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DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

Hello "Fabulous Five"!



Division 5 is having a great year. Our Flotillas are experiencing growth with 31 plus new members so far this year. Member training is active with new Crew, Coxswain, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors, Auxiliary and OSMB instructors and 2 new AUXOP members qualified. To date this year we have had 8 members of Division 5 receive the Auxiliarist of the Week Award from District 13. When you consider that there are 10 Divisions in District 13 we are doing quite well.

In August, Flotilla 54 Yaquina Bay started a new Detachment to Station Depoe Bay with 10 members. The area between Newport and Lincoln City has not had much activity in Recreational Boating Safety. That lack of RBS will no longer be the case as the new Detachment is made up of members who have the training and knowledge of Boating Safety that needs to be shared. The Detachment members are already doing Patrols, Vessel Safety Checks and Program Visits. They are pictured below:



Left to Right, Senior Chief Station Depoe Bay Jeff Kihlmire, Gail Downs, Michael Daley, Dorothy Bishop, Zeke Olsen, Detachment Leader Donna Cox, FC 54 Larry Cox, John Welch, Stephen Howe, Auxiliary Liaison Station Depoe Bay Ryan Widdows. Not pictured, James DeAngelo and Ralph Koontz.

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The eight Flotillas in o Division 5 Team are very active. When I began working as your Division Commander at the end of 2008, I felt we were the “Forgotten Five”. That opinion changed quickly after the beginning of 2009. As the year progressed and the Flotilla Commanders began sending me their monthly reports and pictures to share with the leadership of District 13 and the Admiral of District 13, we started to become known in the District. I really appreciate the monthly reports and pictures that the Flotillas send me. I admit that I do get stressed and complain about all the end of month report writing, but sharing the news is how you get recognized for all your hard work and time you have spent working for the Coast Guard and the Boaters of Oregon. I recently put all the monthly reports into one file. The file totaled 40 MB. The reports were as small as 29 KB *January* and as large as 13,682 KB *June*. So Flotilla Commanders, please keep sending me the news and pictures, I will do my best to consolidate as much as possible into one report the end of each month so that our Division 5 members can be recognized for their work.



The Division 5 Fall Board Meeting and Luncheon will be held on October 17. The information and lunch choices are in this newsletter

Bravo Zulu to the “Fabulous Five”



ELLEN KARAN, DCDR DISTRICT 13, DIVISION 5

Vice Division Commander Report

Russell Johnson, DVCDR



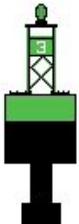
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News from the D13 Fall meeting in Seattle

Election Results D13

The new DCAPT13-South for 2009 will be Mel Chaput of Division 6
 DCAPT North: Richard Coons
 DCAPT East: Kathleen Goodwin

Division 5 won PE District 13 ribbon for our Division 5 flag



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DISTRICT CAPTAIN - Southern Area Report



As I write this, September is half gone and fall has arrived! Our summer Recreational Boating Safety activities are winding down. It is time to analyze our successes and not so successful activities and start planning for a better year in 2010. Yes that is three months away, but it will be here before you know!

We are in the process of selecting our leaders for next year. Once you have elected them, it is **YOUR responsibility** to **support** them as they help organize your Flotilla's year. Don't be the member who leaves every planning event, every activity, every **REPORT** up to the Flotilla Commander. **You are the leadership**, you have elected a member to act as a coordinator of information for your group. Your Flotilla Commander simply collects the information about the flotillas activities, plans and training.

Remember, **you are a leader** or you would not have volunteered to join the USCG Auxiliary. That alone shows you are a leader and you need to fully exercise your leadership abilities every day of the year! Yes, you have committed to a job in the support of the USCG, the Auxiliary and the boating public!

After you have elected your Flotilla Commander, support them by accepting Staff Officer Positions when asked. Make it a personal commitment to do the best job possible! Make sure you follow through on your commitment! Make sure you gather and share the information concerning your staff duties to your Vice Flotilla Commander and to your appropriate Division Staff Officer.

REPORTS! A very distasteful word, but something like food that is needed to sustain the body, reports are what helps sustain this organization. Do you think the Coast Guard is going to continue providing funds and equipment without an accounting of what they are getting for their investment? NO!

With the internal restructuring that has taken place in the Coast Guard, funding for the Auxiliary is becoming harder to get. More justification is needed when going before Congressional Budget Committees to seek funding for Coast Guard operations. They have to justify everything they ask for, which includes funding passed on to the Auxiliary. How are you going to justify and show the value of the USCG Auxiliary? Remember, your activity reports do affect next years budget!

The Coast Guard asks that **you** make sure that **everything you do is reported!** Your time on the boat ramps, docks, class rooms, public affairs events, safety patrols, program visiting, support to Coast Guard Stations, and other administrative support, needs to be **reported monthly!** Don't wait for several months before making your report; you will forget to report some of your activity! When you forget to report, you affect future funding for the Auxiliary and the COAST GUARD!

A question came up this month concerning time and numbers some members report. Remember: Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty! This really covers all that I have discussed! As members you took a **sworn oath to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and its purposes, and to abide by the governing policies, established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.** Elected and appointed Officers you additionally **swore to "promote the authorized activities, to properly discharge the duties of my office—."**

God Bless each of you. Show your personal leadership by doing all that is needed to complete our mission to the Coast Guard!



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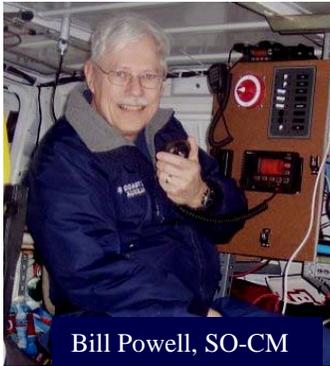




STAFF OFFICER REPORTS



COMMUNICATIONS



Bill Powell, SO-CM

This Spring and Summer have seen quite a bit of cross-unit communications support. Division 7 sent their Emergency Command Post trailer to Devil's Lake in April to support us with the annual Marine Deputy training. The trailer was manned by personnel from both Division 7 and Division 6. A couple of weeks later I returned the favor by taking my communications van to Salem to provide a radio link between the Sector Portland COOP exercise site and the State Emergency Operations Center during an earthquake drill. In June I also helped man the Incident Command Post in Portland



during Rose Festival. On May 30th, Flotilla 54 personnel travelled to Lincoln City and presented an AUXCOM class to several personnel from Flotilla 510. During July, I provided communication support to Flotilla 65 at Foster Reservoir on two weekends while their normal radio operators completed their final Boat Crew qualifications. I then helped Flotilla 52 with the first deployment of their Transportable Radio Facility at Fern Ridge Reservoir. Finally, Flotilla 65 personnel returned the favor in August by supporting Flotilla 54 with their Mobile Radio Facility during the Toledo Wooden Boat Show human powered boat races.

Flotilla 51 has also been busy making their trailer into a Mobile Radio Facility. It will now be able to support Public Affairs AND communications support.

[Bill Powell, SO-CM 5](#)

MEMBER TRAINING

Hello Division 5 MT's.



I want to thank those of you who have been providing a Member Training Program for your flotilla members, new and old. I am sorry to report that there are more flotilla's within Division 5 who have not provided a Member Training Program for their members. The flotilla's having a Training Program in place are showing more recruitment growth and member longevity than those flotilla's without a Training Program. When a new member shows up and wants to join the Auxiliary, please consider, what does your flotilla have to offer this new member??? A Training Program of their choice will keep them active and interested along, with being an asset to the flotilla. New members will be communicating with friends and possibly others to join the Auxiliary, making this a 'win-win' situation for the flotilla. This has been proven to be the case with flotilla's having a Training Program.

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Now that the wet season, that we all will be experiencing shortly, will be upon us, is the perfect time to set up a simple Training Program for your flotilla members. To start off a Training Program, I would suggest considering the following:

1. Administrative Procedures Course (APC). [Highly recommended for all members](#)
2. Vessel Examiner's (VE) Course.
3. Auxiliary Instructor's Course.
4. Follow these up with your membership's course suggestions.

Remember these are just suggestions which you have to implement to keep your members interested in staying in the Auxiliary. Or continue down the 'Do Nothing Road'. This is your choice!!!

[Larry Karan, SO-MT 5](#)



[Welcome to the Department of Training](#) (click to follow the link)



OPERATIONS

Teaming for Recreational Boating Safety

It's great to see all the cooperation and teamwork that's been going on with on-the-water (OTW) missions this year both within and outside Division 5. That's what's it all about; supporting one another no matter where we're located. We've seen many instances where one flotilla has supported another with OPFACS (Operational Facilities), coxswains and boat crew. We have also seen instances where one flotilla has invited members of other flotillas to participate in activities for unique experiences. In our Division such an experience occurs when Flotilla 51 (Coos Bay) puts out an invitation to others to take part in helo ops or large vessel tows aboard the Miss Linda. Rarely do we as Auxiliarists get such an opportunity to train on a large OPFAC at sea. If you haven't done it I suggest you think about getting on board the next time an invitation goes out from Flotilla 51.



In addition to the Miss Linda experience many of our members have helped by serving as coxswains and boat crew with flotillas short of qualified crew. For instance, Flotilla 54 (Yaquina Bay) and Flotilla 52 (Eugene) have worked together on Fern Ridge Reservoir conducting safety/training patrols on Saturdays. They also visited marinas and ramps on the Reservoir conducting VSCs, and talking about boating safety to boaters.

We've also seen instances where members of Flotilla 65 (Division 6) and Flotilla 54 have cooperated. On two different occasions members of 65 joined members of 54 during patrols on Yaquina Bay. On one occasion a Flotilla 65 member was able to complete his coxswain navigation tasks aboard a Flotilla 54 OPFAC. On another occasion Flotilla 54 was short a crew member, and a qualified boat crew member from 65 came to Newport to help crew a 54 OPFAC. Flotilla 65 also provided a Mobile Radio Facility with two members to support the 54 OPFACs conducting a safety patrol during the Toledo Wooden Boat Show Race on Yaquina Bay.

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Operations continued

And how about all the awesome support that Auxiliarist gave to the Oregon Marine Law Enforcement Academy on Devil's Lake in Lincoln City this past Spring. Division 5 was the host for the event which had 10 OPFACS from Divisions 5 and 6 serving as "Bash Boats" for marine deputy trainees. We made new friends from our sister Division (6), and had some great times being the scenario boats for the trainees.

These are just a few examples of teamwork so far this year among our members. There have been many more, and I commend all of you for your dedication to recreational boating safety, and teaming with other flotillas. Let's all keep supporting one another with the philosophy that we are "One Auxiliary." We sometimes need to forget about being so focused within our own areas, and support boating safety wherever and whenever we can.



Semper Paratus

Larry Cox, SO-OP 5



THIS JUST IN FROM THE DISTRICT MEETING

Division 5 led District 13 in the Operation Safe Summer event. Thanks to all the Flotillas that sent their reports to Group North Bend every week. It was hard, but when all the weekly reports got put together they added up to a lot of activity in Division 5!

BRAVO ZULU! Ellen Karan DCDR



VESSEL EXAMINER

Hello Division 5 VE's!

For those of you who have not heard the news. I took over being the SO-VE 5 recently, from Gary Taylor who was doing a great job as SO-VE 5, but do to a personal situation, asked to be relieved of this job for the remainder of 2009.

Let's start out with our VE numbers. Division 5 presently, as of 05 Sept. 2009, has completed 692 VSC's. Division 5 has a total of 47 VE's as of 05 Sept. 2009, which is up from last year. I want to congratulate our new VE's for choosing a very rewarding and responsible job, that of VE. I have always said that 'each VSC we do for the boater, could be looked at as a Life Saved'. We will never know if we saved a life by doing a VSC for a boater, but the potential is there, that it is a Life Saved. And with that in mind I thank all 47 of our VE's for the contribution to this program that each of you provide.



Many of you may have noticed that State Farm has sponsored our VE Program by providing the decals, with their name on the decal, that we apply on the boats. Starting in 2010 we will have a new sponsor, ORION, yep, the safety flare and rocket people. If we did not have a sponsor to provide the decals we use for our VE Program, the Auxiliary would be responsible for providing the decals. A big **THANK YOU** to ORION from the Auxiliary!!!



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Vessel Examiner continued

I have had VE Certification's come to me recently for sign-off, which I do not have the authority to do. (NOTE: There is nowhere on the form for a SO-VE sign-off.) The proper sequence to follow for new VE Certification is; The Lead VE signs the form for the trainee when the 5 training VSC's have been performed and entered into AUXDATA; and the test has been passed and is also shown in AUXDATA. The reason we started sending the form directly to the DSO-VE, **and not going through the SO-VE, as in the past, was to speed up the process so that our members can get to working with boaters as soon as possible.** ALSO, you no longer need to wait for the Ribbon and Certificate from DIRAUX to perform VSC's. As soon as the member shows being a CERTIFIED VE in AUXDATA *Training Certifications*, they can go perform VSC's as a Lead VE.



When the DSO-VE receives the form they will confirm that all the necessary requirements have been completed and sign-off and forward the form to Charles Claytor at DIRAUX. This system was put in place when Ellen Karan was the DSO-VE and works quite well.

[Larry Karan](#), SO-VE 5



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The *Auxiliarist of the Week* award is a way to honor achievements of the men and women across the Coast Guard Auxiliary, those who have done something great for the service, the missions, or the public. The growth and achievements of Division 5 have produced no fewer than eight Auxiliarists in the past four months who have achieved this honor. They are:



Captain Kitchen, Commanding Officer of Group North Bend, presents *Auxiliarist of the Week* award for 26 May 2009 to George Tinker

George Tinker, Flotilla 51 Coos Bay: AOW 17 May 2009. George wrote and obtained a grant that allowed the purchase and outfitting of an Auxiliary Communications and Boating Safety trailer. This facility serves as a public focal point for Boating Safety classes and will also be dispatched as a mobile radio facility as needed. Recently he taught safety classes to Group North Bend Coast Guard members and their dependents as well as to more than 600 other students of various ages.

Sherron Davis, Flotilla 57 Florence: AOW 26 May 2009. In May Sherron completed the annual Children's Water and Safety class at Florence Elementary School. There she instructed six classes on water & boating safety topics - ultimately reaching more than 300 students. Sherron began teaching these safety courses in 1992 in a state ranked as the 16th most deadly in recreational boating deaths.



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Gerald Evans, Flotilla 51 Coos Bay: AOW 5 July 2009. Jerry Evans volunteered more than 30 hours helping the Federal Aviation Administration and Coast Guard Air Station North Bend plan and develop a Safety Zone in the upper Coos River for the Sand Fest 09 Salute to the Military Air Show on the 4th of July. Jerry logged more than 375 hours in support of Coast Guard missions YTD in 2009, including a Vessel Safety Day that resulted in 48 Vessel Safety Examinations.

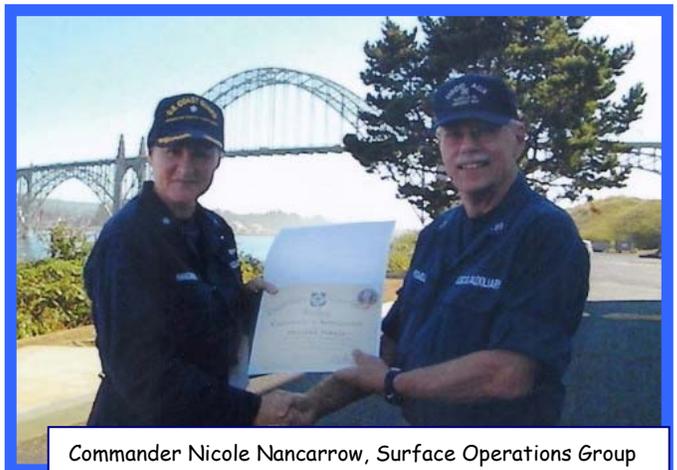


Captain Kitchen, Commanding Officer of Group North Bend, presents *Auxiliarist of the Week* award for 5 July 2009 to Jerry Evans

Ronald Willard and Cameron Gogas, Flotilla 5-10 Pacific City: AOW 12 July 2009. The two responded within 30 minutes when contacted by Station Depoe Bay and provided an eight-hour watch at a small, unsecured, airstrip in Pacific City after an Air Station North Bend HH-65 made an emergency landing there. Ron and Cameron relieved the active duty watch who had spent the night awaiting repairs. This augmentation allowed the short-handed CG Station Depoe Bay to get in some much-needed heavy weather boat training. The two stood watch until the maintenance crew arrived from Group North Bend, and then assisted the crew with repairs.



William Powell, Flotilla 54 Yaquina Bay: AOW 19 July 2009. Bill Powell, ADSO, SO, FSO-CM, responded to an urgent call from Group North Bend to provide radio coverage during an outage at the Cape Cove Remote Fixed Facility (RFF) site north of Florence on the Fourth of July weekend. Bill proceeded from Corvallis to Cape Cove with an active duty radio watch stander from CG STA Siuslaw River as an assistant. His quick action prevented the Coast Guard from having to deploy the Coast Guard Cutter Orcas and its 16-member crew for coverage.



Commander Nicole Nancarrow, Surface Operations Group North Bend, presents *Auxiliarist of the Week* for 19 July 2009, to Bill Powell

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Beth Timmons, Flotilla 54 Yaquina Bay: AOW 23 August 2009. Beth does Operations/Planning Overlay Assistance for the Coast Guard Command Center. She assists with Geo-Spatial representation work. Essentially, she's placing asset markers on electronic CG Command Center charts that identify assets as needed for planning, prevention, logistics and response in a common operating picture. Beth's key accomplishments include placement of:



Sta YB Commanding Officer, Phil Jackson, presents *Auxiliarist of the Week for 23 August* award to Flotilla 54 member, Beth Timmons.

- Citizen's Action Network Members visually categorized by their membership status and background;
- Location of all D13 Auxiliary members based on zip codes;
- Location of all D13Auxiliary Radio, Surface & Air Facilities;
- Location of River Monitoring Stations on the Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers with the ability to open the monitor on the Command Center Desktop;
- Location of Key Web Cameras used by the Sector Portland Command Center with the ability to view the camera through a web link.

Barbara Rockfort Flotilla 56 Brookings: AOW 14 September 2009. She has earned her AuxOp and is currently certified as an Auxiliary Boat Crew member and Instructor.

Using her chef skills, Barbara augments Station Chetco River by duty cooking for the station personnel when the station's FS is short handed she can be counted on once or twice each month to fill in.

She also planned and cooked for the Chetco River Station and Flotilla Luau that was held at the station on September 12th. This fellowship continues to strengthen the relationship between the Auxiliary and Coast Guard at the coastal unit.



Barbara has logged over 378 hours in support of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary missions in 2009 of which 76 hours are in direct operational and Administration support of Station Chetco River and the Ombudsman for Station Chetco River.



The goal of the Public Affairs officer is to publicize the aims, purposes and activities of the Auxiliary to develop public understanding and appreciation of its role. These seven Auxiliarists among us, who fully illustrate the value, diversity, and complexity of this role, inspired this PA to publicize their deeds.

Semper Paratus, [Donna Cox](#), SO-PA 5
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PUBLIC EDUCATION



Division 5 can be thankful, always, for the fine public education officers and instructors that grace our flotillas. Sherron Davis, Flotilla 57, is just one of our many outstanding instructors and I have portrayed her here showing an example of the wonderful work our instructors are doing everyday.

Until we can report no deaths on our waterways, we have work to do. Everyone can help in some way – little or big. Your flotilla instructors are a phenomenal group of folks changing how we see the world one student, one class at a time. Share your creativity with them. If you have an idea for getting the word out, let them know. Many hands make light work.



[Peggy Marconi](#), SO-PE 5



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Flotilla Commander Report



FLOTILLA 54
Yaquina Bay, Newport

News from Yaquina Bay, Oregon, The Northern Fortress

Here we are in the third quarter of 2009 and it's been a good nine months. Flotilla 54 produced 10,324 working hours, ranking #2 in District 13.

Most Flotilla Goals we wrote for 2009 have been met or exceeded. Here are a few:

Area	Goal	Actual
Membership	45	46
New Members	3	7
OTW Patrols	30	35
PA – Articles	6	8
Parades	2	2
Safety Booths	40	79 COMMUNITY EVENTS & SAFETY STATIONS
Boat Oregon Classes	4	4
Program Visits	700	775
Vessel Safety Checks	250	318
New Vessel Examiners	3	7
New Program Visitors	1	1



Midsummer bag-stuffing party at the Station YB Training Center produced 416 more bags of safety literature to distribute at boat ramps. Another stuffing party will soon be scheduled at Station Depoe Bay. Y-T-D we distributed 1,073 bags to boaters

We made **8,303** contacts and distributed **1,073** orange bags of boating safety literature to boaters.

Two members were recently honored as District 13 *Auxiliarists of the Week*. They are Bill Powell, for 19 July and Beth Timmons, for 23 August. Bravo, both.

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We formed a Detachment at Station Depoe Bay with nine of our members who reside in that vicinity. They have been promoting Recreational Boating Safety there since May. See article later in newsletter.

In addition to fulfilling our major focus on Recreational Boating Safety (RBS), we've also been supporting both Stations Yaquina Bay and Depoe Bay in survival equipment maintenance; AUX Operational Facilities providing platforms for patrols/training and active duty boat crew/coxswain quals; and in making joint RBS presentations to community organizations.

Thanks to these *Best of the Best* who give their valued time and service to the Auxiliary



BRAVO ZULU!

Larry Cox FC 54

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FLOTILLA 54 Detachment Depoe Bay

Nine members of the growing Flotilla 54 of Yaquina Bay, who live on the coast from Depoe Bay to Lincoln City, are now volunteering at Station Depoe Bay as a Detachment.

On 1 Aug. a Detachment member and BM1 Ryan Widdows of Station Depoe Bay gave a water safety presentation to 90 campers at Beverly Beach State Park.

On 21 Aug. the OPFAC Miss Donna provided a platform at Station Depoe Bay for Law Enforcement training/evaluations by the Pac Area Training Team.

On 26 Aug. and 10 September BM2 Larry Lopez provided training on survival equipment maintenance at Station Depoe Bay for six Detachment members. Teams of 2 are now conducting weekly maintenance every Thursday.

One Auxiliarist is a trained Oregon State Marine Board instructor, and two are qualified Vessel Examiners. Two Program Visitors travel throughout the area each month to restock Boating Safety literature racks that 25 area merchants and three boat ramps keep available for their customers. A new member wants to start training for watch standing after he takes New Member Training and is sworn in.

Some members staff the boat ramp on fair weather days to give orange packets of safety literature to boaters, conduct Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs), and remind them to don their life jackets. Since June members have staffed the ramp for 13 days, have made 329 contacts, distributed 107 safety packets, and conducted 31 VSCs.

Members will staff a Safety Exhibit at the 19 September Depoe Bay tribal style Salmon Bake, and plans are in the works for a Boat Oregon class at the Depoe Bay Community Center in the Spring of 2010.



Members meet for coffee Tuesdays at 0830 at Zeke's Riptide BBQ in Depoe Bay. The next Detachment meeting will be Wednesday, 14 October 2009, at 1900 at Station Depoe Bay. All Auxiliarists and guests are welcome to attend.

Donna Cox, Depoe Bay Detachment Leader, Flotilla 54 donnacox1@centurytel.net



FLOTILLA 56 Brookings



Flotilla 56 advises we have had a good and safe boating summer!

During National Safe Boating week Flotilla 56 trained with Station Chetco River regarding safe use of pyro and although the training was conducted in heavy fog, we believe real hands on public awareness of boating security in dense fog were accomplished. In addition, proper sizing and use of PFD was explained, fire fighting with an extinguisher was demonstrated, and boating safely



These are Members of Flotilla 56 aboard the 47' MLB demonstrating flares in the fog. In the background is the beach with low visibility.

Photo by B Rockfort

handouts were made to the public. VFC Heap (*picture above with FC Tingley on left*) made an impressive presentation to local KBSC-TV regarding safe boating practices. District advised that our Safe Boating Week video has been placed on You Tube for public viewing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIJt0eE3mIs>

The Flotilla completed QE work in August for one new crew trainee and most of our crew and coxswains in need. A letter of appreciation to Station Chetco River was dispatched to their OIC for their assistance. In the process, the Auxiliary helped the Station to complete

some pump handling training for their crew. We also provided a facility to the Station during their Coast Guard headquarters small boat standardization team inspection. All boat crews & coxswains passed and the final inspection report advised Station Chetco River outstanding and that they finished well above the average. We have one new boat crew personnel, Richard "Gray" Ambrose. Gray has just completed his quals and is officially qualified as of Sept 09.

This year we had 1 member retire, Rocky Jones, 2 disenrolled and acquired 3 new members: Pam Murray, Mike Wiley and Darlene Thomas. Darlene has a love of the ocean and was looking for a place to volunteer. She brought her grand daughter to the Station for a tour and was so impressed with the personnel and facilities that the Auxiliary seemed to offer a good fit for her talents. And just maybe the US Coast Guard will have a new recruit.

The Flotilla has conducted 1 Boating Skills & Seamanship "BS&S" class and two About Boating Safety "ABS" class this year with one more ABS class to be held in October as well as a GPS class. An instructor in training presented several of the class sessions and one new instructor trainee sat in on the class sessions. The detachment has also taught several Boat Oregon classes.

The Flotilla continues to prepare a Coast Guard Activities log for the station that is published each Saturday in the local newspaper.

We start closing down the activities with P.A. Booth at the annual Slammin Salmon Tournament held over Labor Day weekend. This event brings a plethora of out of area boaters to the harbor and we try to make their visit as safe and positive as we can. Following the festivities by a week, the Flotilla held a joint picnic Luau with Station Chetco River; an event we relish. It's a great opportunity to mix and meet the active side.

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Flotilla 56 report continued

One of our final activities for the season is the annual Brookings/Harbor Health and Safety fair held the first weekend in October. Both active and auxiliary will participate with this activity bringing boating safety to the public.



We hope all of Division 5 has had a great boating summer.

[Howard E Tingley FC 56](#)



FLOTILLA 52

Eugene

“Safety Fest 2009,” More than just “Food, Fun, & Prizes!”

Story and photos by Norm Hoffman, Public Affairs Officer FSO-PA

The morning of June 20th dawned cloudy and broken. As members of Eugene’s Flotilla 52 sipped their morning coffee and looked out their windows, a cool day was dawning. It promised not to be too hot for the day’s event despite the fact that direct sun might be more conducive to water safety activities.

The Flotilla’s set-up crew moved into place at Alton Baker Park, starting at 8:30AM, putting up the shelter and a Safe Boating booth along with a boat facility to get people’s attention. The Flotilla’s responsibilities included stamping the passport of each participant in order to make youth eligible for a free personal flotation device. It was one of 8 stations selected to stamp the form. All 8 stamps were required to win the PFD. The booth also provided an opportunity for public education as box after box of safe boating, PFD Safety, and other water safety booklets would be made available to the public. The plan was to engage parents in conversations about water safety while their children’s forms were inked.

Past experience with the “Safety Fest” made the Flotilla 52 Auxiliarists aware that this was a great opportunity to educate the public about water safety issues in a fun environment for children. Games and activities abounded and of course, one popular part of this was the free PFD giveaway. As “ShowTime” approached, the Auxiliarists where estimating that they could serve up to a thousand youth. Materials and giveaways of various types had been selected and were prepared for distribution. Flotilla Communications Officer, Dwight West stationed himself strategically at a table with the required event stamp pad.



Flotilla 52 Vice Commander, Bill Ebert (foreground) takes care of the customer while Division Training Officer, Training Officer Larry Karan (background) works on quality assurance

And then they came! Hundreds of youth and parents hurried to the table, from 11AM until 3PM there was no let-up. The waiting line for the first booth that housed the Safety Fest passport form, stretched out for several hundred yards as parents and children waited to get their packets. These were necessary for them to start the process toward earning free PFDs. A line of people surged toward the Flotilla’s booth. As time went by, events began to blur as more Auxiliarists rushed to help out. They stamped the youths’ “Safety Fest” passport and handed out free materials to the parents.

Twenty boxes of water safety pamphlets and youth safety activity

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books were torn open and were dispensed to the crowd. The event planners ran out of passport forms twice. At ten minutes to 3PM (end of event), Flotilla Vice Commander, Bill Ebert looked around and saw that no-one was remained in the line in front of the Auxiliary booth. He glanced at the empty boxes and said, "We won't have much left to take home."

Special guest watch-standers were the Karan family. Both Division Commander Ellen and husband Larry, SO-MT, worked diligently to ensure that the Auxiliary effort was successful. Larry mused out loud as he looked at the crowd, "Everybody was nice to me today," he said. "These kids are great! They are really what this event is all about."

It was also a great opportunity to tell the Coast Guard Auxiliary Story and to let the public know that we are here and we have a viable mission. Finally, it was a chance to work with our strategic partners in striving to achieve one of the CG Auxiliary's primary boating safety goals: Kids must wear life jackets!

The event description is "Food, Fun and Prizes!" but it really was much more than that. It was a partnership between a large number of public and private agencies. The goal was the promotion of water safety for the children of the surrounding communities.



Flotilla 52 Staff Members that helped with the Safety Fest activity include, from left to right, Flotilla Commander, Bill Cole, Communications Officer, Dwight West, Vessel Examiner, Tom Pinnell, Flotilla Vice Commander, Bill Ebert, and Marine Safety Officer, Norm Hoffman

Flotilla members asked themselves if the effort was worth it. Were flotilla public education goals achieved for this event? Just in terms of sheer numbers, Flotilla Commander, Bill Cole made this estimate: "Measuring by the number of safety publications passed out, it appeared that nearly 2000 people received boating safety materials."

In review, Safety Fest appears to be the most successful one-day public education activity that Flotilla 52 has ever done.

Nine Auxiliarists worked for most of the day to make the event successful. And the consensus was a thumbs-up all the way around. This is the kind of event that next year's calendar will be built around.



NO REPORTS

FLOTILLA 51
Coos Bay

FLOTILLA 55
Umpqua River

FLOTILLA 57
Florence

FLOTILLA 59
Grants Pass

FLOTILLA 5-10
Pacific City



Michael Daley retired in August after serving the Auxiliary for 20 years. FC -54 Larry Cox presented his retirement certificate and a recognition plaque for his 20 years of service to the Auxiliary. Michael then talked about how the Auxiliary influenced his life over all those years.

**CG
Auxiliary
Retirees
Division 5**



**FLOTILLA
54**



Raymond (Rocky) Jones, Flotilla 56

20 years service



The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary lost one of its most dynamic members with the retirement of Rocky Jones. Many of our Flotilla members remember him as a kind of corny Rocky. But that was because he would serve up the best home grown corn at the annual picnic held at their place (Sara and Rocky's) in Cave Junction. Rocky was, at the least, vocal and you always knew what he thought. He also performed in the same way, kind of a Full Speed Ahead and Damn the Torpedoes. He continued to be a positive influence to members in the Flotilla until his retirement. Rocky was an instructor, Coxswain, AuxOps, AuxLea, QE examiner, Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor, Detachment OIC, and patient devotee of boating safety. Annually he would take great pride in the kids fishing derby scheduled for Lake Selmac. He believed in working with the kids early to teach them safe boating practices. He seemed to be in his element with this program. Rocky also became a certified Oregon Boating Education Instructor and spent many an evening teaching boating safety to boaters who needed to get their Oregon Boating Card. He spent hours monthly promoting the Auxiliary and our mission. His devotion to duty and desire to help fellow boaters remained forefront. His mentoring of members, especially the development of the Inland detachment is commendable.

It was a sad day for Flotilla 56 to see his retirement however, rest assured; we will continue to call upon him for advice and assistance whenever we feel we can coerce this participation. Thank you for your many years and hours of service.



May you be blessed with "Fair Winds and Following Seas"





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Tom Miller, Div 5 SO-IS

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has announced that its **2010 National Conference (NACON)** will be held the week of August 24, 2010 at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. Coast Guard Auxiliary members from throughout the United States and counterparts from other nations will gather in Phoenix to learn about new techniques, share ideas, and reward those who have excelled. 2010 is also an election year when a new National Commodore and Vice Commodore will be selected.



WEARING PPE WITH AUXILIARY MARKINGS

Section 10.A.12. Of the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction M16790.1 series) states, "Auxiliarists may not wear any distinctive part of the uniform or official Auxiliary insignia with civilian clothing." Coast Guard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that is authorized for Auxiliary use while assigned to duty and that has Auxiliary markings (e.g. - "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" displayed on the back of a Coast Guard Type III life jacket) falls within the scope of, "...any distinctive part of the uniform..." Auxiliary-marked PPE, including life jackets and float coats, are therefore only authorized for wear by Auxiliarists when in uniform and assigned to duty. The Auxiliary Uniform Procurement Guide has also been changed to reflect this policy.

AUXILIARY SEW-ON QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA -045/09

1. The Coast Guard Auxiliary sew-on qualification insignia announced in ALAUX 033/09 are authorized for wear on the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Working Blue, and Hot Weather Uniform (i.e. - only the Coast Guard dark blue short-sleeve shirt alternative) described in the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction M16790.1 series).
2. In accordance with Coast Guard Uniform Regulations (Commandant Instruction M1020.6 series), only one Auxiliary sew-on qualification insignia is authorized for wear on the ODU. By extension, this also applies for Working Blue and the Hot Weather Uniform authorized for wear by Auxiliarists. Such insignia shall be centered directly above the "USCG AUXILIARY" cloth tape immediately above the wearer's left breast pocket. Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket. The tape shall not exceed the width of the pocket. If an Auxiliarist has earned more than one qualification insignia, then the insignia that is worn shall be at the discretion of the Auxiliarist. Temporary/conditional sew-on qualification insignia shall not be worn on these uniforms.
3. Pursuant to ALCOAST 074/09, the Auxiliary sew-on AUXOP device is authorized for wear on these uniforms. It is the only Auxiliary device so authorized. It shall be centered directly above the cloth nametape immediately above the wearer's right breast pocket.
4. These provisions shall be incorporated into the next change to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual.

DIVISION 5 STAFF OFFICERS

Division Commander*	DCDR	Ellen Karan	Flotilla 51, Coos Bay
Division Vice Commander*	DVCDR	Russell Johnson	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Immediate Past DCDR	IPDCDR	Jack Feather	Flotilla 56, Brookings
Communications	SO-CM	William Powell	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Comms Services	SO-CS	Mitch Danforth	Flotilla 56, Brookings
Finance	SO-FN	Gary Cameron	Flotilla 51, Coos Bay
Information Systems	SO-IS	Tom Miller	Flotilla 59, Grant Pass
Materials	SO-MA	John Marconi	Flotilla 52, Eugene
Marine Safety	SO-MS	Vacant	
Member Training	SO-MT	Larry Karan	Flotilla 51, Coos Bay
Navigation Services	SO-NS	Leora Johnson	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Operations	SO-OP	Larry Cox	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Public Affairs	SO-PA	Donna Cox	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Publications	SO-PB	Barbara Rockfort	Flotilla 56, Brookings
Public Education	SO-PE	Peggy Marconi	Flotilla 52, Eugene
Personnel Services	SO-PS	Vacant	
Rec. Boating Safety Visitor	SO-RBSV	Thomas Murphy	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Secretary/Recorder	SO-SR	Leora Johnson	Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay
Vessel Examinations	SO-VE	Gary Taylor	Flotilla 51, Coos Bay

* denotes an elected office

FLOTILLA COMMANDERS

Flotilla 51, Coos Bay	Jerry Evans
Flotilla 52, Eugene	Bill Cole
Flotilla 54, Yaquina Bay	Larry Cox
Flotilla 54 Detachment	Donna Cox
Flotilla 55, Umpqua River	Don Hayes
Flotilla 56, Brookings	Howard Tingley
Flotilla 56 Detachment	Dennis Standish
Flotilla 57, Suislaw River	Dale Barnett
Flotilla 59, Grants Pass	Michael Graham
Flotilla 5-10, Pacific City	Will Lampa

2009 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

12 OCT	COLUMBUS DAY	
17 OCT	Division 5 Fall Board and Staff Meeting	LAKE SIDE, OR
1 NOV	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
11 NOV	VETERAN'S DAY	
25 NOV	STAFF REPORTS DUE	
26 NOV	THANKSGIVING DAY	
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY	

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE DIVISION WEBSITE
 CALENDAR: <http://a13005.uscgaux.info/Calendar.htm>

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DIVISION 5 FALL BOARD MEETING & LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2009
Meeting Starts 09:30

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Lakeside, OR 97449
541-759-3161 or 800-759-3951

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Prime Rib Sandwich, served with scallop potatoes, choice of soup or salad.

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Flat Iron Steak Salad, topped with crumbled blue cheese & caramelized onions.

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