



# 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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Flotilla 48  
invites you to the  
**4th Annual Boater's Fair**  
May 2  
Bainbridge Commons  
10 am - 2 pm

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## APRIL—MAY EVENTS

April 25—Division Meeting, hosted by Flotilla 48

Meet at 9 for the Mandatory\* (Sector Seattle AOR\*) Operations Workshop

May 2— Boaters Fair hosted by Flotilla 48, 10 am - 2 pm, the Commons

## STATION SEATTLE UPDATE

In what might be described as a modern version of the "golden coach," USCG LT Melanie Burnham arrived by *golden Safeboat*, dressed in the latest dry suit finery. As Commanding Officer of USCG Station Seattle, LT Burnham spoke about area re-organization, plans for 2009, and greater utilization of the Auxiliary.



Thus far the Auxiliary/USCG joint trainings have been very successful. To date we have participated in Navy Testing, training for reservists for towing, SAR and Helicopter training with Port Angeles Air Station.

(left) Larry Kight (FL 48)  
Dist. 13/Station Seattle AUXULO

(right & above) LT Melanie Burnham  
Commanding Officer, Station Seattle



**Find out more about the Coast Guard Women leaders in Seattle,** go to [http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2\\_itemId=500533](http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=500533) hear an excerpt from the Women's Leadership Panel Discussion held March 20 at Sector Seattle. Some women featured include Capt. Sue Englebert, Commanding Officer, Sector Seattle; Captain Michele Bullock, Commanding Officer NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); Lt. Melanie Burnham, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station Seattle; Chief Petty Officer Laura Freeman, a damage controlman, Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star.

### Take the Class, Meet the Qualifications!

see page 2 & 3

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

Take **About Boating Safely**: Bainbridge Island, June 13, 2009

To sign up, call Grant Winther 206.842.5862

## 8 HR ABS = SUCCESS

A lot of preparation and dedication goes into the Basic Boater Education Class, *About Boating Safely*. Thanks to Greg Baker, Kurt, Schultz, Grant Winther, Jim Beyea and Loretta Rindal two classes were recently held; one in March and one in April.



Jim Beyea



Kurt Schultz



Grant Winther

In all 30 successful students attended; a popular family understaking! Interactive hands-on learning, knots and navigation, were favorites.



### Navigation Rule No. 5

Coast Guard Navigation Rule 5 states that "Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision." Simply put, look around and listen for danger in all conditions so you can make good decisions and avoid hitting another boat.



## CALENDAR

### April

- 21 Staff Meeting
- 25 Division meets at FL48**

### May

- 2 Boater's Fair**
- 1-3 AuxAir Training Weekend
- 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 Class*
- 18 Staff Meeting

### September

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

### October

- 6 Flotilla Meeting
- 9-11 GNATS at Oak Harbor**
- 17 *About Boating Safely Class*
- 20 Staff Meeting

### November

- 3 Flotilla Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting

### December

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

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## ABOUT BOATING SAFELY continued

Consider this scenario:

You have decided to go offshore for a day of fishing in your 25 foot boat. The winds and seas are calm. It is an absolutely gorgeous day with temperatures reaching the high 70's. The day just keeps getting better. The fishing is great. You're pulling them in one right after another. The sun is beginning to get low in the western sky. You decide to call it a day. You go to start your engine before retrieving the anchor. As you turn the ignition key - nothing, not even a click !!! Your electrical connections are clean, but your battery is dead. There's not even enough juice to send out a call for help on your VHF marine radio. The sun is quickly setting, and the temperature is beginning to nose dive to those body-shivering readings. The wind is beginning to pick up, your boat begins to bounce on the growing seas as darkness surrounds you. Wisely you don your life jacket.

Read the rest of the story

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<http://www.boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/030198tip.htm>

### GET A FLOAT PLAN TEMPLATE AT THIS WEBSITE:

[www.thelog.com/FloatPlan/USCGFloatPlan3.pdf](http://www.thelog.com/FloatPlan/USCGFloatPlan3.pdf)

The Coast Guard encourages small craft operators to prepare a Float Plan before starting a trip, and leave it ashore with a yacht club, marina, friend, or relative. Be specific. Check-in regularly by radio or telephone at each point specified in the float plan. The "fresher" your last known position, the better our chances of success in locating a missing vessel in the event search and rescue operations

## THE SAR MISSION



Search and Rescue (SAR) is one of the Coast Guard's oldest missions. Minimizing the loss of life, injury, property damage or loss by rendering aid to persons in distress and property in the maritime environment has always been a Coast Guard priority. Coast Guard SAR response involves multi-mission stations, cutters, aircraft and boats linked by communications networks. The Coast Guard is recognized worldwide as a leader in the field of search and rescue.

# SECTOR SEATTLE OPERATIONS TRAINING DAY

March 21 big AOR turnout at Pier 36. The meeting, open to all Auxiliarists, was aimed at Boat Crew members, especially Coxswains. It was a great opportunity to meet Sector Active Duty and get familiar with Sector Seattle procedures.

## ALL TIED UP



1. Pass the end of one rope through the "bight" of another.
2. Go around both parts of the other and under its own standing parts.

The Sheet Bend Knot is structurally related to the Bowline Knot. It can be used for tying two ropes of different diameters together; it is considered an essential knot to know.

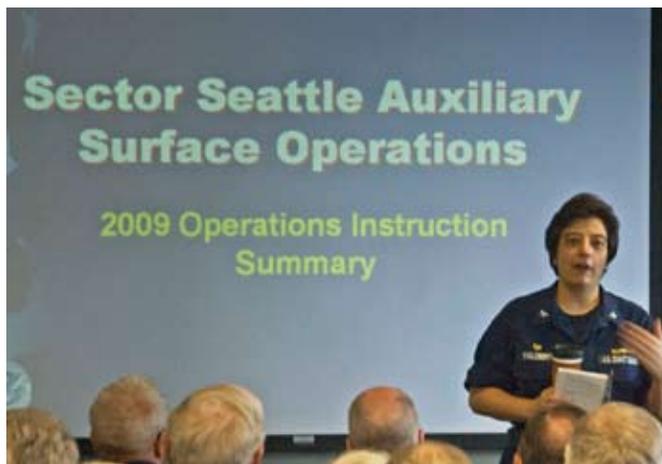


photo: Jim Beyea

CAPT Suzanne Englebert, Commanding Officer, Sector Seattle, (above) kicked off the Ops Training Day. Some of the other presenters included Bob Hays, Noel Paterson, LT. Friend, Clint Colvin, Maryann Chapman.

## A GLIMPSE AT THE WORKSHOP

	<h3>Our Missions</h3>		<h3>Safety is Priority 1</h3>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote boating safety</li> <li>• Provide SAR response</li> <li>• Render assistance to distressed persons in the maritime environment</li> <li>• Maritime Domain Awareness - (we are the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard)</li> <li>• Provide support as needed by the Coast Guard</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember safety of the crew, the public, and the vessel are more important than the mission</li> <li>• PEPIRB – Key piece of safety equipment                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Have in on board and on your PFD when underway</li> <li>– Check the battery expiration date</li> <li>– <u>Keep it registered with NOAA</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• HAZMAT                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Remember to steer well clear of ANY HAZMAT situation unless you have a certified HAZMAT responder on your crew</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<small>2009 Operations Workshop Department of Operations/Response</small>		<small>2009 Operations Workshop Department of Operations/Response</small>

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