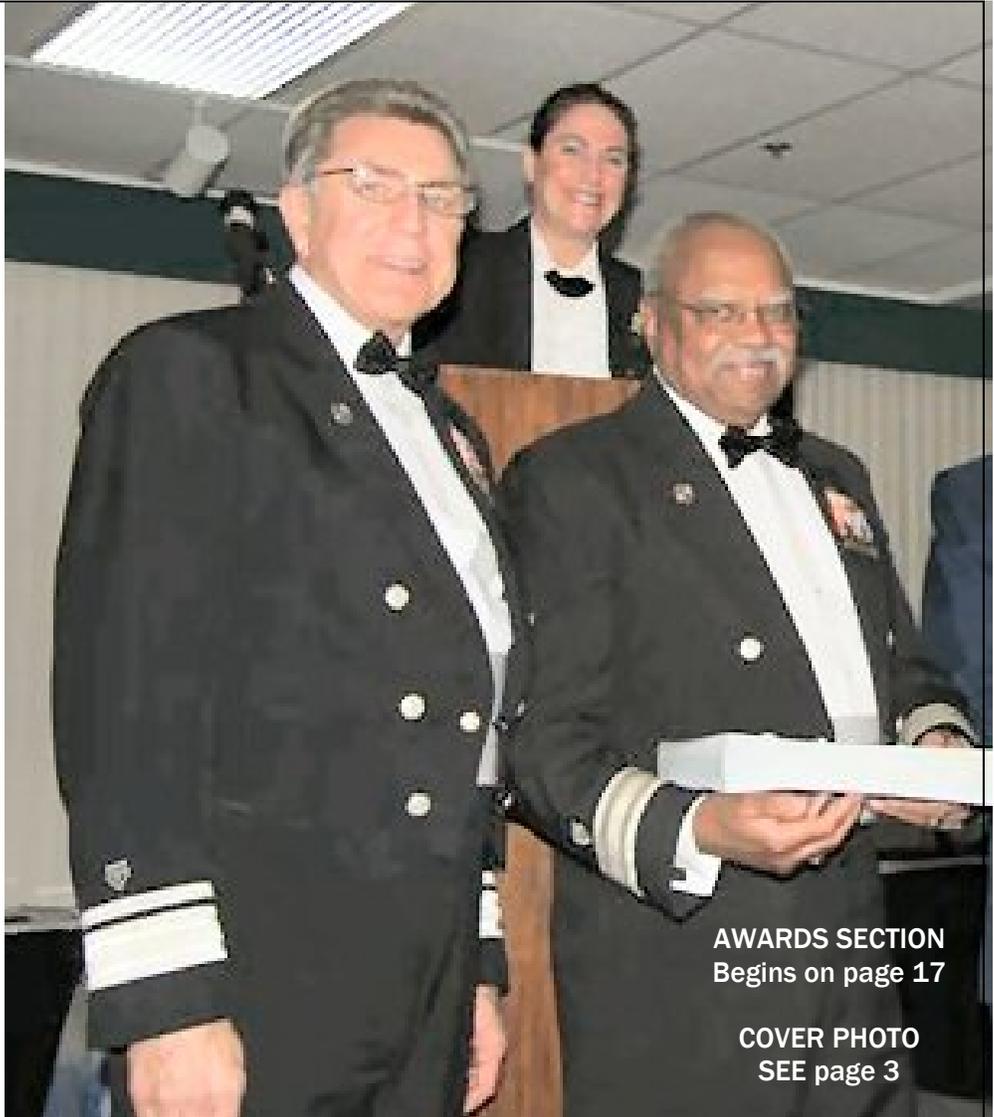


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Shown at right, COMO Fred D. Bell.
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Director of the Auxiliary

Kelly A. Boodell, LCDR, USCG, Thirteenth District

While many of you have been involved with other activities during the off season, it is time to start thinking about the 2006 Boating Season! Before we can do that, there are a few items that I must first address.

As many of you know, springtime also brings the transfer season. This year, we are saying good-bye to some true friends and are welcoming new ones. On behalf of myself, and all of you, I would like to say good bye to one of the best Operations Training Officers (OTO) that our district has ever had: CWO4 Paul Bellona, after 33 years, is retiring in June. When Paul retires, he will be staying in the Spanaway, Washington area. His lovely wife Mary and awesome son Shawn are all members of Flotilla 33, so, fortunately, we do not really have to say good-bye. During Paul's tenure we noted record achievements: the Sea Ark training program, incredible strides in properly outfitting our boat crew community with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), fully supporting D-13's participation in the ISAR (international Search and Rescue) competition and the strengthening of the standards for all of the Coxswain's and Crew. Paul, thank you for a job well done!



Kelly A. Boodell, LCDR, USCG

Guess what! Paul's replacement has been identified! He reported in April. We are very lucky to have overlap so that Paul can give him some training before he leaves. CWO2 Tim Tully will be reporting in from the CGC Healy! Welcome aboard Tim!

Captains Ashley and Boothe will be retiring this spring. We are very lucky that we were served by their strong advocacy and support. However, old friends are returning to the Thirteenth to fill their places. Captain Tedric Lindstrom will be the Response Division and Captain William Devereaux will be the Prevention Division Chief. We welcome both of you!

Please join me in welcoming Barbara Rockfort of Flotilla 56 as the appointed Director's Aide for the Awards Team (AWT) in the Southern Area and in welcoming Mike Mayers of Flotilla 11 as the appointed Director's Aide for the Awards Team in the Northern Area. We are still looking for someone for the Eastern Area! Consider inviting Barbara and Mike to your division functions to talk about awards! You need not choose the appropriate award nor do you need to write the citations. Just tell the AWT the story and they will take it from there! Don't forget our awards website at <http://www.volunteerlifesavers.org/awt> where members can use a very simple fill-in form to get the ball rolling.

The requirements for the suitability determination program have just been relaxed. For most of you, including the entire boat crew program, only an OS is now required. You no longer have to complete the SF-86. So, please complete your paperwork. Each and every one of you is vital to making our organization succeed. We cannot afford to lose you. If you think there is something embarrassing in your past, I promise you that I have probably already seen the issue and have successfully handled it. Ask your FC to contact me and we will help you get through this! I am sure you probably feel that there have been a lot of things dumped on you lately. I know that many of you are frustrated; some of you have even said that this hasn't been as much fun as it used to be. Well, let's get through this hurdle and figure out how we can fix those things! I want to thank you for sticking with the program and supporting the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. The present leaders are some of the most dynamic and impressive people that I have ever worked with. If you are on the fence as to whether push forward with the PSI requirements or not, I am making a plea to you and am asking that you do not give up on us.

Your energy and enthusiasm are what keep the CG Auxiliary strong and we are headed to some amazing places! Lets have a safe and prosperous 2006 Boating Season!

DISTRICT THIRTEEN COMMODORE

COMO Fred D. Bell, USCG Auxiliary

As we head into the 2006 recreational boating season let us be reminded that we, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, are the world's premier "RBS" specialists.

In District 13 we have accepted mission responsibility to support the development and implementation of various RBS programs and we will execute this vital program throughout the District. Our mission includes the traditional activities conducted on behalf of federal, state and local governments to improve the knowledge, safety skills and operating environment of recreational boaters.

We will increase and improve our Public Education programs; we will enhance and expand the Vessel Examination program and we will greatly widen the distribution of RBS literature to the boating public via the Visitation programs. For the purpose of enhancing RBS and the images of both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, we will liaison, where appropriate, with other organizations, committees, groups, clubs, associations and enterprises. To the world and your fellow Americans, the CGA is the Gold Standard when it comes to teaching, pursuing supporting RBS



COMO Fred D. Bell

We must continue to increase our membership to meet our need for additional instructors. We must train those instructors and then we must coordinate our class schedules geographically to maximize utilization of those skills. We must focus on meeting the challenge of mandatory boating education laws with an emphasis on America's Boating Course, while at the same time we must develop and use "Value Added" short courses to supplement ABC classes.

There is a need to develop and implement a Children's Public Education Program, working with elementary schools whenever possible, and offering public education classes for the average recreational fisherman and/or hunter.

Finally, we must rethink the idea of eliminating Boating Education Classes throughout the summer. The need for classes in the summer is there, it is time to recognize what the public is asking for and deliver it!

In addition to our focus on RBS, there are other opportunities to augment Coast Guard personnel and services if you so desire. Auxiliary members are performing a number of tasks in direct support to the active duty personnel. Many of these tasks require qualifications, training and coordination. In an effort to make this a simple process, we have put several procedures in place: there is an easy-to-access data base where you can identify your areas of expertise, experience, skills and interest. There are members of the Auxiliary who have knowledge of opportunities to assist the active duty and they monitor this data base for connections. In order to best coordinate this effort we are planning to assign an Auxiliary Person-of-Contact to each Coast Guard Command.

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Blueprinting Tomorrow



CHIEF OF STAFF

Bruce L. Miller, Vice Commodore, District Thirteen

One of the things I value the most about the Auxiliary is the friendships that I've developed with this group of dedicated people.

As I write this, I'm thinking about later this year when some of those friends will be leaving us because they have not met the requirement of submitting their PSI paperwork. If you are like me, there are too many things to do and not enough time; please take a few minutes and meet this requirement. If, however, you have made a conscious decision to not fill out the paperwork, I respect that decision, and we all will miss you.



Bruce L. Miller VCO

HERE'S A COUPLE OF OTHER QUESTIONS TO PONDER —

Have you found someone to join the Auxiliary? All we need to double our strength is for each of us to recruit one person. I know we believe in what we are doing and it is within our power to share that with others by having them join us.

If we don't inspect recreational boats or teach classes to keep people safe, who will? We have within our power the ability to help the boaters in the Pacific Northwest from hurting themselves and others. All we have to do is conduct a Vessel Safety Check or teach a boating safety class. How are you helping this effort?

I hope you all have a safe summer. ☆

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I have already assigned such a person to the five major commands, Astoria, North Bend, Port Angeles, Portland and Seattle. To each of these commands, I have appointed an Auxiliary Coordinator (AUX-C). This is a rather significant position and provides not only exposure to Auxiliary resources and talents but increased responsibility as well.

The persons of contact (POC) will assist the AUX-C by working with the active duty personnel at the smaller commands and identifying additional opportunities for the Auxiliary members to become "Value Added."

In spite of all the activities we involve ourselves in, our main focus must always be "people first." We are our greatest asset; we are family and we must never forget that. Our role, as leaders, is to provide direction, understanding and compassion. We must look after our own.

I am personally asking you to adopt the new member, provide assistance, mentor and make sure they have a growth plan in place. Seek out opportunities to involve them and above all else, remember, we are in this together to have fun. Enjoy every moment.

Thank you very much for all that you do. Thank you also for the support that you have given to your Bridge.



REAR COMMODORES REPORTING

Well, it seems that all the cards are on the table now and our Northern Area has been dealt a sizeable challenge.

With the passage of Mandatory Boating laws in Washington State, the challenge of providing quality boating education falls directly on the Northern Area. Working as a team I know we can accomplish this Herculean task using resources from all divisions and providing the "America's Boating Course" class in greater numbers. Let us not forget that the majority of boaters live in our area and their boats are located here also. This gives the area a hard-to-surpass opportunity.

Along with education, we have vessel safety checks; and we should not let our new member recruitment opportunities fall by the way side. VE and Instructor classes are given throughout the year. I would like to encourage new and not-so-new members to look into getting these qualifications.

RCO-NORTH
Ted Schiesswohl



RCO-EAST

E. JR Addington



Greetings from the "Newbie/Rookie" as a couple of my counterparts called me. As many may, or may not, know, I have replaced Dennis Hoppman as RCO-E.

I have confidence that the Eastern area will have a lot of new and interesting training and activities this summer and will as always let the rest of the District over the mountains know that the Eastern Area is part of the team and we have a good number of missions to meet the Coast Guard requirements.

As we say down South. -- Y'all come visit us some time! See for your elves. The welcome mat is always out.

RCO-SOUTH
Frank Ramer



Getting started in a new position is a real challenge. There are new areas, many new Auxiliarists, and new variations on program application. It has been quite interesting.

Some of the issues that are facing the Southern Area include the acquisition of two facilities provided by other than Auxiliary owners. In Division 5 they are working with ZODIAC to obtain a seven-meter fully equipped diesel powered craft and Division 6 is working with the Yamhill County sheriff for a provided ex-Coast Guard UTL. Both of these craft will be put to work in areas that need RBS presence.

Interesting developments include establishment of the Bend, OR Flotilla and the standing up of the Oregon City Detachment.

With the start of the ISAR training and the completion of the Division 7 Coxswain / Crew Academy with 46 participants we are tooling up for a high visibility, safe boating season.

AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR 2005

Compiled by B.J. Schiesswohl DSO-PB

Robert C. Sund is not unlike many achieving Auxiliarists in this wonderful organization, but, he is definitely exceptional. For several decades he has poured thousands of volunteer hours into the good of the boating community. He has not, however, been recognized in such a prestigious manner as he was this February at the Winter Conference in Clackamas, Oregon when he was presented with the District 13 Auxiliarist of the Year 2005 award.

A primary witness to Sund's volunteer services is Division 5 Captain Larry Karan. Karan reports that Bob Sund has "become a father figure" to the new coastguardsmen who struggle to adjust to the northwest's challenging conditions. Bob Sund has been a great asset helping both new and seasoned CG personnel by taking his boat out onto the river to assist them with area familiarization as well as with on-the-water training such as towing exercises. He should know the local waters well. He has reported over 9,000 hours of Direct Operational Support to the U.S. Coast Guard in Oregon's waters.

At some time past, Bob Sund was a watch stander at U.S. Coast Guard Station Umpqua and five year ago he



Robert D. Sund FC 55
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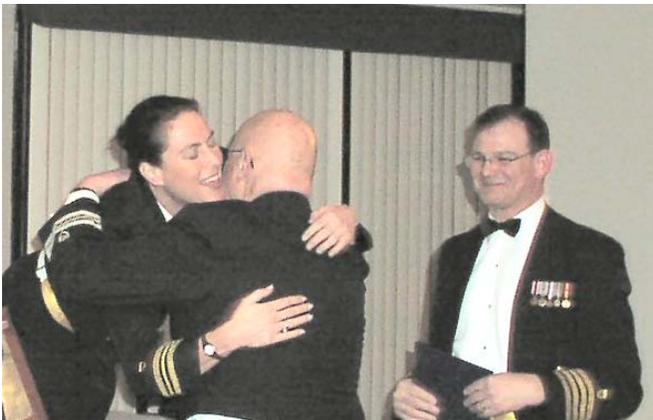
qualified as Officer of the Deck/Day (OOD) and he continues to perform his weekly duties for the Umpqua station.

Sund is active in three RBS programs and is currently serving his fourth term as the Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 55, Umpqua River — the only flotilla he has been a member of since joining the Auxiliary in 1984.

Larry Karan DCP 5 also credits Bob Sund with playing a significant role in bringing in nine new or transferred members to FL 55 in 2005.

Nominees for "Auxiliarist of the Year" must exemplify high standards of participation, performance and support of Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary activities and programs, including self-development training and qualification achievement. (nominees) must be active in at least one (1) cornerstone program.

According to DCOINST I-04011, one or more Auxiliarists per year may be nominated by Flotilla Commanders throughout the district who are encouraged to submit "best of the best" to the division level where the DCP endorses the selection and submits it to the District Awards Committee for competition at the D-13 level. ☆



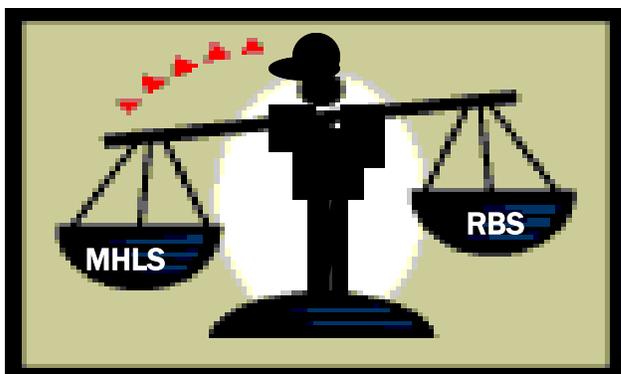
Above, getting a hug from Kelly A. Boodell, DIRAUX, at the Winter Conference Saturday night banquet is the District Thirteen Auxiliarist of the Year 2005, Robert C. Sund of Flotilla 55. At right is the Thirteenth District Chief of Prevention, Captain Miles "Chip" Booth, USCG.

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BALANCING THE MISSIONS

Need to Balance MHLS with RBS Missions Prompts D-13 Promise to Meet Impending Needs

BONNIE J. SCHIESSWOHL Flotilla 22, Bellevue, Washington



In a 2005 address, National Commodore Gene M. Seibert advised us that we need to face what General Colin Powell calls “the untidy truth.” Powell has written that *“untidy truth is better than smooth lies that unravel in the end anyway.”* NACO Seibert’s point was that *“we need leaders who ask the tough questions that keep everyone on their toes.”* Why? *“When change occurs without corresponding growth, we can become weak and ineffective, and possibly even perish.”* In effect, we are to sustain our focus while pro-actively posturing ourselves (versus a “wait and see” indifference.) *“We must remain flexible and yet maintain a delicate balance between our traditional missions and our new homeland security- related duties,”* he said. The message remains current this spring 2006.

Nearly 32,000 Auxiliarists nationwide are involved in all levels of volunteer activities. Localized observations indicate we are reeling with changes in progress now, and overwhelmed by unclear notions of those projected for ‘then.’

National Area Commodore, Atlantic-West, Kenneth J. Koeppen (ARCO-A(W)), National’s representative to the D-13 Winter Conference at Clackamas, Oregon has said that he, too, has been “plunged into a series of meetings to prepare ourselves for the ensuing years.”

We’re grateful, then, that District Thirteen was privileged to meet Commodore Koeppen at the District Thirteen Winter Conference in Clackamas, Oregon this February. While his conference presentation focused on impact and losses sustained by Auxiliarists from Hurricane Katrina, his broader

point was that we need to go forward with a positive, uncomplaining attitude. This cited attitude appears to be key to handling what is being asked of the Auxiliary membership today.

Whether you call the evolving alterations that continue to create ‘new normalcy’ in the Auxiliary “change” or a more positively connoted term such as “transformation” does not matter. The alterations impact us at all levels of administration and activities whatever we call them. Handling the impact is the real challenge.



Kenneth J. Koeppen ARCO-A(W)
AUX Photo/B.J. Schiesswohl

Some months back, per Commodore Koeppen, Auxiliary districts were asked by National Commodore Gene Seibert to *“develop their own business plans in conjunction with the national business plan and your Coast Guard District Commander’s plan.”*

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“We must remain flexible and yet maintain a delicate balance between our traditional missions and our new homeland security-related duties.”

It's all part of the challenge to balance Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) missions with Maritime Homeland Security (MHLS.) The Auxiliary's traditional roles in D-13 are, per local feedback, sometimes awkwardly positioned against the ever-changing, and sometimes aggressively levied roles of MHLS participation. Yet, the 2006-2007 USCGAUX Business Plan points out Commodore Seibert's warning that "It is important that we view these two mission areas (Homeland Security and Recreational Boating Safety) not as conflicting, but as complementary to each other."

In 2002 NACO had pointed out that "By the Auxiliary increasing its efforts in RBS, it frees active duty resources for homeland security. In short, RBS missions contribute not only to boating safety but also to homeland security." Commodore Koeppen pointed out in a recent *Navigator* article, "our roles will become increasingly more secu-

...rity-oriented." We can see that already. In D-13, Auxiliarist security issues involve not only homeland security in general but Personal Security Investigations (PSI) in particular. As he said, "We will have met a security challenge on completion of the (PSI) process and will be able to proceed forward in security-sensitive issues and programs. As we become more involved in the planning and implementation of Coast Guard programs."



CAPT Robert Parker, Chief of Staff, USCG, Thirteenth District

Captain Robert Parker, Chief of Staff, USCG, Thirteenth District, praised the Auxiliary at the D-13 Winter Conference in Clackamas, calling it, "What I believe is the best volunteer organization in the world." He acknowledged that Auxiliarists "have freely given their services nationwide...in hundreds of thousands of marine events." In light of

this, Captain Parker bestowed a challenge to District Thirteen, saying, "We clearly live in a different world now, and it calls for a different standard.. Will we be ready in time?"

These issues bring to mind the National plan's advisory that "the Auxiliary can no longer go with the flow." According to statements in National's 2005-2006 Plan, if the RBS missions are to be accomplished (while continuing to meet Coast Guard direct and backfill support needs) "formalized agreements" based on "a defined set of expectations" need to be worked out within each district.

Commodore Bell has been working on his own D-13 plan for 2006, cognitive of this guidance. Allaying the fears related to balancing MHLS interests with the mandatory boater education needs that are arising in Washington State, Commodore Fred Bell reminded D-13 members attending the Winter Conference at Clackamas that he has "a plan." He addressed the rising concerns about fulfilling our RBS mission responsibilities within all four states of this district. "I want to make it abundantly clear, he said. The job will get done." "We will meet the challenge," he told the roomful of Auxiliarists gathered at the Saturday morning General Meeting at Clackamas. His pro-active slogan? — Develop, Organize, Implement. #

“Integrity” was the most frequently looked up word on the Merriam-Webster web site in 2005. The word is integral to the Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty values of the United States Coast Guard. What does the word “integrity” mean? Here’s the Merriam-Webster definition:

1. Firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values: INCORRUPTIBILITY
2. An unimpaired condition: SOUNDNESS
3. The quality or state of being complete or undivided: COMPLETENESS

New DSO-MT Plies Old Skills To Train FCs

By B.J. Schiesswohl DSO-PB
Based on data supplied by Tom
Osborn DSO-MT

Forty-five of the forty-nine District Thirteen (D-13) flotillas were represented at a Flotilla Commander (FC) Training held in mid-February at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon, immediately prior the District Thirteen Winter Conference 2006.

Thanks to the leadership and teamwork skills of the District Thirteen Member Training Officer (DSO-MT) Tom Osborn, the training has been deemed a success. Osborn's home flotilla is Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Flotilla 84. He was one of the last Master Instructors to be qualified as such in the 'old' Instructor Program. He began instructing long before he was an Auxiliarist. "I love to teach," he says. And the class feedback suggests they love to listen to him. His instruction methods rated high on the post-FC Training classroom evaluations.

Osborn, who serves as the current D-13 Member Training Officer (DSO-MT), is also the Division 8 and Flotilla 84 Member Training Officer. His ability to pull together an instruction program for Flotilla Commanders with a cadre of Instructors from six of D-13's ten divisions, in relatively short notice, shows his team coordination skills as well. While working from his home in Idaho to get the staff together, he was aided in Oregon by Ken Anderson, Division 7. "Without him on site, things would not have run as smooth as they did," said Osborn, who is quick to add credit to the six Instructors, some of whom taught more than one session. In addition, not only did DIRAUX fund the sets of orders, Group Portland and Sector Seattle did their parts in providing access to equipment so the Instructors could make hundreds of photocopied handouts and CDs.

The dominant commentary from class feedback was the suggestion that the Flotilla Commander Training course be offered in the late fall, after the officer elections. ***



Thomas L. Osborn Sr. DSO-MT
Photo provided by T.L. Osborn

"It was a group effort by the Instructors and myself."



Shown above, l. to r., Instructors David St.Amand FC 84; Kenneth Anderson SO-MT 7; Joseph Engel BC-ANC; Anthony Schiro FSO-MT 11-07; Irena Durrant FSO-PA 82; Bonnie Schiesswohl DSO-PB; Tom Osborn Sr. DSO-MT.
AUX Photo/Peter Kirschner



Below, left, attentive Flotilla Commanders take instruction at one of the many FC Training sessions of February 14 and 15. Shown seated at far right, front row, is Ken Anderson of Division 7. Anderson assisted the DSO-MT with coordinating the set-up of the FC Training at Clackamas, Oregon. AUX Photo/B.J. Schiesswohl

SUPERIOR HANDLING OF DOUBLE

This reprint of Ernie Salotti's article "SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE!", February 2006 edition of *Alert II* (the unit newsletter of Flotilla II, Bellingham, Washington) has been altered with updated report figures provided by Maggie Albert FC II. All photos in this article provided by Barbara Burchfield.

By ERNIE SALOTTI VFC 11, Bellingham, Washington

PUBLIC EDUCATION: What a way to go!

A Northern Area Flotilla was happily shocked when their very first Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class of 2006 tallied up to nearly twice the number of pre-registrants.



AUX Photos/ Barbara Burchfield



Shown above, eager boaters from the greater Bellingham area of Western Washington listen and learn to improve their boating and seamanship skills.



Shown above, l. to r., BS&S class members Lisa Balton and daughter Elsa Balton are ready to practice their knot tying skills.

It was time. Everything seemed under control. The BS&S class was set to be held in Room "D" at St. Luke's Education Center on Squalicum Parkway. Everything had been in place early. Coffee was on and refreshments ready. The Instructors, PowerPoint, projector and materials were in place. Finance Officer Penelope Milczewski, and several assistants were prepared for a possible handful of late-comers who may need to pay for the course.

Little did they imagine that, between the ➡

BS&S REGISTRANT TURNOUT



Shown above, l. to r., BS&S class members Dillon, Charlie and Tony Griffith tie a weather hitch to a cleat while mom Vicki Griffith watches.

efforts of their new Public Affairs Officer, Barbara Burchfield, and the effectiveness of the Coast Guard’s Public Affairs ‘pier system’, that word of the BS&S class would clearly get out to their local media! Nor did they expect wide interest in a class that takes a dozen sessions to complete. By 1815 that evening, the Auxiliarists presenting the program began observing a steady stream of traffic flowing through the doorway. They had received information stating that they could sign-up on the evening of the first class. There were thirty-one of them!

Neither room was large enough to accommodate the entire group, Flotilla 11’s PE team had planned for the 35 who pre-registered, “plus a few.” They got 66 – including six youth between the ages of 10 and 16 – making it a ‘family affair’ for some of the class members who sought to improve their safe boating skills.

“At 1815 ... a steady stream of traffic (was observed) flowing through the doorway.”

The pliable instruction team was immediately challenged to balance logistics with curriculum on the spot. With M. J. Neil FSO-SR, John Milczewski FSO-PE and Instructor Ernie Salotti VFC 11 on one teaching team, and Mike Mayers FSO-MS and H.F. Burchfield FL 11 on the suddenly solicited “other”, they split the class. They acquired Room “C” and then alternated class turns to receive the PowerPoint instruction in Room “D” where the projector and computer had been originally set up.

In reflection, Ernie Salotti says he was not surprised that “Flotilla 11 has such a wonderful group of well-qualified members who can come through in a time of need such as this first BS&S Class.” In all, 13 Instructors were scheduled.

While the big push in the State of Washington is to qualify boaters to meet the requirements for mandatory safe boating education, it appears that boaters are still looking for quality instruction at the next level. Who better than the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to come through with excellence? ***

THE SMOKE IS FAKE THE VOLUNTEERS ARE GENUINE

Based on a Report from Irene Connor, Flotilla 84 Coeur d'Alene

The absence of active duty Coast Guard presence in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho has not kept our eastern D-13 Auxiliarists from contributing services to their community beyond traditional Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) venues — nor from training in programs that are just plain smart in terms of “help yourself” survival.

On Friday, 25 March 2006, four members of Flotilla 84 participated in a drill led by the Citizen Corp national program, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT.) The training program's final drill for the students was a make believe bomb threat exercise at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Marine Building. The scenario posed a bomb explosion which resulted in the feigned deaths of several persons and recreated the havoc of this type of trauma as screaming actors pretended to suffer severe injuries. The choking effect of fake fires and smoke demonstrated the challenges of assisting in an emergency like this. Noisy “victims” added plenty of sound effect.

Bravo Zulu to these spunky, non-complacent District 13 Auxiliarists!



Above, l. to r., CERT emergency exercise participants Bonnie Kesson SO-SR 8; Kathleen Goodwin (behind those goggles) FSO-VE; Tom Connor FSO-PB 84 and Irene Connor VFC 84. Photo provided by Irene Connor

Pushing for Emergency Preparedness



By JR Addington FL 82 Spokane Valley
 [Updated Reprint from *Little Toots*, by Permission]

We have heard about it for as long as we can remember. “The Big One” is coming. When I was a member of District 8 Coastal Region, this was said about the Gulf Coast and it did come when Hurricane Katrina roared ashore on 29 Aug 2005. In 8CR we lived with hurricanes and tornados yearly from May through September. There, emergency preparedness was not just something you talked about — it was a way of life. But, even there the average citizen, and even Auxiliary members in the coastal flotillas, were not prepared for Katrina.

Since moving out here to the Northwest I have heard the same thing. The “Big One” is coming. Maybe not a hurricane or tornado, but the big earthquake or other natural disaster may hit the West Coast and even the Inland Northwest. Washington is long overdue for a fairly large earthquake.

What about wildfires, mud slides and rock falls, or snow storms and ice storms? Are the flotilla members of District 13 prepared?

Whether it’s preparing for an earthquake, a wild fire or for getting out of a home in a fire, there is a national trend pushing citizens for emergency preparedness. Whether it is spurred on by a disaster like Katrina, or just a general feeling that the “Big One” will come sooner or later, learning how to take care of yourself is becoming a survival trend.

In any kind of a disaster, there is no way to know what is going to happen. From a fuel tanker spill to an earthquake, everyone needs to be able to take care of themselves for at

least 72 hours.

“In a disaster, the resources (paramedics, fireman, police and, yes, the Coast Guard, will be taxed and may not be available”.

This is what the flotillas in the northeastern part of Division Eight are getting trained and prepared for through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

What is Community Emergency Response Training? It is a program designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. It also prepares you to be able to provide emergency volunteer personnel to assist regular emergency services personnel where needed.

In the CERT 28-hour to 32-hour training program, you are trained in basic self-help and mutual-aid emergency functions such as disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, disaster medical operations, light

search and rescue, CERT/ICS organization, disaster psychology, disaster communications, terrorism awareness, techniques for dealing with handicapped and/or disabled individuals, hazardous chemicals and materials, and emergency resources. Training is concluded with an emergency simulation exercise.

Six members of Flotilla 82, Jon Hall; Richard Rolland; Shirley Swingley; Dan Thomas; Stan Walthall and JR Addington, and one member of Flotilla 81, Gloria Hellard, just completed the CERT training conducted by Spokane County. Four members of Flotilla 84, Kathy Goodwin; Bonnie Kesson; Irene Connor and Tom Conner recently concluded CERT in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho with an emergency simulation of a bombing disaster.

CERT training is supportive and related to many of the Auxiliary operational programs and missions. CERT is a National and State program available in most of our communities. To find the nearest CERT coordinator to you, just look up CERT on the internet.

NEW DIRAUX OTO ON BOARD

Data provided by Kelly A. Boodell, LCDR, USCG

The Director would like you to meet her new Assistant Director-in-training who came aboard in April as the next USCG Operations Training Officer (OTO.) As has been demonstrated by the hard work of the current OTO, CW04 Paul Bellona, the Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) leans heavily on the coordination skills, reliability and efficiency of the Assistant Director.

CWO2 Timothy R. Tully is replacing Chief Warrant Officer Paul Bellona who is retiring in late spring after 33 years of faithful service to the U.S. Coast Guard and has become well known to District Thirteen Auxiliarists since the retirement of CWO4 Mike McKiernan. Tully is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and enlisted in the Coast Guard in August of 1991. After completion of basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, he served at Coast Guard Station Fire Island, in Babylon, New York; on Coast Guard Cutter ACTIVE (WMEC-



Timothy R Tully, CWO2, USCG
Photo provided by DIRAUX

618) Port Angeles, Washington and was Executive Petty Officer on Coast Guard Cutter BAYBERRY (WLI-65400) Seattle, Washington.

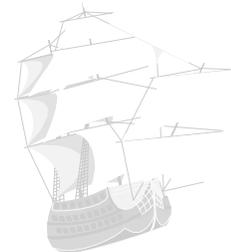
CWO2 Timothy Tully was also Officer in Charge at Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team, San Diego, California; Officer in Charge Aids to Navigation Team Jacksonville, Florida and First Lieutenant on Coast Guard Cutter HEALY (WAGB-20). His personal awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals (with "O" device): two Coast Guard Achievement Medals (with "O" device): two Coast Guard Meritorious Team Ribbons (with "O" device): four Coast Guard Good Conduct Awards: the Coast Guard Permanent Cutterman's Pin, the Coast Guard Coxswain Pin, and the Coast Guard Boat Operations Gold Insignia.

CWO2 Tully lives in Bremerton, Washington with his eight-year-old son, Shannon Christoffer. They enjoy playing golf together. He also enjoys boxing and, after fighting professionally, he moved on to managing and training amateur and professional boxers. ***

In Memoriam

With sorrow, we report these members who have crossed the bar.

- James W. Collins FL 87
- James W. Frank FL 51
- Ayres W. Johnson Jr. FL 48
- Nikki Sue Millican FL45
- Arthur William "Bill" Pratt (FL 22 Ret)
- William "Bill" Priest FL 45
- Gerri E. Ryerson FL 38
- Richard D. Shipley FL 68



CROSSING THE BAR

SUNSET AND EVENING STAR;
AND ONE CLEAR CALL FOR ME!
AND MAY THERE BE NO MOANING OF THE BAR,
WHEN I PUT OUT TO SEA.

NOT ALL AWARDS ARE PRESENTED AT D-13 CONFERENCES.
While many of the awardees in these following pages were announced at the Winter Conference in Clackamas, Oregon in February of this year, others were honored at unit meetings or other AUX events. Bravo Zulu to all!

By B.J. Schiesswohl DSO-PB 13

[SEE FULL LIST OF MULTI-DECADE ANNIVERSARIES ON PAGE 19]

30 YEARS

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40 YEARS



In photo above, l. to r., PNACO Viggo C. Bertelsen Jr. of Flotilla 22 receives a recognition certificate presented to him by LCDR Kelly A. Boodell, Thirteenth District Director of the Auxiliary. The past National Commodore was recognized for thirty (30) years of Auxiliarist volunteer service. Shown on bridge in rear, l. to r., CAPT Miles Boothe, Chief of Prevention, USCG and D-13's COMO Fred Bell at the podium.

In photo at right, COMO Fred Bell and longtime Auxiliarist Kathleen Ball of Flotilla 23 at the award ceremony planned for her by Division Two and celebrated in the Bear Room at Pier 36 in Seattle. Ball, an active coxswain and QE, was acknowledged for giving an amazing forty (40) years of volunteer service to the Auxiliary interests. She and her deceased husband Alden were "First Responders" for the U.S. Coast Guard back in the 1970's. She has served as PATCOM for SeaFair "about "eight times" and has been a QE since 1984. It was she who worked with Commodore Bell to gain his coxswain qualification and related training.

AUX Photos/B.J. Schiesswohl



COAST GUARD AWARDS

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE 2005

(most underway hours)
Robert "Bob" Hays - FL 33

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

(2004-2005 Academy Introduction
Mission Team:
CG Academy Recruiting Team)
Rich Crettol - FL 87

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

(CG AUX Unit Website Mitigation Team)
Tom Miller - FL 59
Daren Lewis - FL 76

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

(CG AUX FEMA and CG Headquarters
Support
Recruiting Team)
Daren Lewis - FL 76

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Shown above center, utterly exhausted, and fighting back tears, Mary Bellona FL 33 receives well deserved recognition. The Auxiliary Commendation Award with Medal was given for her demonstrated performance as the D-13 ADSO-MA who took over the District Store tasking in Nikki Millican's days of declining health. She assisted in the huge inventory project tasking and guided the clearance sale activities to close out the D-13 store (as we have known it) at the District 13 Winter Conference in Clackamas. On top of that, Mary Bellona prepared an array of tasty snacks for the Saturday night post-banquet social time. Counter-clockwise, Kelly A. Boodell, D-13 DIRAUX; COMO Kenneth Koeppen ARCO-A (W); Mary Bellona DSO-MA; CAPT Miles "Chip" Boothe Jr., USCG, D-13 Prevention; BOSN4 Paul Bellona to rear.

AUX Photo/B.J. Schiesswohl



Jo Ann Grubb D-AA
AUX Photo/B.J. Schiesswohl

Shown at left, Jo Ann Grubb FL 38 is delighted to receive a plaque presented from Captain Stephen P. Metruck, Commanding Officer, USCG, Sector Seattle.



In honor of Twenty Years of Exceptional Service to Puget Sound Area commands, 1986-2005, Jo Ann Grubb was honored at the D-13 Winter Conference in Clackamas with an award presented from CAPT Stephen P. Metruck, Commanding Officer, Sector Seattle.

Jo Ann Grubb is currently serving as District 13 Administrative Assistant, SO-OP 3, and SO-FN 3. In addition to her many administrative talents, Grubb is an AUXOP achiever and continues to hold coxswain currency.

Since 1996 she has recorded a total of 2,770 hours of direct Coast Guard support — **but her grand total of service hours at the time of the award was 14,697** rendered to both Auxiliary and Coast Guard services. She has held the elected positions of FC, DCP and RCO-N. At one

time she was coordinator of virtually all activities between the Auxiliary and Active Duty Coast Guard services. It has been rumored that at one time the Auxiliarists perceived her as running the base activities. She is held in high regard by many as being extremely efficient and knowledgeable in her endeavors. This was her 39th award! (The award was presented on her birthday. Is there play here for "39 and holding?")



COAST GUARD AWARDS

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CG MERITORIOUS TEAM

COMMENDATION

(Portland Rose Festival Public Affairs Team)

- Gary Davis - FL 73
- Debbie Engel - FL 73
- Joe Engel - FL 73
- Daren Lewis - FL 76
- Kurt Selvig - FL 73
- Rosie Weber - FL 73

CG MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION PLAQUE

Russ Powell - FL 17 (Team Coordinator)

CG LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

(Outstanding Operational Service 2005)

- Steve Albert - FL 11 (Sea Arc)
- Bob Busch - FL 11 (Operational Merit)
- Bob Lewis - FL 17 (SAR)
- Russ Powell—FL 17 (Sea Arc)
- Gary Proudlock - FL 21 (SAR)
- John Reseck - FL 41 (SAR)
- Ernie Salotti -FL 11 (Operational Merit)
- Carey Worthen - FL 11 (Operational Merit)

CG LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

(Assorted Missions including Airlift Northwest SAR)

- Wendell Brunk - FL 23
- Thomas Clarke - FL 18
- Marshall Collins - FL 17
- Bill Gasperetti - FL 23
- Lou Herrick - FL 19
- Kevin Lee - FL 18
- Joseph Mitchell - FL 12
- Kristine O'Connor - FL 17
- James O'Connor - FL 17
- Harry Ota - FL 19
- Russ Powell — FL 17
- Jeremiah Ray - FL 18

MULTI-DECADE ANNIVERSARIES

20 YEARS

- Paul H. Billick - FL 66
- Randall S. Bilof - FL 11
- Richard L. Crettol - FL 87
- Jacque H. Douglas - FL 55
- Willie J. Douglas - FL 55
- Edward C. Erickson - FL 45
- Robert L. Erickson - FL 45
- Leonardus J. Geerling - FL 7-12
- Stephen J. Langer - FL 63
- Claude W. Lathrop - FL 35
- Millee L. Taifel - FL 23

25 YEARS

- Jack G. Feather - FL 56
- June E. Feather - FL 56
- Edward Margolis - FL 56
- Morris C. Martin - FL 78
- James J. Milne - FL 59

30 YEARS

- Viggo C. Bertelsen Jr. - FL 22
- Jack E. Grubb - FL 38
- James R. Snook - FL 17
- Alvin C. Wonenberg - FL 11-07
- Jacquelin V. Wonenberg - FL 11-07

35 YEARS

- Janet R. Davidson - FL 71
- Robert L. Davidson - FL 71
- Eugene b. Girdler - FL 32
- Lloyd V. Inman - FL 71
- Rodgers J. Jenkins - FL 73

40 YEARS

- Dennis P. Byrne - FL 24
- Raymond R. George - FL 59
- Kathleen Ball - FL 23

LIFE JACKETS IN THE USCG 2004 BOATING STATISTICS

NORTH AMERICAN SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN HAS WRAPPED THESE STATISTICS UP FOR US: In 2004, approximately 70% of all fatalities drowned (484 out of 676.) Approximately 90% of the victims who drowned were not wearing a PFD. Overall, fatal accident data shows approximately 431 lives could have been saved in 2004 if boaters had worn their life jackets. Falls overboard were the number 3 cause of death (199 out of 488 falls.)

'SEA' AWARDS

SEATTLE SEAFair 2005 CG TEAM CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

Robert Allert - FL 12
 Shirley Allert - FL 12
 Thomas "Tom" Anfang - FL 24
 Kathleen Ball - FL 23
 Mary Bellona - FL 33
 Paul Bellona - FL 33
 Shawn Bellona - FL 33
 Garrison Bromwell - FL 21
 Craig Brown - FL 32
 Wendell Brunk - FL 23
 Ronald D. Buckley - FL 21
 Mary Ann Chapman - FL 24
 Joseph "Joe" Dunstan FL 48
 David Esparza
 Bryan Fabig - FL 12
 Mary Ann Forster - FL 33
 Charles "Chuck" Gagnon - FL 42
 Ted Greenlee - FL 23
 Jo Ann Grubb - FL 38
 Robert G. "Bob" Hays - FL 32
 Dennis Hoppman - FL 81
 Tom Jenks - FL 48
 Juvenal Jovet Jr. - FL 23
 Ambrose G. "Gary" Laverty - FL 25
 Bob Lewis - FL 17
 Diane McGann - FL 42
 Robert L. "Bob" McGuire Jr. - FL 38
 Patricia McPhee - FL 32
 John Mitchell - FL 12
 Joseph Mitchell - FL 12
 Robert F. "Bob" Monica - FL 47
 Ronald Munzer - FL 23
 Charles E. "Chuck" Olson - FL 12
 Lisa Osadchuk - FL 11
 Rich Pinches - FL 32
 Russ Powell - FL 17
 Teri Powell - FL 12
 Jane Rothwell - FL 32
 Robert Rothwell - FL 32
 Cynthia Rubbert - FL 32
 Gene Rubbert - FL 32
 Robert "Bob" Rush - FL 32
 William "Billy" Schwitters..- FL 23



Above, the Coast Guard's 87-foot OSPREY on duty at SeaFair 2005.

AUX Photo/Garrison Bromwell

Carl Smith - FL 22
 John C. Smith - FL 12
 Clyde Snyder - FL 47
 Stan Walthall - FL 82
 Bernadette West - FL 19
 Drew West - FL 19
 Ginger West - FL 19
 H. Arthur "Art" West - FL 12
 Herman Voss - FL 41
 Grant Winther - FL 48

SEA HAWK 2005

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION (Seaward Opposition Force Training)

Erwin P. Adams - FL 41
 Connie Bedford - FL 45
 Ray Bedford - FL 45
 Mary Bellona - FL 33
 Paul Bellona - FL 33
 Shawn Bellona - FL 33
 Hal Bergmann - FL 41
 Craig Brown - FL 32
 Robert "Bob" Busch - FL 11
 Dick Daniel - FL 41
 Roland "Rolly" Herbert - FL 47
 Dennis "Denny" Madson - FL 44
 Dee Meek - FL 41
 Don Millbauer - FL 41
 Bob Monica - FL 47
 Brad Newell - FL 41
 James O'Connor - FL 19
 Kristine O'Connor - FL 19
 Doug Plescia - FL 41
 John Reseck - FL 41
 Kevin Ryan - FL 41

DISASTER RESPONSE AWARDS

HARBORVIEW MARINA FIRE AUXILIARY RESPONSE TEAM

CG MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

(September 2005 Gig Harbor Fire)

Erwin P. Adams - FL 41

David N. Aho - FL 41

John M. Alexander - FL 17

Robert M. Allert - FL 12

Shirley J. Allert - FL 12

Harold W. Bergman - FL 41

Al C. Beutler - FL 12

Garrison Bromwell - FL 21

Wendell Brunk - FL 23

John E. Burreson - FL 24

Mary Ann Chapman - FL 24

Thomas A. Clarke - FL 18

Marshall W. Collins - FL 17

Elmer L. Filippini - FL 41

Theodore K. "Ted" Greenlee Jr. - FL 23

Alden B. Johnson - FL 41

Daniel K. Johnston - FL 41

Kevin D. Lee - FL 18

Robert E. "Bob" Lewis - FL 17

Thomas M. "Tom" Liebert - FL 21

Dennis L. Madson - FL 41

Clarence Mason - FL 33

Kathy Mason - FL 33

John J. Mitchell - FL 12

Joseph A. Mitchell - FL 12

Bradford A. Newell - FL 41

James P. O'Connor - FL 17

Kristine A. O'Connor - FL 17

Harry Ota - FL 19

Douglas R. Plescia - FL 41

Gary Proudlock - FL 21

Jeremiah B. Ray - FL 18

John Reseck Jr. - FL 41

Kevin G. Ryan - FL 41

Thomas F. "Tom" Shook - FL 18

Ed R. Taylor - FL 41

John D. Witt - FL 24

[Additional Award Medal for Gig Harbor Response]

Wendell E. Brunk - FL 23

Robert A. "Bob" Kimbrough - FL 35



Shown above, on Labor Day weekend 2005, a disastrous dock fire at Harborview Marina in Gig Harbor took damaged or destroyed more than sixty vessels. The Marine Safety Office, Sector Seattle, USCG employed the services of numerous Auxiliarists during the event and though the following days of investigation procedures.

Shown below, Gig Harbor on a tranquil day, the marinas full of potential RBS boating missions.

AUX Photos/Tom Liebert



Are you prepared to provide more Boating Classes, more Vessel Checks, and more RBS Program Visits this season in Idaho? Montana? Oregon? Washington?



COAST GUARD AWARDS (continued from page 21)

OUTSTANDING MARITIME SAFETY SERVICE IN 2005

(COPT, Sector Seattle)

Ron Buckley - FL 23

Lou Herrick - FL 19

Jim Kelly - FL 81

John Thoma - FL 32

D-13 CG AUXILIARY AWARDS

D-13 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

Robert C. "Bob" Sund - FL 55 (see article page 8)

D-13 FLOTILLA OF THE YEAR

Flotilla 62, Cape Disappointment, WA

AUXILIARY COMMANDANT LETTER OF COMMENDATION Penny Dustin - FL 22

AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL	Kris Anderson - FL 51	Bruce Jamieson - FL 64
	Mary Bellona - FL 33	C. Dorwin Lovell - FL 51
	Charles Bengé - FL 62	Brian Marotta - FL 51
	Edwin Burns - FL 76	Glen Swift - FL 64
	Doug Cameron - FL 64	Bob Sund - FL 55
	Richard Gutierrez - FL 51	Charles Tontz - FL 64

AUXILIARY OPERATIONS SERVICE AWARD John Yeckel

MISSION AWARDS BY CATEGORY

Member Training	Division 1
Patrols	Division 7
Public Education	Division 6
Personnel Services	Division 5
Vessel Examinations	Division 6

PAST CAPTAINS AWARD (The David E. Hill Memorial Award) Kenneth Babick Sr. - FL 73

RCO AWARDS (Flotilla Achievement in Member Training)

NORTHERN Flotilla 33 - Tacoma
EASTERN Flotilla 87 - Lake Pend Oreille
SOUTHERN Flotilla 71 - Longview



Shown at left, Craig Brown DCP 3 accepts Rear Commodore's Award (Northern) for Division 3. Shown l. to r. are COMO Kenneth Koeppen, ARCO-A (W), LCDR Kelly A. Boodell, DIRAUX (at Podium); COMO Fred Bell, DCO 13; Craig Brown DCP 3; CAPT Miles Boothe Jr., MSO, D-13 Prevention, Sector Seattle.

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AWARDS

CG AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL 2005 (assorted mission categories)

- Peter M. Border - FL 11
- Michael A. Bracken - FL 24
- David L. Erickson - FL 45
- Joseph B. Hall - FL 45
- John R. Milczewski - FL 11
- Joni Priest - FL 45
- Rodney Sherman - FL 11

Shown below, l. to r., J. Earl Markham FL 76 focuses intently as he receives the Meritorious Service Award. It was given by Admiral R. R. Houck and presented by Captain Patrick Gerrity, Sector Portland. BOSN4 Paul Bellona is in background to assist with the award presentations. AUX Photo/B.J. Schiesswohl

CG AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

J. Earl Markham - FL 76

Earl Markham is known as “the Admiral” and has been a member of the Auxiliary for 54 years! *Buoy 13* has been advised that “back then,” the Member Training officer was an elected position, allowing the MT officer to rise up the chain without the chain of leadership positioning of FC, VCP, DCP and RCO as with current AUXMAN policy and practice.



D-13 GOLDEN QUILL AWARDS 2005



DIVISION Level Bonnie J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 2, *True North News*, Division 2 (greater Seattle area)

FLOTILLA Level Barbara Rockfort FSO-PB 56 *Chetco River Watch*, Flotilla 56, Port of Brookings Harbor, Oregon



Photo provided by B. Rockfort

Shown at left is Barbara Rockfort of Flotilla 56, Port of Brookings Harbor, Oregon. Rockfort won the Flotilla-level Golden Quill Award as Editor of the *Chetco River Watch*. She is also SO-PB 5 and publishes the division newsletter *Force Five*. She was recently appointed the Director’s Aide for the Awards Team (AWT) in the Southern Area.

IF you received a District 13 or Coast Guard award, but have not been recognized in these AWARD pages, please send the name of your award with your name and flotilla number to the DSO-PB and you will be properly acknowledged in the next issue of *Buoy 13*.



Three sea lions enjoying a twilight swim. Astoria, Oregon

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