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Division Commander's Comments

Gentlemen start your whining, a sure sign that NASCAR season is upon us, or we have a dues increase set by the District 13 Board. How could this be? We are working, producing, growing and participating in Division Seven. What changed to bring this down upon us?

Let us examine some of the issues that brought us to this position. It is not a good accounting practice to spend more than we bring in. In other words; we have come to expect a certain amount of direction and support from the District. These past few years the District has maintained the current programs by using cash reserves. It is now time that when looking in the mirror we find but a shadow of the past savings. Unfortunately times have seen this happen to almost each one of us. To right this listing ship we must start pumping up dues to stop the gaps.

Note: The last increase was over five years ago. This brought in an additional five dollars per member.

Revenue is derived from the sales of PE materials the District supplies when we conduct Recreational Boating Safety courses. These have, in part, diminished because some Auxiliary instructors are teaching, as individuals, conducting class offerings outside of the Auxiliary's regular programs. Revenue is also lost by the purchase of Auxiliary materials from other Districts supply ports, at a savings to the local Flotilla; but further reducing revenue for our District.

The second source of income is the District Store which is in a restructure mode, guided by Matt Epstein, who has worked tirelessly, selling well past regular store hours. Sales have always been strongest at the District Conferences. In the past, there were three scheduled conferences each year and the Store was maintained in a trailer and transported to each of the various locations where it carried a broad selection for the participants and visitors. Now the potential is reducing to one conference a year and bringing more store item purchases on line.

Lastly, the Auxiliary Association shares revenue with all Districts which is earned from outside contracted sources.

District Conferences are funded through the DIRAUX office. The staff of our District's DIRAUX is a group of dedicated professionals willing to go beyond the expected support levels to ensure we are able to bring our Division goals and missions to successful fruition. This reduces stress

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Announcements

FOR SALE

7 Danforth Anchors
7 4ft pieces of steel chain
7 large round orange fender type balls
Line & Floats
Division no longer has any place to store these. Best offer accepted.
For more information call Ray Davenport, 503-695-2771

Reports & articles for Daymark 7 due 23 Mar to Diane Epstein

DIVISION MEETING

MARCH 2 – 1900

**SECTOR PORTLAND
 TRAINING DECK
 Host Flotilla 76**

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levels to all members. Also, remember to use the chain of communication when bringing concerns to these offices.

The current membership is 1,730 for the thirteenth District which includes Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and a sliver of California. This number is growing faster than any other in the Nation. This indicates to me we are offering to the membership programs they are willing to dedicate their time and energy by making Recreational Boating Safety our priority, and still support the directives of the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Yes, we acknowledge the increase is substantial enough to evaluate our true expenditures. That is the fiscally responsible thing to do. Practical one might say. Will it be a burden on those of us on a fixed or diminishing income? That must be determined by each member, individually. Each member, in the organization, is valued and enriched by the interactions we share, and the expertise each brings to bare upon our missions. Losing any one's contribution is felt by those that must backfill the skill sets lost. The model of professionalism is built through hours working, laughing and sweating together maintaining a reliable continuity of force.

Did I say whining? No, WINNING —that was start your WINNING.

Carpe Diem,

Douglas Balkema DCDR 7

Shop Auxiliary

**FAX 314-962-6804 U.S. Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center
1-800-874-6841 or (609) 861-1221 Uniform Distribution Center**

1. The Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) is pleased to announce the opening of the online web store. Members can now order all uniform items the UDC offers 24/7 from anywhere in the world.
2. The web store can be accessed through the UDC home page at:
[HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/UNIFORMS](http://www.uscg.mil/uniforms).

From this site, click on placing orders tab then click on USCG UDC web store tab in the online orders paragraph. First time web store users will need to complete a request form to gain access. The link to this form is located on the web store sign-on page. Once processed, an e-mail will be sent to the member with a user name and password. All regular forms of payment are accepted from individual active duty, reserve and auxiliary members. At this time, unit and exchange orders cannot be processed through the web.

3. Please continue to refer to the UDC home page for product Information and updates.



A Note from our DIVISION VICE COMMANDER—

The Spring District Conference is now behind us. We are losing Admiral Currier to Washington DC. He will become the Chief of Staff to the Commandant with a third star. Congratulations to the Admiral, please don't forget D13. The guest speaker was NAVCO Vass. He was everything one would expect of a leader in his position. His speech was touched with humor and reality. Reality of the issues facing us, both good and bad.



All the staff officers of the Division are at work, setting up new members in their qualifications and doing the business of the Division. It is important that they receive input from their counterparts in the flotillas so they can keep track of the flotilla successes as well.

Next month we begin with workshops. In March, there will be the VE, PV, and IT workshop in one day. While not mandatory, these are a good toll for helping members get qualified, and refreshing the memory of current qualified members. Attendance by all is highly recommended.

In April there will be the OPS workshop and a 1 hr TCT session. The TCT is required for any OPS member not taking the 8 hr TCT in the same year. We will have a very interesting guest speaker. I don't think you will want to miss this one.

**SEMPER PARATUS,
Ken Babick, Div. Vice Commander**



New Member Course Now Online

The *New Member Course* is now available online through Auxiliary eLearning, the Coast Guard Auxiliary online learning system. Prospective members can review the contents of the course and take the final exam online. A printout of the notification that they passed with 80 percent or better will suffice in lieu of the hard copy answer sheet currently required with the new member application. To access the course, go to: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/login> or the T Department eLearn page. To login, use the prospective member's last name as the username, and 12345 as the password.

http://www.auxtdept.org/TETrain_New2.html



FLOTILLA COMMANDERS REPORTS

Flotilla 71 Longview— Flotilla 71 has done 14 VSC's so far. We are having a BS&S class starting March 10th. We will have a PPE dry suit test Tuesday March 3rd at the Longview YMCA; time is 1300 hrs - 1500 hrs & 1700 hrs-1900 hrs. If anyone needs to test their dry suit , you need to let Les Czarnecki know. We are doing training patrols at Martin's pond CRM 80 and should be ready for QE in March.

I talked to Stu Richards, a river pilot who lives in Kalama. He will be delivering a presentation on Columbia River Make Way at our next flotilla meeting on Wednesday March 11th at Rizad Building , Kelso, WA at 1900 hrs.

Doug Doane FC 71

Flotilla 73 Pacific— We continue to have significant numbers of visitors to our Flotilla meetings. Four came for the first time last evening and three of them are in process of signing up. We are off to a great start this year for new membership. Lynn Easton is doing a fantastic job of qualifying new Program Visitors - both in our Flotilla and elsewhere in the Division. This will be a big help to our RBS focus in 2009. The Flotilla was recognized for being the best in the District for 2006 at the recent Spring District Conference at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Not really sure why the award was so late in coming but we are proud to claim it, nonetheless. Also at the District Conference, Larry Fellows was honored for his long-term work for Sector Portland. Congratulations, Larry!

Our winter BS&S class is underway with 16 members and is still growing. This is the best turnout we have had in a long while. The Flotilla voted to increase our annual dues to offset the \$15 increase from District. The Boat Crew/Coxswain Academy has 25 BC and 7 Coxswain candidates. Both classes are actively participating and very enthusiastic. We have a group from The Dalles detachment that attends every Tuesday evening. Talk about commitment!

Don Verkest, FC 73

Flotilla 76 Swan Island— Ed Burns received the Auxiliary Commendation Medal at the District Conference. Ed had a family obligation and was unable to be present so the award will be presented by Captain (SEL) Proctor at our March Flotilla meeting. This award is very well deserved, Ed has made outstanding contributions to the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary in recent years. Bravo Zulu! We have 8 students in our BS&S class, 6 of whom are members. The class is



progressing well. A few members of 76 participated in the PNW Sportsman's Show. We are planning for the Safe Kids event at the Oregon Zoo on 02 May. Earl Markham reminds us that we are all Public Affairs officers. Andy Rusten reports that there are significant changes to the way we are to report on the Navigations Services (Aids) missions. In Operations, we've distributed the majority of the PPE we received in January. We currently have two facilities with another entering service soon and a few more I hope to have active by Rose Festival. We have seven new to the crew academy and a number of other members who hope to complete their qualifications. In addition, I am working towards my Coxswain qualification.

Membership growth continues at a healthy rate. We have three new prospects from the Sportsman's show (of 15 gathered for the Division) and another three leads that are somewhat cold. Please visit our blog at <http://fl76.blogspot.com>. We have 20 posts so far in 2009, you are likely to find something relevant to your service as a Guardian.

Finally, in recent weeks I've had a number of opportunities to reflect upon the personal contributions of our members, long serving and new. Each of these moments has served to remind me of how lucky I am to serve in your company. Thank you for your enthusiasm, fellowship and service.

Daren Lewis, FC 76

Flotilla 78 Vancouver – Flotilla members participated in the following training activities in February:

Division meeting Feb. 2, Crew Academy Feb. 3, Fellowship Breakfast Feb. 4, Sportsman's Show Feb. 6 & 7. Staff meeting Feb. 12, Crew Academy Feb. 17, Flotilla meeting February 19th .

Mike Spence will conduct a Boating class on February 21st and 28th in Camas.

I am pleased that Flotilla 78 has 6 members attending the Crew/Coxswain Academy.

Jon James conducted the Staff Meeting on February 12th . Goals were set for 2009.

His report will cover the details of that meeting.

Flotilla 78 received 3 contacts from the Sportsman's Show who expressed an interest in Auxiliary membership. My PS-report will contain details of current recruiting activity. After the Boating Class held at Dollars Corner on January 31st, Mike Spence and myself met with Henry Von Dem Fang [Information Officer] and Brian Stewart [Training Captain] for Clark county Fire and Rescue . We discussed the Fire Department's possible joint training exercises in the future.

John Hilbrands, FC 78



Flotilla 7-12 Hillsboro—

- Matt Epstein still has 2009 “VSC” decals to hand out.
- Flotilla 7-12 website has been updated with the new classes to be offered in 2009.
- Patricio Riquelme was sworn in as a new member.
- We will be starting a Sailing Skills and Seamanship class beginning March 23rd. And an About Boating Safety (ABS) starting February 29th.
- The budget Committee: John Tooley, Jerry Darnell, Diane Epstein and Karl Quade presented the new budget for 2009 and was passed.
- February 21 we had our first fellowship for the year. It was at Marie Callender’s in Beaverton at 0800 .

John Tooley, FC 7-12

Getting to Know Your Senior Officers

Editor’s note: The senior officers of the Auxiliary decided to informally publish this “Getting to Know You” column to allow you to get to know them somewhat. They come from all parts of the country, from different walks of life and life experiences. The photos, for the most part, were candid photos taken at the last N-Train in St. Louis. They hope this brief snapshot into their lives allows you, the reader, to get to know them a little bit better. [taken from SITREP, online magazine.]

Commodore Vic Connell

Auxiliary Office: National Area Commodore-Pacific (ARCO)

Spouse Name: Diane

No. of Children: 4

Hometown: Napa Valley, CA

District/Flotilla: District 11-NR – Flotilla 51

Years in Auxiliary: 12

Previous High Office: District Commodore

Significant facts: As a physician I enjoy coordinating Auxiliary support to Coast Guard health services.



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Communication Services— The Division web site has been updated with classes from all Flotillas who have emailed the Division CS officer their 7023 "Intent To Teach form." Classes that have already occurred have been left on the site until a new one is ready to take its place. This way the public knows that classes are held in a particular area. For instance... if a class held in Beaverton has completed and we remove it from the site; the public doesn't have any way of knowing that they are periodically held at the Rec Center. Leaving this information on the site allows anyone who is interested in a class to contact the instructor directly.

Brian Rollins, SO-CS



We are making progress, an HF antenna for the ECP trailer while it is parked at Sector Portland. This will give us the capability of checking in with the biweekly west coast HF nets as well as providing emergency comms for Sector. Dave Schwartz is putting the finishing touches on our antenna tuner which will be mounted on the supply building next to the trailer parking spot. I built some mast supports for the fiberglass poles that Ken Babick and I purchased. These will be used to erect a large loop antenna on the roof of the supply building.

We have had discussions with Chief Reif of the Sector Command Center regarding future capabilities of the ECP trailer as well as adapting to new Coast Guard frequencies and digital communications requirements. This is going to have an effect on our communications plan for this year's Rose Festival.

We have been asked to provide comms support for the Oregon State Deputy Sheriff training at Devil's Lake on the 15th and 16th of April. Todd Mains and John Hilbrands will be taking the ECP trailer. This will give us a chance to show off what we have built and our capabilities.

At the District Conference, I received a CD with the Telecommunications PQS and supporting material. If you would like me to send you a copy, let me know.

Jim Price, SO-CM



Marine Services— I continue with my regular direct support activities at Sector. Last Tuesday I was able to act on a request from Mr. Hank O'Sullivan to take one of his vessel inspectors with me while doing a quarterly audit of a life raft servicing station. Lt. Tiffany Clark went along to learn what is involved in packing a life raft as well as seeing what kind of facility that the Federal Regulations require for a life raft service company. This was a very satisfying opportunity for me to return a small learning experience to the Gold Side for all the training that has been given to me. I plan to take other inspectors with me in the future.

Here is another sober maritime report from the Maritime Executive Magazine from February 12th: After ending 2008 down 7.9 percent, cargo volume at the nation's major retail container ports is expected to drop at an even faster pace during the first half of 2009 as the economic recession continues, according to the monthly Port Tracker report released today by the National Retail Federation and IHS Global Insight. Final data for 2008 showed volume for the year at 15.2 million Twenty-Foot-Equivalent Units, compared with 16.5 million TEU in 2007, a decline of 7.9 percent and the lowest total since 2004, when 14 million TEU moved through the ports. One TEU is one 20-foot container or its equivalent. Volume for the first six months of 2009 is forecast at 6.6 million TEU, down 11.8 percent from the 7.5 million TEU seen during the same period in 2008. Port Tracker forecasts only six months into the future, so an estimate of volume for the entire year won't be available until this summer. "2008 was one of the most challenging years retailers have seen, and all indications are that 2009 won't be any better," NRF Vice President for Supply Chain and Customs Policy Jonathan Gold said.

Unfortunately, cargo volume at the ports reflects retailers' anticipated sales, and NRF expects that sales will get worse before they get better. Retailers are only going to import what they can sell." U.S. ports surveyed handled 1.06 million TEU in December, the last month for which actual numbers are available. That was down 13.9 percent from November and 17.2 percent from December 2007, and made December the 18th month in a row to see a year-over-year decline. "The combined influence of the recession and the usual winter slow-down will result in extremely weak February port traffic," HIS Global Insight Economist Paul Bingham said. "Import container traffic is projected to be weak through June because of the underlying reduced demand during the global recession."

Larry Fellows, SO-MS



Member Training— The uniform for all the training is ODU* unless otherwise noted. Civilian attire is permissible for classroom training if you do not yet have your uniform.

The 2009 Boat Crew & Coxswain Academy has grown to 25 BC and 7 Coxswain candidates. Everyone is very active and enthusiastic. Our first on-water day is



Saturday, 28 February. I believe that all candidates have dry suits or loaned Mustangs so we should be OK for the duration of the training. The Flotillas should be ordering PPE for their candidates who don't yet have them and loaned equipment must be returned to the Academy immediately following the QE weekend in April.

A full-day TCT class was held on Saturday, 14 February with about 19 students in attendance. Most were Boat Crew candidates. Their completion has been recorded in AUXDATA. If you have a BC candidate who has not yet completed the full-day TCT, please help them locate a course before the QE weekend on 25 & 26 April. This requirement must be completed prior to meeting with a QE. There are other classes in other Districts that can be located in the District 130 training schedule (on line.) No more TCT classes scheduled in Portland before Fall.

ICS 210 training is scheduled at Sector Portland on Saturdays, 14 March, 21 March and 18 April. This class (or the ICS 300 class) is required for all existing Coxswains, Pilots and Trident members by 31 Mar 09. Those who are close to achieving those qualifications are also invited to attend. Advanced registration is required. If you have not received confirmation for a class, please talk to your FSO-MT immediately.

Also occurring on 14 March is our Division Training Day which will feature Vessel Examiner (VE), Program Visitor (PV) and Instructor (IT) workshops. These are primarily aimed at members who have any of those qualification(s) and are designed to refresh and increase your knowledge in these vital RBS functions. If you are not yet qualified but are interested, please attend and learn more about these rewarding areas of service. Class location will be at Sector but a classroom has not yet been reserved. Class will begin at 0830 hours.

*** ODU is the Operational Dress Uniform, which is currently the only "work" uniform that can be purchased. The discontinued "working blue" uniform is still authorized for wear as long as it is in serviceable condition (not unduly faded, torn, frayed, etc.) Division 07 adopted the terminology "ODU" to include all authorized uniforms.**

Don Verkest, SO-MT



Navigation Systems —

I will receive assignments tentatively by the end of March; they will then be distributed to the flotillas within 2 weeks. This year I will start a web site for the NS Division with Chart-Updating information that everyone in Operations will be able to use to submit chart corrections or changes to NOAA. I will also set up a training class for new AV's and another one for chart-updating sometime within the next few months. Will keep you updated on new information.

Joe Baney, SO-NS



Operations— Still nothing much doing on the rivers as yet. We have a tasked mission to support

the “Great Barrel Race”. The Coast Guard is making a coordinated effort to clean the river of floating barrels.

Rather than dispatching a recovery service for one barrel at a time at a cost of about \$1500, the plan is to locate several barrels and then have them all picked up at once. This will save a tremendous amount of money and time. While on patrol, please report all observed barrels to the command center. You are reminded that you should not touch or move the barrels IN ANY WAY. You will be asked the following:

1. Are the bungs in place? (Plugs for the openings)
2. Are there any markings on the barrel? E.g. HAZMAT warnings, labels etc
3. Is there any substance coming out of the bung holes if there is open communication to the sea?
4. Location and distance from the shore? Be prepared with the LAT/LONG.

Curt Wilhelm has presented the first of two safety briefings to the Dragon Boat organization. Tis that season already. The first Rose Fest safety/security briefing was held this month. There will be some significant changes in the participation, however, we will maintain the security zone as usual. More to follow.

The first on the water practice day for the crew and coxswain academy will be held on 28 Feb With 28-29 crew and 7 coxswain candidates in place. It promises to be a full day. As always, it should be an exciting, fun day.

Ken Babick, SO-OP



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Public Affairs



The Pacific Northwest Sportsmen’s show: Similar to the Boat Show, stats were down for this show. Our number of contacts were down from 2008 but many still patiently stood in line to speak with us during the busy times. This in itself is a sign on our value in the eyes of the recreational boater. My appreciation to all who participated especially to Robert Megel (FSO-PA FL 73) for stepping in to coordinate the exhibit in my absence.

Year	2009	2008
Hours worked	173	223
Public Contacts	838	1154
Requests for Class	14	26
Requests for VSC	10	54
Membership	14	20

Doug Gordon, SO-PA





Education



Department

Flotilla 71 has a class starting March 10 and will keep me posted. I was happy to see Les at the conference.

Fl 73 has a new ABS class starting April 4 at 0800 in The Dalles. Ken Babick was present at the conference.

Fl 76 has 8 attendees at their class. Six are members. I was present at the conference.

Fl 78 is beginning *About Boating Safely* @ The Port of Camas-Washougal, Feb. 21 & 28, starting @ 8:15 a.m. Mike says he had 21 students at the January class. They appear to have no problems of retention, lack of interest nor student interest/enthusiasm; a good time was had by all.

Fl 7-12 has a BS&S class with 4 students; The Weekend Navigator with 8 students, and the Sailing Skills & Seamanship starts March 23, meeting twice a week. Both Dale and Karl Quade were present at the conference.

I forwarded to all FSO's the message from DSO-MT on training as most applied to PE also.

From the District meeting:

No replacement for AUXNAV, but if you have the books, you can teach the course. The exams are the same until they come up with a replacement. National is looking for a replacement for the present course but has a Beta test going on with recommendations due by Feb. 28 on replacements. AUX SC& E: The new SAR class is the same as the old Coast Guard SAR course. If you have not completed AUXOP and need SAR, you will have to take the class. After 28 hours (think 14 weeks), you take an open book exam. When you pass this exam, you tackle a 4 hour practical exam. If you have a SAR IT kit dated prior to APR 2008, you do not have the overlays required to teach the class. Mentors were mentioned in many sessions. We are all mentors, but how do we get to know our new members and get them involved?

Many flotillas do not teach Inland Boating...as it was presented as not required, but this chapter is part of the NASBLA required courses for the Boater's Card. If you are not teaching this chapter, look at it again. Many new courses are available and kids classes are still available, but the coloring books should not be used as hand outs. Hold a kids class!

The Instructor Development Course (IDC), does require step one, step two...and I need to ensure that I get my good people certified. I hope you do the same. If you need any assistance, please let me know. IT workshop is not required in 2009, but if you have an opportunity to partake, it helps to get others involved in recruiting and education.

Barbara Korsmo, SO-PE



It seems lately that all I've been talking (and thinking) about is recruitment. I decided that it would be a good idea to talk a little about one aspect of the **Retention** arm of Personnel Services, **Awards**. What's funny is that the awards I want to talk about all relate to recruitment. We have three Personnel Service related awards that can be given out. These include the NACO (National Commodore) Membership Growth Award (for Flotilla and Division), the NACO Membership Growth Award (for Individuals), and the Auxiliary Recruitment Service Award.



The NACO (National Commodore) Membership Growth Award (for Flotilla and Division) can be awarded to any flotilla that has “a net gain of two (2) members in a year” and the division for “having a net gain of two (2) members times the number of flotillas in the division in a year.” ANSC Form *NMGA-FD*.

The NACO Membership Growth Award (for Individuals) is awarded to those members who recruit “five (5) or more members within one (1) calendar year.” ANSC Form *NMGA-I*. The new member must have completed the enrollment process and been assigned a member number.

The Auxiliary Recruitment Service Award has the same requirements as the Individual NACO Membership Growth Award but requires recruiting seven (7) new members in a calendar year. ANSC Form *AUX RSA*.

These are very attainable awards. The Individual Membership Growth Award and the Auxiliary Recruitment Service Award can be given to any member of the flotilla who brings in the new members. That’s the most exciting part. Create a little competition among your members and see who in your flotilla can win this award.

The applications for these awards can be found at our forms website, <http://forms.cgaux.org/forms.html>.

Please talk to your Flotilla Commander if you would like to apply or nominate someone for one of these awards or give me a call if you have any other questions.

John Poulson, SO-PS

IN REMEMBERENCE

Crossing the Bar

Past Captain Div. 7 Walt Sheffield,
Dist. Lay Leader Bishop Tom
Ritchie



Gone Their Way
They have crossed over
gone on their way
calming the water
claiming their day.
Setting the course

we’ll travel someday
Gone, but not forgotten
crossed over
gone their way.

by Penny Wonenberg



Program Visitation—

Ahoy all !

Congratulations to the Division 7 newly qualified Program Visitors. Jonathan James of FL 78, Larry Fellows &

Gayland Rogers of FL 73, James Gordon of The Dalles Detachment, FL 73. There are more on the way and thanks FSOs for your reports. Div. 7 is on target as far as adding new PVs and now it's time to get out and start telling the Story. The March Workshop will be our kickoff!

Plan on being there and to stock up on current knowledge and supplies. See you then.

Lynn Easton, SO-PV



Vessel Examination—

VE's —Be sure you are checking with your yacht clubs so they are taken care of before Opening Day, which is the first Saturday in May. Don't forget the VE seminar on the 14th of March in the Training deck at Sector at 0830. This is for old and new VE's. Let's have a good year.

Richard Andreasen, SO-VE

A Note about Uniforms and Events

In some of the epistles that have been bouncing around concerning boat shows, et al, it has been suggested that wearing the uniform may not be appropriate. Balderdash! We are members of the UNIFORMED U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The uniform for boat shows and similar events is the prerogative of the senior Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary officer in the area. When an individual is designated as the event coordinator by a DSO/ADSO, Division Commander, or Flotilla Commander, that person in consultation with gold and silver leadership will set the uniform. Acceptable uniforms for events (boat shows) include ODU and Tropical Blue Long. Note that since Undress Blue has been replaced by ODU, Undress Blue is no longer recommended. If active duty members are participating in the event, Auxiliary members should wear the same uniform as worn by active duty people. No matter what uniform is selected, the uniform should be clean, pressed, shoes shined, all insignia sewn or mounted properly, etc. When life jackets are worn at events, it is permissible to remove the ODU blouse.

Please note that the forthcoming edition of the Auxiliary manual will state that ODU's are acceptable for wear when dealing with the public. Auxiliary ODU policy will be the same as the policy for wearing ODU's by the active duty force.

Thomas Nunes, Deputy Chief, Public Affairs Department



Division 07 Training Schedule – 2009

10 January	0830 – Station Fueling Pump Procedures – Required for Coxswains 0830 – Portable Pump Demo/Practice – Required for Academy Boat Crew candidates 1030 – Academy Mentor Training for those mentoring candidates All training to be held in Station Ready Room & Station Pier (Pumps)
14 February *	TCT Full day session (0800-1700) – Required for Academy Boat Crew
14 March	VE, PV & IT Workshops
18 April	Ops Workshop, and TCT Refresher- Required for all Ops personnel
09 May	Make up session – TCT Refresher - 0800 Tri-Annual On-Water Currency Review - 0930
June	No training (Rose Fest)
11 July	New Member Orientation
08 August	Reserve for Tri-Annual On-Water Currency Review & Initial QE day.
12 September	TCT Full day session (0800-1700)
10 October	Leadership Training
14 November	Hazwopper/Blood Borne Pathogens Training
December	No training (Annual Elections/Flotilla COW)

Unless otherwise noted:

- All training to be held at Sector Portland Training Deck
- Training will begin at 0830
- Uniform will be ODU/Working Blue

* Revised 08 Jan 09



DISTRICT 13 SPRING CONFERENCE

Clackamas Monarch Inn



[Above] Division 7 receives the first ever - #1 Recruiting Award placing us as #1 in the nation. Award received by Doug Balkema, DCDR.



[Above] Dale Vaught, FL 7-12 received Auxiliary Letter of Commendation for his work as part of the Fuel Oil Transfer Monitor Team at Sector Portland. Presented by Capt Myer of Sector Portland



[Above] Larry Fellows, FL 73 received the Auxiliary Commendation medal for all his service relating to Marine Services. Presented by Capt Myer



[Left] Ed Burns, FL 76 was given Auxiliary Commendation award for his efforts relating to Marine Services at Sector Portland. Since he was not present, Daren Lewis, FC 76 stood up to receive the award, along with Danny Dail, ASC

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2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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