

Auxiliarist of the Week November 26 / Div 10 / Helena, MT / Kathy Frazier



Kathy Frazier is a member of Flotilla 10-3 in Helena, MT. She operates an Auxiliary land base radio facility on Canyon Ferry Lake and activates it in any emergency situation that arises.

On September 13, 2008 Kathy activated her base station when two divers chartering from Helena Scuba required assistance on Canyon Ferry Lake. Glen McKinnon of Helena Scuba had surfaced with one of the divers in tow. Seeing this, Karen McKinnon alerted the Yacht Basin Marina via VHF-FM radio that medical assistance was immediately required.

Kathy also notified the Lewis & Clark County Sheriff Dispatch via landline of the emergency and alerted them of the situation and requested an ambulance. She continued to stay in contact with the dive boat on VHF-FM radio and forwarded additional information to the Sheriff Dispatch. Once the ambulance arrived the paramedics took control of the emergency.

Kathy's base station is the only communications "hub" on the 20-mile long Canyon Ferry Lake for the Auxiliary to utilize during routine or emergency operations.