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Flotilla Commander Report



We are getting closer to the big boating season. Are we ready? Have we reviewed all safety concerns? Is our equipment in proper order? Are we physically ready? Have we reviewed line handling and knots? Now is the time to prepare. If you need help, contact one of our senior experienced members. Remember being prepared is a vital component our goal to promote safety.



A Vessel Examiner workshop is scheduled for April 2nd after breakfast and our weekly fellowship. The workshop is required for all examiners and all others are invited to learn what examiners check.

We have several new members who are anxious to participate in our programs. For those of you who have not met them come to a meeting or fellowship to meet, great and welcome them to Flotilla 56.

Flotilla 56 Members engineered and constructed a shed at the Gold Beach boat launch several years ago. VE Andrea Dumat used the shed effectively for years conducting vessel exams. In the past couple of years the number of vessels launching at the ramp has declined to the extent that it was not worth while attending the booth.

The shed has not been in use for a few years and due to the potential deterioration, the Flotilla approved



Pictured left to right are:
Dan Daffron, Cliff Childress, GB Port Maintenance, Debbie Collins, Port Manager, Wally Gorski-FC 56, Andrea Dumat and Peter Dumat Flotilla 56 members.

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Donating the shed to Port of Gold Beach. Debbie Collins, Port of Gold Beach Manager, accepted the keys to the shed and has assumed all responsibilities for maintenance and liability effective March 14, 2014.

Flotilla 113-08-11 from Crescent City has agreed to take possession of the portable shed stored in our shed at the boat launch. They will take possession of it soon. The shed is available to us whenever we have the need to use it.

Finally, the Flotilla has received no responses to the request for help to participate in the Azalea Parade so we will not enter the parade this year. We are planning to erect the EZ-UP pop up tent on the boardwalk next to Mike Cresci's sailboat during the Party at the Port the last weekend of Safe Boating Week. Noel Stout is also planning to be very active with VE's during this event. Again we are asking for many folks to help put these activities together by volunteering to man either the booth or assisting the VE's.

Hope to see you soon

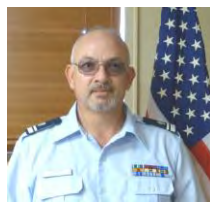
PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS



WALLY GORSKI – FC

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Advice from the Vice.....

Spring is in the AIR

So far we have had two RBS classes for a total of 16 people who attended. Out of those 4 of them are members of the Auxiliary. **Noel Stout, FSO-PE** (Public Education) and I have been trying to put together a curriculum of classes that would cover, **RBS, GPS, and How to read Navigational Charts**. As of right now the GPS course will be two days, 4 hours each day and the Navigational Charts will be 4 hours 1 day. These are the three courses we would like to be able to give at the college three times each year. We have been in talks with the college and it looks like they are supporting us to use their facilities at no cost to us, and if we can get a hard schedule put together they will put it into their catalog each semester to advertise to course.

In order for this to work we need everybody willing to participate to be involved if your schedule allows it. Even though this is all voluntary on our side we only get back what we are willing to put into it. So far it is the same 5 to 10 people every time we need the assistance with some event. I am sure that the majority of us did not join the AUXILARY just to sit around and drink coffee and complain about nothing going on. If you have ideas that you believe would work bring it up and I am more than willing to help you along to put it out there and see if it works the way you envisioned it.

I want to also take this time to Thank **Mike Cresci, FSO-CS** (Communication Services). Mike has put the new system together that Division said we needed to get onboard with. The WOW system is still in the works for everyone including District and Flotillas.

Mike has put in more hours than anyone I know to make sure this is a smooth transition as possible and then made instructions for all of us to understand how to use it. I believe everyone should give Mike a big Thank You for the wonderful job he has done when you see him.

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HELP WANTED

The District 13 Communication Services Staff is currently seeking to fill several newly created positions of Help Desk Assistant for our new District 13 Help Desk. The positions are open to ALL Members that have a desire to help the Auxiliary, not just those in Staff Officer Positions.

The District 13 Help Desk is similar to the National Help Desk and is designed as a place that all District 13 Members can ask questions and receive a timely response.

Position Requirements:

- Must be a Member in Good Standing with at least a BQ Status
- Must maintain a working computer, Internet Connection and E-Mail Address
- A username@d13cgaux.net E-Mail Address will be provided if needed or requested
- Must respond to E-Mails in a timely fashion
- Must have a willingness to assist other Members and Leadership

Position Responsibilities:

- Will be the Primary Point of Contact for all inquiries submitted to the District 13 Help Desk
- Will respond to all inquiries within 24 hours of submittal
- This does not mean that a final answer must be provided in the initial response, simply responding to let the submitter know that you are working at finding the answer is all that is required
- For all inquiries that take more than 24 hours to find a final answer, Assistants will provide the submitter with regular status updates on their inquiry every 48 hours until an answer is provided

Will be responsible for providing accurate answers to all inquiries using a variety of research methods such as:

- Researching the Auxiliary Manual
- Reading Policy Documents
- Searching the Internet
- Calling or E-Mailing other members, leaders, department directors, etc.

If you have a desire to help your fellow Auxiliary Members and are good at finding answers.... We need you!

If you would like to apply for one of these positions, please send an E-Mail to DSO-CS@D13CGAUX.COM with the following information:

- Full Name and Member Number
- Any current offices that you hold
- City and State
- A brief description of why you would like to be a part of the Help Desk Team

Please direct all inquiries to:
 Chris Kuehner
 DSO-CS | District 13
 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
 (406) 534-9191

DSO-CS@D13CGAUX.COM



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Vessel Exams

To date in Auxdata we have:

57 VE's Given
54 VE's Passed

From this amount Tim Burke has submitted a total of 39 and Mike Mrkvicka with 7 of which 2 were done to take him out of rework status. . These were done over the 2 weekend period in the Medford Area for their annual dry dock exams.



Wally Gorski-FC Steve Mathis Sue Mathis
Newly Sworn in to the Auxiliary and Flotilla 56 – Congrats!



April 2, Vessel Exam 1 hr Workshop and 1 hr training

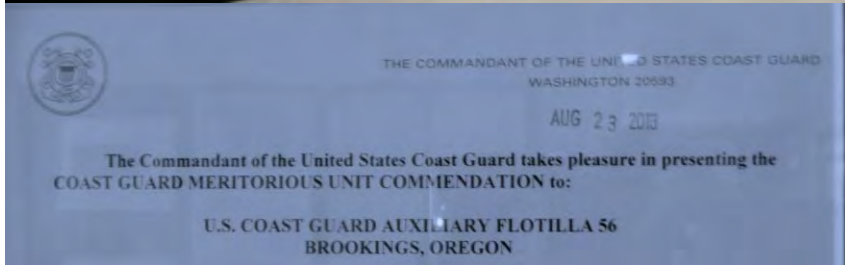


FC Gorski presenting Mitch Danforth the Sustained Service Award for recognition of the hours of service To the Auxiliary.





Thank you Station Chetco River for having the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation , awarded to the Flotilla framed and displayed at the Station. Be sure to check this out the next time you come to the Auxiliary office at the station!



From right: Admiral Gromlich presenting award to Flotilla last Sept Barb Rockfort FSO-IS/PB/FS, Mitch Danforth VFC, Wally Gorski FC, with Master Chief Janusch.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 0830 Breakfast at Sebastian's	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 BUSINESS MEETING STATION CHETCO RIVER 1830 (6:30PM)	10	11	12 TCT 4 Hr Training
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Easter	21	22	23	24	25 Articles due for next newsletter	26
27	28 SEND YOUR APRIL HOURS TO FSO-IS	29	30	Notes:		

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