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Division Four supports six regional flotillas in Northwest Washington state covering Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal. We provide administrative assistance by coordinating activities between flotillas and providing communication to Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13.

Flotilla 41, Port Ludlow & Brinnon; Flotilla 42, Sequim; Flotilla 44, Port Angeles;
Flotilla 45, Bremerton; Flotilla 47, Port Townsend; Flotilla 48, North Kitsap

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DIVISION COMMANDERS REMARKS

Greetings Shipmates,

With my term as Division Commander coming to a close and as I prepare to turn the helm over to the next watch, I wanted to leave you all with a few thoughts.

First and foremost, I extend my sincere thank you and deep appreciation to the Division staff, the Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders who continue to make everything happen on a daily basis. There were some significant challenges early in the year with some units struggling to find members willing to take on the leadership roles. Those units were able to weather that storm and came out the other side with strong, dedicated leadership. The Division staff were always there to assist me and have performed admirably in their roles. A special thank you to Division Vice Commander David Grant. He was never afraid to question me and has always provided me with fantastic advice.

We have opportunities in Division Four that offer us the ability to serve the Nation and our communities in ways that may not seem obvious.

- The Hood Canal is about 65 miles long with no USCG presence. The Marine Force Protection Unit (MFPU) stationed at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor is one of two units (the other at Kings Bay, GA) that are unique in the Coast Guard in that they are single mission units. They protect the submarines and only that. They are funded by the US Navy and do not respond to SAR or routine law enforcement patrols. So, they are not available for duty on the Hood Canal. The distances are too great for Station Seattle to respond due to crew endurance limitations which leaves the entire Canal to us to patrol. If we combine that with the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Division Four has over 200 miles of distance and over 400 miles of shoreline to patrol.
- Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park is a federal waterway. Station Port Angeles occasionally trailers a boat there for patrol and they have asked us to patrol it for them. I see a perfect opportunity for trailerable facilities or PWC patrols there.
- We have 5 bridges and 59 PATONS to verify each year (a few of those have multiple lights, 372 in all, that need to be individually checked). Some of those PATONS are used by large commercial vessels to verify their navigational plots while transiting our waters. If those PATONS are extinguished or in the wrong location there is a potential for an oil tanker to end up on the rocks.
- Did you know that Port Townsend High School is a maritime themed public school? They have many students interested in joining the Coast Guard, Navy or Merchant Marine. There are continuing opportunities there for interaction and potential new members.
- With Division Four covering three counties and all of them on the water all



our communities have a maritime component. Imagine how many people we have the opportunity to reach with our Public Education courses? Don't stop with the About Boating Safety course, continue with some of the others we teach. You will be surprised at how many students return to learn more.

Remember to reach out to your neighboring Flotillas to assist with our activities. We are not separate units; we are one Auxiliary that happens to meet in different places. To emphasize that point, in January Divisions 2, 3 and 4 will be holding a joint Change of Watch ceremony on Saturday, January 14th at the Naval Undersea Warfare Museum in Keyport. All are welcome to attend. All Flotillas are invited to join in and conduct their Change of Watch along with us. We have invited RADM Mark Butt, District 13 Commander, to join us.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Division Commander. As I transition to my new role as District Chief of Staff, I hope you will all give the same amount of support to Joseph Treece, our newly elected Division Commander for next year. I know he has the dedication and energy to serve you well.

Stay safe.

David Larkin, DCDR

MASS RESCUE OPERATION IN THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA

photos and article by Lee LaFollette, FSO-PB, 130-06-02

Port Angeles, WA, 27 September 2016

What happens when a huge ferry boat “M/V Coho” has an accident and requires an international joint venture rescue...sixty bodies in the water? Experience can be the best teacher when bringing out the U.S. Coast Guard “Incident Management Handbook.”

Watchwords would be, “*This is a Real World Emergency*” and “*This is an exercise.*” Real emergency actions take priority over exercise actions.

Taking place at US Coast Guard Station Port Angeles were the “players” who were allowing themselves to be made up as accident victims. They got up early Tuesday morning for makeup prior to the Mass Rescue Drill.

Players reported to the makeup station at 0700 to allow for 60 participants (a group of about 30 Auxiliary members and the rest were locals) to be properly made up and given a tag which described the nature of their injury. First responders on the accident scene would take action based on these tagged injuries.

A safety briefing was given to all Auxiliary members who would be participating on Auxiliary Facilities on the water. The crews were from various locations within District Thirteen (D13). Two AUX Facility Vessels were made available. One was used in the rescue operations of picking up accident victims from the water (simulated victims were actually bright red gummy suits “no bodies inside” with tags relating to the injury) and the other (vessel) was for the media.

Getting on scene for the media boat would take about sixty minutes as they headed out to approximately six nautical miles off shore in the Strait of Juan de Fuca just off Ediz Hook to a predetermined accident location outside of the major shipping lanes. The CGC Wahoo from USCG Station Port Angeles was on scene along with a 45’ RBK-M. Upon hearing the distress call, members of the Canadian Coast Guard/Armed Forces (47’ MLB red color and a bright yellow Rescue Helo) arrived on scene to help evacuate the injured.



Clallam County Emergency Ops Center

Because of heavy fog that morning, the US Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles helo crews did not launch a HH-65C Dolphin for this exercise. All 60 accident victims were rescued from the water and transferred to Coast Guard AirSta/SFO Port Angeles, the location of the main triage. Olympic Medical Center also

Auxiliary as Force Multiplier



participated.

Following the drill, members of the Unified Command met at the Clallam County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in downtown Port Angeles to evaluate the exercise objectives. The purpose was to evaluate some seven exercise objectives and find out what went right, what went wrong and how things (including communications) might be improved.

Indeed the Coast Guard Auxiliary proved to be a true force multiplier to be counted on to work with the Coast Guard in real ICS emergency situations.

Putting this all together was
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TRACKING MASS RESCUE ON SOCIAL MEDIA & MORE



U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Northwest on Facebook

Sgt. Paul Lloyd, a search and rescue technician with the Royal Canadian Air Force, walks on the runway at Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles, Wash., Sept. 27, during a joint agency mass rescue exercise. Royal Canadian Air Force wings, located across Canada, provide military air resources in response on approximately 1,000 annual search and rescue cases. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ali Flockerzi.



Story by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Sealon

Coast Guard members from Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles stand by at a triage area during a joint agency mass rescue exercise in Port Angeles, Wash., Sept. 27, 2016. Federal, State, County and Canadian agencies responded to a simulated vessel taking on water after hitting a submerged object near Ediz Hook Light and worked together to establish a Unified Command Center. U.S. Coast Guard Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ali Flockerzi.



For the excellent report by David Larkin on the District Website go to:
<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=Q-DEPT&category=articles>



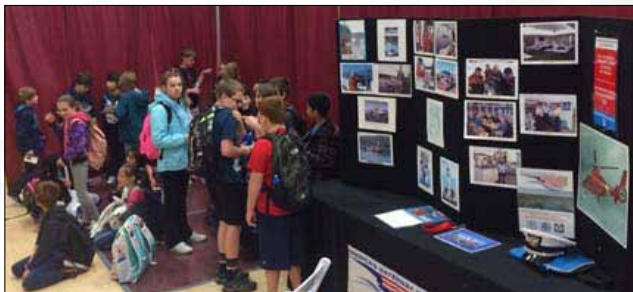
FLOTILLA 41

by Simeon Baldwin

Activity update: Port Ludlow and Brinnon Detachment for 2016 through September.

- January 9 - We held our Change of Watch (COW) in conjunction with the Division 4 COW at the Suquamish Clearwater Resort in Kitsap County. Incoming FC was David Aho and incoming VFC was Sonya Quitslund.

- April 12 - We took our Recreational Boating Safety and water safety youth training message to the Kitsap Water Festival where we presented to one hundred 4th, 5th and 6th grade students from Kitsap County schools. Presenters were Sonya Quitslund and Simeon Baldwin.



- May 14 - Flotilla 41 represented the USCG Auxiliary at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club boating season opening ceremonies. Member Simeon Baldwin presented and raised the Auxiliary colors on the flagstaff.

- July 16 - Members of the Flotilla paid their respects to Auxiliarist Jim Zard at his Celebration of Life held at the Point Wilson Lighthouse in Port Townsend.

- August 3 - August 8 Flotilla 41 facility @ EASE (AT EASE), owned by Bryan and Lorraine Gilbreath, provided Coast Guard Admiral's Barge services in support of Seafair Festival activities. Rear Adm. Mark E. Butt, commander, U.S. Coast Guard 13th District was the honored senior officer present. Coxswain Flotilla 41 member Stephen Hyman with the Gilbreaths as Boat Crew.

- September 15 - Flotilla 41 held its annual member barbecue at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club.

- September 27 - Flotilla 41 had 5 members participate in the *MV COHO* Mass Rescue Operations Drill in Port Angeles. Additionally the Flotilla provided one facility, the Gilbreath's @ EASE (AT EASE) which acted as the Coast Guard Public Information Office vessel for the exercise. Members Bryan and Lorraine Gilbreath and Peter Garland served aboard as Boat Crew. Additionally, Simeon Baldwin served as Boat Crew aboard a



Stravaigin a' Dorné

Division 2 facility, *Stravaigin a' Dorné*, which as a good samaritan vessel actor, rescued seven victims (immersion survival suits, called "gumbies") from the Strait. Flotilla Commander Sonya Quitslund participated in the exercise as an on-shore victim for triage and transportation to a hospital facility.

- Oct 1 - At the Division 4 meeting, members Richard Moore, Ralph Hogan and George Sickel were honored with a Letter of Commendation for their performance on June 4, 2015, during the Race to Alaska, and authorized to wear the Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar and the Operational Distinguishing Device.

- Operational Patrols were accomplished by numerous Flotilla members during the year.

- During the year the Flotilla performed PATON inspections in our AOR under the leadership of FSO-NS Joe Langjahr.

- FSO-VE & PV Paul Coover led the VE team of five members to perform 33 VE inspections through September.

- Flotilla membership rebuilding efforts are in progress and 9 of the FSO positions have been filled for 2017. Flotilla leadership elections will be held in November and work is underway on the Flotilla activities calendar for 2017.

- David Aho resigned as FC April 24 and Sonya Quitslund became acting FC with no VFC.

- Sonya Quitslund sworn in as FC and Paul Coover as VFC at the June 9 meeting in Brinnon.

Photos by Simeon Baldwin

FLOTILLA 44

by David Larkin



Joe Treece with Maritime Technology Class, Pt Townsend High School and DCDR David Larkin

Flotilla 44 Commander, Joseph Treece, attended the District Meeting held in SeaTac on Sept 16-17. He sat in on the full day Division Commander's meetings and was able to see the inner workings and discussions that take place at that level in support of Flotillas, their operations and initiatives. On Saturday the District elections were held and the results were:

- District Commodore: Kathleen Goodwin
- District Chief of Staff: David Larkin
- District Captain North: Art West (reelected for 2nd term)
- District Captain South: Dennis Wood
- District Captain East: Paul Otey

The Auxiliary communications system was activated on Saturday Oct. 15th in Districts 11 and 13 in anticipation of the projected wind storm. One Flotilla 44 Communications Facility was part of that. The Auxiliary high frequency (HF) net was placed on a directed schedule with check-ins every 2 hours on a variety of frequencies in order to monitor the path of the storm, known impacts and potential issues that may need

October 17, Joe Treece, FC of FL 44 and Division 4's DCDR elect, with David Larkin presented a class on vessel safety equipment for the Maritime Technology class at the Port Townsend High School. There were six students attending who are interested in maritime careers or joining the USCG after graduation.

Auxiliary activations for support of USCG operations. This net activation is a perfect example of what the USCG Auxiliary radio communications program does. Had the storm taken down USCG radio antennas in vulnerable locations the Auxiliary system stood ready to step in and maintain USCG operational communications.

Communications is one of the three operations programs along with surface operations and air operations and all interested members are encouraged to participate.

Note:

Congratulations to Joseph Treece who was elected as DCDR to lead Division 4 in the new year at the recent Division meeting held on October 1.

FLOTILLA 47

article and photos by Brian Moratti

Flotilla 47 Port Townsend members supported key community events, recreational boating safety, and an international multi-agency emergency preparedness drill as representatives of Team Coast Guard in 2016.



Hypothermia demonstration tank is a kid's favorite at Unity of Effort

Kiwanis 27th Annual Kid's Fest: On March 5 Flotilla Commander Sylvia Oster kicked off the year to represent the Auxiliary at the Kiwanis 27th Annual Kids Fest at the Vern Burton Community Center in Port Angeles. Flotilla Commander Joe Treece of Flotilla 44 Port Angeles and Division Four Commander Dave Larkin assisted FC Oster in the booth. The team handed out over 300 packets to the kids in attendance which included coloring books, crayons and boating safety fliers on life vests.

Pt. Wilson Lighthouse Public Affairs Mission: Staff Officers Lucinda Eubank and Dotty Ross led a dedicated team of volunteers in support of the Point Wilson Lighthouse public affairs mission. Other FL 47 Team members included Chuck Reynolds, Frank Bruni, Jack Janis, Jean Janis, Sylvia Oster, Harry Dudley, and visiting member Joann Garner from District 7. Flotilla 47 opens the lighthouse for tours Saturdays from May to September and hosts special events on request for school groups and other organizations. The historic lighthouse is one of the first three established in Puget Sound by the Coast Guard. Located at Fort Worden State Park, the attraction draws over 2,600 visitors annually. The team is grateful for assistance from other Auxiliary members in Division 4 as well as maintenance support from Flotilla 45 member Al Gonzalez, USCG Station Port Angeles, and crew members from CGC HEALY at Station Seattle.



Security dog demonstration at Unity of Effort

Flotilla 47 supported the two following annual events to represent Team Coast Guard.

Unity of Effort: Vice Flotilla Commander Harry Dudley coordinated attendance at the Unity of Effort event in August at Fort Discovery in Gardiner, WA. Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Brian Moratti assisted Dudley at the booth. The "hypothermia tank" demonstration was especially popular with the kids. Participants were invited to hold their hand in ice water at "Puget Sound" temperatures for 30 seconds before attempting to fish out coins from the bottom of the tank. The realities of cold water immersion became dynamically evident to the young people who participated in the contest. The event celebrates first responders and their families with a picnic, information booths and events, static displays of emergency services vehicles and aircraft, and fly-over demonstrations including tactical jet aircraft and military helicopters.



VFC Harry Dudley & Brian Moratti man the tent at Unity of Effort Celebration

The 40th Annual Wooden Boat Festival drew record crowds to Port Townsend in September, and Flotilla 47 was present with a booth and exhibits on boating safety. Flotilla Commander Sylvia Oster and Vice Flotilla Commander Harry Dudley coordinated participation by the Auxiliary at the event. Other participants from FL 47 included Frank Bruni, Dotty Ross, and Lucinda Eubank joined by visiting Auxiliary member from District 7 Joann Garner as well as members of other Division units including Flotillas 41 and 44.

Program Visitor Mission: Flotilla Staff Officers Frank Bruni and Chuck Reynolds expanded the Program Visitor mission to include new businesses in the Port Townsend marine trades. Over twenty dealers and maritime businesses are routinely visited and host displays for distributing recreational boating safety brochures.

Mass Casualty Drill: Coxswain Brian Moratti assisted with the transit of Flotilla 41 operational facility *AT EASE* from Port Ludlow to participate as the media boat in the Mass Casualty Drill in Port Angeles on September 27. Facility owners Bryan and Lorry Gilbreath and Peter Garland served as crew. On the day of the event, FL 47 members Lucinda Eubank and Dotty Ross assisted in the role of victims as part of the drill. The event brought together multiple international agencies in a Unified Command in a simulated response scenario involving the sinking of the ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria, BC.

Aids to Navigation: Coxswain Harry Dudley and Aids Verifier Brian Moratti led a team from Flotilla 47 on a night patrol for training and verification of Private Aids To Navigation (PATON) in September. FL 47 crew members Jack Janis, Jean Janis, Lucinda Eubank, and Dotty Ross participated along with Simeon Baldwin from Flotilla 41 and visiting crew member Joann Garner of District 7. The complex operation involves on-water verification of navigation lights from the Light List including an array of over 72 flashing lights on the Naval Magazine Indian Island floating security barrier.

Rescue and Survival Systems Implemented: In other operational programs, FSO-RSS Lucinda Eubank implemented the new Rescue and Survival Systems initiative for boat crew members in the unit. She provided training in the new requirements to clarify the program for all involved.

Fellowship: Flotilla 47, Auxiliarists from throughout District 13, and USCG active duty members of *CGC OSPREY* and other units bid farewell to shipmate Jim Zard who crossed the bar in June. Jim was accorded a full memorial service with honors at the Point Wilson Lighthouse in July. Flotilla 47 thanks the District 13 Honor Guard for exceptional service in the memorial and moderator Vice Flotilla Commander Harry Dudley for conducting a ceremony of true professionalism. (See pictures/article on page 13).

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Crew Members and facility owners Bryan and Lorry Gilbreath steer for Port Angeles



AT EASE stands by to support the Mass Casualty Drill at Station Port Angeles



Crew Member Peter Garland stands aft watch underway aboard *AT EASE*

FLOTILLA 48

by David Schutz



David Grant teaches water safety to elementary school children

Flotilla 48 was very active this past boating season.

We jump started our RBS mission in March with the first of three About Boating Safely Classes taught by Grant Winther and his team. Two more classes followed, one in June and another in August. Each class had more than 20 students enrolled and included several young teens.



Grant Winther Commendation Award

Kids and Water classes were offered to every elementary school on Bainbridge Island. Due to scheduling problems, one class was held.

Grant Winther 's multifaceted commitment to water safety, training and education received recognition with a Letter of Commendation Award from the Auxiliary Commandant.

In May, Tom Lindsley and crew went on patrol to "lay a wreath" for the local Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Other patrols ensued throughout the summer which helped keep crew stay in shape to meet the needs of Team Coast Guard.



FC Larry Kight with Dean Alexander

In June, we were co-sponsors of Bainbridge Island's "Boaters Fair" which attracted a crowd of over 300 to the waterfront. FC Larry Kight and Dean Alexander are shown at the Flotilla tent stocked with brochures and water safety information. Crowds were drawn to the response boat from Station Seattle which offered onboard tours. An additional crowd pleaser was the Coast Guard HH65 Helicopter from Air Station Port Angeles/Sector Field Office performed low-level fly-bys.



K-9 unit big attraction

On July 4th, we hosted an information booth on Bainbridge Island promoting the Auxiliary. The booth was equipped with a variety of boater information as well as signup sheets for Boating Safety classes and vessel exams. Later that night, we assisted with a boat and crew to secure a safety perimeter for the fireworks display.

In August we participated in Nationa Night Out supporting the Bainbridge Island Police Department. Station Seattle joined in providing a trailered response boat and their K-9 unit. Again we staffed the Auxiliary information booth.

By summer's end about two dozen Vessel Safety Exams had been completed.



Dean Alexander "casualty"

Four of our members traveled to Port Angeles in September to participate in the Mass Casualty Exercise. Some became "victims" who were triaged and "admitted" to Port Angeles Hospital. Former Flotilla 48 member, Jim Beyea (now with the Annapolis Flotilla 054-23-01) joined in with the "victims" taking a few photos of other "casualties" such as Dean Alexander.

REFLECTIONS UPON RETIREMENT

by Hyatt Barnes

Looking back, I've served in two districts, three divisions and four flotillas in twenty-five years with the Auxiliary!

Petaluma CA—Flotilla 55 District 11 N

I first enrolled in Flotilla 55 in January of 1991 with the intention of participating in the Aviation program and began by completing the Communications course. My Flotilla staff assignments were in Communications, Finance, and Career Candidate. After a year as VFC-55, I was sworn in as FC-55 in January 1995.

Auxiliary Aviator. As aviator I flew various ATON and Chart Updating missions. I also experimented with an observer using a handheld marine radio to coordinate with a vessel. As pilot, I could not hear the observer's conversation with the coxswain.

In addition to participating in the Public Affairs information booth program at Lake Sonoma, I experimented with taking 3D photos of the lake from the air to highlight its topography (cliffs and the curve of the lake caused loss of radio signal). I then experimented with positioning my vehicle at a high overlook which enabled me to hear radio transmissions from vessels on the lake and relay them to the sheriff's boat or headquarters.

Brookings, OR— Flotilla 56

In mid-1999, my wife and I retired and moved to Brookings. While there, my flotilla staff assignments were Public Education, Aids to Navigation, and Career Counselor.

D 13 Civil Air Patrol Liaison 2000-2003. This was my major task. As Liaison, I established contact with the four CAP Wings in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, attending at least one Wing conference in each as well as the Pacific and Rocky Mountain Region conferences. Being a former cadet as well as a senior member, I reactivated my CAP membership and thus could participate in CAP flight activities.

Using a marine handheld radio in the air, I expanded on the previous experiment in aircraft with the help of two of my flotilla's boat crews and a plane from the local CAP squadron. The idea was to tape a hand-held ear-piece to the microphone on my headset. I would transmit with the handheld and the aircraft intercom would pick-up any vessel transmissions coming from the handheld. After the two vessels separated, the pilot would fly from one to the other and I would give bearing information to the vessel which acted as the seeker. The experiment worked with some drawbacks and I drafted a report in explanation and sent it to AirSta North Bend as well as to CAP and Auxiliary chains of leadership.

Poulsbo, WA—Flotilla 48

My wife and I moved to Poulsbo in 2001. There I served as FSO Aids to Navigation, in addition to advising the FSO Career Counselor.



Pier 36 Microsoft Database.

After 9/11, I assisted Pier 36 with maintaining their Microsoft Access database of security stake-holders approximately twice a week for a period of several months.

Port Townsend, WA Flotilla 47

My wife and I moved to our present residence in Port Ludlow WA in 2003; I transferred once more to Port Townsend Flotilla 47. There I served in Aids to Navigation, Communication Services, and Human Resources as well as Flotilla Commander in 2006.

Pt. Wilson Lighthouse:

I researched historical material for display in the Point Wilson Light House and acted as docent during public tours until health issues negated the 58 steps to the lens room.

FSO Communication Services

I learned sufficient Microsoft Front-page to create a new Flotilla web site with help from other members as well as DSO-CS.

FSO Human Resources

I put a CD together including application forms and study materials for use with prospective members. And I also shepherded prospective members through the application process including taking and submitting ID photos to DIRAUX.

JIM ZARD CROSSES THE BAR

submitted by Brian Moratti



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memorial photos, Steven Mullensky
photos of Jim Zard, Brian Moratti