



CHETCO RIVER WATCH

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Flotilla Commander Report

Fellow Auxiliarist

Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. May the New Year bring us health, happiness and safety for our upcoming activities.

Commitment, what is it? It is a quality of being dedicated to a cause. We all have our own time frames for the activities we enjoy. What is your time frame set aside for the Flotilla? Review your commitments and time frames and see if you can join us with whatever time you can spare.

This year brings the same challenges we had last year. We need to focus on recruitment. Although we added 6 new members last year we lost 7 so we need to replace them and continue to add more. We do have 3 applications submitted and have 2 considering joining. Flotilla 55, Umpqua Bay, is disbanding because of membership and no one wants to assume leadership roles. Let's not have that happen in 56. Everyone should take all the required courses this year. In addition to the required classes there are many more that are available if you would like to take advantage of increasing your knowledge. In March the Division meeting will also have 2 days of classes. Check the forward sent to you for information.

An ABS was taught at the end of January and another is tentatively scheduled for April. Let your families and friends know. We will have VE training coming up soon. If you are not an examiner consider becoming one. Several events are planned for vessel exams and many hands would be welcomed. Be sure to wear your uniform when appropriate. Everyone is required to have uniforms. They must be in good condition and worn with pride.

The Change of Watch/Retirement Program went very well. As usual Julie out did herself. She is retiring, building a new home and moving and she will be missed. Thank you to all who attended, especially those folks from out of town. See you at the February 12, 2014 meeting at 1830.



WALLY GORSKI - FC

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Advice from the Vice.....

MEMBERSHIP

I would like each and every member to reflect on why they joined the Auxiliary. What was it that prompted you to become a member? Did you join for status quo? Or did you join to have the status of being a part of something but no plans to be active in the organization?

I understand that we are a volunteer civilian member of the Coast Guard to assist where needed, and to do training in boater safety and give classes in basic boater safety training. We do not receive pay for this time, we receive awards and/or ribbons for a job well done, but there is much more.

I believe we have a rare opportunity as Auxiliarists! I joined to try and give back to the community by sharing my life experience in boating. If I can save just one person's life through what I am trying to teach I have accomplished more than any award or ribbon could, I have done my job/purpose for joining. We all have experiences that could and would save a life on the water or we have information that would be valuable to someone just starting out in this field of "recreation boating" or assist and help the Coast Guard and the young men and women that serve in our community.

I want to believe that we all became a part of the Auxiliary for a greater purpose and for whatever reasons did not get as involved as we wanted. This year it is my goal to have every member that wants to be more than, just a card carrying, dues paying member, the chance to become a valuable asset to this Flotilla by looking at what they have to offer back.

We have administration positions that need to be filled; we can use more assistance in the training field to assist in given classes, and becoming crew members. As members that have been here for an extended period of time are now retiring, we are losing valuable resources if no one steps up to replace them. If we lose too many we lose the Flotilla and the valuable asset we are to the community.

In closing I would like each and every one of us to look deep inside and ask what else can I do or how much can I give back without making it a full time job. Do I know anyone that would be an asset to the Auxiliary and our Flotilla?

As always participation is the key

Thank you and let's be safe

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CG TRAINING TIME



New Member Training and Member Training

It is the Flotilla's goal for 2014 to have training for those that want to aspire in the Auxiliary and be more involved with what we do *administratively* and on the water as part of the Boat Crew.

If it is your desire to be more involved with the Auxiliary and Community along with the Coast Guard please let Fred Johnson or Ken Range know what it is you would like to get involved in so they can start preparing an outline for the year and start scheduling training classes as soon as possibly starting in February.

There is a lot of training that can be done for boat crew dock side before we start our patrols for the year, there is VE training, RBS classes, Weekend Navigation, Coastal Navigation, just to name a few.

If you are a New Member there are quite a few courses that you need to complete your first year. Here is a list of a couple sites that you can go to for courses that can be done at your own pace, as you can do them on line. You will have to register for these sites to be able to get into them.

<http://ntc2.cgaux.org/NTC/index.php>

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=flotilla-leadership>

<http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/training/>

<http://classroom.cgaux.org/moodle/login/index.php>

<https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/>

<https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp> New Members have one year to complete this one. Members that started before 2013 have 5 years to complete.

Any Questions feel free to call or send email

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Flotilla 56 participated in the inaugural Crab Fest held at the Port of Brookings/Harbor. Mike Cresci set his sailboat at the south end of the boardwalk. Signup sheets for About Boating Safety classes and Vessel Exams were available. Many attendees stopped by to talk to us and sign up for the next class. Helping at the booth were Tim Burke, Mike Cresci, Mike Cooper, Bonnie Stout, Dick Laskey and Wally Gorski.

Weather was great and hopefully next year will be the same.

Picture and article submitted by: Wally Gorski

Pictured from Left: Bonnie Stout, Tim Burke, Mike Cresci



PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Flotilla's first ABS class for 2014 was given January 24, 25 and 26th. We had 7 students who completed the course. Instructors on hand were Noel Stout FSO-PE and Fred Johnson with Bonnie Stout assisting. The next ABS class is scheduled for April



Getting ready for class

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to our newest members:

**Susan Mathis
Tom Reed**

Paperwork submitted for:

**Steve Mathis
Mike McGinnis
Ken Smith**

WELCOME ABOARD!



2014 SART

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13

**2014 Southern Area Readiness Training
March 21– 23, 2014**

This year our focus is **Team Building – Together Everyone Accomplishes More!**

District 13 Meeting open to all members on Friday, March 21 from 1300-1600

Please join us for **spring training** on Saturday, March 22 and Division 5, 6 and 7 meetings on Sunday, March 23

Reserve your **hotel** and **conference** spots by **Feb 19, 2014**

Conference location:
Lincoln City, OR 97367

<http://events.cgauxseattle.org/con/>

CHANGE OF WATCH 2014

Jack and June Feather, two of the Flotilla's longest serving members, were honored during our Change of Watch ceremony and Banquet. Now retired, each have served over 30 years in the Auxiliary. They each held numerous officer positions from flotilla level on up to District. They received commendations for outstanding service as well as the Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal.

Several guests of honor attended the ceremony, including District 13 Commodore Dean Wimer and his wife, Division 5 Commander Wil Lampa and his wife, Lt Commander Chris Culpepper Operations Officer Sector North Bend. Guests from Station Chetco River included Master Chief Janusch, Chief Day and Petty Officer 1st class Cawvey, Bill Barlow from the Crescent City Flotilla.



Pictured (from left to right):

Above left: Lt. Cmdr. Culpepper, Chief Day, MC Janusch

Above Right: Color Guard, MK3 Cortez, SN Anderson, SN A. Cortez, SN Maske




Left: Jack Feather, June Feather, Commodore Wimer presenting award from District

Below: MC Janusch, FC Gorski, Jack Feather, June Feather accepting award for the CG Aux Achievement Metal



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 0830 Breakfast at Sebastian's	6	7	8 STAFF REPORTS DUE TO FSO-SR
9	10	11	12 1630 Auxiliary business meeting @ Station Chetco River	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 	15
16	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER DUE TO FSO-PB	26	27	28	Notes:

For more information be sure to check out the Flotilla calendar on line!
<http://a1300506.uscgaux.info/Calendar.htm>

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