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## From the Pen of the Flotilla Commander November 2009

I would appreciate input from members regarding the Flotilla's response to emergency situations. Our initial obligation, other than responsibility to your family, is to the Coast Guard, specifically Chetco River Motor Lifeboat Station. The Flotilla has designated an "A-Team" of initial responders who will be contacted in the event of an alert. This designation is shown on the Flotilla's phone tree. All members should have a copy of this phone tree and I will have copies available at the next Flotilla meeting that is scheduled for November 12th. Please advise me if you desire to be an initial responder or not.

Once the Flotilla is alerted, generally by phone call from the Station to the FC, the FC will contact the A-Team. Dependent upon the situation, the Flotilla phone tree will be activated and all members available will be contacted and advised of the situation. At this point in time the Incident Command System (ICS) should be in place and members will be organized accordingly. I understand that there are a lot of balls up in the air and presently it looks like the blind are leading those that can't see. I can only trust that as training and situations develop we will be much better prepared to answer the call.

An additional item of concern will be that our members are individually, and as a family, prepared for emergency situations. I propose that we develop a list of items that should be included in an emergency preparedness kit for each of us to create and maintain. If there is anyway that the Flotilla can assist or promote the construction of these kits let me know. Group purchasing of some items may be helpful and the lawful use of the Auxiliary to promote this preparation should be accessed.



Howard Tingley FC

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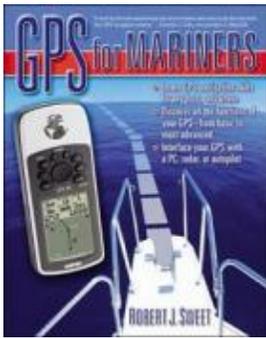




**56 Detachment Report  
(AKA over the hill gang)**

**NO REPORT**

Dennis Standish OIC



**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

In October our Flotilla presented an ABS class with three students and a GPS class also for three students. These classes were well received in spite of the low attendance. Instructors were Phil Range and Jack Feather teaching the ABS class and Phil Range and Mitch Danforth teaching the GPS

Class.



Pictured above is Phil Range (left) and Mitch Danforth (right) with the GPS students.

Picture submitted by Howard Tingley



Phil Range is our newest instructor for Flotilla 56. Please be sure to congratulate him for achieving this rewarding position.

Bravo Zulu

**REMINDER!**

**FLOTILLA MEETING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12 @ 1900 HR, STATION CHETCO RIVER.**

Elections held are being held so please be sure to attend!

**Alcatraz Sharkfest Swim Race**

Story submitted by Howard Tingley

On August 15th of this year one of our Flotilla members, Ron Grizwold, completed his 4th Alcatraz Sharkfest Swim Race, swimming from Alcatraz Island to the San Francisco shore line.



Dr. Mark Silver, left, Ron Griswold (front left), Zyan Silver, Sue Calnek, Dan Brattain and John Herzog.....

Photo from Curry Coastal Pilot

Ron, a member of the Brookings Coldwater Swim Club, completed this extraordinary feat along with 5 other swim club members. Ron finished eighth in his age group with 48 minutes. The Flotilla gives a heads up "Bravo Zulu" to

these individuals whom all finished in less than an hour. I believe that Ron and other members of the Swim Club would welcome any Flotilla member to join in the exercise and fun next year. Now there's a challenge!

**Flotilla 56 welcomes our Newest Members:**



Darlene Thompson



Ron Lang



### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. There has been considerable concern recently about whether or not Auxiliarists may recite the Pledge of Allegiance when in uniform. The following is provided to re-iterate and confirm associated policy.



2. There is U.S. Code that addresses the Pledge. It is 4 U.S.C. 4 which states, "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

3. Specific provisional language exists in Coast Guard Auxiliary policy. Section 1.A.5.b. Of the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)) states, "When the Pledge of Allegiance is given, Auxiliarists, in uniform or not, should face the National Ensign and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart." This provision is restated in Appendix A.6. Of the Auxiliary Manual.

4. It is true that some convention exists among active duty and Reserve ranks to remain silent during the Pledge, if in uniform. However, it is also recognized that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by Auxiliarists in uniform, with their right hand over their heart, has been a traditional mainstay of Auxiliary custom, ceremonies, and meetings, and that U.S. Code does not prescribe a mandate despite its implication of silence. The option for Auxiliarists in uniform to therefore recite the Pledge with right hand over the heart remains firmly in place, and section 1.A.5.b. and Appendix A.6. of the Auxiliary Manual remain firmly in effect.

The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information... Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized. 4. CG-54211, sends n effect.



### PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Labor day weekend our Flotilla set-up and manned our newly painted P.A. booth for the annual Slamin Salmon Derby. The booth was manned Friday, Saturday and Sunday by Howard Tingley, Darlene Thompson, Pam Murray and Steve Graves, with approximately 60 visitors for handouts and several interested in our next boating safety class.



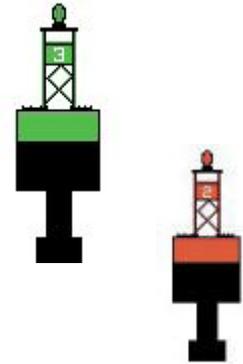
October brought the Health and Safety fair that was held at the K School. This was a an afternoon affair and tables were set up and manned by Howard Tingley, Darlene Reilly-Thompson, Barbara Rockfort and BM2 B Thompson from Station Chetco River. Attendance was lacking, but we were able to get the boating safely information handed out to those that stopped by.



Pictured above: BM2 Thompson and FC Howard Tingley during the Health and Safety Fair  
Pictures by B Rockfort



### OCTOBER FLOTILLA AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Top Left: Jerry Norman receives his certificate for passing the AUXWEA course as well as his AUXOP award and pin from FC Tingley

Top Right: Fran Meccia is presented his 5 year service award

Left: Barbara Rockfort is presented the Auxiliarist of the Week

### ARMISTICE DAY 11 November 2009

This Armistice Day the 44385 MLB group (So. Or. Coast Maritime History Preservation Society) in conjunction with the Coast Guard Auxiliary Brookings Flotilla, plans to repeat our call for a minute silence at 11:00 AM to be followed by playing of Taps. Along with this recognition of America's fallen heroes, we plan on dedicating an old bell in tribute to our sailors lost to the sea and commemorated by the Fishermen's Wives Memorial Garden. The bell will be secured near the 3 anchors currently displayed at the memorial garden. A plaque will be placed next to the bell as soon as it is readied. The plaque is expected to read as follows:



**"This cracked old bell will toll no more for ships at sea or from shores afar. It now sits in silent tribute for all sailors who have crossed their final bar. May they rest forever in peace."**

We encourage all that have family or friends recognized by this memorial garden to be present for this dedication ceremony that is scheduled to begin at 11:15 AM. Questions may be directed to



Howard Tingley at 541-412-3229. Thank you and God Bless America.

Origin of the bell is unknown at this time, but with the help of the Coast Guard Station and DC2 Kaaua and FC Howard Tingley, the bell was given a permanent home in the Fishermen's Wives Memorial the first week of November. When more information comes to light this information will be shared with all



Hosted by Jack and June Feather

The annual Christmas party will once again be held at Jack and June Feather's home. This will replace the regular Thursday Night meeting. Gathering time will begin around 5:00-5:30 with dinner being served at 6 or 6:30.

The Feather's would like to know how many people will be attending so they can set up tables accordingly. Please email or call ASAP. You can email them at: [fsops56@charter.net](mailto:fsops56@charter.net) or [624bookworm@charter.net](mailto:624bookworm@charter.net) or you can also call them at: 707-464-5578

More information will be sent out later!



### PICTURES FROM THE FLOTILLA LUAU PICNIC



Pictured above standing from left: Master Chief James Clemens, Larry Karan DVCDR 05, Ellen Karan, DCDR 05, Hans-Peter Dumat (seated)

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## FIRST CLASS



# 2009 CALENDAR

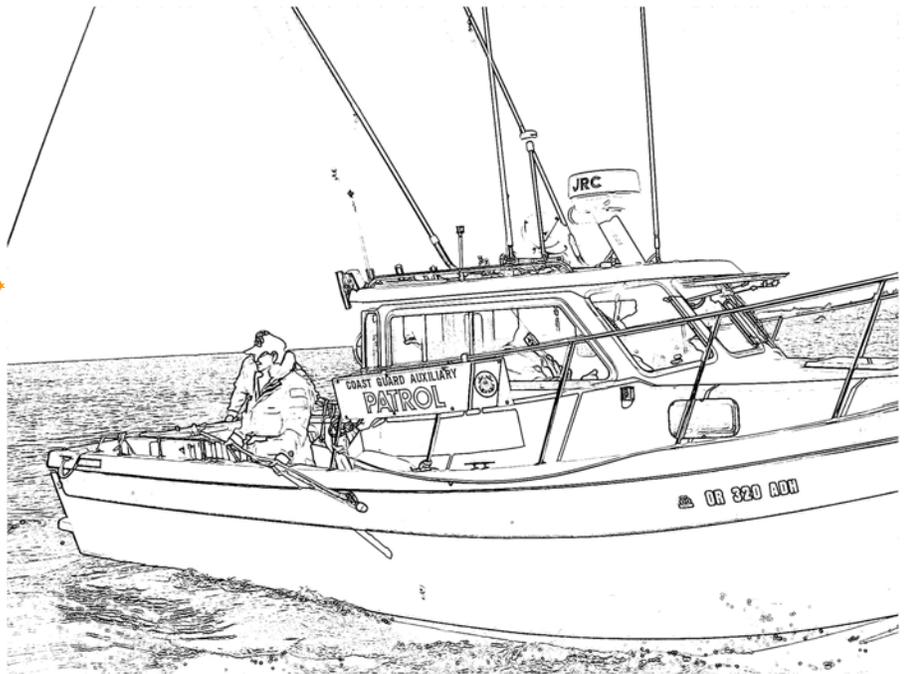
## NOVEMBER

- 11th **VETERANS DAY**
- 12th **Flotilla Meeting 1900 @ station**
- ELECTIONS**
- 26th **THANKSGIVING**
- 30th *Mitch Danforth's Birthday*



## DECEMBER

- 4th *Ken Range's Birthday*
- 8th *Bill Roger's Birthday*
- 12th **FLOTILLA XMAS PARTY**
- 14th *Jan Norman's Birthday*
- 22nd *Dick Laskey's Birthday*
- 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 31st **NEW YEAR'S EVE**



For more information be sure to check out the  
Flotilla calendar on line!

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