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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Chuck Gagnon, Coxswain, FL 47 at Boater's Fair 2009

Division 4 salutes Chuck Gagnon for 17 years of selfless service and participation with the USCG Auxiliary—especially in the fields of Operations, RBS and Public Education. Thanks for everything Chuck. Congratulations on your retirement. You will be missed!

photo by Jim Beyea

COMMANDER'S REPORT

from the desk of DCDR Grant Winther

Division Four currently has 229 members after 28 members retired or resigned and 8 transferred. There are 47 crew, 27 coxswains, 5 Qualification Examiners and 2 air observers within the Division. One member recently acquired a brand new yellow helicopter. Keep your eyes open, you may see it one of these days.



Each Flotilla will continue with PPE inventories and assessment of member needs going into the winter patrol season. Be sure that you get all the winter PPE that you need from Diraux. There will be no waivers. Excess PPE should go back to DIRAUX for redistribution. If you do this, some thought should be given to a members ability to get PPE back for later use, once it is relinquished.

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

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After several months of preparation, lots of help from members Dee Meek, John Reseck, Phil Keyes, Bill Davis, John Ammeter, Henry Loesch, Ian Mc Fall, Joe Langjahr, Kevin Ryan, retired member Chuck Gagnon and others, SO-CM Don Millbauer is excited to report that The Division Four Amateur Radio Station went on the air 0900, October 17, 2009 at the Point Wilson Comms Center. Don has worked tirelessly over the past years getting this done and there is no way that we can thank him enough. Don will give a full report at the Division Meeting, November 7 about the Division 4, Auxiliary Amateur Radio Special Event Station, Commemorating the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary. Don's project is a huge COMMS success and he appreciates all who helped; to quote Don, "My heartfelt thanks goes to all in the Division who made our Communications Facility possible."

John Reseck, SO-OP represented me, in my absence, at the District Meeting. He brought back a lot of good information which he is sharing throughout the Division, some of which he will report on November 7. I am glad we have so many capable members that we can count on. I thank him for his support over the past year.

Many of our members give time to the U.S. Coast Guard in direct support. These hours are "golden" to the Coast Guard as they are the basis for some of their funding. The Division has recorded over 2100 of these hours so far this year.

Over the year all in the Division have been busy conducting Public Education Classes, Vessels Safety Exams, Marine Dealer Visits, Water Safety Classes and manned booths at local fairs, events and marinas. We were there for the Unlimited Light Hydros, Senior Olympics, Paddle Kitsap, Tribal Journey from Elwha to Suquamish, Port Townsend Kayak Symposium, Direct Support Training with U.S. Coast Guard vessel Osprey and the Active Duty, Helicopter Evolutions, Marine Force Protection Unit at Bangor as well as environmental investigations State and Federal.

The Division has been busy upgrading skills and training: ICS 210, Mandatory Operations and TCT Workshops, 8 Hour TCT, and completing specialty courses in Administration, Communications, Patrols, QE Sessions (crew and coxswain currency) , Navigation, Search and Rescue, Seamanship, Weather and with the National Incident Management System on base in Port Angeles.

The Division is proud to have been part of the West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium at Port Townsend. This is the largest kayak symposium in the world and the Division's Paddlecraft Program helped deploy the safety net for over 2000 kayakers. We should never forget the role John Reseck played in fighting for and winning the continuation of the kayak program in the Auxiliary.

Forks Detachment? Out of sight, out of mind? Not really. A report received on September 4 from Marilynn Leonard states that there are 14 members.

What's going on in Brinnon? Flotilla 41 is periodically holding Staff Officer

meetings in Brinnon. This has established their presence there and is helpful in laying the foundation for a Detachment, leading to another Flotilla in the future.

I am pleased that the following members have received recognition from the United States Coast Guard:

- Pete Becker (Flotilla 41) Officer of the Deck on the Osprey in Port Townsend
- Jim Zard SO-OP, FC 41 Completed qualifications for Crewman of the Watch, USCG Osprey and has 600 underway hours with them.
- Tori Brandon, FSO-PB, VFC 47 has completed 100 hours on the Osprey.

Member Retention? We hear this all of the time. At meetings, during informal get togethers, from District Officers, from our Coast Guard Leaders, everywhere. So where has this effort gotten us? What have we reaped within Division Four? A loss of five valued members of Flotilla 47 with another five poised to leave and the loss of a potential future Division Commander. This is almost half of Flotilla 47. There is dissension in some Flotillas. What has been done? Nothing. Everything that was suggested was ignored as if all was OK.

This is where we stand today; without any hope of change during my tenure. All I can say is I wish it could have been different. I wish that the changes Henry and I promoted had been acted upon. For this I am sorry and I know Henry is as well. For now all we can hope for is a better 2010.



SPECIAL EVENT RADIO DAY BIG SUCCESS!

Division IV was there October 17, 2009 for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day held to commemorate the Auxiliary's 70 years of service. Thank you Don Millbauer and team!



The purpose of the event was to

- spread the word on the work and purpose of the USCG Auxiliary.
- to get members and non-members involved with COMMS.
- bring new members into the Auxiliary and
- to enjoy Auxiliary Fellowship.

Putting together a COMMS center which would meet the Station requirements was no small task!

See page 10 for photos & story.

EMPOWERMENT & CORE VALUES

The Coast Guard's core values are the foundation upon which our service's character and operating principles are built. These values bind us together and guide our conduct, performance, and decisions.

Honor. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our personal and organizational actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust.

Respect. We treat each other and those we serve with fairness, dignity, respect, and compassion. We encourage individual opportunity and growth. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team. We value our diverse workforce.

Devotion to Duty. We exist to serve. We serve with pride. We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek and revere responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our operational missions and organizational goals.

Division Meeting & Election

November 7

Fire District No 3 Station
Port Ludlow

1000-1300

Make reservations
for lunch
e-mail Joe Langjahr

CALENDAR 2009

November

7 Division Meeting/
Elections, Fire District No. 3
Station, Port Ludlow.

December

Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)

2010

January

16 Change of Watch
Ft. Worden, Pt. Townsend

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FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

from the desk of FC Joe Langjahr



Bill Shaeffer, Peggy Welker & Simeon Baldwin patrol at Hood Canal Bridge

Flotilla 41 has been busy and involved in a variety of different activities this year. As usual, safety patrols and other operational activities have been a focus of our efforts. Our members have performed 69 patrols year to date, representing some 295 hours of patrol time. These patrols included routine safety patrols as well as supporting active duty exercises. There has been at least one patrol performed almost every week of the year so far.

Because of the change in the requalification requirements, this year most of our coxswain, crew, and paddlecraft operators were due for requalification. Under the direction of FSO-OP John Reseck, all requalifications were completed in a timely fashion. In addition, two members completed their new coxswain qualifications and one member has received his air observer qualification.



Dick Moore's facility participating in exercise with Navy and Coast Guard MFPU at Bangor

Members of Flotilla 41 participated in a number of public affairs events, including manning booths at the Brinnon Shrimpfest and at Port Ludlow Days and participating in the Kingston 4th of July parade. The tug Elmore, a Flotilla 41 facility, was once again a platform at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival and was manned by personnel from throughout Division 4 with public displays and information about the Auxiliary.

Fellowship continues to be one of the important parts of our activities. Each week, we have a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant where members and prospective members attend. And this year we held our annual picnic at the Port Ludlow Beach Club.



John Main, Simeon Baldwin & Patricia Farmer requalifying as paddlecraft operators

We have seen a drop in the number of people taking the traditional public education classes like ABS. It appears that even with the new Washington requirements for boating education, more people seem to be taking advantage of the proliferation of on-line courses to meet these requirements. Earlier this year, we offered a number of one-night "mini-courses" or boating skills classes covering specific topics and were pleased with the results. We intend to continue to offer similar classes as they seem to meet the needs of the public better than the longer ABS course.

Flotilla 41 continues to add new members. The paddlecraft program generates interest from kayakers and we have added new members with ham radio backgrounds. VFC Dick Moore and FSO-PA Ian McFall, residents of Brinnon, have been busy recruiting boaters from the Hood Canal area and we are looking at the possibility of forming a detachment in that neighborhood.

Coast Guard Patrol boat stopping Joe Langjahr's facility during recent PRND exercise

Steve and Lynn Hyman's facility in the Kingston 4th of July Parade.



FLOTILLA 42—SEQUIM-PORT ANGELES

in lieu of FC report: excerpt from the Beacon, Flotilla 42's publication



L-R Barbara Rickard, Jennifer Kelley, Jerry Decker, and Dick Halsaver at Sequim's Family Day, Carrie Blake Park.



Steve Demaggio towing the USCG boat during the Irrigation Festival followed closely by Auxiliary banner carriers.

Joe Treece observes Margaret Low demonstrating the proper life jacket fit to a young man at the June Safety Fair in Port Angeles



Readying for Memorial Day patrol, Peter Raiswell's facility leaves John Wayne Marina.

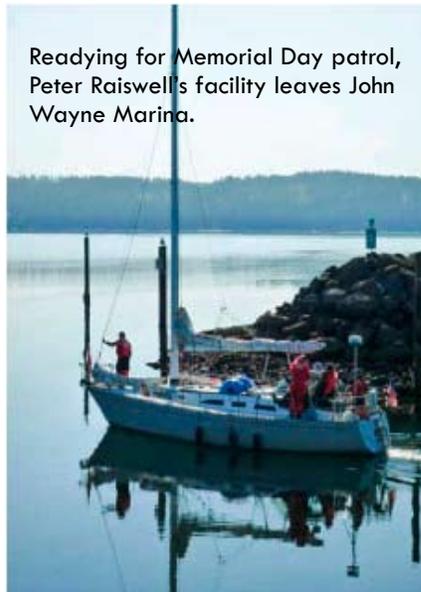


photo credits: Jim Burns, Bob Lampert, Margaret Low

FLOTILLA 45—BREMERTON

from the desk of FC J.B. Hall

Not much to report from 45. We have one prospective member, a 17 year old, who will be enrolling soon. We will participate in a back-to-school fair at a local elementary school on September 1. We are working on patrol schedules for September and October. We've done a few VSCs, no PE courses. In mid-July I spent a couple of days helping the Navy Keyport Diving Officer qualify some of his newer divers as Navy coxswains.

Albert Gonzales will be helping out with Base Security every week at Pier 36. On 18 September Mike Dunn and Al were at Keyport Navy Base to commission the Coast Guard Cutter Sea Fox.

FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

excerpt from Strait Talk, Flotilla 47's publication

This spring and summer we were very busy with a variety of patrols. We did training with the Coast Guard helicopters, QE practice, we did directed type patrols: the Tribal Canoe Journey and Senior Games, Holiday patrols: Memorial Weekend, Fourth of July and Labor Day as well as "routine" safety patrols.



Navigation Training



Jim Zard, QE Session



Fourth of July Patrol



photo credits: Tori Brandon, et.al.

FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

photo report, FC Jim Beyea

Meeting the challenges of recreational boating safety, operations, marine safety, member services and fellowship coupled with Member Training, and Public Education and safety patrols—Flotilla 48 looked something like this since last report.

Safety Patrols



Free Life Jacket Program
Fourth of July



photo credits: Jim Beyea, L Rindal

Tribal Journeys



Vessel Safety Checks



Towing Evolution



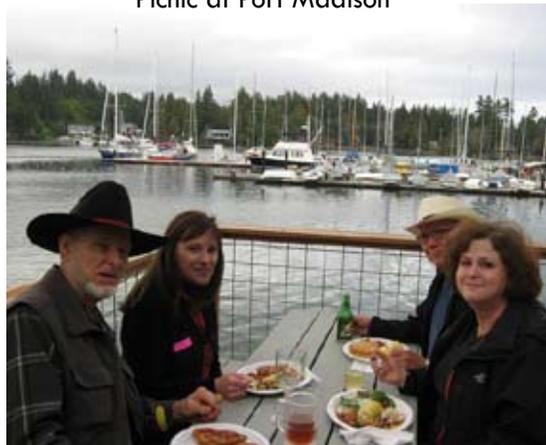
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Kids N Water



Picnic at Port Madison



North Kitsap
Multi-Agency Marine Drill



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION—Timothy Westcott, SO-NS

Fall is here and winter is fast approaching, which means finishing up last minute work and preparing for next year.

Winter time is a slow time for the Aids to Navigation program here in the 13th Coast Guard District and a great time to brush up on our skills as well as recruit new members into the "Aid Verifier" (AV) program. If anyone is interested in becoming an AV or giving AV qualification training please contact me and I will help you with training aids as well as my knowledge of the program.

In the meantime may I suggest visiting the "CGAux M-Div, Navigation Systems Division" web page http://www.auxmdept.org/latest_navigation_systems_division.htm. This web page has a lot of useful information about the Aid to Navigation program, which was the former "Aids to Navigation Division" and part of Operations, and has since been transferred to the Department of Marine Safety (Prevention).

I'd like to say thank you to all the folks in Division-4 that helped complete the 2009 Bridge/PATON assignments this year. Bridge Inspections and Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) Verification assignments for the entire District are slated to be completed by 31Dec08 and we are on track to meet that requirement.

Bridge/PATON assignments for 2010 should be out in early spring. Letters will be going out to the Sector Aids to Navigation (ATON) Officer assigning the work to them along with guidance on further assignment to the Auxiliary.

Division-4 Bridge/PATON assignments for 2010 will be coming from CG Sector Seattle as they have in the past. I foresee Sector Seattle making Bridge/PATON assignments out to the Flotillas during the later part of spring.

One last thing to note. Remember, anyone can and should report discrepancies with Aids to Navigation, be it federally maintained, privately maintained, which includes aids to navigation marking bridges, to the nearest Coast Guard Group or Sector command center 24 hours a day 7 days a week immediately upon being discovered.

The report you make just may be what saves a life!

"Boating Safety— It's Everyone's Responsibility!"

MEMBER TRAINING—Jim Zard, SO-MT

With three months to go on the calendar year we've met 84.9% of the overall mandatory requirements. A few members have decided not to keep their qualifications current for various reasons. We've provided ample opportunity through several venues for members to attend the 8 hr TCT workshop, the Operations Workshop, and the 1 hr TCT refresher workshops, so one would assume that members who still need any of these workshops are not so inclined. We have also provided ample opportunity for QE sessions for those needing currency check rides and new qualification for both boat crew and coxswain.

Results to date:

TCT 1 hr Refresher: 82% YTD completion (16 of 90n members still need)

TCT 8 hr: 100% completion (0 of 13 members still need)

Triennial QE: 75% completion (9 of 36 members still need)

Flotillas appear to be sharing their expertise and experiences with one another to good purpose. The word seems to be getting out pretty well when one flotilla is offering training of any sort so that members from other flotillas can attend. We've had several cases where an instructor or presenter from one flotilla has offered to conduct training for another flotilla or where members needing training or a workshop have traveled to the flotilla where that workshop was being offered.

Flotilla 42 offered a Communications class which six members attended this quarter and there was an AUX 12 class in Seattle which several division members attended.

One flotilla in the Division has lost their Member Trainer due to relocation and reports that the replacement might take some time to accomplish. Since most of our member training effort today is internet based and self-paced, we can hope that much of that gap can be filled simply by assuring that members do have access to the training and testing website (in other words, publishing the various links).

DIVISION BOARD

Grant Winther, DCDR

Henry Loesch, DVCDR

Steve DeMaggio, IPDCP

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AN Timothy Westcott

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CS Dick Read

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MA Phillip Ransford

MS James Kight

MT Jim Zard

OP John Reseck

PA Bill Davis

PB Loretta Rindal

PE Joseph Dunstan

PS Jackie Ayzenberg

PV William Gainey

VE Larry Kight

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS—Larry Kight, SO-VE

We had over 300 vessel inspections performed by Division VE's. Of those over 200 were considered high interest vessels (smaller typically trailerables) and of the total over 100 were first time VSC for them. This says that there are still a lot of vessels in the Division without current or even an expired VSC sticker. Flotilla 42 continues to lead the pack in getting their examiners out and meeting the boating public. Bravo Zulu to you.

Sonya Quitslund, flotilla 48, was at Bouy 10 on the lower part of the Columbia river in early August for a week, where the Auxiliary and other agencies stress the importance of being prepared and properly fitted for the fisherman going out for Salmon. During Buoy 10, Auxiliarists at area boat ramps distribute information packages to boaters, and speak to them about the dangers of the area and the importance of wearing PFDs. They also explain the information we place in all the bags, as well as emergency contact procedures, highlighting important phone numbers and radio frequencies. It is the single most eventful time of year, and provides an excellent opportunity to contact thousands of boaters (over 13000 in 2007) and enhance overall safety on the water. Since this program was started in 2001 this task force effort has greatly reduced fatalities during this fishing season.

A LOOK AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS—THE ELMORE A WINNER!

Every year the Auxiliary features a Public Affairs contest for projects created within a 13-month period May through June. Awards are presented for the best District, Division and Flotilla projects.

There are four judging criteria:

- use of imagination & creativity
- promotion of CGAUX programs and (public) image,
- clarity of writing and ease of replication
- attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.

The winners are announced at NACON in the fall.

The public Affairs entry submitted from Division 4 consisted of a Project Synopsis, Internal flyer, "All Hands Call," Press Release and an After-Action Report.

This year's National winner for Division was SO-PB Loretta Rindal for the Project: Historical (Aux Facility, the Elmore). To see the winning projects go to this link: <http://sites.google.com/site/uscgauxnacon2009/>



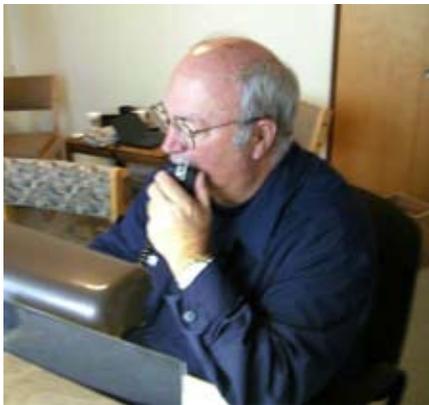


.RADIO STATION W7Z



Kevin Ryan, John Ammeter, Bill Davis, Don Millbauer, Joe Langjahr

from the Desk of Don Millbauer



After several months preparation, lots of physical and mental help from members, such as Dee Meek, John Reseck, Phil Keys, Bill Davis, John Ammeter, Henry Loesch and Chuck Gagnon, I'm very happy to say that the Division 4, Auxiliary Amateur Radio Special Event Station, Commemorating the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary, went on the air at 0900 to 1700 hrs, Oct 17, 2009 at the Pt. Wilson COMMs Center.

To say that there was some excitement on my part would be an understatement. There were 27 contacts across the United States encompassing Auxiliary and privately owned amateur radio stations. These contacts were delighted to have been part of our event and were excited to know that they communicated with the Point Wilson Lighthouse, a historic monument.



The success of this event was accomplished because of the generous time and expertise of the radio operators: Joe Langjahr, John Ammeter and Kevin Ryan who assisted me operating the Radio Station, call sign, W7Z. Many thanks also go to Ian McFall and Bill Davis for their support in handling the public affairs aspects of this project and supporting the "radio operators." Bill was also the contact log keeper.

My heartfelt thanks also go to all, in the division, who made our Communications Facility a success.



photos Ian McFall

WHAT'S UP—AUX AIR

AUXAIR is an Auxiliary operational program organized on a district level rather than on a flotilla and division basis. AUXAIR aviators have varied aviation backgrounds and many have prior military experience. AUXAIR aviators volunteer their aircraft for use as facilities, just as surface operators volunteer their boats.

Missions

AUXAIR participates in many Coast Guard missions including:

- Search and Rescue,
- Ports,
- Waterways and Coastal Security,
- Marine Safety,
- Pollution Response,
- Aids to Navigation, and
- Ice Reconnaissance.

AUXAIR is an integral part of the Coast Guard search and rescue team and its homeland security forces.

As with surface operators, air facility operators are issued patrol orders. Orders are issued based on schedules created by crew and facility availability and the needs of the Coast Guard. Coast Guard Air Stations are the Order Issuing Authority for AUXAIR. This alignment of Auxiliary aviation assets in a district with an Air Station is known as the “squadron concept”, because aviation orders and direction flow directly between the Air Station and the district aviation staff.

Auxiliarists involved in AUXAIR take the syllabus for their level of qualification. After having their knowledge and skills approved by an Auxiliary Flight Examiner, they may be certified by the District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) as Pilots, Observers or Air Crew.

<http://www.cgaux.org/response/AirOps/>

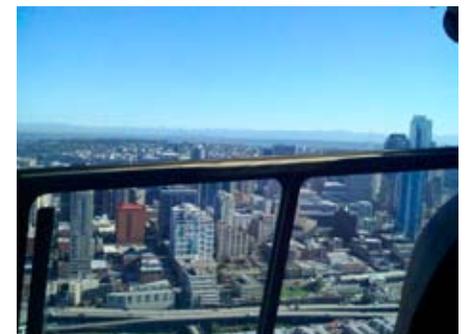
Below: Squadron HM: Roy Knox, Duncan Brown, Ian McFall, (Hazel Pierce), Mike Pierce, Sonya Quitslund, Greg Baker



Greg Baker (newly qualified Air Observer) shows off his new helo recently to local squadron members from FL 41, 45 and 48.



Above & Below: other Division Aux Air photos



photos Dick Moore and Ian McFall

ANOTHER VIEW OF PACIFIC UNITY

Aboard the USCGC Midgett August 22-23, 2009

from the desk of Norma Bailey
USCGC Midgett Ombudsman



I arrived at ISC the morning of August 22. It was a sunny morning and the crew was already onboard busily preparing the Midgett for departure. I was greeted by my roommate for the weekend on the fantail and escorted to my room located in the officer's quarters, forward of the wardroom. The room was tidy, well organized and thankfully air-conditioned on this warm weekend. I was relieved to find out I would get the lower bunk "in the rack."

After re-familiarizing myself with the ship, I went up on deck to enjoy the Midgett's departure from port. Two tugboats arrived to assist her out of her berth as she was tucked tightly between the Polar Sea off her bow and the Polar Star and USCG Mellon on her starboard side. The tugboats expertly maneuvered the Midgett away from the dock without incident to the middle of Elliott Bay and soon we were in transit to Port Angeles.



Shortly after departure an informational meeting was held for we three ombudsman and the eight dependents and spouses who were onboard. We were briefed on shipboard etiquette to follow while aboard the ship and told to go to the wardroom in the event of an emergency. Later Captain Miller met with just the ombudsman in his quarters and reminded us of our duties and the importance of the confidentiality of our job; with the exception of any cases we might hear about spousal or child and drug abuse.



Luckily we had time to enjoy the passing scenery while watching a United States Coast Guard helicopter based out of Port Angeles practice touchdown and take off training on the fantail. From my vantage point I saw Kingston, Point No Point, the entrance to Hood Canal, Whidbey Island, Useless Bay and the Fera Cliffs all pass by as the helicopter trained for several hours.

In the evening we had a tasty dinner in the wardroom before retiring early to my quarters for a surprisingly quiet night's sleep. Breakfast the next morning was enjoyed again in the wardroom and included, omelets made to order, fresh fruit, choice of cereal, and so on. It was a really nice spread!



Sunday morning the Midgett was joined by Coast Guard ships from Russia, Japan, and Canada, PACIFIC UNITY, including a Canadian helicopter and a fast moving Canadian hydrofoil. In honor of the multi-nation rendezvous, Russia, Japanese and Canadian flags were raised on the bridge of the Midgett. The Canadian helicopter circled the boats practicing flying maneuvers while the hydrofoil buzzed around the entire group. It was all hands on deck as the ships moved in formation up the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The rails were lined with crew scanning the waters with binoculars. There was constant communication between the ships.

I helped the mess galley with lunch on Sunday since I met the requirements of having hard-toed shoes, a hat and long sleeves with me. The crew was very appreciative of my turn behind the counter serving lunch of roast beef sandwiches, chicken

ANOTHER VIEW OF PACIFIC UNITY

appreciative of my turn behind the counter serving lunch of roast beef sandwiches, chicken breasts, vegetables, onion rings and French fries. They also had a full salad bar and cookies on the dessert table to complete lunch. The Captain mentioned that when the ship is in port, they welcome auxiliaries to come down and help serve meals. It gives the crew a little extra well-deserved time off.

Once the four ships arrived in Port Angeles, twenty-five dignitaries came aboard the Midgett for a debriefing meeting. It was quite a sight to see the officers from the other three countries involved in training exercises lined up on deck. They met for about 45 minutes before heading back to their own ships.

The eleven other visitors and myself aboard the Midgett departed later in the day and were driven back to Seattle to return to our civilian life. It was a very memorable weekend that I would gladly do again.

photos: Norma Bailey



Pacific Unity 2009

Background:

The North Pacific Coast Guard Forum (NPCGF) was initiated in 2000 as a venue to foster multilateral cooperation through the sharing of information on matters related to combined operations, exchange of information, illegal drug trafficking, maritime security, fisheries enforcement, and illegal migration. The current membership includes agencies from Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the United States.

The first Forum was held in Tokyo in 2000 and has followed an alternating semi-annual cycle of technical expert's meetings and principals summits since. The NPCGF has achieved clear successes in the areas of combined operations and fisheries law enforcement. The U.S. Coast Guard regularly contributes a High Endurance Cutter to participate in the annual summer combined operations with its NPCGF partners. In 2007, USCGC BOUTWELL, homeported in Alameda, CA, in cooperation with the Japanese, Canadian and Chinese governments, seized six vessels engaged in illegal high-seas driftnet fishing.

Pacific Unity 2009:

PACIFIC UNITY 2009 is a coordinated NPCGF scenario that is focused on demonstrating the partner nation's ability to provide maritime assets to assist a fictitious country, Pacifica, located in the vicinity of the (actual) United States' Pacific Northwest. Japan, Russia, Canada and the United States are sending vessels to take part in the evolutions while two members of the Forum, China and South Korea, are sending observers only. Specifically, the partner nations will be coordinating simulated search and rescue, aids to navigation, law enforcement and security operations during the three day event. In addition, there will be opportunities for the crews participating to join together in social and cultural events aimed at building camaraderie and team work.

Participating Vessels:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Canadian Coast Guard Cutter: | PROVO WALLIS |
| 2. Canadian ACV (hovercraft): | SIYAY |
| 3. Japan Coast Guard Cutter: | YASHIMA |
| 4. Russian Border Guard Vessel: | VOROVSKIY |
| 5. US Coast Guard Cutter: | MIDGETT |
| 6. US Coast Guard Cutter: | HENRY BLAKE |

ELMORE, BIG DRAW AT 33RD WBF



"Working waterfront" was this year's Wooden Boat Festival theme—a tribute to Port Townsend's Maritime tradition. Featured prominently on the cover of this year's WBF Poster are USCG Auxiliary Facility, The Elmore, and the newly completed Northwest Maritime Center.

This Division sponsored event is one of the most popular and most successful. Ian McFall says it best, "The Elmore was a huge hit at the Wooden Boat show as usual. I stood watch for a few hours on Sunday and saw that we had nearly two pages of people who wanted info on the Auxiliary. I'd call that a huge success. Thanks to Dee and Sarah for sharing their lovely old vessel with us all."

Thanks to all who participated and to all who signed up: Michael Ashbury, Simeon Baldwin, Norma Bailey, Tori Brandon, Jim Conquest, Ellen Decker, Jerry Decker, Zoe Ann Dudley, Harry Dudley, Scott Graebel, Dick Grothe, Bill Head, Alden Johnson, Joanne Kaufmann, Pam Kauffman, Phil Keys, Robert Knutson, Bruce Kramer, Joe Langjahr, Ian McFall, Diane McGann, Dee Meek, Sandra Noble, John Reseck, Sharon Reseck, Richard Rein, Loretta Rindal, Burt Rickard, Barbara Sehl, Clyde Snyder, Dotty Russ, and Vicki Young.



Photos: Phil Keys, Loretta Rindal

REPORT TO D13 CONFERENCE—LOOKS GOOD

Division 4 is the home of the **National New Auxiliarist of the Year 2008, Marilyn Leonard**. In the short time since her enrollment June 2006, she has dedicated 5,475 hours of service across many Auxiliary mission areas. That is 5 hours a day every day, seven days a week for three full years!



At D13 Fall Conference: CDR Andre Billeaudeau, Marilyn Leonard, (National New Auxiliarist of the Year), D-CAPT N Steve DeMaggio, Leo Leonard (Awards Project Officer), COS Peter Raiswell and COMO Dennis Hoppman

Division 4 and District 13 Leadership:

DCO Aide Assistant, Sharon Reseck
District Chief of Staff, Peter Raiswell
DCapt-N Steve DeMaggio
DSO-PV Vince Debenedette
ADSO-PV Richard Johnston
Awards Project Officer, Leo Leonard
ASC-Group Port Angeles, Sandy Pinckert
Team Manager, Citizens Action Network, Straits of Juan de Fuca,
Marilynn Leonard
AUXULO, Station Seattle, Larry Kight
District Paddle Craft Coordinator, John Reseck

Boater Safety and Boater Education

Conducted public education classes, vessel safety examinations, marine dealer visitations, water safety classes at local elementary schools, manned booths at local fairs, events and marinas.

Regatta Patrols:

We were there for Unlimited light hydros, Senior Olympics, Paddle Kitsap, Tribal Journey from Elwha to Suquamish, Port Townsend Kayak Symposium and more.

Direct Support/Training

with Coast Guard USCGC Osprey, USCG Active duty, Helicopter Evolutions, Marine Force Protection Unit training at Bangor, and with several Federal Agencies as well as the State in the environmental areas of both quantitative and qualitative investigations.

District 13 Awards:

Achievement Medal:
Marilynn Leonard
Most PV's:
Vince DeBenedette
Most Operational Support Hours
Leo Leonard
Flotilla of the Year:
Flotilla 42
Air Observer Crew of the Year:
Sonya Quitslund

USCG Awards/Qualifications:

Norma Bailey, Meritorious Team Commendation, Tall Ships

USCGC Osprey

- Pete Becker, Officer of the Deck
- Jim Zard, Crewman of the Watch—600 underway hours
- Tori Brandon—100 underway hours

Member Training

Completed & Ongoing:

Continuous upgrading of skills and training: ICS 210, Mandatory Operations Workshop, and completing specialty courses in Admin, Comms, Patrols, Navigation, SAR, Seamanship, and weather, along with National Incident Management System (NIMS) on base in Port Angeles as well as Crew and Coxswain Currency.

Other accomplishments:

- Creation of the Division Commander's Advisory Board (composed of Past Captains/Commanders of Division 4)
- New Member Guide (FL 41)
- Officer Academy (FL 42)
- COMS plan for Division 4 headed up by Don Millbauer (composed of two main communication stations: one at the Port Ludlow Fire Station and one at the Point Wilson Lighthouse.

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Wooden Boat Festival, September 11-13,

The “Elmore” owned by Dee Meek, FL 41. This tug boat was used as a public event platform, to recruit and promote boating safety—The “Elmore” is one of the cover girls for the festival brochure this year—highlighting the theme “Working Waterfront.”

Looking Ahead

Participation in DNDO exercises scheduled for September. Division 4 has 10 boats and 33 crew participating.

RADIO-COMMS CENTER

The Division is scheduled to participate in an Amateur Radio Special event in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the CG Auxiliary in October. This will be supervised by Don Millbauer.

DIVISION CREW TRAINING

The Division is in the process of establishing two Division Crew “Academies.” One to be held in Port Townsend at the Lighthouse and one down the Hood Canal in Brinnon.

THE FORKS DETACHMENT is a work in process, started by Chuck Gagnon, and now under the control of Marilyn Leonard, FL 42.

WEST COAST SEA KAYAK SYMPOSIUM, Port Townsend is the largest kayak symposium in the world and our paddle craft program helps deploy the safety net for 2000 kayakers on the water. This will be our fourth year and brings Coast Guard Paddle Craft Operations from three Division to participate. There will be 13 PCO representing four flotillas.

General/Misc Activities

Supported and participated in regional and local boating events, parades and festivals. The Senior Olympics, Pacific Unity 2009, and Brinnon Shrimp Fest were also covered. We hosted the Boater’s Fair on Bainbridge Is., put together a Free-Life jacket program for children, participated in Surface Operations Call-Out drill, North Kitsap Multi-Agency Marine Drill, Marine Force Protection Practices drills. QE sessions with Div 1,2, 3, and joint crew/coxswain training between flotillas were held. Lighthouse Instructors/Tour Guides, Ongoing support for USCGC Osprey, and Ombudsman to USCGC Midgett were worked in as/ were requested.

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(L-R) CDR Andre Billeaudeau, John Reseck (receives Member Training Award for Division 4), COMO Hoppman

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