

DIRAUX NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Kelly A. Boodell

DIRAUX WEBSITE! www.uscg.mil/d13/o/oax is up and running! It is your INTERNET site. Thanks to the hard work of our Web Master, we are now in the new millennium!! We plan to post all kinds of information here, which will reduce the need for mail and provide more timely updated information to you. We are exploring what type of spreadsheets we can post as well as what other information currently being mailed regarding currency and facility status, that could be posted, available to you whenever you need it! We will of course consider appropriate access and privacy concerns. Also expect to see available jobs/projects around the district posted here. An example is the job that is available at ISC Seattle. Check it out! Granted this web page is basically empty right now, stay tuned.... More will be added in the next week or so.

PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): Thirteenth District might get some \$\$ for PPE, IF you do your part! "HQ may be able to provide funding for PPE for FY 03 but these funds will remain in OCX and FTA'd to each District after evaluation of PPE requests. OCX-2 will be contacting all DIRAUX for submission of PPE requests in the near future." This is a quote from official correspondence from our program at Headquarters (G-OCX) to me. When contacted, I will use the inventory sheets that CWO McKiernan has sent out many times, with the mail-outs. These forms are different than the back of the financial reports. They contain important details that I will need to support my request. I am including our inventory forms in this mail-out. The turn in rate for the inventories has been pretty disappointing ~about 1/3. If yours is not received, I will not consider your flotilla's PPE needs. This opportunity is RARE! Lets not miss out on this. I must substantiate our requests, based on what we specifically have and what we need. PLEASE return the Inventory/Property form ~ one per flotilla! And, INCLUDE YOUR WISH LIST!! Please limit it to PPE. It would be very helpful if you prioritized your needs and identified sizes, i.e.: mustangs, drysuits, float coats, inflatables, helmets, etc....You get the idea!

Wearing of PFDs by certain Children in Recreational Vessels INTERIM RULE: This Interim Rule was published in the Federal Register on 24 June, 2002 [67 FR 42488], allows for public comment through 23 August, 2002 and is effective on 23 December, 2002. It requires that children aboard recreational vessels wear personal flotation devices (PFDs), or lifejackets:

- a. Where a State has no law or regulation requiring children to wear PFDs, the Federal requirement applies to children under 13 years of age, except when they are below decks or in an enclosed structure.
- b. Where a State has any law or regulation requiring children to wear PFDs, the Federal requirement adopts the State requirements within that State/Territory/District.

Clarification and policy guidance on enforcing the Interim Rule for field units will be forthcoming. The CG will begin with an educational phase (likely through 31 December) where we advise boaters of the current State requirements or the coming Federal requirement and encourage them to have the children wear PFDs now for safety.

News From Head Quarters: The "END OF YEAR MEMBER LETTER" will not be coming this FY. The Contracting process and a contracting error has doubled the projected cost and delayed the job to the point that HQs staff didn't feel it followed good economic sense to produce it this late in the year. (DIRAUX had nothing to do with this one!)

Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspection Program: This is an exciting program that has been made even easier with the addition of easy to use palm pilot technology. Examiners need to be physically able to access spaces aboard vessels to include climbing up onto structures of the vessel such as the top of the house to examine life rafts and EPIRBs, navigate ladders and enter internal spaces to check items such as bilge systems, bilge alarm float switches, etc. The individual needs to be self motivated to walk the docks, get to know the fishermen in their area and recruit their own dockside examinations. Additionally they may on occasion be contacted by the cognizant Marine Safety Office to conduct an exam or follow-up. It is essential that once qualified, the Auxiliarists remain active in the program and periodically conduct dockside examinations to remain current. Inactivity could be cause for removal from the program at the discretion of the MSO. Both the Marine Safety Office (MSO) in Portland and Puget Sound will direct all initial inquiries about the program by Auxiliarists to Tom Liebert. Once Tom has cleared an individual for the program, the MSO for the area will coordinate training necessary to qualify for their area of responsibility based on the needs for a particular part of their zone.

FROM OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

CWO4 Paul Bellona

APPROVED FACILITIES/CERTIFIED CREW: Just another reminder to ensure that only approved facilities and certified coxswains and crewmembers are authorized to conduct patrols. The FSO-OPS and SO-OPS are responsible to ensure patrol orders are requested only for certified coxswains and approved facilities. Coxswains are responsible to ensure that they have the proper number of certified crew on board during patrols. You will not be reimbursed for patrols without the above.

PATROL ORDERS: Ensure that your patrol requests are into the DIRAUX office in a timely fashion (a minimum of two or three weeks prior to the patrol), so they can be approved, prepared and returned to you prior to the patrol being completed. This will help alleviate a lot of problems with patrol orders and also speed up your reimbursement. Again for areas receiving their patrol orders directly from DIRAUX...the DIRAUX will only accept requests for patrol orders from Division SO-OPS.

GUESTS ON PATROLS: Are only authorized with the approval of the DIRAUX. Guests may not be involved in any crew activities while the facility is under orders. Ensure that these requests are in the DIRAUX office prior to the orders being approved so they can be acted upon.

AUXDATA: Some misinformation has been handed out concerning AUXDATA..."AUXDATA has not been authorized for all members. Only those staff and elected officers who have a need. Hunting for access by experimenting with user names and passwords is considered a security violation by TISCOM." Request for AUXDATA access must be requested and approved by CG Headquarters if you have a need. The point of contact for this is Peter Kirschner DSO IS 13. AUXINFO is available to all Auxiliary members. So, word to the wise, don't try to access AUXDATA unless you are authorized to do so.

BOAT/U.S. GRANTS: The Department of Boating is pleased to announce the availability of the calendar year 2003 Grant applications from Boat U.S. All applications and information will be available as of June 3rd. This announcement contains several documents relating to these grants available to your Division and Flotillas. To ensure the widest possible dissemination, FSOs-CS and other readers, please make copies and send the information to your Flotilla Commanders. These grants represent "found" money for the Flotillas and Divisions. The Grassroots Grant can fund projects up to \$5,000! Here's a listing of the information available:

- [Department of Boating - Grants Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Adobe Acrobat(tm) format, 19KB)
- [BoatU.S. Grants for the Auxiliary - What Worked in Prior Years](#) (Adobe Acrobat(tm) format, 28KB)
- [CY03 BoatU.S. Grassroots Grant Auxiliary Instructions](#) (Adobe Acrobat(tm) format, 44KB)
- [Guidelines and Application for 2003 Grassroots Grants](#) (Adobe Acrobat(tm) format, 34KB)
- [PowerPoint Presentation on the Grass Roots Grants Program](#) with presenter notes (1.3MB)

DIRECTORY UPDATES: We made an error in the last DIRAUX Notes pertaining to Member Info Updates (yes, we too make occasional mistakes!) that Bobbie has addressed further. So if you do have address, phone number, or e-mail changes make sure that DIRAUX gets them also so we can keep up updated or get hold of you.

SEA FAIR ASSISTANCE: There is still an opportunity for some of you to join in the fun of patrolling during Sea Fair (August 1-4). We could still use 4 or 5 more facilities during this event, so Mike and I will see you there. The Point of Contact is Jo Ann Grubb

POSTAGE RATE INCREASE: If you have forgotten about them, they go into effect at the end of June 2002. The rates go up to \$.37 for the first ounce and \$.23 for each additional ounce (**Ouch!**).

FINAL WORD THIS MONTH: There are lots of marine events coming up this summer that need some more coverage (facilities and crews) by the Auxiliary, so if you can help out that would be of great benefit to all. Keep up the great work and Remember Safe Boating.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

SK1 Nelson Fritz

CLAIM FORMS: Members who use travel orders, funded by DIRAUX and submit their claims for reimbursement are reminded that there are only two types of forms authorized. The first form is the DD 1351-2, generally used for claiming lodging and mode of travel (POV or commercial air). The other is the SF-1164 which is normally used for mileage and any parking or toll fees. Recently we've received the form "13TH District Auxiliary Travel Order and Expense Form" from a few members. This is not the correct form to use for submission. Please use the applicable forms when typing up your travel claim. Also, remember not to list your meals as they're figured into the max. allowable daily per diem rate.

FROM THE COMPUTER SECTION

Ms. Bobbie Heim

CHANGE OF MEMBER INFORMATION: We were misinformed about the abilities of the FSO-IS. They do not yet have the authorization to change addresses, phone numbers and E-mail information. Eventually they will, but not just yet. Therefore, all Change of Member Information Reports must still go to the FSO-IS for review, and then to the SO-IS for action. I apologize for the mistake.

Also, our office needs a copy of these changes for all our Auxiliary members. The DIRAUX office staff uses several computer systems for correspondence, and they are not linked. The Auxiliary member information changes must be entered manually in this office, for the ACCESS database and Microsoft Word address labels.

It is particularly important to forward changes for our Auxiliary officers, at the Flotilla, Division and District levels to this office immediately. Some important mail-out information has been lost, because of outdated address information.

We have tried to forward new mailing address information to our Buoy 13 staff. Now, our DSO PB, Ms. Elaine Moore, has moved. Material for the "Buoy 13" Editor should be forwarded to:

Ms. Elaine K. Moore DSO PB
10496 W. Lone Wolf Ln
Boise, ID 83704-5311

NEW AUXDATA SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING UPDATES: We are expecting a "New and Improved" AUXDATA around the 4TH of July. Everyone can plan on better, user friendly, abilities from our computer. I'll help pass the word on exactly what the changes will be, and when they will occur, as soon as the Chief DIRAUX staff provides a news release.

MEMBER STATUS SECTION NEWS: Shirley Blanchett is expected back in the office by the last week in July. Until then, I'll be trying to help out in the Member Status Section, as well as work with the computers. Everyone is pitching in, including Mr. Adam I. Gardner, USCG AUX, and our new summer assistant, Ms. Androsandel "Sandel" Mendiola, Civil Service (Temporary Student Appointment). Please try to be patient, because we have of people, plural, trying to do the work of one expert. The Member Status Section work will take longer then normal to complete.

FROM THE MEMBER STATUS SECTION

Ms. Shirley Blanchett

SHIRLEY BLANCHETT ON LEAVE: Guess who is moving into a brand new house! We expect lots of good news, and plenty of photos featuring family, friends, and the beautiful "NEW HOUSE," when she returns.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2002

Date	Meeting - Event	Location	D13 DIRUAX REP
28, 29 & 30 June	Southern Area Conference	Vancouver, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
9 Jul	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
10 Jul	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
14 Jul	Div 4 Mtg (Picnic)	TBD	
14-25 July	SEAHAWK	Indian Island	As able: Boodell, Bellona, Mckiernan
19, 20 & 21 July	EXCOM MTG	Garibaldi, OR	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan Bellona
25-28 July	Columbia Cup	Kennewick, WA	
27-28 July	Div 7 Cruise at City/CO dock	St. Helens, OR	
1-4 Aug	SEAFAIR	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
3 Aug	DIV 5 Picnic	Roseburg, OR	
13 Aug	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
14 Aug	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
16, 17 & 18 Aug	Northern Area Conference	Bremerton, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
28-31 Aug	NTNL Conference (NACON)	Orlando, FL	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
9 Sep	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
10 Sep	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
11 Sep	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
19-21 Sep	13 TH Dist Mtg & Elections	Spokane, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
26 Sep	Div 1 Mtg, Cranberry Tree	Mt Vernon WA	TBD
4-6 Oct	Div 10 Mtg	Kalispell, MT	TBD
8 Oct	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
9 Oct	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
12-13 Oct	Div 8 Mtg	Richland, WA	CWO Bellona
12 Oct	Div 4 Mtg, P. T. Yacht Club	Port Townsend	TBD
14 Oct	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
18-20 Oct	Div 11 Mtg.	Jackpot, NV	LCDR Boodell
18-20 Oct	Div 5 Mtg.	Klamath Falls OR	TBD
26-27 Oct	Div 6 Mtg	Garibaldi, OR	TBD
8-10 Nov	NTNL Pac Area Mtg (NAPM)	Alameda, CA	LCDR Boodell
11 Nov	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
12 Nov	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
13 Nov	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
15, 16 & 17 Nov	EXCOM MTG	Tri Cities, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
9 Dec	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
10 Dec	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
11 Dec	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
13 Jan	Div 7 Mtg.	Group Portland	TBD
14 Jan	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
15 Jan	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD

This calendar includes information provided to DIRAUX. Please notify DIRAUX of changes or corrections. Bobbie Heim, in Computers section, E-mail: bheim@pacnorwest.uscg.mil is the person to contact. When a DIRAUX office representative is appropriate, for an event or meeting, please send this information via E-mail to bheim@pacnorwest.uscg.mil as soon as possible.

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