



EIGHT BELLS



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Mission:

The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions.

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WHAT'S UP IN THE FLOTILLA

Flotilla January 6, Staff January 20

Patrols:

January 3 and 17

February 3 Flotilla (Mandatory Workshops)

TCT and Sexual Harrassment Prevention

February 14 About Boating Safely

Patrols:

February 7 and 21



Photo by John Petrek

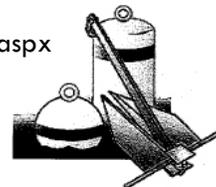
HARBOR MASTER SPEAKS!

Harbor Master, Tami Allen kicked off this year's speaking series with updates on

- Waterfront Park Shoreline Restoration and Trail Improvements
- Speed and Wake regulations vs recreational boaters, water sports
- Progress of Filtration of Pollutants in Eagle Harbor
- Derelict Vessel Removal Program enforcement & funding
- Overview of Rules and Regulations affecting Anchoring & Mooring
- Regulations pertaining to Buoys and Recreational Floats.

For details/information see

http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/documents_forms_apps.aspx



Get a Head Start on Boating Season

Kids ages 12 yrs and up are required to have a Washington State Boater Education Card.

Take the class, meet the qualifications!

ABC Class: February 14, Bainbridge Island

To sign up, call Grant Winther 206.842.5862

FC WEIGHS IN ON THE VALUE OF THE AUXILIARY

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is of value to every one of its members; otherwise why join this volunteer organization and why stay? And yet, different people use many ways to determine value and some of those ways are just not measurable.

<u>Value of Auxiliary Hours</u>				
T	Hours	Rate 19.00 Per Hr.	Cost Per Auxiliary	Worth of Auxiliary
Each AUX	150	\$2,850	\$482	\$2,368
All AUX	4,295,250	\$81,609,750	\$13,802,070	\$67,807,680

Our National Coast Guard Auxiliary Policy Statement, in part, says:

“The U.S. Coast Guard is America’s maritime first responder and stands ready to protect the public from all threats and all hazards. All members of the Coast Guard forces play a critical role in every mission area—supporting maritime security, safety and stewardship. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides capabilities and proficiencies that support these capacities and ensure we remain responsive to our communities and the Nation.”

The Auxiliary is a force multiplier of vetted and trained volunteers devoted to the support of Coast Guard missions and provides a broad inventory of vital skills, assets, and experience for our units across the nation. As the leading volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security, it is an essential component of our daily operations and an effective resource primed to prevent and respond to catastrophes in the maritime region.

Fittingly, the core strategic purpose of the Auxiliary is to continuously hone its expertise to perform three prioritized functions:

- Promote and improve RBS
- Support CG Maritime Homeland Security Efforts
- Support CG Operational, Administrative and Logistical Requirements.

As we carry out our Auxiliary policy and missions here are some of the ways we add value. By December 31, 2003 there were roughly 35,000 auxiliary members nationwide, 5,000 operational boats, 300 operational aircraft and 2,700 radio

CALENDAR

February

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 7 FC/FVC * SO's Meet
- 7 & 21 Patrols
- 12-15 District 13, Clackamas OR
- *14 About Boating Safely**
- 17 Staff Meeting

March

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting

April

- 7 Flotilla Meeting
- 11 About Boating Safely Class
- 21 Staff Meeting
- 25 Division meets at FL45/48

May

- 2 Boater's Fair
- 9 Tug Boat Races
- 19 Staff Meeting

June

- 2 Flotilla Meeting
- 13 About Boating Safely Class
- 16 Staff Officer Meeting

July

- 4 Grand Ole 4th
- 18 Division meets at FL41
- 21 Staff Meeting

August

- 4 Flotilla Meeting
- 8 About Boating Safely
- 18 Staff Meeting

September

- 8 Flotilla Meeting
- 11-13 Wooden Boat Festival
- 22 Staff Meeting

October

- 6 Flotilla Meeting
- 10 Division at FL 42
- 17 About Boating Safely
- 20 Staff Meeting

November

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting

December

- 1 Flotilla Meeting
- 12 About Boating Safely
- 15 Staff Meeting

stations. The measured cost of the auxiliary at that time was \$14 Million. 4,303,000 hours of contributions were recorded. The hourly rate of a GS-9 step 1 was used to calculate worth of the auxiliary contribution. 4,302,791 hours @ \$18.66 came out to \$80.8 Million. Furthermore, 9,800 persons were assisted and the value of vessels assisted was over \$53.2M. Most importantly, 353 LIVES WERE SAVED.

In 2003 the conclusion was: "The Auxiliary is worth more than it costs!" The worth of hours contributed alone is almost 6 times the cost. "Cost for the CG to do the job could be as much as 18 times the cost of the Auxiliary—the cost of one 41 ft UTB = 32X Aux 41ft." In addition the TRUE VALUE of prevention of death, injury and property loss or damage cannot be measured.

More recently, DIRAUX Andre Billeaudeau gave a presentation at an EXCOM meeting on the D13 Auxiliary Program including, Budget, Strategic Direction, Alignment and Priorities and Personnel. Mr. Billeaudeau's data showed that the value of each auxiliarist @ only 150 hours per auxiliarist, is \$2,850 minus a cost of \$482/person equaling a value of \$2,368 per auxiliary member. On a national basis, 4,295,250 auxiliarists are valued at \$67.8 Million. *At the flotilla level we know that the number of hours is low due to the high number of unreported hours.*

What is in store for us and our assets as we support our Coast Guard customers in 2009? D13 has increased its membership 11% to 1768 members since January 2008. We offer 277 surface vessels, 15 air facilities and 122 radio facilities to support the CG this year.

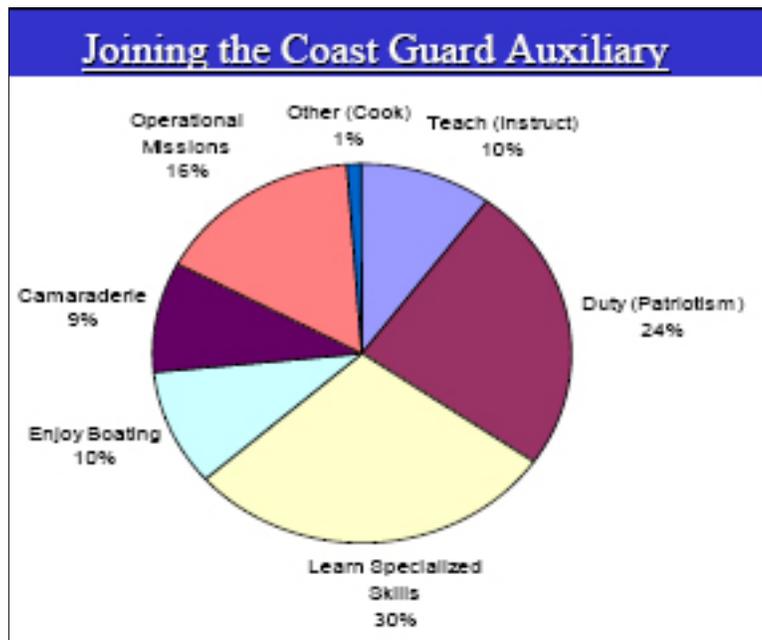
The D13 DIRAUX Goals and Objectives are:

OPERATIONS: Overarching Goal: Mission excellence—hone the mission edge. Effective mission execution at reduced risk.

OUTREACH: Overarching Goal: Develop strong partnerships with Federal/State/local/Canadian agencies to ensure readiness and coordinated response capabilities. Convey CG missions and broad value to local communities, regulated industry, and maritime public. Educate public on safety, security, environmental stewardship.

PEOPLE: Overarching Goal: Establish a positive work climate that encourages high level performance and where employees understand both the organization's goals and their specific duties.

In short, we auxiliary members add measurable value in dollars to the efforts of the USCG. In addition, we also add the, difficult to measure, values of prevention of loss of life and increased safety on the water through education.



It is important that we keep in mind that the CG is our customer. We are here to support their efforts and act as a force multiplier when needed.

It is also important that we know that the CG recognize that we need their help to simplify the membership process so that we can increase our numbers with more committed individuals who will bring their

skills and abilities to add value to the AUX and thus the CG.

We also need and greatly appreciate our customer's help in meeting PPE and educational requirements so that we can maintain our readiness and our enthusiasm in 2009.

Source:
Aux Excom D13 Auxiliary Program
December 2008
LCDR Andre Billeaudeau

THE DIVISION CONNECTION

Photos: L. Rindal



“Involvement” proclaimed watchword for 2009, by DCAPT-N Steve DeMaggio. “We need to be more involved within the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard....

All it takes is to be where you say you will be, and do what you promise to do.”

DCDR Grant Winther (FL 48)—right, seems to be enjoying his new role as Division Commander.



TRAINEE GETS THE WORKS!

Photos: Jim Beyea



Tad Sooter, Bainbridge Island Review Reporter, gets inside look at sailboat grounding with photos and interview provided by Jim Beyea.

Paraphrasing the front page article re: the January 17 incident, “a sailing race ended early for mariners aboard the Pearson 30 sloop, ‘Tenacious,’ which ran aground on a sandbar off Blakely Rock...at 11:30 am US Coast Guard, local USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 48, Bainbridge Police, the Port of Seattle and a private dive boat all responded to the call. BIPD officers Ben Sias and Trevor Ziemba assisted USCG in evacuating four crewmembers from Tenacious, which was left stranded by the tide.”



Above:
Patrick Waters (guest)
Tom Jenks
John Yeckel
Tom Lindsley
Larry Kight
Karyn Carpenter (trainee)
and Larry Brown

Left: Larry Brown provides USCGAux photo op.



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