



MARK IV



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The overarching mission of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions.

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See you at the Change of Watch!

5 January 2008

Ft Worden, Port Townsend

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DCP NOTES FOR MARK IV DECEMBER 2007



Two years goes by fast when you're enjoying your job! It seems like only yesterday I was elected as Division Captain and now it is the end of my term.

Division 4 has been remarkably fortunate to have had such good leaders as Flotilla Commanders and such good staff officers to assist the flotilla officers. Each flotilla has been ably led by people who volunteered a great deal of time to assist the Auxiliary.

So thank you to Richard Hatch (flotilla 41), Sandy Pinckert (flotilla 42), Phil Ransford (flotilla 45), Henry Loesch (flotilla 47) and Grant Winther (flotilla 48), who led these flotillas in 2007. Without their skill and guidance the flotillas in this division would not be as good as they are.

Thanks, too, are due to all the division staff officers. They work quietly in the background offering help, guidance and wisdom to the flotilla staff officers. I very much appreciate the great work you have all done in your various areas.

Finally, having a good Vice Captain makes all the difference. I have seen divisions where the VCP has been a real help, and I've seen divisions where the working relationships has not been so strong. In Steve DeMaggio this division has had one of the best, and it has made all the difference. Thanks, Steve. Now Steve moves up to be your Division Captain, and Grant Winther becomes the Vice Captain. I know you will be in good hands with these leaders.

Division 4 has achieved remarkable things in the last year or so. Whether in Operations, Public Education, Vessel Examinations, Program Visitors, the Citizens Action Network program, or Augmentation for the gold side we have made great strides and contributed a lot to our customers, the Boating Public and the US Coast Guard active duty. That's what we do, and we do it well. We are high on the district and national rankings in several areas, all due to the hard work of individual members. We are growing in numbers and skill so we continue to have great things

(see page 3, DCP Notes)

AUXILIARISTS—COVER GIRLS
PENINSULA WOMEN

IMPORTANT DATES
2008

From left: Sandy Pinckert, Margaret Low,
Diane McGann, Kay Loesch, and Marilyn Leonard



Photo by Laura H.F. Callender

The Peninsula Women section of the The November 4-10, 2007 edition of the Peninsula Daily News featured big coverage for these Division IV Women Auxiliaries. Of the 12 pages, 5 were dedicated to us! The feature articles were written and photographed by journalist Laura H.F. Callender and included the following:

- Saving the country time, money
- Auxiliary: Area flotillas earn commendation
- Auxiliary: Some follow husbands into group
- Auxiliary: Citizens Action Network helping

January 5
Division Change of Watch
Ft Worden, Pt Townsend

February 14-17
D13 Training Conference
Clackamas, OR

March 27
FC/FVC Meeting, Pt Townsend

April 5
Division Meeting, Fl 41,
Port Ludlow

May 10
Division Boater's Fair
Bainbridge Island

May 17
GNATS, Pier 36

June 26
FC/FVC Meeting, Pt Townsend

July 12
Division Meeting, Fl 45,
Bremerton

October 2
FC/VFC Meeting, Pt Townsend

October 18
Division Meeting, Fl 48
Bainbridge Island

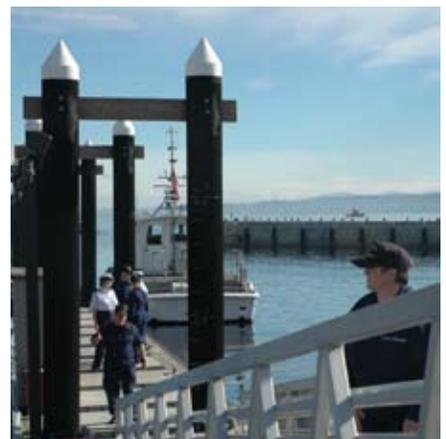
December 4
FC/VFC Meeting, Pt Townsend

to offer. Along the way I hope each and every one of you has enjoyed your service, and I thank you for everything you do. As volunteers it is important we get satisfaction and enjoyment and camaraderie from what we do, for that is our main reward. That and the knowledge that what we do helps boaters have a more knowledgeable and safer time on these tricky waters of ours around here.

As we go into 2008 we have a new Vice Commodore in the person of Dennis Hoppman, former RCO-E. He has experience and vision and will be a great asset helping Bruce Miller in his second year as District Commodore. Our thanks go to Frank Ramer for his service as VCO, and our thoughts and prayers are with him as he focuses on his health battles. We wish him every success and a full recovery.

Thanks for all your support and help for the last couple of years.

Peter



L to R: Laura H. F. Callender, Reporter (Peninsula Daily News) with Auxiliarists Diane McGann, Sandy Pinckert, Kay Loesch and Margaret Low

CONGRATULATIONS SANDY PINCKERT! NEW AUX-C

AUX – C (Auxiliary Coordinator with the Coast Guard)



The position of AUX-C is fairly new. The position has been established for an Auxiliary Coordinator to operate as a liaison between the Group Command element and the leadership element of the Auxiliary. My area of responsibility is Division One and Division Four, 13th Coast Guard District. As AUX-C, I will be striving to establish a smooth interaction between the Active Duty and Auxiliary with regard to surface and air operations. The AUX-C meets regularly with the Group Commander and/or his designated representatives and sits as an ex-officio member of several committees.

I am here for FC's to contact me with regard to all situations that involve interaction between Active Duty and Auxiliary.

Examples may range from such things as requesting a helo demonstration to letting me know you are participating in a training exercise with one of the CG ships. Another example of an AUX-C duty has been interagency approval for the use of PWC. You might want to make arrangements for a Coast Guard Officer to be present at your Change of Watch or perhaps as a speaker for an Auxiliary meeting. You can do this by contacting me and I will take care of these arrangements for you.

The above are just a few examples. Know that I'm here to help each one of you. Please contact me with any questions or situations.

We are all pretty familiar with Division IV, two peninsulas and 5 flotillas but how about Division I?

Division I is located just east of Division 4, a boat ride away, across Puget Sound. It includes:

- Flotilla 11 Bellingham
- 12 Edmonds
- 17 Anacortes
- 18 Everett/S. Whidby Island
- 19 Blaine

DIVISION MEETING IN BRIEF

13 October, 2007
Bremerton Yacht Club



District COMO, Bruce Miller

On a lackluster Saturday morning, Flotilla members from throughout Division IV straggled in from near and far somewhat beleaguered due to the fog. Once gathered, the membership was treated to a rich and multifaceted program.

Opening remarks by COMO Bruce Miller targeted patrol needs in several areas: Derelict Vessel, Support for Sector Seattle, MOMs and Training.



LCDR Andre Billeaudeau

District 13 is doing activities unique to anywhere else in the country reported COMO Miller. In line with this he made a special plea that we write up these activities in a timely fashion (an after-action report) so that they can be published. Our goal is to show how the Auxiliary is of benefit to the US Coast Guard as well as the Department of Homeland Security and its partners.

LCDR Billeaudeau (DIRAUX) gave a brief bio detailing highlights of his USCG career to date and his latest successful endeavor, Citizens Action Network. Then he gave us a glimpse into his thesis work completed in partial fulfillment of his Department of Homeland Security Masters Degree.



Vance Vaught, FI 45
Former Bosun, "Eagle"



USCG Cutter, Eagle

Guest speaker Vance Vaught, (FI 45) a career Coast Guardsman, described his years of service from duty on the oldest USCG Cutter Campbell and the smallest Coast Guard Station to the newest Cutter Midgett and the biggest Coast Guard Station. In the midst of all of this there was his time as Bosun on the USCG Cutter Eagle. He then went on to share some experiences from his time aboard the Eagle. The Eagle serves as a seagoing classroom for approximately 175 cadets and instructors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. It is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services and is homeported at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. It is a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail.



Ed Taylor,
"Rounding Cape Horn"

Rounding out the program, Ed Taylor (FI 41) introduced his all-time favorite, an extraordinary documentary—a video of what turned out to be the last great days of commercial sailing photographed by Irving Johnson on a trip he made as a young man in 1929 aboard the windjammer Peking. Featured are footage of the crew's daily activities and incredible video of a first class Cape Horn wild storm as the enormous Peking ship made the dangerous passage around the horn. Though the video was taken in 1929, it was narrated by Captain Irving Johnson much later in 1980 giving it added dimension.

Congratulations to Steve DiMaggio, DCP and Grant Winther, VCP who elected to the leadership positions for Division IV. And congratulations too to IPDCP Peter Raiswell, in his new role as RCO-N.

FLOTILLA 42—SEQUIM / PORT ANGELES

from the desk of Sandy Pinckert, FC



Our elections were held on November 14th. Leo Leonard was elected Flotilla Commander and Keith Haynes was elected Vice Flotilla Commander.

PV's – We are leading the Nation and Vince DeBenedette has the most PV's in the Nation at 1200. We have a total of 3600 PV's at this time.

VE's - we have a total of 565 hours for the year.

19 members of the Flotilla received the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation.

FC Sandy Pinckert was named the first Auxiliarist of the Week by LCDR Billeaudeau.

An ABC class and a BS&S class were presented.

Forks is going strong at 21 people who are either members or are in the process of becoming members. One new member is completing the fs86 form to be augmented at Neah Bay in the Com. Center. At Forks 2 incoming members will be going into the USCG later in 2008. They will be trained for boat crew while they are waiting to go to boot camp.



FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

from the desk of Henry Loesch, FC

Greetings to all and may your good expectations for the new year come to pass.

I would like to extend a very deep felt appreciation for the help that so very many of you have provided to Flotilla 47 over the past year. If not for your support, our division would have begun 2008 with one less Flotilla. It is because of your respect for the Auxiliary and your dedication that Flotilla 47 is able to grow and gain strength and be a productive part of Division 04.

I am quite sure you will appreciate the efforts being put forth by members Jim Zard FSO/MT and Jaclyn Ayzenberg FSO/PE. Not only have these people been sorting through the quagmire of learning how to be Auxiliary, they have also taken on the responsibility of very key positions that also require a great deal of effort in learning how to manage these jobs. As a result of their dedication and diligence we are now ready to train new instructors and put them to work during the first quarter of this year. Jim Zard will be conducting instructor training work shops at Flotilla 47 Headquarters, Point Wilson. Jaclyn Ayzenberg is in the process of launching ABC classes for the Port Townsend area as soon as we have our instructors in place. These people have proved to be extremely valuable resources to us at 47 and I believe the Auxiliary will be better because of their presence.



We are in the process of initiating the Light House Tower as a operational tool and will be looking for Auxiliary willing to stand a four hour watch in the tower, two

people at a time. We have approval from group operations for this experiment so the hours logged will be operational hours. The concept is to have two people at a time in the tower with radio and cell phone, chart and binoculars watching over the area much like a life guard tower on a beach. We will be watching for surface problems such as boats in distress or kayakers falling out of their boats etc. as well as reporting visual weather observations to group. Weather and sea state in this area can literally change by the minute. This concept is developing and flexible and will be morphed to conform to any workable ideas that are invented or discovered. This is a division wide project that will need volunteers from the entire division in order to staff the watch often enough to be of value. The success or failure of this endeavor will totally depend on member participation. Training will be required, however it is minimal and any auxiliariast who can safely navigate the stairs may participate. This is an opportunity to participate in a operational capacity, in a comfortable pleasant environment, for just a few hours at a time and the results of your efforts may very well save someone's life.



FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

from the desk of Grant Winther, FC

As we come to the close of another year Flotilla 48 finds itself in the best shape ever being very active in all areas of Operations and Boater Education. We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to expand our horizons.

Membership growth is slow but steady, 2 new, 2 in the process and several others in various stages.

Our bi-monthly ABC classes have been very successful with our students and some do express an interest in the Auxiliary. One of our October students joined the Bremerton flotilla! In all we had 40 students completing the ABC training this year.

Outside of this we have 3 new instructors and are looking at increasing course offerings to include Navigation, Radio, GPS and Seamanship.

Our Operations Program has expanded. We have added crew, coxswain and QE to our OPS complement. Weekly patrols are conducted year round, QE Patrols provided upon request.

As part of the regular area 10 patrol, we have undertaken on-the-water Emergency Preparedness Dock Surveys and continue SAR First Light on request, Pollution Control, Marine Safety and District OPS in Area 11.

Additionally we have participated in exercises with Marine Force Protection Unit (Coast Guard and Navy) as well as the FBI. We are active in Sea Partners and Norma Bailey continues as the USCG Ombudsman for USCGC Midgett.

This quarter finds Flotilla 48 full speed ahead. and looking to a bright future with new elected leaders: Loretta Rindal, FC and Jim Beyea, VFC. Thanks to all for a great year.





INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET BASICS

Stu Soffer, N-MS



Inflatable life jackets are comfortable and make patrolling in hot/humid weather a lot easier. They also contribute in alleviating crew fatigue. Regardless if you prefer the old style or new, we should all know how to maintain inflatable life jackets and be able to answer boater's questions.



The term "life jacket" rather than "PFD" is used exclusively in this article because we are part of the Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety's national thrust to promote life jacket wear and their endorsement of the "Wear It" theme which is replacing "Your're in Command." The National Safe Boating Council and state boating authorities are also embracing "Wear It;" and promoting "life jackets" not "PFD's." In order to standardize the terminology used with the boating public, all are asked to begin using the term "Life jacket." There were 710 recreational boating deaths in 2006, two thirds of them drowned and ninety (90) percent of the victims were not wearing their life jacket. Promoting life jacket wear can save lives.

23 December 2007 <http://auxbdept.org/pdf/InflatableLifeJacketBasics.pdf>



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

John Reseck, SO-AN



Division 4 was one of the first Divisions to complete all of its PATONS this year. Good work by all of the ANs.

Tim Westcott will be taking over the SO-AN position in 2008. We will all work hard for him so we can be one of the first again next year also.

I have enjoyed working with all the ANs for the last two years but am taking the SO-OP position and don't feel that I can do justice to both the OP and the AN at the same time.



INFORMATION SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-IS



All forms received have been entered. Please get your paperwork submitted to your FSO-IS on a monthly basis. On your 7029 Activity Report, please start 2008 hours on a new report.

The on-line submittal is working fine. Unless I am gone reports are entered into AUXDATA within three days of receiving them. Remember when checking AUXINFO the timeline is about one week behind the date of entry into AUXDATA.

There will be a new 7030 Form out January 1, 2008. There have been deletions, additions and combining of missions. It is important that you use the new form. Please read the descriptions of the Missions.

Vessel Inspections & At Risk Vessels: It is important that you use the latest Report Form, for instance, the form for reporting Vessel Inspections. The newest form has 1st time and At Risk Vessels. It is the only way I can enter the information accurately.

Instructors: Please complete the End of Course information for the last session of any course.

Patrol Missions: Be sure you include the Patrol Order Number. AUXDATA will not let me enter any information until I have that number.

I encourage all members to complete their 7029 Form. The more hours that are recorded into AUXDATA the more money the Coast Guard gives the Auxiliary.

Happy New Year! Let's have a very productive year.



MEMBER TRAINING

Dee Meek, SO-MT



The training for the 2007 year has been varied, depending on the desires of the individual flotillas. Two of them have been very conscientious about having a mix of AUXOP classes, crew and coxswain training, as well as conducting the necessary work shops and new member training. Two others have not seen the importance of AUXOP trained people in their flotillas or instructor programs. One flotilla has not seen it necessary to pass on information about their training programs.

The changes in training programs from the national level have made it more difficult for the division to find out what is happening at the flotilla level. If the FSO-MT does not keep on top of his responsibilities, the SO cannot keep up as has been done in the past. The advent of electronic classes and testing has made it difficult, in that test results or even the taking of the class by a member, has not been reported back down the line, even to the flotilla.

Crew and coxswain currency is becoming more involved and regulated, as well as the QE exam. Flotillas need to work more closely together in order to utilize the best training modes and opportunities. It is important that the FSO-MT's keep in touch with the SO so that our members don't suddenly find themselves in a short time position and possibly becoming REYR, when they could have coordinated with another flotilla that was conducting the necessary exercise.

I hope this next year will see further cooperation between the flotillas. Wishing a good New Year to all.

FOUR NEW WORKSHOPS: OPS, TCT, VE & PV

2008 Operations Workshop Released

The voluntary 2008 Operations Workshop is now available. Intended to provide guidance for Districts, Divisions, and Flotillas to update their members on Operations programs for 2008, the workshop is presented in two parts, the Operations Workshop 2008 Facilitator Slide Notes and the 2008 Operations Workshop PowerPoint Slides.

<http://www.auxodept.org/documents/uptopinoperations/2008/>

2008 TCT Refresher Released

The 2008 TCT one hour required refresher session has been released. This annual requirement for operations personnel includes the 2008 TCT PowerPoint Presentation (PPS: 500 KB / 30 slides), 2008 TCT Facilitator Resource (PDF: 330KB / 10 pages) and the 2008 TCT Participant Reference (PDF: 160 KB / 5 pages). This one hour refresher session emphasizes crew problem solving and the seven key components of Team Coordination Training (TCT).

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OPERATIONS

Grant Winther, SO-OP



Flotilla 41

There have been two Kayak patrols in November and one scheduled for December. There is no plan to have any other patrols for November. There are four new members on the path to becoming Paddle Craft Operators.

David Ajo & John Reseck were on SAR First Light Standby with Sector Seattle, December 3, 2007 as a result of severe storm and high tide warnings.

Flotilla 42

FSO-OP Hugh Murray reports that there have been no requirements for Aux Surface Ops. Flotilla 42 remains capable to respond to any First Light or Training requirements.

Flotilla 45

Phil Ransford (Lorelei) participated in a Joint QE Session with Flotilla 48 (John Yeckel, Legacy) in Eagle Harbor on November 24. No further Operations Activities anticipated for the rest of the year.

Flotilla 47

Flotilla 47 has not performed Operational Activity in October and there will not be any for the duration of the year.

Flotilla 48

Twenty five Patrols (MOM, MDA, QE, OPS TRAINING, OPERATION TRASH COMPACTOR, SAFETY, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DOCK SURVEY, MFPU & CART) were requested during the reporting period. Most of them were completed.

Several members completed Third Year Currency. The Flotilla continues to train monthly to third year standards to maintain competency. One member became crew qualified.

Included in Marine Domain Awareness patrol, an emergency access/egress dock survey was completed and shared with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator of Bainbridge Island.

SEA OTTER, LEGACY, THANKYOUDEAR, TERRAPIN & DICKY BIRD will continue facility patrols as planned and/or requested by the US Navy and USCG. Recently, December 3, Larry Kight (THANKYOUDEAR) was on SAR First Light Standby, requested by Sector Seattle, due to severe storm and high tides.



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PERSONNEL SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-PS



The Division has gained 19 new members, but we also lost a few of our members this year with 13 disenrollments. Total Division membership 197.

Keep up the good work with recruitment.



The enrollment process has been streamlined. Please use the latest edition of the New Member Enrollment Form.

Remember if you plan on working with a Coast Guard Station, Watchstander, etc. you need to complete the DO Security Clearance. That means those working with the Osprey and Station Port Angeles. If you have not completed the SF86 Security Clearance (this is not the clearance you received when you joined) contact me and I will send you the information.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Marilynn Leonard, SO-PA



Flotilla 41 - Ian McFall – Pt. Ludlow

• Ian McFall (with Dave Aho) taught the ABC class to 40 students in Quilicene. Seven of the students who work on boats at the Big Quill Shellfish Co. were able to get their Washington State mandatory boating safety education card and are now prepared to continue their jobs. Public awareness of the flotilla and new state mandates in this part of the North Olympic Peninsula was greatly increased through involvement with these 40 students, their families, and friends.



• Ian was named Economic Development Director for Jefferson County in mid 2007; he plans to be more active in direct Flotilla Public Affairs work in 2008. He has developed extensive rapport, understanding, and personal relationships with local people in 2007.



Flotilla 45 - Al Gonzales, Bremerton

- Meeting staff at Kitsap Sun newspaper
- Attend Maritime Force Protection (MFP) Bangor/Keyport
- Bearing flag for COMO Bruce Miller
- Representing Flotilla 45 at Pier 36 memorial, meeting RADM Houck.
- Planning for 2008 with new FC JB Hall; assisting several new flotilla members; repainting AUX booth for 2008 shows to include Puget Sound Naval Shipyard's "Safety Show."
- Attending Port Orchard/Bremerton Airport Safe Boat event.
- Monitoring emergency flooding conditions around Bremerton, with 15 inches of rain locally in a few days.



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Flotilla 45 - Al Gonzales, Bremerton

continued

- Completing papers to attend AUX 12 Public Affairs Class at USCG ICS Alameda early in 2008.
- Working with Joni Priest at several water safety shows.

Flotilla 47 – Kay Loesch – Pt. Townsend

Kay was appointed FSO-PA Fall, 2007. She participated in a classified project and looks forward to utilizing her web and extensive recent graphic education at Peninsula Community College to promote the Auxiliary and its goals.

Flotilla 48 – Loretta Rindal – North Kitsap

- Visual Displays & Posters for Membership Recruitment and ABC Classes
- Photo Exchanges with FI 47, 42, SO-PA & Peninsula Daily News
- Articles written and published x 3
- PhotoShoot: Emergency Access/Egress Dock & Piers and Marine Force Protection Unit Exercises
- Published Course Offerings current through 2008 w/D13 and BoatsUS and PIER System
- Submitted notices of monthly Boater Information meetings to newspapers, boating organizations & websites
- Facilitated Sector Marina Outreach Meeting for December
- Designed Boater Information Flyer

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Sandy Pinckert, SO-PE



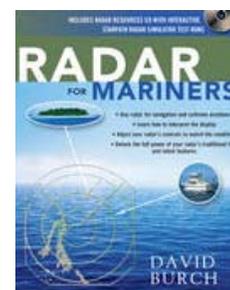
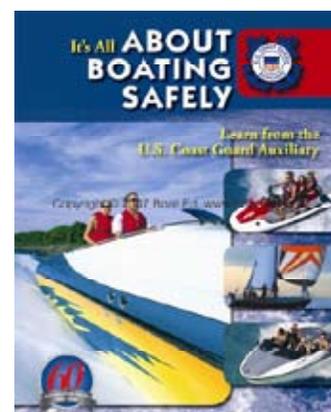
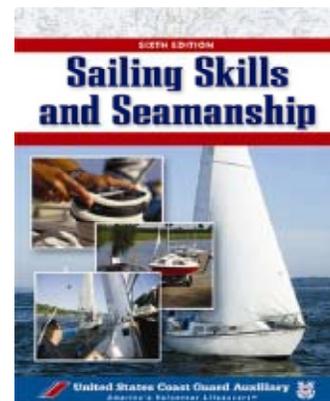
Instructor workshop required for 2008!

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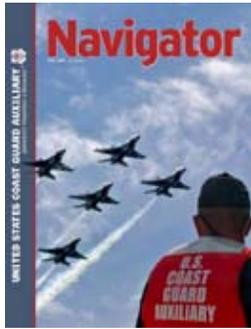
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http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/aids/WS08/2008_Instructor_Workshop.ppt

Look for these new
Education Publications
in 2008



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PUBLICATIONS

Loretta Rindal, SO-PB



New guidelines have been released (December 1, 2007) for Newsletter Publications. Please be sure to read about them in the Golden Quill link:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/diraux/dcoinst/l-07022.pdf>

Though published as a guide to the Golden Quill competition, this document contains new information on the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act and copyright law. You will also find guidelines for your publication including format/layout, photos, sample content. And maybe most important of all you will find the procedure to follow for getting approval of your publication before you send it out!

Two flotillas have entered the Golden Quill competition:

Fl. 41's newsletter, "4-Every-1," (Phil Keys and James G. Gunter); and Flotilla 48's, Eight Bells.

PROGRAM VISITOR

Sonya Quitslund, SO-PV

The RBS-PV program chocked up a fantastic record this year: over 3000 program visits! Our next closest competition came from Division 5 with 1030. Vince Debenedette set a new record in D-13 with over 1000 program visits alone. Congratulations to Vince and to all the FSOs who did such a magnificent job this year in recruiting new program visitors, extending outreach, reporting accomplishments in a timely fashion, and most of all for not giving up when paper work snafus were encountered. You have given yourselves a hard goal to surpass next year!



Division 4 is also very well represented in the new Sector Marina Outreach program, representing about half the people who have taken the training thus far.

VESSEL EXAMINER

Paul Smith, SO-VE

2008 Vessel Safety Check Decals are now available and should be more than adequate to meet our demands and the demands of our partners.

This year's USCG Auxiliary distribution plan will duplicate the one used in prior years. The quantity of decals received at each unit level will be a function of the past year's performance. ANSC has already been given the quantities and will deliver that number of decals and VSC Examination Record forms, ANSC 7012, upon receiving the initial order request. Either the unit's elected officer or the materials office must place the order. For more information, please visit SafetySeal.net.



FEATURED BIOGRAPHY—GRANT WINTHER, VCP



Grant Winther receives assignment to duty as Drug and Alcohol Program Inspector, Sector Seattle from Capt. Stephen Metruck.

Born in Seattle, Grant spent his early years on the water. During high school summers, he worked at the Lake Washington Yacht Basin Marina near Leschi Park for Charlie and Bob Ross, Star boat sailing champions. It was then he became involved with sailboat racing, finally ending up as crew on Saga, a famous Six-Meter for several seasons on Lake Washington and Puget Sound. From these experiences, sailboats became his passion.

After graduating from high school and the University of Washington, he served for two years in the Navy on a small aircraft carrier. The most interesting part of this duty was bringing aircraft to the French up the Saigon River. Release from the Navy allowed Grant to go to law school, and upon graduation he practiced law in a small firm in San Francisco for 20 years.

In 1981, retiring early, he moved with his wife, Barbara, to Bainbridge Island, where he had spent summers when he was young. "This allowed me to get back into sailing," he said. "We joined the Port Madison Yacht Club and bought a 25-foot Coronado. Then, bigger and bigger sailboats, ending with a 34-foot C&C which we partnered for nearly ten years with fellow Auxiliarists Larry Kight and Tom Lindsley." Earlier this year we sold the boat. Being boatless was not an option for Grant. Recently he bought a half interest in a 25-foot Nonsuch with Auxiliarist Joe Dunstan.



WORKSHOPS

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2008 VE and PV Workshops Released

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary National V Department has released the 2008 VE and PV Workshops. The workshops for 2008 are not mandatory but units are encouraged to hold the workshops to better the knowledge of their Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. The workshops are also available on CD from ANSC as, "V Department 2008 Workshop CD - ANSC 2001A". <http://safetyseal.net/workshops/>

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HIGHLIGHTS 2007 DIVISION IV



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