



Port of Brookings Harbor

CHETCO RIVER WATCH



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From the Pen of the Flotilla Commander February 2009

Right off the bat, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the new Flotilla Staff Officers who have so willingly accepted their mantle of responsibility. Each of you has unique talents that

enable you to complete the assigned duties and tasks of your office. I know that VFC Heap joins me in wishing you the very best and most of all to thank each and every one of you for your service.



BMCM Clemens swearing in the Staff Officers for 2009

In the next few weeks I hope to have flotilla activities somewhat scheduled in order that members can better organize their own plans. Nothing will be set in stone so we will have the option of easily making adjustments.

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Our next flotilla meeting will include training on tracking and reporting member's hours. Our FSO-IS, Barbara Rockfort, will give you some parameters on record keeping and show how easily you can report your hours.

The 26th of February the Coast Guard will conduct a station and boat tour for special education kids. The school will bring the children to the station around noon for approximately a one-hour tour about. If anyone is interested in assisting with this activity, your assistance is welcomed.

Then in March the flotilla will hold its first potluck for this year. Particulars for this activity will be forthcoming.

Finally, lets keep all our programs user friendly this year. By that I mean, members should take pleasure in our activities and share the joy with others. Fellowship is one of the cornerstones of the auxiliary and I would like to make all our activities happy and positive experiences for ourselves as well as the public that we interact with. If you have any suggestions or opinions for the good of the order, please bring them to my attention. Thanks.



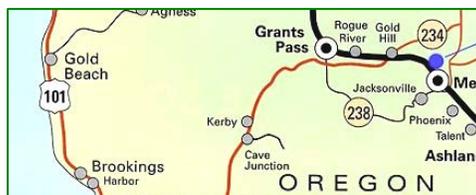
Howard Tingley FC



Rich Heap VFC

ADVICE FROM THE VICE

Vice Flotilla Commander, Rich Heap was out of town for this issue. Look forward to hearing from him in the next issue!



56 Detachment Report (AKA over the hill gang)

The detachment has a busy summer planned with 2 VE stations, one in Cave Junction and one in Grants Pass. This spring we will be going to Medford to work with the Jackson County Marine Deputies with their 2 weekends of boat safety checks. PE classes are being planned and possibly using chapters from BS&S. This brings me to member training with Dennis Standish striking for Coxswain as well as Instructor, Mike Mrkvicka striking for Vessel Examiner and I hope Cindy Mrkvicka striking for Crew. We are also going to try patrols on some inland lakes in Jackson County that I have not patrolled in years.



We invite any one on the other side who would like to train on calm waters to come on over. You know there is room at the Jones's to park a trailer or camper and lots of mountains to hike.

Don't forget that the Oregon Caves are only 15 miles from our front door!

Till next time

Rocky Jones Detach OIC



Communication Services

The latest revisions of the "members" page of the flotilla website include "standardizing" the flotilla officer email addresses. For example the email address of the flotilla commander is now fc@a1300506.uscgaux.info. This is made possible by use of a server function called a "forwarder". The server knows the actual email of the member and "forwards" the email to that person. Two of the advantages of this method are (1) the email address will not change when the member holding the office changes and (2) for privacy reasons the members actual email address will not be revealed.

The email address is made up of two parts:

1. Office acronym i.e. fc, vfc, ipfc, or fso-cm etc
2. Website URL @a1300506.uscgaux.info.

For example the staff officer for communications would be fso-cm@a1300506.uscgaux.info

The intent of these changes is to make it easier for members to contact their flotilla officers. As usual all comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Mitch Danforth FSO-CS

fso-cs@a1300506.uscgaux.info

Editor's Note: Flotilla Officers listed on first page offers you the opportunity to click and send emails!

Dates of Interest:

District 13 Training Conference

When: Feb 13 – 15 2009

Where: Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR ([map](#))
[more details](#)

Division 5 Training Conference

When: Mar 27 - 29 2009

Where: Driftwood Shores in Florence, Oregon.

[More information at a later date](#)



From the **Gold Side:**

This issue we are featuring members from the Coast Guard active duty as well as the Auxiliary. Here we are starting with the Active duty.



Pictured to the left is FN Ryan Schulgen, originally from Tehachapi, CA (30 minutes south of Bakersfield). Following in the military footsteps of his dad (Navy) and grandfather (Air Force), FN Schulgen joined the Coast Guard in November 2007. He has just acquired Fireman status in December 2008 and was nominated for

Sailor of the Quarter. Unsure at first what career direction to follow, Ryan found that his love for cooking led him to strike for food service. With that said you can find Ryan most days in the galley working side by side with the FS1, Troy Somerlott or the FS2, Matt Merten. At this time Ryan will be getting all of his training at Station Chetco River.

Remember to say "HI" when you make your way to the Mess Deck for coffee!



From the **Silver Side:**



Howard E. Tingley

Our featured Auxiliarist for this issue is none other than our newly elected Flotilla Commander, Howard Tingley. Howard is an asset to the flotilla with his never ending drive to get the job done! One of his many projects has to be the renovation of the 44' MLB. To this day it continues to be his pet project. He's always looking for help on one project or another!

Howard became a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Brookings Flotilla 56 in 1999 and qualified as coxswain November 2001. With a lot of mentoring help he earned his AuxOps designation in July 2003.

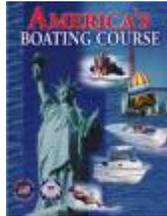
Howard was born in Omaha, Nebraska and raised on a farm near Gothenburg. His father was an air traffic controller during WWII and they moved through North Platte, Denver, St Charles, MO and Estes Park, CO before finally settling in Boulder, CO. He enlisted in the USNR in 1951 and served in Japan for 2+ years. Following his discharge he attended the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is a registered professional engineer. Professionally he was principally involved in civil construction projects. He worked for an international consulting engineering firm including a tour in Pakistan. He's worked in Saipan, American Samoa, and Canada as well as in most of the western US. Howard is married to his second wife, Lisa, and has two children from his first wife (who died from MS in 1971). His interests include flying (licensed private pilot), diving (open water certified), and travel. He still enjoys riding his motorcycle and sharing his gypsy love for travel with his wife, Lisa, pictured below.



Stories and photos by Barbara Rockfort

AMERICA'S BOATING CLASS (ABC/ABS)

Fast Track to Oregon Boater's Card
Mon, Tue, and Wed - Feb 16, 17, 18
1800 until 2100 Fee: \$30
USCG Chetco River Station - Brookings, Oregon



If you can teach one or more of any of these classes, please let me know. E-mail conradgrt@yahoo.com or 541-251-9004

Gary Gartee **FSO-PE**
Public Education

Watch Tower Standers

This past Wednesday, BM1 Lavelle gave a short presentation on what to expect in the watch tower program. As many of you know, Station O-I-C Clemens has asked the Flotilla to consider providing watch standers in the tower during certain critical times. This will normally be daylight hours when there is a high incident of recreational boaters transiting the area, during periods of inclement weather when the bar is restricted, possibly during periods when the Coast Guard is doing surf drills, and potentially when fog or other deteriorating conditions marginalize boating safety. These are not communication watches but essentially boating public safety watches. Watch standers would be an extra set of eyes for the Coast Guard, advising of situations that could develop into events requiring a Coast Guard response or that may develop into a life-threatening situation.

BM1 Lavelle is the new training petty officer for the station and either he or the Operations petty officer, BM1 Crochet, will be our point of contact on this program. Members interested can contact me to advise of their interest and I will arrange a short watch tower orientation. From this you should be able to establish if you feel comfortable standing a tower watch.

Soonest a cadre of tower watch standers is identified; the Flotilla will make up a "Watch Tower Stander" call tree for the Station to use during those times when extra tower help is required. Members will be able to identify time periods when they could be available. Watches stood with two Flotilla members present will allow each member to take breaks as nature calls. The station will draft personal qualification standards to use as training tools and we will initially stand watches with an active duty member so that we understand fully our responsibilities. It should be a stress less activity, one that is kind of fun and rewarding in so far as we are helping the station with its mission.

Howard E Tingley, FC-56



U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen, as well as other senior Coast Guard leaders currently responsible for leading our Modernization efforts, offer a brief 12-minute overview of the Modernization and explain how our efforts to enhance mission execution will positively impact our members, external stakeholders and the general public.

Click link to view:

http://cgvi.uscg.mil:80/media/main.php?g2_itemId=426086



MARCH FLOTILLA MEETING

IT'S POTLUCK TIME!

March 12
Harbor Fire Hall
98069 Benham Lane
Time: 1800-2100

Attire: **Casual**

Theme: **St Patrick's Day**

Corned Beef and Cabbage, oh my! It's the luck of the Irish you see, so please bring a dish to share with everyone, main dish or dessert, which ever works for thee!

Of course there's a raffle and it's not free so line your pockets with a dollar or two or three!

Everyone's welcomed, come one come all down to the Harbor Fire Hall

Can you spare a raffle prize too?



Scenes from Flotilla 56's Change of Watch



Newly sworn in: Flotilla Commander Howard Tingley (left) Vice Flotilla Commander Rich Heap



IPFC Hans-Peter Dumat and his lovely wife Andrea Dumat

Station Chetco River Color Guard



BMCM Clemens, IPFC Dumat, Rocky Jones-Detachment OIC



Next Flotilla Meeting: Thursday, February 12 – 1900 @ Station Chetco River

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2009 CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- 2nd *Rocky Jones's Birthday*
- 12th **Flotilla Meeting 1900 @ station**
- 13-15th **District 13 Training Conference**
- 14th **Valentines Day**
- 16th **President's Day**
- 16-18th **ABC Class @ Station**
- 27th *Jim Standard's Birthday*
- 28th *Eugene Reitz's Birthday*



MARCH

- 4th *Jerry Norman's Birthday*
- 7th *Jack Feather's Birthday*
- 8th **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
- 12th **FLOTILLA POTLUCK MEETING**
- 14th *Andrea Dumat's Birthday*
- 17th **ST PATRICK'S DAY**
- 27-29th **DIVISION 5 Training Conference
Florence, OR**

For more information be sure to check out the
Flotilla calendar on line!
<http://a1300506.uscgaux.info/Calendar.htm>

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