

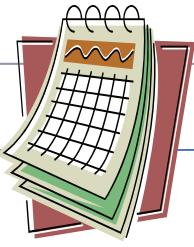


# 4-Every-1, the Flotilla 41 Newsletter

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., April 13

### PE Class

### Knots and Lines

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Sat., April 18

### Hard Hat Tour of the Northwest Maritime Center

1230

Contact Kevin Ryan

Sun., April 19

### VE refresher course

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Tues., May 12

### Staff Meeting

1000

American Marine Bank

Wed., May 13

### Flotilla Meeting

1900

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Mon., April 27

### PE Class

### VHF Radio

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Sat.-Sun., May 23-24

### Brinnon Shrimpfest

Fl. 41 booth



## Notes from Flotilla Commander Langjahr

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, including Flotilla 41, has done and continues to do an excellent job of recruiting new members. Our challenge is to retain those who join the Auxiliary. Our flotilla lost some members last year, a few for health reasons and a few who didn't feel that they were getting any satisfaction from their association with the Auxiliary. Former National Commodore Steven Budar put it best when he noted that member retention is a two-way street because, while we want members to contribute to the work we do as the Auxiliary, the Auxiliary has an obligation to provide the members with the things that led them to join.

Some people join the Auxiliary to take advantage of additional training that the Auxiliary offers, to become operationally qualified as crew or coxswain to join us on patrols, to teach public education classes, to perform Voluntary Safety Checks for the public, to assist the active-duty Coast Guard in their missions, or simply to enjoy the fellowship of others interested in boating. Not all of our members are involved in all activities, but sometimes we lose members after only a couple of years because they didn't receive the return they expected when they joined the Auxiliary.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the individual member to make things happen, but we all need to be responsive to the needs of our members. This is where our mentoring program comes into play.

If you do not have a mentor, you're doing yourself a disservice. If you aren't mentoring someone else, you're doing the Coast Guard Auxiliary a disservice.

It isn't hard to be a mentor; you can start by simply introducing yourself to a new member at the flotilla meeting. Make them feel welcome and part of our flotilla. Answer any questions they have, explain to them the various Auxiliary programs, and encourage them to become involved. If you are going to perform some VSCs, ask a new member to join you so that they can see how rewarding it can be to spend some time with the boating public explaining the importance of safety. Invite a new member to join you on a patrol so that they can see what we do – even if it is an uneventful patrol, they will still enjoy being on the water and enjoying the fellowship of others. By showing them what we do, the fun we have doing it, and encouraging their involvement, we will provide that return to a new Auxiliarist that COMO Budar described.

It doesn't have to take a lot to be a mentor and the rewards to the member, to you, and to the Auxiliary can be significant.



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## Flotilla 41 Announcements

### Flotilla 41 Meeting

0700, Wed., May 13<sup>h</sup>

Port Ludlow Fire Hall

Speaker: **Supervisory Agent Christopher Dyer**  
**U.S. Border Patrol, Port Angeles**

Agent Dyer will discuss the history of the Border Patrol, including its presence on the Olympic Peninsula, and the Border Patrol's mission on the northern border



### Hard Hat Tour of N.W. Maritime Center

Saturday, April 18, 2009

12:30 pm

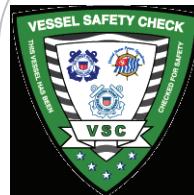
The Northwest Maritime Center is under construction on the waterfront in Port Townsend. We have scheduled a "Hard Hat" tour for Auxiliary members and families.

The location of the construction site on Water Street near Hudson Point will be obvious. If you have not signed-up at a Flotilla meeting, please call Kevin Ryan 437-7996 or email [KSRyan@ecryan.com](mailto:KSRyan@ecryan.com) so we will have an accurate count before we show up.

### Member News

**Herman Voss** recently had a "respiratory illness" (for most of us that would be a cold) and reported to the hospital for breathing treatments. He reports that he is at his winter home in Texas and all is well.

**Robert Knutson** had what can best be described as an adverse reaction to medication. He was at Harrison Memorial for a few days, but he too is now home and in good spirits.



### Fl. 41 Vessel Examiners

"TIS' THE SEASON – The boating season that is!! We are all anxious to put winter behind and get out on the water. What does this mean to the VE (vessel exam) program? Well, hopefully it means the "Vessel Examiners" in our Flotilla (currently we have 12) will be very busy. Last year we performed over 120 exams and this year we hope to do 150 or more.

But just what does a vessel examiner do? For those of you who aren't sure, here is a brief summary. It's as easy as 1,2,3.

1. They study the rules and requirements of the State and the Coast Guard (Feds) with regard to safety equipment; i.e. flares, life jackets, lights, etc. as well as required placards for various types and classes of vessels.
2. They pass an open book on line test to show they are proficient.
3. Once certified they offer their service and expertise to fellow boaters, thus helping them qualify their vessel and passing a "Vessel Safety Check" (VSC). They then award the boat owner a current year sticker to display on their vessel. This will show others, as well a "patrolling" Coast Guard, they are safe boaters and their vessel is as safe as it can be.

Sounds like fun doesn't it? It really is.

So if any of you wish to get involved with one of the most important and rewarding jobs in the auxiliary, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our VEs. You won't be sorry and you will quickly learn that" VSCs SAVE LIVES".

Dick Moore – SFO-VE, VFC





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Steve Hyman receives his Operational Seamanship Specialty Qualification



Sonya Quitslund presents Auxiliary Air Operations

All photos taken by Phil Keys at the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Flotilla 41 meeting.



The following received their ICS-210 Initial Response Certification:

David Aho  
Steve Hyman  
Phil Keys

Joe Langjahr  
Ian McFall  
Dee Meek

Brad Newell  
Kevin Ryan



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## Heard at the Flotilla Staff Meeting

FSO-CM Don Millbauer installed a new table in the Comm Center at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall.

FSO-IS Ed Taylor reported that many members do not submit forms for hours spent doing Auxiliary activities. It was suggested that there be an annual raffle or prize for the most forms submitted.

FSO-MA Sharon McGouran received most of the original Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) order plus some. Several dry suits need to have neck seals replaced. New batteries were received for USCG issued PEPIRBs.

FSO-MT Phil Keys reported that an AuxPat (Patrol) class will be held as soon as an instructor can be found. There will also be other AuxOp classes including an AuxNav (Navigation) class this fall. The goal is to present all six AuxOp classes in a two-year cycle.

FSO-OP (PC) Simeon Baldwin attended the Sector Seattle Operations Day and a meeting on the Protection Island Aquatic Reserve. He added descriptions of each Fl. 41 facility to the Homeport website where they can be accessed by CG operations personnel. The Hood Canal Bridge closure will probably prevent paddle craft patrols on Lake Union during the Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day.

Fl. 41 had thirteen coxswains and crew attend the Operations Training Day, March 21, at Seattle's Pier 36.

FSO-PA Ian McFall had an exciting ride as an air observer when the airplane he was in had its alternator quit. Fl. 41 will have a booth at the Brinon Shrimpfest May 23-24. Members of other flotillas will be invited to help man the booth. Meeting announcements in the local newspapers were corrected and notices of current Public Education (PE) classes were added.

It was noted that the flotilla website needs updating.

FSO-PE Dan Johnston reported two short Public Education (PE) courses, April 13, Knots and Lines, and April 27, VHF Radio. So far five students have signed up. The PE courses will be posted in the newsletter. Advance payment isn't required for these short courses.

The latest four members, Schaeffers, Ammeter and Asbury have mentors.

SO-IS Sharon Reseck distributes updated Fl. 41 rosters as

necessary.

FSO-VE Dick Moore reported that a VE refresher course will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>. Vessel Examiners (VEs) were reminded that a Kldde fire extinguisher has been recalled. VEs will walk the trailer boat launch waiting lines during shrimp season starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will distribute state boating pamphlets and solicit vessel inspections.

The Div. 4 meeting will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at Bainbridge. Fl. 41 is the host for the July division meeting at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall.

GNATS, the Northern Area Training Conference, will be held in October. It will include a QE (Qualification Examiner) session to qualify coxswains and crew.

FSO-PS Kevin Ryan reminded us of the Northwest Maritime Center's Hard Hat Tour is April 18<sup>th</sup>.

John Van Zonneveld's memorial is April 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Do You Need PPE?

Although I have received quite a bit of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) this month, there may be some individuals, particularly trainees, whose PPE needs have not been identified. All qualified crew, crew trainees, or mentors assisting new crew trainees are encouraged to contact me to let me know what gear is needed. PPE is available in very limited quantities and sizes right now, but the sooner we identify our needs to DIRAUX, the better our chances of getting what we need. Please do not hesitate to call or email me regarding your PPE needs.

Sharon McGouran  
FSO-MA



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## National



### Special Members-Only Offer

#### Mad Mariner Free Online Publication

The online daily boating magazine and web-based resource for boaters, is offering free one-year subscriptions to Auxiliarists. You get a new feature story every single day, marine news, blogs, forums, boat reviews, video podcasts and more. Go to <http://shopauxiliary.com/>, then click on Members Only; log in and click on Mad Mariner.



#### Become an Aids to Navigation Verifier

It's been recommended that all coxswains become Aids to Nav. Verifiers --- to start go to the nav systems div site :

[http://www.auxmdept.org/  
latest\\_navigation\\_systems\\_division.htm](http://www.auxmdept.org/latest_navigation_systems_division.htm)

and get the NS-AN02 study guide.

#### Flotilla 41 Website

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

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



## RBAW - ACTION ALERT!

HELP STOP the proposed RAID on the Boater's Recreation Resource Account!

Urge the Washington State House of Representatives to Support the Senate Budget for Boating and Outdoor Recreation.

**The Threat to Recreational Boating.** Olympia, Wa: Unless Boaters act soon, the proposed House of Representatives budget will move \$9.8 million from the Recreation Resource Account (these are funds from the boaters' unrefunded gas taxes) to the **State General Fund**.

These fund transfers proposed by the House will have a very negative impact on recreation, including recreational boating facilities, launch ramps, public marina improvements and boating facilities. **NONE** of our own boating fuel tax dollars will be used to help State Marine Parks, Ports, Cities, and Counties support recreation and boating programs, but will be used for **GENERAL FUND** instead-Our Boating Facilities Fund will be stripped naked.

The State Senate budget has done a much better job of taking care of our State Parks and boating programs and keeps our funding in tact.

**PLEASE CALL THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE AND GIVE THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR 2 HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNOR GREGOIRE:**

**"PLEASE SUPPORT THE SENATE BUDGET CHAIR'S POSITION ON STATE PARKS, BOATING, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION."**

**THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE IS 1-800-562-6000. IT IS OPEN FROM 8AM TO 8PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND FROM 9AM TO 1PM ON SATURDAYS.**

**IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE HOTLINE CALLS START IMMEDIATELY. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! YOU MUST CALL BEFORE APRIL 25, 2009**

For more information, contact:

[DavidKutz@aol.com](mailto:DavidKutz@aol.com)

Recreational Boating Association of Washington  
Tel: 360-271-1105



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## Flotilla Staff Reports

### FSO-IS Ed Taylor

Information Services



During March 2009 (03-01-09 to 03-27-09) reports have been received representing approximately 525 hours of member activity. Approximately 1028 hours have been reported year-to-date 2009.

Types and quantities of reports received during "March 2009" are as follows:

7029-Member Log =15

7030-Mission = 16

7038- Vessel Safety Check =0

7039- Workshop= 0

7046- M D Visitation =1

Total reports for period = 32

As mentioned at the recent Flotilla meeting; beginning with 2009 all report types listed above are to be submitted only via email. Members should contact me, if they have any questions about this requirement or any other reporting matter.

### FSO-MA Sharon McGouran

Materials

I placed two ANSC orders in the month of March. One order was an attempt to get materials not in stock at the time of a previous order; the other was for instructor materials for an upcoming AUXSC&E class. Still unable to obtain Pamphlet 3022-Aids to Navigation. Materials requested for "Shrimp Fest 09" have been received.

Additional PPE orders still not being filled at this time.

### FSO-MS David Aho

Marine Safety



FSO-MS attended Sector Seattle Operations Workshop. No specific local Marine Safety activity. FSO-MS is teaching PE classes.

### FSO-MT Phil Keys

Member Training



The AuxSea class was completed. A flotilla member applied for the AUX-04 Basic Technology C School.

At least seven Flotilla 41 coxswains and crew attended the Sector Seattle Auxiliary Operations Training Day. Several attended a 1-hour TCT class at the same time. At least one flotilla member will be attending FI. 47's AuxSC&E class.

SO-MT Jim Zard gave me a Training Management Report for the flotilla. It will be given to coxswains, crew, QEs, instructors, ATON inspectors, RBS Visitors and other affected members. My inability to access AuxData is being investigated.

### FSO-PA Ian McFall

Public Affairs



PT Leader and PDN Community Calendars were updated to reflect the new meeting dates.

### FSO-OP John Reseck

Operations



With Simeon taking care of all my local chores for me I feel like an AIG manager. I'm waiting for my bonus and my congressional hearing. I can't thank Simeon enough for doing

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such a great job. There were a number of our Flotilla at the Pier 36 meeting and I wasn't so they can tell you what was said there.

We have 15 people that need the QE update in 2009. Because of this I am scheduling three QE sessions for them in Port Ludlow. We will have six at each session, which leaves us room for Al Burgan to become Coxswain, and two more to be qualified as well.

## WARNING:

The reason that I am limiting each session to six is so the QE will have the time to make sure you really know what you are doing, and not have to hurry through to get to everyone. Read in the manual what you are going to have to do to pass, and be ready to shine.

You have to be able to tie the knots --- or your dead

You have to be able to plot a course between two points -- not in 10 minuets but in two or three.

You have to know how to tie to a cleat --- the right way

These are just a couple of the things that everyone will have to do, and do rapidly. In a real situation there is normally not a lot of time to sit and ponder. The one being tested will be expected to respond not only correctly but quickly. I have no idea who the QEs will be, but I will give them written guidelines for passing our Flotilla members.

We have so many Crew members that many of them don't get a chance to go out very often, and because of that they have a tendency to forget some of the procedures. The Coxswains call the ones they know are the most experienced, which is understandable but, that just compounds the problem.

## FSO-OP (PC) Simeon Baldwin

Operations (Paddle Craft)

1. Attended Sector Seattle Ops Workshop March 21
2. Attended DNR community input meeting in Gardiner March 25 re proposed Protection Island DNR aquatic reserve. Liaisoned with Kyle Murphy, DNR AR Program Manager. There are currently four designated aquatic reserves in Puget Sound: Maury Island, Fidalgo Bay, Cherry Point and Cypress Island. Also exhibiting that evening were People for Puget Sound (the proposal sponsor), Port Townsend Marine Science Center, Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee & Puget Sound Partnership.
3. I'm currently working on getting all Flotilla 41's facilities posted on HomePort as requested by Noel Paterson, Sector Seattle Response POC, during the March 21 Ops Training Day. Capt Englebert really wants 100% participation. We now have 8 facilities out of 18 (big boat & PC) uploaded. Thanks to all facility owners for their responses to date.
4. Because of pending HC bridge closure May 1, I'm trying to workout possible logistics for having a requested F41 paddlecraft exhibit on Bainbridge Island's Fourth Annual Boater's Fair on May 2 (sponsored by Flotilla 48).
5. No patrols scheduled or completed since the last FSO Meeting March 10.

## FSO-PB Phil Keys

Publications



The Flotilla 41 March, 2009 newsletter, 4-Every-1, was published to flotilla members, Auxiliary officers of interest and D13 DIRAUX. It was also submitted to FSO-CS James Gunter for posting on the Fl. 41 website.



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## **FSO-PE    Daniel Johnston**

Public Education



In March, three courses were offered; ABS, Tides and Currents and Weather. All were well attended. A number of the students, once hooked on an earlier class, have continued to attend subsequent classes to continue building skills and knowledge.

In April, we are offering Knots and Lines on April 13 and VHF Radio on April 27.

I will be developing a class schedule shortly for the remainder of the year. Instructor staff will be asked for their input.

## **FSO-PV    Steve Hyman**

Recreational Boating Safety  
Visitation Program



I am aware of four Program Visits completed this month.

Completed teaching an AUXSEA course.

I will be helping FL-47 teach an AUXSC&E TTT course starting March 29, 2009



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## Flotilla Officers

|                            | Title  | Name            |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| FC                         | Flotilla Commander                             | Joe Langjahr    |
| VFC                        | Flotilla Vice Commander                        | Dick Moore      |
| IPFC                       | Immediate Past Flotilla Commander              | Dee Meek        |
| 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                                      | Sharon McGouran |
| FSO-MS                     | Marine Safety/Environmental Protection         | David Aho       |
| FSO-MT                     | Member Training                                | Phil Keys       |
| FSO-NS                     | Navigation Systems                             | Herman Voss     |
| FSO-PA                     | Marketing and Public Affairs                   | Ian McFall      |
| FSO-OP                     | Operations                                     | John Reseck     |
| FSO-OP (PC)                | Operations (Paddle Craft)                      | Simeon Baldwin  |
| FSO-PB                     | Publications                                   | Phil Keys       |
| FSO-PE                     | Public Education                               | Dan Johnston    |
| FSO-PS                     | Personnel Services                             | Kevin Ryan      |
| FSO-PV Mozilla Firefox.Ink | Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program | Steve Hyman     |
| FSO-SR                     | Secretary/Records                              | Bill Davis      |
| FSO-VE                     | Vessel Examination                             | Dick Moore      |

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| Sun | Mon  | Tue  | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
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| 12  | 13<br><b>PE Class</b><br><b>Knots and Lines</b><br>Port Ludlow Fire Hall | 14<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br><b>Hard Hat Tour</b><br><b>of the Northwest</b><br><b>Maritime Center</b> |
| 19  | 20<br>VE Refresher Course<br>Port Ludlow Fire Hall                       | 21<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br><b>PE Class</b><br><b>Knots and Lines</b><br>Port Ludlow Fire Hall | 28<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café | 29  | 30  |     |   |

# May 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|     |     | <b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café   |  |     | 1   | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café  | 6  | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br><b>Flotilla Staff Meeting</b><br>0900-American Marine<br>Bank | 13<br><b>Flotilla Meeting</b><br>1900– Port Ludlow<br>Fire Station | 14  | 15  | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café   | 20   | 21  | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26  | 27<br><b>Fellowship Breakfast</b><br>0900-Snug Harbor Café   | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |