

Auxiliarist of the Week

Bill Houser // Flotilla 21

Bill provided the operational planning and execution of the Wanapum Reservoir Memorial Day Weekend Safety Patrols.



Bill Coordinated 4 Aux small boat facilities & 2 Aux Personal Watercraft to cover approximately 20 nautical miles between Wanapum Dam & Crescent Bar. An Auxiliary radio facility maintained radio guard while also maintaining communications with Kittitas and Grant County Sheriffs.



Bill's Auxiliary Facility and crew participated in three significant cases: They safely towed a disabled one million dollar 46' cigarette boat to safety while his Auxiliary EMT later assisted kayaker suffering from sunburns over 30% of his body & stage 2 hypothermia. Finally, they dewatered and, with another Aux Facility, towed a go-fast boat to Crescent Bar, ultimately saving the \$500,000 vessel.



Throughout the three day weekend Auxiliary Facilities participated in 12 SAR cases while completing another 534 Recreational Boating Safety Contacts and completed 7 Vessel Safety Checks.

