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**DISTRICT 13
COMMODORE**

Dan Neiderhiser

Changes and Training

The trilogy of Area Training Conferences is now over, and what great conferences they were. Each RCO provided training agendas specific to that Area's need and had the flexibility to adjust each program as necessary. It was interesting for me to note the training taking place in each Area, and the amount of work that goes into preparing for these events. My thanks to all those who attended, planned, coordinated, cooked, prepared table decorations, and just made things happen. Y'all did good!

You'll notice that a few staff changes were made. Charles Lindenberg is our new DSO-PB, and will continue the tradition of presenting interesting and valuable information to the readers. Jim O'Connor is our new DSO-CM. Jim's primary job is to coordinate, amass, and distribute whatever communications equipment he can obtain from the USCG. With Rescue 21 (new coastal digital radio system) coming on board, we desperately need whatever equipment we can get. David Crettol is our new Project Officer for the PWC program, and is a QE, so after you complete your Nav Rules exam, he can get you qualified. I want to again thank Bob Lyden, Roger Attwell, and COMO "Wild" Bill Houger for all they have done for the membership over the years. We could not have reached this level without them.

By the time you read this, RADM Brown will be at his new job in the other Washington, and RADM Garrett will be firmly in place as our new District Commander. We anticipate seeing and hearing from him during the District meeting in Olympia, WA. on September 13. The readership is encouraged to attend.

Hot items and topics around the District are PWC training and qualification; more AUXOP qualified members; the Northern Area (Aux) Recruiting Team; the USCG and National approved two-year pilot program for paddlecraft in the Thirteenth District; involvement in specialized areas like Recruiting and Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners "C" School; Part B of the Aux-02 training course (FC Training); the successful First Responders program; HARPAT program both on the water and land; surface and air patrols in support of RBS and Operation Liberty Shield (reporting suspicious activities on the water); more involvement with each MSO to include safety in all we do; the upgraded Aux Air program which now operates from Air Stations; increase in membership; more hands-on training being conducted; members are working toward the "E" Award; our 2003 International Search and Rescue (ISAR 2003) Team, and the membership is loving it. And always remember our Four Cornerstone activities (Vessel Safety Checks, Public Education, Operations, and Fellowship), in addition to being the Force-Multiplier to District 13. Stay active, stay sharp, stay safe, stay Auxiliary, and Recruit, Recruit, Retain!

P.S. My thanks to the members who provided me with photographs of our Auxiliary in action. The photographs will be incorporated with other Districts to highlight what each District does in support of the boating community and the USCG. This display will be presented during the National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Be proud D-13, we are now represented through your photographs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2004

As the September 2003 District Training Conference approaches, the voting body (Bridge and Board) of this District has an obligation. That obligation is to select the best incumbent or eligible person to the office of District Rear Commodore for 2004, a one-year commitment. I recommend the

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VCO Comments

John (Jack) F. Bradbury

Many of you, I know, are very busy as this year's boating season is well underway. I will try to keep this short. Attendance at the three Area Training Meetings this spring has been a great experience for me. Throughout the District we are helping the Coast Guard in the traditional areas and in many new ways as well. We are doing quite a few activities that were unheard of a few years ago. It is great, in my opinion; these things make the Auxiliary more appealing to many men and women. Our goal is to grow our membership in the next few years to match or exceed the growth of the Coast Guard. We are told that substantial growth will be needed to accomplish the missions of the Department. As the only military force in the Department, the Coast Guard may be called upon for greatly increased missions. This should mean we will be needed more than ever to help in their activities. We will be ready and we can handle it.

There are a few more things I would like to mention. We are very pleased with the staff members of our organization. Get to know the staff officer in your chain; they can help you be more effective and therefore more satisfied in your membership. At each of the three levels we have a responsibility to

pass information on. Even with all the printed media and publications we receive, a conversation — even e-mail with your counterpart in the chain can be most helpful. Most of the information coming to us comes to our District Commodore, then to the Division Captains, and Flotilla Commanders. The Vice Commodore shares with the District Staff Officers and they to Division, then Flotilla Staff Officers. If we all keep the information flowing the membership will be informed.

We are thankful for our many blessings.

To live in this wonderful free country

To live here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

To participate in furthering Recreational Boating Safety with the Coast Guard, enjoying all the support and resources coming to us from them.

We can look forward to further assisting the Coast Guard as the Department of Homeland Security outlines the mission the Coast Guard will be doing.

The District Staff are very well qualified for their jobs and are interested in your success. There are District Staff Officers for every facet of what we do. Use them; they are available to help with training at your division meetings. Division Captains make the requests to me. Good meetings usually mean good training activity. It is, after all, one of the primary reasons folks join us, "To learn about boating."

It has recently come to our attention that some units are purchasing items from sources outside the District Store. Perhaps it is time to explain a little about the store. Some time ago the store was set up to be sure members would have a place where uniform items, insignia and supplies would be made readily available and "in-stock." As time has gone on additional things have been added

to meet the needs of the membership. Prices have been set to return a percentage dividend to the District. The returns from the store have been the primary reason that our district dues have remained at the same level for several years. For instance this publication is one of the things paid for by the dividend from the store. The DSO running the store receives no salary, he is a volunteer like the rest of us. When we purchase things away from the store we are only hurting ourselves, so to speak. If you have concerns or would like more information please contact me.

District Commodore doubles as full time Paralegal/Legal Assistant

Dan Neiderhiser is an employee of the Fluor Hanford Legal Department during the workday. On evenings and weekends, however, he’s a commodore.

As commodore of District 13 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Neiderhiser’s responsibilities include oversight of almost 1,900 auxiliary members and their equipment in the district that covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The equipment pool he oversees includes a variety of personally owned auxiliary members’ boats, an aircraft wing and numerous radio communication systems that link the auxiliary organization to the Coast Guard as a “force multiplier.” The USCG has 36,000 active-duty and 7,000 reserve members, and the auxiliary complements the force with an additional 35, 000 volunteers across the United States.

Congress chartered the USCG Auxiliary in 1939, authorizing members to perform a shallow-water coastal watch along U.S. shores, including the vast inland river and lake transportation system. The primary goal of the auxiliary is to promote boating safety through education and inspections of vessels and navigational aids, as well as to conduct search-

and-rescue missions. With the recent transition from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security, the USCG Auxiliary is the only civilian force-multiplier organization attached to the new homeland-security agency.

Fluor Hanford Managing General Counsel Jennifer Curtis said she heartily supports Neiderhiser’s involvement in community safety activities and his service as a leader in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. “Such work performed in his off-hours contributes measurably to Dan’s professional and personal growth,” Curtis said. “And it has an indirect but beneficial effect on his job performance. Our country, our community and Fluor Hanford are indeed fortunate to have Dan Neiderhiser as both a volunteer and a colleague.”



Dan at his desk

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

As many of you are aware, carbon monoxide poisoning is an issue that has surfaced in the last couple of years especially affecting swimmers lingering near swim platforms on recreational boats. With as much as 15 percent of all reported drownings nationwide possibly related to carbon monoxide from recreational boats, we should be highlighting this issue as opportunities arise.

PAC John Moss
13th District Public Affairs



**RCO-N
Fred Bell**

Training

“Training to be the best” was the theme chosen for the Northern Area Conference, and it will continue to be the watch word for the balance of the year. It is our aim to provide as many member training opportunities as possible for you, the member. There is an impressive number of talented personnel in the Northern Area and there is no known reason why those who have ambition and the desire to advance in the crew/coxswain area, specialty courses, harbor patrol or any other discipline, should be denied that opportunity due to the lack of qualified instructors and/or materials. We are going to provide an area-wide educational Swat Team. With the assistance of your DSO-MT, we will attempt to identify the necessary talents across the four divisions and then with input from the SO-MT and/or the FSO-MT, augment the resources of the flotilla or division, when needed, in order to provide an outstanding educational program for everyone. The training responsibility will not be removed from the flotilla. This program will merely provide a pool from which you can draw materials, assistance, instructors, mentors and proctors as needed. With such a resource available, and through continued communication, classes can be combined in order to provide the greatest impact for the most people with the least effort. The more we work together as an area, without geographically defined boundaries, the greater our chances are of remaining the best.

GNATS

Great Northern Area Training Session (GNATS) held May 30th, 31st and June 1st was the place to be. It was held in Port Townsend at Port Hudson Marina, a former Coast Guard station

during WWII, and RV Park. There was everything from little boats to big boats, simple campers to luxury motorhomes. No matter what your preference in travel and/or accommodations, everyone “lived in the same neighborhood.”

The weekend was kicked off with a Friday night barbecue hosted by Division I with John and Adrienne Slagboom in charge. And let’s not forget plenty of beer on tap. Along with friends, new acquaintances and great music, it was a wonderful way to relax and put the week behind you. Imagine sitting and listening to polka tunes, participating in a sing along and dancing to music from an impromptu band featuring Division IV Captain on drums, Vice Captain on the accordion, a local friend on bass and an occasional jazz lick by a walk-on trumpet player from Flotilla 32. To music buffs it made for an interesting combination.

Then came Saturday morning, time to rise and shine to a day packed with training and the opportunity to meet the faces behind the names. The ceremony was opened with the Port Townsend Sea Scouts presenting the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A series of dynamic and informative presentations followed. The topics included POMS, MSO operations, AUXCOM (present and future), Public Education Challenges and Recruiting ala Jim Ammons.

Following lunch the attendees were entranced by Gary Bromwell and his accounts of “The Death of the Raven.” It was Gary’s testimony that thanks to his Coast Guard Auxiliary training he is alive today. He is living proof that the life you save may very well be your own. We then had a brief yet informative presentation on basic CPR, what to look for and how to respond until qualified help arrives.

The afternoon was ‘down time’ for some, but for others it was time for AUXOP testing, on-the-water training and QE sign off.

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DSO-VE

Jack Feather

AUXOP Program

There seems to be a renewed interest in the 7 courses leading to the AUXOP pin.

I have tried to process all requests in a timely manner. One thing that would help is to include the division and flotilla number with the request. The filing system is by the Division number then the Flotilla number.

A few of the AUXOP courses are somewhat difficult — THEY ARE MEANT TO BE! They all can be accomplished, especially with a structured class.

Completion of AUXOP courses gives us a sense of pride — pins and ribbons that we have to work hard for seem to mean more than those we are awarded for just being there.

To make the AUXOP fair and enjoyable, the integrity of the AUXOP program should be maintained.

Thanks for your support.

Vessel Examination

By the time you read this we should be on the downhill side of the VSC's for 2003. From the data to date, it looks like we will have another good year.

The Buoy 10 fishery helps — there were about 2300 VSC's completed in 2002 at Buoy 10 on the Columbia River.

Soap Box Time — I think we all should read the New Member Pledge and also the Appointed Officer Pledge. AUXDATA will provide the numbers, but our communications fill in how the numbers were achieved. Reports and communications should also serve to encourage and support our members as well as air their concerns.

Alki Point Lighthouse

The Alki Point Lighthouse has for years been manned by Division Two Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel. As some of you know Betty Hamilton has retired from the Auxiliary after many years of duty. She was the Lighthouse staff coordinator for a decade.

The position was assumed by Roman Taifel taifel3@aol.com who would like to extend to ALL Flotillas in the area a chance to docent at Alki. The days are short Noon ~ 1530, weekends and holidays only/ the visitors are interesting and from everywhere. The uniform is basic.

Training materials are available from Taifel along with a short class. Please contact him if you would like to participate in this Coast Guard public affairs venture.

Ted Schiesswohl VCP 2

Happy Birthday USCG Auxiliary!!

You became 64 on June 23, 2003!!!



RCO-S

June E. Feather

When you have a “vice” position in the Auxiliary, you are the Chief of Staff. You are working with the staff in your area, whether at the flotilla, division, district, or national level. To me, this means that you are supporting and encouraging the members in your program area. Reports and communication need to flow up and down. I know that email is quick and easy, but not everyone has moved into the electronic age. Remember to include those who don’t have email in your communications. The more information we all have the better we can do our jobs. I applaud all of you who know this and are doing what you feel is best for the Auxiliary.

By the time you read this, elections will be only a month or so away. Come to the District meeting in Olympia to support your candidate. I thank all of you who are supporting the Auxiliary programs some way at whatever level. When you accept a position, either elected or appointed, to me you are saying, “I will attend meetings, write reports, and share information.” We have a lot of talented, dedicated people and I want to thank each one of you for doing what you think is best for the Auxiliary

Southern Area Conference

The Southern Area Conference was held May 18-20 at Driftwood Shores Resort in Florence, Oregon. The first Area Conference was the vision of Art Browning, Rear Commodore of the southern area at the time. Art was recognized at our Southern Area Conference this year for this yearly event. The Southern Area is composed of Divisions 5, 6, and 7; the conference is for these divisions and any other interested individuals.

A wonderful seafood buffet was served Friday evening, -- a gathering for dinner and fellowship. The popular item, at least for three ladies in attendance, were the mussels and clams in the shell.

Saturday is for training. We were pleased to have one of our District Staff Officers, Carol Grassl, the Personnel Services representative. She traveled from Idaho with her husband Lawrence. We were also fortunate to have Larry Kellis, Department Chief, Photography, who spoke about Public Affairs. Jack Feather, SO-IS 5 talked about forms and AUXINFO which was very informative. Our fourth presenter was Frank Ramer, VCP 5 who talked about uniforms and ISAR. After the presentations we heard from our Director of Auxiliary, Kelly Boodell and Operations Training Officer, Paul Bellona. Saturday night at the banquet our guest speaker was District Commodore, Dan Neiderhiser, who gave a rousing speech on Change. We also had a raffle.

The District Store was available all weekend. Shaheed Ali-Shiekh, DSO-MA, traveled from Tacoma, Washington with some new items that were hits.

On Sunday morning we heard the Captain’s reports on what is going on in their division. We also had comments from members and senior officers. District Commodore Dan Neiderhiser was there for questions and comments.

Florence, Oregon is on the coast and all rooms have an ocean view. The food was a big hit with everyone, and we even had a birthday cake on Saturday night. Next year come and join us on the Oregon coast for training, fun, and fellowship.



**DIRECTOR OF
AUXILIARY**

LCDR Kelly A. Boodell

Discovering the Potential in Others

Have you ever felt under-utilized, under-appreciated or under-valued? If so, what have you done about it?

I'm not suggesting that you run out to the bookstore and buy a self-help book or one on how to improve your self-esteem. What I am asking is how have you taken those experiences and incorporated them into your personal philosophy toward the way you treat and develop others around you.

The Auxiliary is a unique organization because it is composed entirely of volunteers. Each and every Auxiliarist joins because they want to make a contribution. Whether that contribution is to their community, the boating public, the Coast Guard or to our nation, that desire to contribute comes with something very important — it is called potential.

The Auxiliary is an environment where the trainer is trained, who in turn trains others allowing through cascade training the impact of that training to reach members in the four corners of our district. This method of teaching and disseminating information requires that there be strong lines of communication for the flow of information in all directions.

So if you have trained a member, have you discovered their potential? Probably not. Discovering the potential in someone is a far tougher challenge than people recognize or may want to invest in. However, if you are able to recognize the potential that a member offers, and capitalize on that, the payback will be notable.

We have many more new members in our district today than we did just a few years ago. As we experience phenomenal growth, the challenges that a structured organization faces will be new and

perhaps daunting. One tendency to handle the stresses of this growth is to ignore the apparent causes of that stress. In this case, the new member, their needs and their potential. We must be diligent and ensure that every member, new or experienced is attended to. When obstacles are in a member's path, obstacles that hinder the achievement of that potential, it is the responsibility of anyone who can, to remove those obstacles. Sounds good, right? Well, when was the last time you reached out and helped a newer member navigate our organizational structure? When have you invested your time in response to a question you did not know and researched its answer? Have you gone out of your way to help someone reach a goal that was important to him or her? Wasn't that a rewarding feeling? Every now and again it is important to take stock and reflect on what a person's motivations are, and what they are trying to do. When it appears that "they are doing it all wrong," or "they just won't listen," perhaps — just perhaps — it is because they either haven't received proper training about the business practice or the business practice itself may need some review.

Potential is one of those amazing qualities and thankfully we all have it! As a leader it is our responsibility to channel potential so that it has an appropriate place to flourish. As leaders we also must develop those members who have not gotten all of the punches in their ticket books so that they can grow in our organization, taking us to the next level of excellence. As a start, look around you; have all of the folks in your flotilla taken the APC course? This is a minimum requirement for anyone to hold an elected or appointed office. If a member doesn't have this done in time for the upcoming fall elections, we have failed in discovering and utilizing their potential. Remember how you felt when you thought you were under-valued and/or under-appreciated? Now is your opportunity to change the future and make a difference in someone else's life.

On another subject, Happy sixty-fourth Birthday USCG Auxiliary! Have a safe boating season and an enjoyable summer! Please make an

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ABOVE AND BEYOND

This time of the year the DSO-CC gets a number of requests to arrange for Coast Guard Academy appointment presentations at the high schools. This year was no different. We had requests all across the four-state district, and not enough people within a reasonable distance to cover them.

Most were eventually covered but one — Ellensburg, Washington was a particular problem. There was no one within commuting distance to cover the event. It was discussed with SO-CC Cathian Surbrook in Spokane, Washington. She had no one and was herself ill. Cathian asked the DSO-CC if she could drive to Ellensburg and make the presentation. The DSO-CC did everything in his power to dissuade Cathian but she was bound and determined to make the trip.

Cathian drove or rode seven hours to make the presentation. Many thanks to Chief Brown for assisting her. She then got back in the car and returned to Spokane and went back to bed, and eventually to the hospital.

We asked Cathian for a report on the presentation, not knowing that she had been hospitalized again. A copy of her presentation follows, which I feel has a universal message to all. The three-minute speech (which had to wait for folks to stop clapping just for the Coast Guard being there) went as follows:

“Hello, my name is Rev. Cathian Surbrook. I am the Division and Career Counselor for the United States Coast Guard Academy.

“Tonight it is my pleasure to represent the United States Coast Guard Academy.

“According to the Princeton Review, the Coast Guard Academy is the most highly selective academy in the nation, with Harvard following at number two.

“Coast Guard Academy appointments are divided among exceptional students who have distinguished themselves in academic achievement, citizenship, athletic ability and participation in community events. These well-rounded young men and women come from all races and walks of life.

They have vision, courage and a strong desire to serve their country.

“Your own Matthew Robert Perkins is one of these individuals.” (More wild applause and approval from the audience.)

“Chief M. Edgar Brown of the Spokane recruiting office will now escort Mr. Perkins forward to hear the Creed of the United States Coast Guardsman, the mission of the Coast Guard Academy, and to receive his appointment.”

(To Matthew.)

“The Creed of the United States Coast Guardsman is this: I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman. I revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for me to be a member of a service honored and respected, in peace and in war, throughout the world. I never, by word or deed, will bring reproach upon the fair name of my service, nor permit others to do so unchallenged. I will cheerfully and willingly obey all lawful orders. I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor to do more, rather than less, than my share. I will always be at my station, alert and attending to my duties. I shall, so far as I am able, bring to my seniors solutions, not problems. I shall live joyously, but always with due regard for the rights and privileges of others. I shall endeavor to be a model citizen in the community in which I live. I shall sell life dearly to an enemy of my country, but give it freely to rescue those in peril. With God’s help, I shall endeavor to one of His noblest Work ... A UNITED STATES COAST GUARDSMAN.

“The mission of the Coast Guard Academy is this: To graduate young men and women with sound bodies, stout hearts and alert minds, with a liking for the sea and its lore, with that high sense of

honor, loyalty and obedience which goes with trained initiative and leadership, well grounded in seamanship, the sciences and amenities, and strong in the resolve to be worthy of the traditions of commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard in the service of their country and humanity.

“Matthew, knowing full well that you have been judged deserving of this distinction, and believing you will rise to the many challenges con-

tained herein as you hold to the tenets of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty, and the hope that you will become a wise, compassionate and exemplary officer in due time, it is my pleasure to award you with your appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy.

“Congratulations, Mr. Perkins. We wish you well in this honorable endeavor. Semper Paratus!”

(More applause, as we shook Matt’s hand and exited the building.)

I feel that this kind of devotion to duty sets Cathian Surbrook far above the general rank and file of any organization, and the Auxiliary is very fortunate to have her in our ranks.

Thanks Cathian, you truly are great.

Submitted by John Skinner, ADSO-CC and Wally Younger, DSO-CC

DISTRICT TRAINING MEETING SEPTEMBER 2003

The Fall District Training Meeting and business conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, in Olympia, Washington, September 12, 13, 14. The hotel is located on Highway 101 and is close to a shopping mall.

Flotilla 38, Olympia and Division 3 invite you to our State Capital and beautiful Western Washington.

Come prepared to “Play Ball.” This will be the Friday Fun Night theme. This includes all kinds of ball: football, basketball, soccer, tennis — you get the idea. Come dressed representing your favorite team or player.

There is an agenda and registration form in this edition of Buoy 13. Please note the date of reservations. It is important that all registrations be in the hands of Jo Ann Grubb, D-AD, no later than August 30. This means NO registrations can be accepted after this date. The hotel has a “firm count on meals policy” and will not provide additional

meals after the cut off date. The cut off date for room reservations is 28 August 2003. Please send in your reservations early.

If you choose to fly, transportation from the Olympia Airport can be arranged by sending your arrival time to Jo Ann Grubb, joann2427@joimail.com.

Driving directions to the Red Lion Hotel:

1. From northbound or southbound on I-5: Take Exit #104 to Hwy 101 North. Get into the right lane immediately. Take the first right exit to Cooper Point Road, stay in the right lane. Turn right onto Cooper Point Road, move into the right turn only lane. Take the first right (at the ARCO Station) onto Evergreen Park Road. Take the first right (just past the ARCO Station) onto South Evergreen Park Road SW. At the “Morris Business Park” sign, turn right onto Lakeridge Way Street, the Red Lion Hotel is straight ahead.
2. From Southbound Hwy 101 take a right exit to Cooper Point Road, just beyond milepost 366. Turn left onto Cooper Point Road, cross Hwy 101 overpass. After crossing the overpass move into the right turn only lane. Take the first right (at the ARCO Station) onto Evergreen Park Road. Take the first right (just past the ARCO Station) onto South Evergreen Park Road SW. At the “Morris Business Park” sign turn right onto Lakeridge Way Street, the Red Lion Hotel is straight ahead.

Jo Ann Grubb D-AD



Katy Zundel
RCO-E

Our Eastern Area Training Conference was held in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Division 8 worked hard under Captain Dennis Hoppman to make this a successful and fun filled as well as informative conference. Kathleen Goodwin did an excellent job with arrangements, meals, activities, and trainings. Arranging a conference from afar through the winter left me depending on Kathleen for a lot of contacts. Many thanks to her, Dennis and Division 8.

One of the highlights of the conference was an on the water Scavenger Hunt Friday evening. Nearly every attendee took part in this fun event. Our trainings included a talk on Aquatic Nuisance Species, which was very informative and timely with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial coming up. We had a scuba diver show us many things he has found in our waters and Dave Cretol brought the *Sea Darter* for us to see. It is the boat Tristan Jones sailed all over the world. Dave had some great stories about Jones.

Division 10 won the travel trophy, figured on miles traveled by those attending.

Four qualified for patrol operations on their PWCs. Watching them train and be tested gave us a lot of enjoyment. This is a new and necessary program. It will be useful in helping patrol and do SARs on rivers during the next couple years while enthusiasts are retracing the Lewis and Clark water trails.

Eastern Area has taken my plea for recruiting and been working. Division 11 has signed up 20 new members, and one flotilla in 10 has four new members. I urge all of Eastern Area to keep up the good work and get those new Auxiliarists active.

Our area has been doing an excellent job with their PE classes. Some are even scheduled for this summer. We will total over 20 different classes, if all that are scheduled materialize.

For the Boating Safety Week, Ramp Vessel Examinations was the most used tool. One flotilla did 75 boats in two days. Another has just successfully tested

seven new examiners and they are working on their initial five boats. One student from Division 10 will be attending AIM this summer and another from Division 11 will be going to the Academy in the fall.

Public Education

The Mandatory Education Challenge

The prospect of Mandatory Boater Education becoming law creates unlimited opportunities for our public education program. Of course, Oregon already requires mandatory boater education. 2003 is the first year that Oregon will enforce the requirement for boaters 30 years of age and under. At last count, Oregon Marine Board estimated that there are over 5,000 boaters in that age group that have not yet taken a course to receive their cards. Oregon flotillas can probably fill as many short NASBLA-approved classes as they have the resources to teach. Not only the 5,000 in the 30 and under group are looking for classes, but also 40 and under group will have to have their cards in 2004 so they are looking for classes also.

The State of Washington will have a mandatory boater education law within the next two years. If you think that Oregon's numbers are big, consider that there are 260,000 registered boats in the State of Washington. If we estimate that there are two people operating each boat, then it becomes a really, really big job! There could be as high as 50,000 people per year for 10 years, looking for courses to take to meet this requirement. If your flotilla wants to be part of the action, then they need to take steps to get ready. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Learn how to teach the short NASBLA class, "Boating Safely."
2. Train teams of two people that work well together to teach the course.
3. Find places to teach the course such as marine stores, parks department and schools with

evening programs. (Agencies are more likely to give a room for a short period of time.)

4. Keep good records of people that have taken your courses. If they lose their certificates, they will ask for proof that they took a course.

5. Advertise — let people know where and when they can take classes.

6. Use the Intent to Teach form (use form 7023 electronic while on line on the National web site). List as many e-mail addresses as you want but include the following as a minimum: Bruce Miller, dsocs@d13aux; Boat U.S. courseline@boat.us.com and Keith Harding bkhardingwa@earthlink.net. This will advertise the class on Boat U.S. and the District web sites.

7. Develop, try out and revise your lesson plans and resources to implement your lesson plans (videos, overhead slides, or power point presentations, handouts and the state-supplied teaching kit).

8. Try teaching the class with different time formats, such as four hours and four hours, an eight hour class or, two hours per class session for four times. Evaluate and find out which one works best for you and your customers.

Our public education goal is simple. “Teach the basic boating safety topics to as many people as possible.” This means that we have to utilize our instructors’ time wisely.

A few people will still prefer to take the more comprehensive BS&S course but most will want to spend as few hours as possible to meet the new requirements.

Will you help meet the challenge?

Keith Harding DSO-PE-13

OPERATIONS REPORT

Kudos to the whole District 13 MT staff. My DIRAUX mailing this month contained letters for twenty-six new Crew and seven new Coxswains. They are much needed and were spread over the entire District and represent a tremendous amount of effort on the parts of both Trainers and Trainees.

Congratulations! There are some occasional glitches in POMS (Patrol Order Management System), such as the other day at Group Portland when, for no reason, some current facilities were dropped and had to be corrected, but over all, from what reports I have received, it is running much better and reimbursements are coming in two to three times faster than the old system.

Summer is upon us and the patrol schedules are intensifying. Be sure to keep up the maintenance on your facilities (and currency on personnel) as we can’t afford the loss of service of either people or facilities. The extra hours will take their toll, so please take the time to service and currency current.

It now appears that the Risk Management Training Course is NOT going to replace Team Coordination Training. A blanket waiver for all operational Auxiliary personnel to complete TCT by 31 May 2004 has been issued. From the looks of a TCT report for our district, we are in not too bad a shape, but we must get everyone covered by that date. It really behooves us to start planning our schedules to get it done before CG training funds run out again.

Bob Mell, DSO-OP

(ed: A reminder. District 13 is a beta site for POMS. During this test phase we may have a few glitches.)

Rear Admiral Jeffrey M. Garrett
13th District Commander
United States Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Jeffrey M. Garrett was the U.S. Coast Guard Director of Resources, responsible for the Coast Guard's budget, programming, long-range planning and policy development processes. He managed execution of the Coast Guard's Operating Expenses and Acquisition, Construction and Improvements appropriations and directed the performance planning and reporting function. RADM Garrett was selected for flag rank in 2001.

Upon graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1974, RADM Garrett was assigned to the commissioning crew of USCGC *Polar Star* (WAGB 10) as Communications Officer and deck watch officer. He served on the WIND-class icebreaker *Burton Island* (WAGB 283) as First Lieutenant and Navigator during three deployments to the Arctic and Antarctic. RADM Garrett subsequently served as Commanding Officer on the USCGC *Mobile Bay* (WTGB 103), a small icebreaker in the Great Lakes. His other afloat assignments include duty as Executive Officer on the medium endurance cutter USCGC *Active* (WMEC 618), and again in both Polar Regions while on the *Polar Star* as Executive Officer. As Commanding Officer of USCGC *Polar Sea* (WAGB 11), he completed three polar deployments to the Western Arctic and to Antarctica.

RADM Garrett's shore assignments include watch officer duties at Vessel Traffic

Service Prince William Sound in Valdez, Alaska; in the ice Operations Division at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters; and as a program reviewer in the Programs Division at Headquarters. RADM Garrett holds a Master of Science degree in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School. He was also a research fellow while attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1992-93), followed by a return to Headquarters as Assistant Chief of the Programs Division. His most recent assignment was as Chief of Operations for the Pacific Area.

RADM Garrett became the first Commanding Officer of USCGC *Healy* (WAGB 20), the nation's newest polar icebreaker and the Coast Guard's largest cutter; upon delivery of the ship by Litton-Avondale Industries on November 10, 1999. He commanded *Healy* through shakedown operations and ice trials in the Eastern Arctic in early 2000, followed by transit through Northwest Passage to homeport in Seattle, Washington.

RADM Garrett's military awards include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (two awards); USCG Commendation Medal (two awards); USCGC Achievement Medal (two awards); USCG Unit Commendation; USCG Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards); Antarctic Service Medal (four awards) and USCGC Arctic Service Medal (five awards).

RADM Garrett is married to the former Sally Diane Moore and has two children, Krista and Carl.



**Glen Antrim: Flotilla 11-04. 910 Barger Lane,
 Nampa, Idaho**



Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary on dock at Rainier, bringing in the ships for the 2003 Rose Festival.

Photo by Archie Murphy

New ID Cards

All PS officers should be informed that in District 13 all new member applications, from June 1st on, must also contain the Aux ID Form along with a digital photo of the applicant taken in front of the RED back ground. The applicant needs to be in a tropical blue uniform shirt. Since the old style ID cards are no longer available, the digital photos are what we must use.

Shirley Blanchett

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effort to recognize the efforts of your fellow Auxiliarists and start submitting them for awards now! Jot down what they have done, format does not matter! We will write the award. Just give us bullets that describe what you are trying to recognize (see, I am trying to remove an obstacle!). Then make a plan to see them receive that award at our next district meeting in September in Olympia! Nothing is better than a full house packed with the very best of America's Volunteer Lifesavers!

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supporting their boating community, the CG Forces, and ultimately our Country.

We have a vast amount of human resources in District 13 and room for many more. We cover a wide variety of backgrounds with a common intent of achieving many positive goals while helping others within our boating community. I ask that each dedicated member who is willing to continue with a positive attitude and goal in mind, continue within this organization.

It is extremely important that we continue to elect the best qualified person, qualified by their positive attitude and approach, who remain a responsible person that can stand fast and say, the buck stops here, and I want our membership to succeed.

If you fit this description, you still have time to get qualified and compete for an elected office.

Have a great USCG Auxiliary day,

Dan Neiderhiser, DCO-13

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The Shanghai Restaurant provided dinner for Saturday night festivities. With 146 people in attendance it appeared to be a bit hectic at times and you really had to like your neighbor. With what seemed like a 10-course meal, I am confident that no one went away hungry.

After dinner, CDR. R. Roberts, head of Homeland Security for MSO Puget Sound, spoke of the growing support by the Auxiliary and our relationship with the Coast Guard. The evening was capped off with a brief awards ceremony, closing remarks by Director of Auxiliary LCDR Boodell, Vice Commodore Bradbury and District Commodore Neiderhiser. Jack and Jo Ann Grubb, FL38, then took charge of the drawing and distribution of prizes. By the end of the evening just nearly everyone was in tears from laughter.

A HARPAT training session was held on Sunday morning. As I look back on those three days I can really appreciate the camaraderie, the and sharing of ideas and the fellowship. Watching the dynamics of that weekend made me realize just how much talent we have in our area and the great resources that are available to assist you in meeting your goal. With continued communications between divisions and flotillas, there's no limit to what we can accomplish as a team.

The district store was set up and visited by many. A special T-shirt portraying "GNATS Swat Team," designed by Division IV, was also sold at the training session.

I must once again thank all those responsible for organizing the weekend. A very special "THANK YOU" goes to those members of Division IV and especially to the wives whose efforts, although non-members of the auxiliary, helped greatly in making GNATS the success that it was. It was not an easy task putting the program together, regardless of how smoothly everything seemed to run. I hope that everyone who attended walked away with something, if only meeting a new friend.

Scenes from GNATS, courtesy of Fred Bell



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voting body review the Standing Rules, District 13 (see Article 4).

Additional information on Auxiliary Structure is located in Chapter 4 of the Auxiliary Manual.

Following the election of District RCO's, leadership at the DCP/VCP and FC/VFC should follow during the October through November 2003 time frame. Again, it is important that the leadership level selected be selected because they are the best person for that position; that they have demonstrated in their membership capacity to be a positive person with well-established positive goals with team involvement. The person seeking an elected position must be willing to perform to their maximum ability to inspire cooperation and encourage fellowship among the members who elected them to office. Each member of District 13 Auxiliary belongs to a flotilla, and this is the level that selection and election of the best officers takes place. The flotilla level is the fabric of our organization and must remain strong.

Occasionally, I see, read or hear from members who appear disgruntled and negative toward the leadership in their flotilla or higher, including appointed officers. It occurs to me that they prefer to demand a leadership role in a well-structured organization yet refuse to seek an elected position. This action becomes the genesis of a clique that invariably leads to a weak organization.

Members who strive to become elected leaders want to spend their time leading, guiding, and assisting those who joined this organization. Members join the Auxiliary to regain some youthful opportunities to learn, to be socially interactive, perform and participate in a positive manner, while

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1100 - 1145	Free time to visit the store	Room TBD
1200 - 1330	Awards Luncheon	Ball Room
	ISAR Team Announcement	
	Guest Speaker	
1345 - 1530	DSO-PS, DSO-CC, AIM, Academy, Recruiting	Room TBD
1545 - 1645	ATON Presentation	Room TBD
1545 - 1645	Kayak Pilot Program Project Update	Room TBD
1800 - 1830	No Host Social	Ball Room
1830 - 2130	Awards Banquet	Ball Room
	Presentation of Awards	
	Guest Speaker RADM Garrett	

Note: Materials Center open Saturday from 0900 to 1145 and from 1330 to 1700

Sunday 14 September

0800 - 0930	Past Captains Breakfast	
0930 - 1000	EXCOM Out Brief	Room TBD

Uniform of the Day:

- Thursday and Friday: Casual Civilian Attire
- Saturday Meeting: Tropical Blue Long, Service Dress Blue Bravo
- Saturday Evening: Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue, or Appropriate Civilian Attire.
- Sunday: Casual Civilian Attire

Auxiliarists or guests who do not have the prescribed uniform of the day may wear appropriate civilian attire that is consistent with the types of uniforms prescribed. (informal, semi-formal, formal, as dictated by event.

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Training/Conference

District Thirteen Meeting

Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, Washington

September 12, 13, 14, 2003

I am enclosing my check for \$_____, made payable to "13th Coast Guard Auxiliary." Mail to: Jo Ann Grubb, D-AD, 327 Logger Ct. SE, Olympia, WA 98503. Questions? Please call 360-438-6848 or e-mail joann2427@joimail.com

Registration Fee \$5.00 per person x _____ = _____

(all those attending any function)

Fun Night *

Honey Glazed Ham \$19.50 x _____ = _____

Saturday Luncheon *

Chicken Dijon \$13.50 x _____ = _____

Saturday Banquet *

Sirloin Steak \$22.50 x _____ = _____

Past Captains Breakfast

French Toast \$10.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL _____

* Required for reimbursable orders.

If you have special dietary needs please indicate here.

Dinner reservations with check must be received by August 30, 2003. This means NO registrations will be accepted after this date. The hotel has a "firm count on meals policy" and will not provide additional meals after the cut off date. If you cancel you must do so by August 30, or you will not receive a refund. Please send your registration early.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Make hotel reservation with: Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98502

Phone 360-943-4000. The Group Name is "Coast Guard Auxiliary District Thirteen."

The room rates are \$69.00 Single/Double Occupancy or \$79.00 Triple/Quad Occupancy.

Hotel reservation deadline: August 28, 2003. After that date, rates will increase.



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