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Flotilla Commander Report

Southern Area Readiness Training U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13



2014 SART

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

Greetings to All

The Division is holding its annual Training Session at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City on March 21st and 22nd with the Division business meeting on the 23rd. Training will cover many topics with trainers well versed in their specific topics. Anyone interested in attending let me know and I will forward an agenda or you can go to this link for more information:
<http://events.cgaukseattle.org/con/>

Staying on the topic of Training, I must remind everyone that the new [AUXLMS course](#) (ctrl+click to follow link) must be completed by all current members. The courses are online are not difficult and do not take a lot of time. All can be completed in a couple of hours or you can do 1 a day. The 8 hour TCT course has been changed. Unless you will participate in direct Coast Guard activities the 8 hour has been changed to a 4 hour class. The 1 hour annual refresher is still required and the 5 year 4 hour class is still required. Jerry Evans will be conducting the 4 hour class in April for all new members and members that are due for their 5 year renewal. Actual date will be posted as soon as it is set. The busy boating season is approaching so take advantage of the slow time and put it to good use by completing all of your requirements.

Remember, recruiting is so very important for the flotilla to stay active so talk it up with family and friends.

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS



WALLY GORSKI – FC

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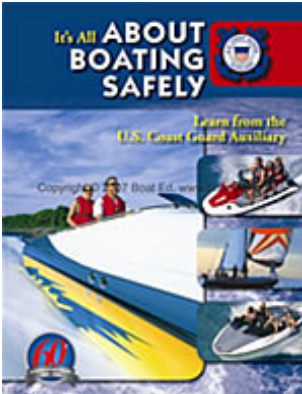
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Advice from the Vice.....

TRAINING

Here we are in going into March already.



This year I would like to get more training classes for the boating public going and the way to do that is each and every one of us need to promote and refer individuals to make the classes when offered. The more people interested the more we can offer. We have completed one ABS class, About Boating Safely, in January and we are gearing up for another one this March 14th, 15th and 16th. You can review it on the web site or Google "flotilla 56" then go to [About Boating Safely](#) (ctrl+click to follow). We are also going to give a [GPS course](#) sometime in April, the exact date has not been pick yet. These two classes are a great way to refresh and/or learn how to navigate around the cove that we live in. So if everyone can pass this information along and share the knowledge and get the people interested in what we do here.

Thank you and let's be safe

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An Average Day in the USCG Auxiliary

- Completes 62.5 safety patrols
- Completes 6.2 regatta patrols
- Performs 10.2 vessel assists
- Assists 28 people
- Saves 1 life
- Saves \$341,290 in property
- Participates in 100 operational support missions
- Participates in 48.7 administrative support missions
- Completes 13.4 recruiting support missions
- Educates 369 people on boating safety
- Performs 299 vessel safety checks
- Attends 70 public affairs functions



**One or two recreational boaters, whose death was certain -somewhere on the waters of the U.S.
 - had his or her life saved by a Coast Guard Auxiliarist**

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Surface Operations

Boating Season 2014

Boating Season is fast approaching. We have had very little underway activity since last September. Needless to say our boat crew skills have become somewhat "barnacle" encrusted for lack of use. We have completed some classroom training and will begin underway training this month. The areas most in need of attention are:

- Communications**
- Personal Protection Equipment ("Anti-Exposure Suits")**
- Boat Handling**
- Line Handling**
- Rules of the Road**
- Navigation**
- Documentation of Activities**



We have two boat crew members and one coxswain who are due for a QE session this year. The 8 hr. TCT has been reduced to 4 hrs. for missions that are not in direct support of the "Gold" side. There are currently five members due for the 4 hr. TCT which is on a 5 year cycle. Last year we conducted 17 Burials at Sea and I anticipate that many or more this year. Currently we have 3 active facilities. One facility is mainly for inland missions and the remaining two are available for off shore missions. We anticipate adding two more facilities.

Our underway missions are one of the most important ways to support the boating public.

We completed a session of 1 Hr. TCT/OPS Workshop with 4 members participating. The current boat crew currency requirements are primarily 12 hours underway and QE's every 3 years after initial qualification. Full participation by qualified crew members in underway missions will make these requirements easy to meet. Boat crew members should make an effort to review appropriate manuals and procedures prior to the class room sessions and underway pre-briefs in order to fully participate in the discussions. If you don't know the questions you can't get the answers. Knowledge is power.

Remember the 7 Ps.



Mitch Danforth FSO-OP

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The next ABS class is scheduled for March 14-16

VESSEL EXAMINERS

2014 VE Workshop is scheduled for April 2nd following a short VE training class

New Member Spotlight

**Welcome Robert Myers to the Auxiliary!
Application mailed and pending.....**

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← February 2014		March 2014 Calendar					April 2014 →
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3	4	5 ASH WED 0830 Breakfast at Sebastian's Happy Birthday Jerry Norman!	6	7	8	
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	10 ST PATTY'S DAY 	11	12 BUSINESS MEETING STATION CHETCO RIVER 1830 (6:30PM)	13	14 ABS CLASS Happy Birthday Andrea Dumat!	15 ABS CLASS Happy Birthday Mike Jonas!	
16 ABS CLASS	17	18	19	20 	21	22	
23	24	25 Articles due for next newsletter	26	27	28 SEND YOUR HOURS TO FSO-IS	29	
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