



# Flotilla 41 Newsletter

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 13, Division 4, Port Ludlow, WA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

### Flotilla Meeting

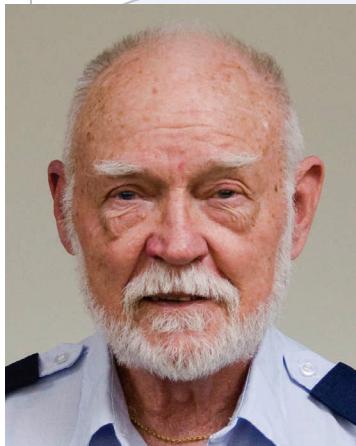
Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Sat., August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

1200

### Flotilla 41 Picnic

Ian McFall's place,  
Brinnon .



## Notes from Flotilla Commander Meek

As Auxiliarists, we swore to support the Coast Guard in all its endeavors, including natural and man made disasters. Having said that, we also know that our first responsibilities are to our own families. During Katrina there were many of our ranks that volunteered to go to New Orleans and help there. But they knew that their families were secure back home. What will happen when an event happens in our area? Have we truly considered the actions necessary to protect our loved ones so that we could in fact follow through with the oaths we gave?

Most of us in this area know the effects of a simple power outage for periods of time, and even coupled with some traffic disruption due to trees all over our highways. We also remember the shortages we felt when the west coast was hostage to a Longshoreman strike on the docks for weeks, plus the effects of the Hood Canal Bridge closures. These would be considered minor to the possible effects of tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or terrorist attacks that we are constantly being warned about. We also have to realize that we are especially vulnerable here on the peninsula, and we have also been warned that in a major event the larger population centers will get the first attention.

Food and water will be a big issue as markets stock what they consider a 48 hour supply of normal demand. Shipping availability and panic buying would impact that quickly. If electricity was cut then refrigerators and freezers would last only a few days and those on wells would immediately be without water. Home generators would take some slack for awhile but would depend on availability of fuel, again a shipping issue. Toilets would require water to flush but the tanks could be hand filled if necessary and water available. Transportation would also depend on several variables. Communication could be disrupted if cell phone towers are down.

The common precaution is now being said to plan on a 10 day period of self support. Personally, I believe a longer time would be safer, due to our somewhat isolated position. The necessary needs would include water, in storable safe bottles, canned or dried foods, candles or lanterns with extra fuel, extra batteries, some heat source if in winter, etc. Many pamphlets are available with suggestions for items and procedures. Those of us with boats have that capability for either travel or limited living that could be used if stocked. A major factor is how well your spouse is trained to handle technical issues, such as generator starting and running, communication procedures for hand held radios, etc.

If such events occur, the Coast Guard will truly need and will ask our assistance. I personally wish to have enough material goods, and in place procedures, that my home will be safe. The next is support of friends and neighbors. Our Communication Center will augment that need, especially in the Port Ludlow area.

Anyway, the end result is that I want to be able to go, if called, to help get our area back to a normal area for all of us. Such an event will require everyone to get involved in some manner and we are in a position to be able to make a major impact. How well are you prepared?



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## Flotilla 41 Announcements

### Flotilla 41 Meeting

1900 Wed. July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

**Mini-Topics:** FSO-IS Ed Taylor  
FSO-MA Jim Thibadeau

**Program:** Cmdr. George Whitbread  
Naval Magazine Indian Island



### Meet Jim Thibodeau

Jim was born in Missoula, Montana in 1943. He graduated from Missoula High School in 1960-61. Starting very young Jim participated in outdoor activities which included boating, fishing and hunting. There was always a lake close by where you could enjoy the water.

Upon graduation from high school he attended Northern Montana College close by in Havre, Montana. Working for Northwest Magazine Distributors brought Jim out to Seattle, Washington. In 1969 Jim joined up with Van Waters and Rogers (Univar Corporation). He transferred several times after moving into outside sales for Van Waters covering Washington, Montana and parts of Wyoming. He lived in Spokane, Washington; Great Falls,

Montana and Billings, Montana before moving back to Spokane, Washington.

In 1972 Jim met his lovely wife of 36 years in Spokane and were married in April. One year later he again made a transfer for Van Waters and specialized in their metal finishing department in Portland, Oregon. This triggered new interest in boating (thanks to the Columbia and Willamette Rivers) and a 28 foot Bayliner was purchased, which quickly was upgraded to a 32 foot Carver. Many, many weekends were spent roaming up and down those two waterways.

In 1979 another career decision was made and Jim took a position with one of his customers in a small Plating Shop in Portland, Oregon. The firm had 40 employees and 34,000 square feet. Jim oversaw the shop and handled the sales. In 1981 he bought into the company and in 1982 purchased it totally. From 1982 to 1997 under Jim's direction the company grew to 220 employees and 165,000 square feet. ESP was the tenth largest job shop in the United States supplying customers with plating and powder coating services.

In 1988 Jim and his wife discovered the Port Ludlow area and bought property to one day build our "Dream Home". Once the dream became an idea in their heads the work began; Jim commuted between their home in Vancouver, Washington and the property here in Port Ludlow. The work week dropped down to three days a week in Portland so Jim had more time to complete the new home. Once the house was finished in 2002 he decided to sell the business and become a full time resident here. The consulting business Jim had set up did not require a great deal of his time so he looked for ways to give something back to the community. That prompted him to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Life has been full of adventure including traveling with their three dogs in their motorhome and making several trips in the past down to sunny Arizona in the wet winters. They have been boating up North around Desolation Sound in the summers. They enjoy the friendship of so many people in this area as well as getting involved in several community activities when they are home.



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## Member Awards

Auxiliary awards presented at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Flotilla Meeting:

Richard Moore - Certification as Vessel Examiner and Medal:

Robert Knutson - Operational Communications Specialty Qualification and Specialty Ribbon:

Leroy Kraft - Auxiliary Membership Service Award for Ten Years:

Sharon Reseck - Eighth Coast Guard Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (6,000 hours of active participation)



A long view of the Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* taken by Dick Moore from the Kingston ferry in July, 2008.



## Flotilla 41 Picnic

1200, Sat., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

Ian McFall's Place

84 Cormorant View Dr.,  
Brinnon

The flotilla will provide hamburgers and hot dogs as well as soft drinks. People are encouraged to bring side dishes to share.

**Menu:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soda courtesy of Flotilla 41. Please bring a potluck side dish or yummy dessert. Bring your own favorite beverage if you wish. Hosts Ian & Glenys McFall will provide the oysters.

**Activities:** Lawn Golf, Horseshoes (sorry no hand grenades), lawn darts, kite flying (bring one) and lots of camaraderie. Socialized pets OK. There will be prizes for these activities.

**Directions** from Port Ludlow: Take 104 to Center Road Go South on Center Road to Quilcene. Join 101 South at Quilcene. Proceed South on 101 through Brinnon village (don't blink or you'll miss it.) Turn left on Cormorant View Drive which is a half mile south of Pleasant Harbor Marina entrance on 101. You'll see the USCG AUX banners.

Boaters may moor free overnight at Pleasant Harbor private dock and walk to picnic site or call for pick up. Ample parking for cars and RVs

To see Ian's invitation go to <http://tiny.cc/er0Ja> and click to tell him you are coming or [imcfall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imcfall@sbcglobal.net) or call (360) 796-0551.



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John Reseck and Simeon Baldwin are on patrol in CG kayaks. Gordon James is in the blue coat.(He's not in the CGAUX but is in the PORT LUDLOW PADDLERS ).

Pictures taken in Port Gamble Bay June, 2008 by John Reseck.



Here they come.



Damn, these guys are always late to the rescue.



Lets get out of here before anyone sees us.



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## Heard at the Flotilla Staff Meeting

David Aho, FSO-MS, reported that the beach cleanup was held on 30 June in the morning due to low tides. Four flotilla members collected 165 lbs. of trash including a kayak paddle.

The Flotilla Picnic is planned to be in Brinnon at Ian McFall's home. The date will be announced at the June Flotilla Meeting. (See the announcement on the preceding page.—Ed.).

John (OP) reported that every 3 years, crew and coxswains need to be re-qualified. There are 15 crew/coxswains that will need requalification in 2009 and he is looking at running some of them through a QE session this year and the rest next year. He also has a list of those that need hours to remain current and will be notifying those individuals.

He and Sharon (MT) are also looking at a crew academy this summer with a QE session for new crew and coxswain in October.

Dan Johnston (PE) reported that 18 people attended the last ABC class and that no more public classes are planned until the Fall.

Dick Moore (VE) reported that over 20 VE exams were made in June.

The Wooden Boat Festival will be held September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We absolutely will participate. The *Elmore* will be tied up to the dock and Ian was asked to try to get a USCG helicopter to participate. He will try to accomplish this.

The Quick Start Guide is now ready for printing.

## Division 4 News Announcements



## Division 4 Newsletter

If you haven't seen *Mark IV*, the Division 4 newsletter, take a look at: <http://a13004.uscgaux.info/Latest%20newsletter.pdf>.

Its 22 pages long. There is a lot going on in each of the Division 4 flotillas and in each of the staff officer departments.



## Flotilla 41 Website

Check out the Fl. 41 website member's page <http://a1300401.uscgaux.info/members.html>.

There are lots of links, past issue of the 4-Every-1 and other useful information.



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## District 13 Announcements

### A Job You Can Do at Home

Auxiliary fuel reimbursement processing is a task that has traditionally been done by an Auxiliarist at Sector Seattle. We are in need of a member to take over this task. The actual entry can be done at home and takes between one and four hours per week, depending on the volume of patrols - heaviest during the summer. However, the job does require a trip to Sector at least once per week to pick up the forms and file them after entry. You might want to do it twice a week during the busiest times of the summer. We can arrange for this to be done after hours or on weekends if necessary. The job isn't hard but some training is required. Some familiarity with operations would help.

If you are interested in helping out your fellow Auxiliarists and Sector by taking on this little job or can suggest someone who might be, please reply to me.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Chapman  
Auxiliary Sector Coordinator  
Sector Seattle

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## National



### How Can We Help Prevent People from Drowning?

One of our major roles in the Auxiliary is Boating Safety. And a major part of Boating Safety is promoting the wearing of life jackets. The summer issue of *Waves, Watercraft and Boating Safety* put out by the Auxiliary Dept. of Boating has articles, *Putting A Face on What We Do* and the *International World Drowning Report*, which emphasizes the human tragedy of drowning.

How many times have you seen boaters not wearing life jackets? I've seen a lot, boaters in a dinghy with no life jacket, children on the bow of boat without life jackets. These people are having a good time on the water without realizing how close they are to tragedy.

How do we raise their awareness? Can we talk to the public when we see the need for life jackets? Will they listen?

The sign above is available. Can we post them at marinas and launch ramps?

To learn more, read the article at <http://auxbdept.org/waves/wave200802.pdf>.

*The Editor*



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## Flotilla Staff Reports

### FSO-AN Herman Voss

ADS TO Navigation



The list of Private Aids To Navigation "PATON" will be transmitted at the Saturday Division meeting.

### FSO-CS James Gunter

Information Services

Newsletter was posted and internet traffic for our site was reviewed.. Traffic patterns to the website were a little lower then previous months.

### FSO-IS Ed Taylor

Information Services

During "June 2008" (5-27 to 6-25) reports have been received representing approximately 429 hours of member activity.

For June 25 year-to-date 2008 approximately 2422 hours of member activity have been reported.

Types and quantities of reports received during "June 2008" (5-27 to 6-25) are as follows:

7029-Member Log = 10

7030-Mission = 31

7038- Vessel Safety Check =5 (covering 13 VSCs)

7039- Workshop = 0

7046- M D Visitation = 0

Total reports for period = 46

All reports have been processed and sent to the SO-IS.

### FSO-MA Jim Thibodeau

Materials



We still have approximately 6 dry suits on back order at this time.

The only class materials we have on order are for the boating class, this should be received in about 14 days.

### FSO-MS David Aho

Marine Safety



Marina Visits and dock walking are ongoing. A Sea Partners Beach Clean was conducted June 30, 2008 at Ludlow Bay, WA. One hundred sixty-five (165) pounds of debris was picked upon one mile of Port Ludlow North Bay beach. Ninety percent of the debris was plastic.

### FSO-PA Ian McFall

Public Affairs



Story on Beach Clean up has been edited a bit and submitted for local publication.

3 VE's done plus Dick Moore's boat inspected as a facility

### FSO-PB Phil Keys

Publications



The June, 2008 newsletter was published to flotilla members, Auxiliary officers of interest and D13 DIRAUX. It was also sent to the FSO-CS for posting on the Fl. 41 website.



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## FSO-MT Sharon Reseck

Member Training



Anyone needing to know their due dates for their NAV Rules; 8 hr TCT; and 3 yr. Currency Maintenance with a QE please contact me. I have compiled a list.

There will be a QE Session held in Sequim on August 10 for 3 year Currency Maintenance with a QE and new crew and coxswains. Most of these candidates will be from Port Townsend and Sequim.

There will be another QE session held here in Port Ludlow October 4. Flotilla 41 has a few candidates for crew and coxswain and should work towards completing your mentoring by then.

## FSO-OP John Reseck

Operations



June gave Port Ludlow Flotilla 41 seventeen patrols. There were four boat patrols, Burgan (3) and Keys (1), the other 13 were kayak patrols.

The paddle craft people are having a training/planning day on July 18. They will readjust procedures, and plan patrols for the rest of the year.

We have another group, (which includes some of the Paddle Craft members), that are preparing to be qualified as crew and coxswains. There has been a QE session for them requested on October 4. They have about twelve weeks to finish their mentoring and other items needed before the QE session. Should be no problem. The new mentor list for crew has been sent out to the membership, so the mentors are ready to do the work. Call them and keep them busy - there is nothing worse than a hero out of work.

July has at least two boats out, and 19 paddle craft, for a total of 21 patrols so far - God we're good!

Thanks to all of you for making the operations job so easy.

## FSO-PE Daniel Johnston

Public Education



The ABS course was given on June 23, 24 and 30. Dee Meek was the principle instructor with help from Steve and Lyn Hyman and John Van Zonneveld. There were 18 attendees. The class was taught in three sessions rather than two which seems to have been well received by all.

The next PE course will be in late September, after the cruising season. It will be "GPS for Mariners".

## FSO-PS Sharon Reseck

Personnel Services



We are still waiting on the clearance of Bruce Kramer and Bill Thompson.

I have been in contact with two more potential members. Joyce Malloy and Jim Watson-Gove. I will be in contact with them again soon.

Our Quick Start manual for new members is just about to go to the printer. Ian McFall is putting the finishing touches on it.

## FSO-PV Steve Hyman

Program Visitor



Two Program visits performed this month

One VSC by me performed by me, not reported yet. Will do the paperwork next week.

## FSO-VE Dick Moore

Vessel Examination



We started out slow but finished big with VE days at Port Ludlow, Pleasant Harbor and Home Port marinas, June 28th and 29th. A total of 19 VSC's for the month. Hope to do better in July now that we have some decent weather.



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### Flotilla Officers

	Title	Name
FC	Flotilla Commander	Dee Meek
VFC	Flotilla Vice Commander	Joe Langjahr
IPFC	Immediate Past Flotilla Commander	Richard Hatch
FSO-AN	Aids to Navigation	Herman Voss
FSO-CM	Communications	Don Millbauer
FSO-CS	Communication Services	James Gunter
FSO-FN	Finance	Sara Meek
FSO-IS	Information Services	Ed Taylor
FSO-MA	Materials	Jimmy Thibodeau
FSO-MS	Marine Safety/Environmental Protection	David Aho
FSO-MT	Member Training	Sharon Reseck
FSO-PA	Marketing and Public Affairs	Ian McFall
FSO-OP	Operations	John Reseck
FSO-PB	Publications	Phil Keys
FSO-PE	Public Education	Dan Johnston
FSO-PS	Personnel Services	Sharon Reseck
FSO-PV	Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program	Steve Hyman
FSO-SR	Secretary/Records	John Van Zonneveld
FSO-VE	Vessel Examination	Dick Moore

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# July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14	15 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> 0900-Snug Harbor Café	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> 0900-Snug Harbor Café	23 <b>Monthly Meeting</b> 1900– Port Ludlow Fire Station	24	25	26
27	28	29 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> 0900-Snug Harbor Café	30	31		

# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> 0900-Snug Harbor Café <b>Flotilla Staff Meeting</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b> 0900-Snug Harbor Café	13	14	15	16 <b>Flotilla 41 Picnic</b> 1200, Ian McFall's place, Brinnon
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