



# EIGHT BELLS



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## Mission:

The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions.

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March 3  
Flotilla Meeting

Greg Baker  
Air Wing Observer

will speak about the air wing, its patrols and the value that they add.

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## FEBRUARY IN THE FLOTILLA



Norma Bailey, receives her Seventh Sustained Service Award! for over 5250 hours on service to the Coast Guard and the CGAuxiliary



Greg Baker (right) receives certification Air Observer



Jim Beyea (left) receives certification Vessel Safety Examiner

## USCG AUXILIARY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Nationally, in 2008, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary performed over 2.6 million hours of service. Nearly 42,000 hours of public education classes were presented and over 108,000 Vessel Safety Checks were performed. Last year, over \$51 million of property was saved and 4,795 people in trouble on the water were assisted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. And, most of all, 248 people, whose death was otherwise certain, had his or her life saved by a Coast Guard Auxiliarist.

Last year, Flotilla 48 performed over 5,000 hours of service to the Coast Guard and the community supporting on-the-water safety, training exercises, public education classes, vessel safety checks and more!

## OUT W/OLD IN W/NEW

As the door closes on 2008 and the new year offers a new start, the Coast Guard is urging mariners and aviators to start the year off right and make the switch to a digital emergency beacon.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 1, the Coast Guard and other search and rescue personnel will only receive distress alerts broadcast using digital 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons.

Search and rescue satellites will no longer process older model analog EPIRBs that only transmit on 121.5 or 243 MHz.

Because satellites will no longer receive analog transmissions, Rescue Coordination Centers will no longer receive transmissions from 121.5 EPIRBs, said Rick Arsenault, a search and rescue specialist at the First Coast Guard District Command Center in Boston.

The 406 EPIRB's signal is 50 times more powerful than the 121.5 beacon's, allowing satellites to better detect its signal and provide a more accurate search area for rescue crews. "With 121.5 beacons, an initial position uncertainty can result in a 500 square mile search area," Arsenault said. "With a digital beacon, that initial search is reduced to 25 square miles." Furthermore, a GPS-embedded 406 EPIRB can shrink a search area to about 100 yards and can also pinpoint the position of a distressed mariner within minutes.

Additionally, the number of false alerts with digital beacons is significantly lower than analog beacons. Satellites are not capable of distinguishing between beacon and non-beacon sources using analog frequencies, making only about one in five alerts actually coming from a beacon. Many false alert signals come from ATMs, pizza ovens and stadium scoreboards.

<http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2009/0108/news/039.html>

## CONVERSATION WITH COMMANDANT

By Manny Romero, Division Chief, Training  
National Department of Public Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen was in Scottsdale, AZ February 5 to meet with leaders from Auxiliary Division 10 (D11-SR)—whose members form the essence of the Coast Guard on Arizona's desert lakes.

Known as a strong proponent of the Auxiliary, ADM Allen has worked closely with Auxiliary National leadership for the past several years as part of his "product line management" goal to make the Coast Guard more successful in the 21st Century.

Our new command structure "should give us some significant opportunities to more closely align with the Auxiliary...to serve you better and give you more visibility with us," he said.

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## CALENDAR

### February

- \*14 About Boating Safely
- 17 Staff Meeting

### March

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting
- 21 Sector Seattle Ops Training
- 28 About Boating Safely Class

### April

- 7 Flotilla Meeting
- 11 About Boating Safely Class
- 21 Staff Meeting
- 25 Division meets at FL48

### May

- 2 Boater's Fair
- 1-3 AuxAir Training Weekend
- 9 Tug Boat Races
- 19 Staff Meeting

### June

- 2 Flotilla Meeting
- 13 About Boating Safely Class
- 16 Staff Officer Meeting

### July

- 4 Grand Ole 4th
- 18 Division meets at FL41
- 21 Staff Meeting

### August

- 4 Flotilla Meeting
- 8 About Boating Safely
- 18 Staff Meeting

### September

- 8 Flotilla Meeting
- 11-13 Wooden Boat Festival
- 22 Staff Meeting

### October

- 6 Flotilla Meeting
- 10 Division at FL 42
- 17 About Boating Safely
- 20 Staff Meeting

### November

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting

### December

- 1 Flotilla Meeting
- 12 About Boating Safely
- 15 Staff Meeting

## D13 DRAFTING NEW PLAN

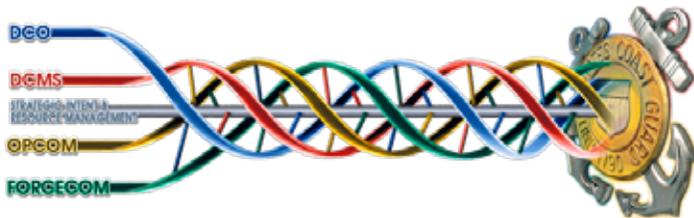
District Thirteen Response and Prevention are chartering a team to develop an Auxiliary Operations Program Management Model to support current and future air and sea operations throughout the District.

In order to make relevant budget decisions, the District and the D13 Sectors will need to ascertain a more specific mission requirement and then provide an adequate Auxiliary Operations Program Management Model to safely and effectively carry out those missions. Without this analysis solid business decisions such as: how many air and water facilities we need to meet required hours, how many coxswains, pilots and crewmembers we need to operate facilities, where to invest our funds for the best return on investment, and what mission type we need to “target” recruit for new Auxiliary members can not be made.

April 7th Flotilla meeting

LT Melanie Burnham, Station Seattle Commanding Officer, will speak on how 2009 is looking for Station Seattle.

## MODERNIZATION IS COMING



## SECTOR SEATTLE OPS TRAINING DAY

Date: March 21, 2009

Time: 0930

Place: Pier 36, Bldg 4, Rainier Room.

To: All Coxswains, Facility Owners, leaders and those interested in Auxiliary Operations

Please join us for a great day of preparation for the new patrolling year. The day will include a review of the Operations Instruction from Sector Seattle for 2009 and an Operations Workshop. The Operations Workshop is a local requirement of Sector Seattle this year. This is best time to have this completed. (The training will also be offered in other venues such as GNATS). Also offered will be a TCT workshop.

## COMMANDANT

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“It allows us to pull the skills and talents you have and put them to use for what we need beyond the traditional operational, inspection and education missions that you do,” he said.

ADM Allen has often praised the Auxiliary during his long Coast Guard career. The Tucson, Ariz. native did so again with this “hometown” audience by saying, “I’ve relied on you folks my entire 40 years in the Coast Guard at one point or another—every command.” Earlier he had complimented Division 10 on earning several diversity awards.

“I think we’ve barely begun to tap the talents of the Auxiliary,” he said. “My philosophy is that there is nothing an Auxiliarist can’t do, unless precluded by qualification or legal restriction such as law enforcement.

<http://www.teamcoastguard.org/2009/feb/A090214/index.htm>



## EDUCATION & TRAINING OPS

The Pac Area Computer Training Center offers FREE computer related classes and workshops to all USCG personnel. Each class is usually four hours in length and covers a variety of learning objectives. Our training program is open to all levels of learners and provides the highest quality technical education to individuals seeking to improve their computer knowledge. All classes are hands-on and are led by experienced instructors.

Classes are held at the computer Training Room in building 3 on Pier 36. All classes are from 0800-1200 unless otherwise noted.

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| 03 March | Excel 2003 Level 3            |
| 04 March | PowerPoint 2003 Level 1       |
| 05 March | Visio 2003 Level 1/           |
| 10 March | Excel 2003 Level 4            |
| 17 March | Excel 2003 Level 5            |
| 18 March | PowerPoint 2003 Level 2       |
| 19 March | Visio 2003 Level 2            |
| 25 March | PowerPoint 2003 Level 3       |
| 31 March | Access 2003 Level 1 (7 hours) |

To register for classes, e-mail us with your requests.

E-mail us at [ESU\\_SeattleSWIIITraining@uscg.mil](mailto:ESU_SeattleSWIIITraining@uscg.mil) or call us at 206-217-6196



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# 2009



# Workshops



<http://www.safetyseal.net/images/Workshops.jpg>  
VSC workshop  
Program Visitor workshop

○ Department website: <http://www.auxodept.org/>  
OPS Workshop Facilitator Guide  
OPS Workshop PPT slides

<http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/aids/WS09/2009IW.ppt>  
Instructor Workshop

Team Coordination Refresher

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