a ladder extended, surrounded by children and a dog. A red circular badge on the right side of the illustration says 'FREE Fire & Life Safety Event for the whole family!'. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds'. The bottom of the poster includes 'Live Fire & Rescue Demonstrations · Entertainment' and 'Fire Safety Science House with the Professional Fire Fighters of Kitsap County, IAFF, Local 2819'.

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

from the desk of FC Dick Moore

Wow the year is half gone already. We must be having fun!! It has been busy as well as rewarding. We are so fortunate to have a full slate of very dedicated and hard working officers. With their help we have chartered a detachment in Brinnon that is 8 members strong and growing. This addition has increased our span of ability to include south Hood Canal and puts us in much closer proximity to Sub Base Bangor. We have three facilities there as well as one Coxwain and three crew with more close to qualifying.

Early this year three of our facilities and crew participated in training exercises with the MFPU Bangor (Maritime Force Protection Unit). This proved to be a very interesting and challenging effort as we were at times portraying the bad guys. Thanks to our persistent FSO PA, Ian Mc Fall we were able to get an article on the maneuvers in the last issue of the "Navigator"

Over Memorial Day weekend we manned a PA/PE booth at The Brinnon Shrimp fest. This was attended by over 10,000 people and we made some good contacts for new members, VSCs and Boater Safety courses. We will be doing a similar set up for the Port Ludlow Days the end of July.

In June we held a "Crew Academy" in Brinnon which resulted in three new qualified crew. We will be offering several other courses in the coming months.



FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

from the desk of FC Jim Zard

With the summer months upon us we've moved into high gear with our Boat Crew Training; moving to accomplish the on-water tasks. It's been challenging to coordinate all of the schedules for this as we've also moved into peak season for the Lighthouse tours and several of the candidates needing these tasks signed off are also docents for the tours. This has been further hampered due to the fact that one of our two coxswains is also a docent for the tours and his facility has not been operational due to mechanical problems. Yet we trudge on the best we can and should have four more crew members by next month.

The visitor activity for the lighthouse tours has been averaging nearly 200 per week and to date we've had 2096 visitors! Many are interested in the alleged ghosts that haunt the keeper's house. A paranormal investigation took place there on the 21st of June and the publicity garnered on King 5 News has been noticed in the questions that are being asked by visitors.

We provided support to the Tribal canoe journey again this year and were able to field three patrols in support; however, heavy weather on the second day caused the canoes to turn back early.

The final area of focus (other than normal patrols and RBS activities in support of operation Safe Summer 2010) has been on achieving our assigned PATON inspections. We've been a bit creative with this by planning to combine 4th of July support and the requirement for new crew members to complete night patrol navigation tasks with this assignment. Having a 43 ft new flotilla facility has allowed us to place adequate crew and trainees aboard at the same time.



FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

from the desk of FC Jim Beyea



A busy Summer 2010

We are very pleased to announce two new members! Mentors Winther and Beyea are enjoying working with and getting to know David Grant & Erich Schultz.

By the end of August, we should have one new crew member, Doyle Clouser and a new facility!



Our RBS program began in May with the 5th Annual Boater's Fair, held at the BI Commons and continued with National Night Out, sponsored by the Bainbridge Island Police Department. We tried a new "grab'n'go" format with booth and materials at the ready to promote boating and water safety. So far this approach looks good!

On-the-water and air operations continue at a heavy pace. Greg Baker and his yellow helo have been up quite a few times and Sonya Quitslund remains active despite a bad knee.



Water ops have included member training, MOM patrols and safety for helo demos (Seafair and the Boater's Fair). We also participated in safety patrols—the Salmon Swim in Lake Washington, Tribal Canoe Journey, and Seafair.

"On the radar" are another swim monitoring patrol and a local canoe event.

Norma Bailey and Lynnea Heerman joined with FL 45 in Kids Day 2010 in Bremerton in June. See article page 5.

Our August Boating Safety Class was a big hit, inspite of low enrollment numbers.



Our Education Team is working on some creative alternatives to bolster their program. So far possibilities include: boating for couples, navigation, chart reading/GPS.

As a small flotilla we are targeting our strengths and looking for ways to adapt our numbers to meet the needs of the Coast Guard and boating public while at the same time avoiding exhaustive demands on the few.

Lastly we are placing a greater emphasis on fellowship. Our July picnic at the Port Madison Yacht Club was great fun and well attended! So much so that planning is underway for a Fall picnic in September.

photos: Jim Beyea, Loretta Rindal

FIFTH ANNUAL BOATER'S FAIR

photos: Jim Beyea



The Boater's Fair is a successful Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Community Services Model.

This year (the Fifth Annual) included participants from CGAir Station Port Angeles and CG Station Seattle, from the community of Bainbridge Island: Marine Police, Harbor Master, Fire Department, Island Stewards, the US Power Squadron.



Finally it involved almost all members of Flotilla 48 and more importantly each flotilla in the Division supported this event with their participation!

Thank you!



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