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## Flotilla 63 - News From Tillamook Bay

### From the Helm

Bob Hickman, FC Flotilla 63

I was really pleased to hear all of your comments and suggestions at our meeting last month on what the Flotilla wants to do for this year. It really helps with the planning and to know that you all are willing to participate in our activities.

I thought Mike Johnson's suggestion to have a Garibaldi Ramp Clean-up Day was excellent. This would be a real benefit to the Port and especially to our Flotilla. I can see us now – scouring the street, ramp, docks and pier area with white garbage bags in tow. I'm sure someone will ask who we are and what are we doing! Let's be prepared to tell them!

I want to make member training a priority this year. We need to make sure our new members get the ABS class completed this spring. Those qualifying for Crew need to begin the ICS courses; Ray & Kay are your 'go to' people for this program. I know they have sent the online resources links to you, but if you did not receive it, please take the initiative and give them a call. Kay and Cammy will be presenting a training session on the 7029 form (member activity report) at the February meeting and Cammy will also be presenting the annual Sexual Harassment program. Bring you popcorn!

Lastly, we did exceedingly well on our T-shirt sales last year. Now that we have some funds, we need to be thinking how we can use that money to support ours.

Recreational Boating Safety mission. I'll be asking for your thoughts and ideas at our upcoming meeting.

Again, thanks to all of you for your participation and efforts in Flotilla 63 and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I do appreciate it!

Bob Hickman, Flotilla Commander

***"Sailors, with their built in sense of order, service and discipline, should really be running the world."***

**- Nicholas Monsarrat**

#### 2014 Officers

Flotilla Commander – Bob Hickman  
Vice Flotilla Commander – Mike Davis  
Finance & Materials – Terri Southwick  
Computer Services – Suzy Nelson  
Operations – Ray Neubig  
Public Education & Communications – Mike Davis  
Secretary, Public Affairs – Cammy Hickman  
Publications – Anya Doll  
Information Services – Kay Neubig  
Human Resources & Marine Services – Mike Johnson  
Vessel Examiner – Dennis Jacob

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## Awards & Recognition

By Anya Doll

Some unusual but exciting news was received at the January meeting; Sam Payne, a young man who had been homeschooled in Oregon City and who joined Flotilla 63 last year has fulfilled a dream and yesterday was sworn in to the Coast Guard! Congratulations and good work Sam! We wish you all the best in your training and the many adventures the USCG will afford you! Maybe we'll see you back here at Station Tillamook Bay someday!

Also of note, we wish to thank Kate Spallinger, USCG Station Tillamook Bay's first woman to make Coxswain for her service to the Coast Guard and for her work as Liaison to Flotilla 63. Kate will be leaving the CG to work with the Tillamook County Sheriffs Department.. Congratulations Kate!

In further recognition of service, FC Bob Hickman presented Mike Davis with his certificate of appointment as FL 63 Vice Flotilla Commander, 2014. Congratulations Mike! And a service certificate in appreciation to Ray Neubig, for serving as FL 63 Vice Flotilla Commander, 2013.

VFC Mike Davis then presented to FC Bob Hickman in appreciation of his service a certificate recognizing him as Division 6 SO-MT, 2013. Also, presented to Bob was a certificate in appreciation for service as FL 63 FC, 2013; and finally and to all our benefit, his certificate of appointment to FL 63 Flotilla Commander, 2014.

It is the work of individuals that moves us forward and It is the commitment to service that makes us strong. Thank you to Sam, Kate, Mike, Ray and Bob and congratulations!



*Ray Neubig receiving his Certificate of Appreciation from FC Bob Hickman (photo by Mike Johnson)*



*Congratulations and Thank you Kate Salinger! (file photo provided by Kate Salinger)*



*This photo was taken last year when Sam first received his CGA Membership certificate, congratulations on your move to the Gold Side Sam!*

out a spread of delicious treats. With the cheerful help of Brenton Gribbons, a native Kentuckian, recently transferred to Station Tillamook Bay via Miami, all was prepared well in advance of the children's arrival. And once again, local businesses and individuals made certain through their generosity that there were ample gifts to be shared with the Coast Guard children and their families!

This year's party was rich in good cheer and the warmth of sharing! Children's couldn't get enough of Santa it seemed! From time to time, one would spontaneously run to the jolly elf and give him a big hug. At times it even seemed Santa had been near buried in numerous children sitting with him for a visit! Partiers of all ages seemed overwhelmed by the joy of the occasion! Thank you Santa, and thank you to all the Elves and to those in the community who want at this time of year to say a big "Thank you!" to our Coast Guard Families!

## 2013 Santa Party!

By Anya Doll

One week after temperatures dipped into the teens at the beach and well below 10 degrees points East of the Coast Range, it was good to drive over the rise north of Bay City to see Garibaldi nestled at high tide beneath puffs of fog that hung like a fringe to the thick cottony blanket snaking its way up the valley eastward. One couldn't but feel the anticipation of cozy Christmas-ing just around the bend!

The Santa Party, a tradition for over 12 years, since Ray and Kay Neubig joined Flotilla 63 (it seems from the beginning, Ray and Kay created opportunities to deepen relationships, bridging the Gold Side and the Auxiliary), once again brought together Coast Guard families and Auxiliary members for a day of merriment and reminders of the good, and generous people in our region.

This year Santa's elves got to work at 0900 once again, wrapping presents, decorating and laying

## Santa's Scrapbook



*Always a serious business checking that list twice! Ray and Kay Neubig are committed to treating Coastie Families to some serious FUN!*





*This year it seemed we'd hired professional wrappers, but wait, it was F163's own Martha McCandless and Bill Brown helping Santa!*



*Alex Browne waits patiently while Santa and his Elves confer with brother Andrew about Christmas. Alex and Andrew are Auxiliarist Bill Browne's sons.*



*An Elf's-eye view of Santa's stash waiting for the kids!*



*Nolan Downing is very interested in what Dad, Mike Downing has there from Santa (Photo by Cammy Hickman)*

# In the Next Photo... In the Next Photo...

... note the LONG list on the wall behind Santa, recognizing local donors who support the party! Thank you to this community for helping create a wonderful day for CG Families! And, Auxiliarists, remember to shop local!!



Keene Cook, who's Dad is Billy Cook, stole the show for a while entertaining Santa and his elves!



Trey Amos, son of Mason Amos keeping his cool while wondering what Santa's got for him (photo by Cammy Hickman)



Seth Amos seems pretty comfortable with Santa (photo by Cammy Hickman)



Addison Sheehan's happy to join this year's festivities too! Addison's Mom, Kate Spalinger has been liaison to (photo by Cammy Hickman)





*Vince Maciel, son of Danny Maciel (photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Lois Sheppard (photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Caleb Shepard son of Josh Sheppard*



*Just before he was to head out for work at the North Pole, some of the children decided it was time for a Santa Pile! (photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Aria Gribbons and Dad, Brenton Gribbons (photo by Cammy Hickman)*



*Santa with his two tireless elves, Kay and Terri (photo by Cammy Hickman)*

## Flotilla Christmas Party

*By Anya Doll*

The weather held out this year as Flotilla members came from North, South and East to gather at the Garibaldi Maritime Museum for our annual Christmas Party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Good food and lively spirits made for a festive event! Thank you to the party committee for once again coordinating a lovely gathering!



*A Holiday message from DCDR Dennis Jacob*



*Ray may be the "naughty" elf but we think he's pretty nice and a lot of help at the Santa Party!!*



*After all the merriment of the White Elephant Gift Exchange, FC Bob Hickman bestows upon Martha McCandless special delivery Christmas gift, her official Auxiliary name tag*



## Division 6 Change of Watch

By Anya Doll

Ever focused on the task at hand, Division 6 Commander Dennis Jacob, newly re-elected to the position and his wife Kathy arrived early on January 11<sup>th</sup> with a few armloads of awards. Now this doesn't sound too unusual for a change of watch event but you will see in the photos that these are no ordinary awards. These beautiful plaques are part of a project Commander Jacob has undertaken to recognize Flotillas within the Division for outstanding service in the year previous. The plaques are to be kept in a special place by the awarded Flotilla for the following year and a plate engraved recognizing the year and the Flotilla is added to the plaque. At the following COW the plaque will be presented to that year's recipient and a name and year plate will be added. Each plaque was handcrafted using local timber and resources by Commander Jacob himself. They truly are beautiful and will endure years of special recognition for the service in Division 6 Flotillas. Keep an eye out for future news on these awards!

Along with accolades and awards, we all were treated to a great meal by the gracious staff at the Elks Lodge of Salem. If you have not attended a COW in the past, it is a great opportunity to sit down to fine conversation and sharing among the Flotillas of Division 6 and to mix and mingle as well with representatives from the Gold Side as well. Attendees this year from Flotilla 63 included: Dennis and Kathy Jacob, Russell and Leora Johnson, Cammy Hickman, Mike Johnson and Anya Doll.



*DCDR Dennis Jacob and Cammy Hickman pose with one of the special new awards*



*Details of one of the awards created by Dennis Jacob to recognize outstanding service for a Flotilla*







*Division 6 Officers and staff for 2014*



*All COW attendees gathered for a photo*



*Jerry Pritchard and Dennis Jacob shared the Fred E. Milbrant Award for completing more than 100 VEs three years in a row.*

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## Training/Qualifications Information

### Opportunities::

- New this year, please check out the AUXLMS site regarding the *mandatory VE workshop*. This course is required by June 30 to stay qualified.

<https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp>

- Terri has reserved the pool at the Tillamook YMCA on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00am to test our PPE gear. There is no charge to use the pool.
- Enrolled Auxiliarists now have until 31 December 2016 to complete all eight of the MT courses following. As each of the first six courses is completed, the five-year cycle begins for that class.
  1. DHS Together Resilience Training - course code 502379
  2. Security Education and Training Awareness (SETA) - course code 810030
  3. Privacy at DHS / Protecting Personal Information - course code 810015
  4. Sexual Harassment Prevention - course code 810000
  5. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response - course code 810045
  6. Civil Rights Awareness - course code 502319

The following two classes need be completed only once:

Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts - course code 502306

Influenza Training - course code 502290

These classes can be accessed through the Auxiliary Learning Management System at:

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

## Coming Events & Activities

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Flotilla 63 events and activities.

- **Flotilla 63 Meeting** – February 18th – 1900 hours at the Upper Station.



