



MARK IV



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See you at the Division meeting

April 5
0930 am -1300
The Bay Club
Port Ludlow, Flotilla 41

Ed Marmol, Guest Speaker



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DCP NOTES—APRIL 2008

Ahoy Shipmates,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all elected officers and staff officers for stepping up for 2008. It is my greatest desire that we have a successful year, and in order to do that we will need to work closer together than ever before. As has been said many times over the last few months, the Coast Guard is changing and we must change along with it.



Steve DeMaggio, DCP
Auxiliarist of the Year!

It has come to my attention that some of our members have been turned away from military bases when attempting to gain access using their Coast Guard Auxiliary identification card. RCO Raiswell has researched this problem extensively and has found out that the Auxiliary ID card is not being accepted for two primary reasons. One is that the Auxiliary ID card is made from plain paper and can easily be duplicated. The second reason is that the Auxiliary ID card is not a Department of Defense (DOD) ID card. For these two reasons auxiliarists attempting to gain access to any DOD base using their auxiliary ID card are being denied entry. If an auxiliarist has volunteered to do work which requires entry to a DOD installation, they will be granted entrance on an individual case by case basis. If there are any changes to this policy, I will get that information to your flotilla commanders immediately. If you are active duty, retired military or a civilian employee of the DOD you will still be able to gain access with one of those ID cards.

On 28 Feb 08, a message came down the Chief of Auxiliary containing some uniform information. One of the interesting subjects listed was the wearing of the sew-on rank insignia on their ODU collars. I have included a short paragraph from the publication regarding this subject. If you are interested in the entire article, you can find it at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>. The following is a short quote from the article which may be of interest to most of us:

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DIVISION BOARD

Steve DeMaggio, DCP

Grant Winther, VCP

Peter Raiswell, IPDCP

Sandy Pinckert, AUX-C

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PB	Loretta Rindal
PE	Joseph Dunstan
PS	Sharon Reseck
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SR	Leo Leonard
VE	Paul Smith

“ODUs: (2) Active duty personnel are required to wear sew-on rank insignia on their collars. Such a requirement could pose a considerable personal funding impact on some Auxiliarists who frequently encounter situations in which it is more appropriate to wear the Auxiliary membership insignia rather than elected/appointed office insignia (i.e. - necessitating multiple ODU tops that have Auxiliary office insignia and the Auxiliary membership insignia sewn-on). This potential impact must be balanced against the requirement to maintain a clean, professional uniform appearance at all times. Accordingly, Auxiliarists who frequently encounter situations in which it is more appropriate to wear the Auxiliary membership insignia rather than elected/appointed office insignia are authorized to use Velcro to fasten sew-on insignia to the collar as an option to actually sewing them to the collar. This authorization remains in effect through January 2009. A final determination of permanency or revocation of this authorization will be made in February 2009.

(3) Metal collar insignia are still authorized for Auxiliarists until sew-on standards are developed (this is not expected until the summer season, 2008). When sew-on standards are developed and stocks produced, then metal collar insignia will no longer be authorized for wear on Auxiliary ODU tops.

(4) The sew-on Auxiliary coxswain insignia is still the only qualification insignia authorized to be sewn on the ODU top (metal qualification insignia are not authorized for wear). Sew-on standards for other Auxiliary qualification insignia are being developed and will be authorized for wear when stocks are produced. Sew-on insignia from prior military service other than the Coast Guard are not authorized to be worn on Auxiliary ODUs (or any other Auxiliary uniform).”

The Great Northern Area Training Session (GNATS) is rapidly approaching. It will be an all day event, held at Pier 36, on May 17th. By now everyone should have received a wish list of events and were requested to select which events you would prefer to attend. This year’s GNATS is proving to be one of the best ever. I would highly recommend that you attending. More information will be coming on GNATS as we get closer to the event.

Again, I would like to thank all elected and appointed members for standing up and either running for office or accepting an appointed position. Now I ask that we all pull together and get the job done.

For District 13 Awards please see Spring issue of Buoy 13 at website:
http://www.d13cgaux.org/d13web/publications/buoy13_spring_2008.pdf

Note p3 for Auxiliarist of Year presentation photo to Steve DeMaggio,
 p16 recognition photo of Vincent DeBenedette, PV (1st in Nation) and
 Keith Haynes, PV (3rd in Nation) both from Flotilla 42!

For all District awards, see p. 17.

VCP NOTES

from the desk of Grant Winther



The Division Staff got off to a great start February 2, 2008, meeting at the new Division Headquarters, the AuxHouse at Point Wilson. We have an excellent group of capable, hardworking and very competent Staff Officers. All were in attendance except those now residing out of State, on duty or down with the flu. Of course, there was not enough pizza.

The important of FSO-SO contact was discussed and all agreed that for our Division to benefit from the Staff that we have appointed, each of them will have to build a strong relationship with their Flotilla Staff counterpart. The only way that the Staff can do their jobs is to have a free flow of communication both ways. From what I have seen so far this is working well, however, we still need to improve. The SO also has the responsibility to be in contact with the corresponding Division Staff Officer. This should be ongoing. Some of the Division Staff have established strong relationships with the District and FSOs much to the benefit of the Division. Keep up the good work.

The Division Website is being overhauled in the capable hands of SO-CS Key Loesch and we are hopeful that we will be able to see and enjoy the fruits of her labor soon. It is a big job.

All in the Division should now be familiar with the new forms required in 2008.

I am happy to report that the Division has had success in receiving the quarterly narrative reports required to be submitted for Mark IV. These reports are very important as they are the basis for all of the information that eventually filters to the top of the chain of leadership and certainly has much influence in the budgeting process. Of course, one of the most important reports that is to be filed is the 7029! No member should fail to file this monthly Activity report and all should take advantage of the ease of making daily entries to the online form.

The Division is doing an outstanding job with Public Education, Vessel Examinations, Program Visitations, Marine Safety, Operations, Member Training, Personnel Services, Communications, Aids to Navigation, Publications and of course you who we depend upon so much, Information Services.

The Division has been able to make the 8-hour TCT requirement available with presentations held on March 22 with good attendance. There are two more sessions June 7 and November 15.



Grant Winther, VCP

All of us will be busy this boating season with Safety Fairs at Bremerton and Bangor, and Pt. Angeles, Shrimp Fest in Brinnon, The Lavendar Festival, The Tug Boat Races, in Elliott Bay, Tall Ships in July, the 3rd Annual Boater's Fair in May, Sequim Irrigation Day Parade, hydro races, Silverdale, Pt. Angeles & Sea Fair in August and our Patrols.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with DCP Steve. We have a very good working relationship and are pleased with the way things are going in Division 4.

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

from the desk of Dee Meek, FC



We got a good running start this year, with a full complement of staff officers. They and their spouses were invited to a social function at my house. It provided an opportunity for new officers to get to know everybody and to give the spouses a glimpse into the working organization and people who are involved.

The weather and holiday season impacted on our ability to get many boats out on the water.

The big ones that did were primarily for on the water training sessions. The hardy kayakers carried the brunt of our patrols, showing the flag from Hood Canal to Port Townsend mainly for pollution and Aton patrols. We are developing plans to begin coordination of our patrols through the communication center, which is almost finished, at the Port Ludlow Fire House.

PE started off the year with boating classes not only for the general public, but also for public school classes. We have just finished a class for "Know your GPS," with the next one, "Nautical Chart Reading," in April.

The MT has progressed with AUXOP training with both class and internet applications. Classes have been completed in Communications and Weather, while proctors have administered passing tests in Search and Rescue and Seamanship. We have instituted a new system for new member mentoring in order to get them off to a fast start both on and off the water, utilizing the results of a questionnaire sent to every flotilla member about their reason for being a member and what got them started. We also devoted the first flotilla meeting to discuss the results.

The questionnaire has become the guiding light of our attempts to improve not only training, but member retention, which is a constant concern. So far this year, we have lost none while gaining three.

One issue we have had to face is the loss of our flotilla land mobile emergency radio network. The new regulations prohibit the use if the radios we have relied on in the past, even though they are capable of being converted to the new narrow band required. As they are not Coast Guard issue, the cost would be a burden to individuals. Hopefully the new communication center will be able to take over some of the duties, although without the mobility of emergency communications.

Vessel examination is just getting going, as people are starting to get their boats out. We are offering VE lectures at many meetings, having one scheduled shortly at the Port Townsend Yacht Club.

IMPORTANT DATES

2008

March

- 27 FC/FVC Meeting, FL 48, Bainbridge
- 29 AUXSC&E, FL 41

April

- 5 Division Meeting, FL 41, Port Ludlow
- 26 TCT, FL 41

May

- 10 FL 48 Boater's Fair Bainbridge Island
- 10 FL 42 Sequim Irrigation Day Parade
- 17 GNATS, Pier 36
- 24/25 Shrimp Fest, Brinnon

June

- 26 FC/FVC Meeting, FL42 Pt Townsend

July

- 12 Division Meeting, FL 45, Bremerton

September

- 5-7 Wooden Boat Festival, FL 41, Port Townsend
- (?) Pt. Ludlow Fun Fest

October

- 2 FC/VFC Meeting, FL 47 Pt Townsend

October

- 18 Division Meeting, FL 48 Bainbridge Island

December

- 4 FC/VFC Meeting, FL 4 Pt Townsend

FLOTILLA 42—SEQUIM/PORT ANGELES

from the desk of Leo Leonard, FC

Flotilla 42 is in a state of transition and dynamic growth. Since January 1, 2008, 17 new members have been added to the roster, bringing the total to 75 members. In addition, 9 more members are “in process,” with 15 being actively recruited—principally for the Forks Detachment which became official in February.

Because of the Flotilla size a comprehensive member training plan is now in operation. All new members are assigned a mentor with both parties having specific responsibilities. Most new members are assigned to a staff officer of their choice where the new member learns the duties of that particular office. As examples, Personnel Services has three new members, Public Affairs/Citizens Action Network has four new staff. With so many new people, member training hours have increased dramatically. In February, the Flotilla had a total of 295 member training hours.

The biggest need the Flotilla has is for office and climate controlled storage space.

The greatest assets are our members, especially the outstanding staff officers who have taken on so much responsibility and leadership.



February saw fellowship building among the officers with a “Dine in” held at the Chief Petty Officer’s Club at Group/Air Station Port Angeles. The good food and drink resulted in \$50 in fines collected at the Dine In and donated to the Morale, Relief, and Welfare fund (MRW) of the Coast Guard.

March fellowship will be a potluck meal in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting. There will be brief awards given and a retirement presenta-

tion at that meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 27 at St. Luke’s Church in Sequim.”

FLOTILLA 45—BREMERTON

from the desk of JB Hall, FC

As 2008 began, Flotilla 45 began growing. Four new members were enrolled in January, Norma Chapman, Julie Lohrer, Dave Tripp and Dave Zimmerle, all four are in the process of becoming Boat Crew Members, and two have trailer boats that may be offered for use as facilities, a welcome addition to the Flotilla’s larger boats. The Flotilla is focusing its efforts on the development of new members. This has included a training patrol in cooperation with Flotilla 48 in which Norma and Dave completed many of their underway tasks.

The Flotilla staff for 2008 consists of J. B. Hall as Flotilla Commander, Phil Ransford as Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, Flotilla Staff Officer Information Services and Member Training, Tim Westcott as Flotilla Vice Commander, FSO Aids to Navigation and Communication Services,

Paul Smith as FSO Materials, Marine Safety, and Vessel Examination, Mike McKiernan as FSO Operations, Abbie Dunn as FSO Finance, Al Gonzalez as FSO Public Affairs, Charles Huff as FSO Public Education, Joni Priest as FSO Personnel Services and Jon Sorenson as FSO Communications.

Flotilla 45 is looking forward to hosting the July 12 Division meeting at the Bremerton Yacht Club, followed by the Flotilla’s birthday cookout at lunchtime.

FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

from the desk of Henry Loesch, FC



Photo courtesy USCG

This year 47 will be heavily involved with surface operations fielding a facility several days a month beginning in April. The problem we see here is a shortage of crew. However, Member Training is gearing up to solve that issue. VE will be active during the entire boating season. Public education is firmly in place and is being expanded to provide offerings throughout the year although with less emphasis on the summer months. Summer classes will be those that can be completed in one or two days of study. Winter class schedules will bring out the courses that require several weeks of attendance.

PE will present the ABC class at the end of this month and then every other month. Other classes we would like to offer are GPS and BS&S. We are thinking that a combination of the GPS class and the DR navigation section from BS&S would be a winning combo.

Operations recently met with Senior Chief Hudson (USCGC Osprey) to determine what roll we will play and the logistics involved in this regard. Senior Chief would like to have a significant Auxiliary presence in the area. We will be able to use the Cutter mooring to aid in managing our activity.

MT is all set for crew training and appears to have about 6 students lined up. Sexual Harassment Prevention training is scheduled for our next flotilla meeting; subsequent meetings will also have a training topic presented. Discussion of offering a BS&S class has moved into the planning stage.

VE has scheduled a VE day for May 3 at the Port Townsend Boat Haven ramp and at the Osprey Dock with tours of the Osprey for those getting an inspection, and of course promoting membership.

PA is working on problem solving communication problems with PDN and the Leader to ensure that information submitted is printed accurately and reliably.

PV has been making the rounds and keeping the stations supplied with on-the-water safety information and Auxiliary promotional material.

CM is working with FL 41 and 42 and various Clallam and Jefferson county emergency systems. The goal is to further expand Auxiliary communication capability in the area by setting up a communications stations at Pt. Wilson.

FN is keeping things in the black and we have a modest positive cash stash to finance our projects with expectationst o advance financially as the year progresses.

PS is sorting through some of the confusion about just who is a certified finger printer in the county. We defaulted to using the Coast Guard in the hope that they might meet the certification criteria.

MA is very busy sorting our materials mess, making significant progress in updating obsolete publications. If anyone needs the pamphlet, "The Auxiliary Steamboat Facility Stokers Guide to Safety," we have a few left. We are prepared to meet our PE, MT needs. Promotional material for VE day and the Wooden Boat Festival are on the way!

PB is beginning to fit the pieces together for the first edition of Flotilla 47's "Soundings," a newsletter. The exact publication date is uncertain because PB is so busy doing auxiliary stuff she doesn't have time to do auxiliary stuff. Maybe the end of this month.

Meanwhile.....lookout for Capt. Rolly, keeper of the watch, to anticipate what activities we need to respond to—things we may have to respond to, be asked to be involved with or participate in.

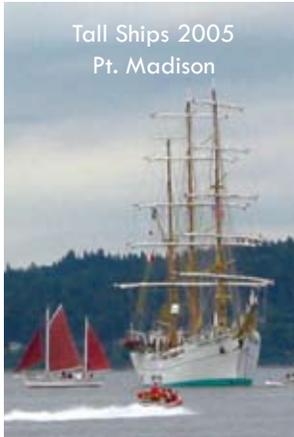


Wooden Boat Festival, Pt. Townsend



FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

from the desk of Loretta Rindal, FC



Tall Ships 2005
Pt. Madison

Flotilla 48 continues to build on last year's successes. We have a strong, experienced staff energized with a few newcomers. Goals have been identified for the flotilla and strategies put in place to reach them.

Operations jumpstarted the year with a Summit Meeting—focusing in on crew and coxswain qualifications, identifying needed trainings, activity overviews, training opportunities, special patrols & activities, special events: tugboat, sea-fair, and tall ships and fellowship (places to have lunch)!

Patrols so far this quarter included Marine Force Protection supporting Navy and Coast Guard training, Marine Domain Awareness and two training patrols, one with Flotilla 45.

Members helped staff Boat Show in January.

Public Education: We continue to offer bi-monthly ABC classes and have set our sights on offering a few new classes in navigation, gps and radio. There were 15 graduates from February class (5 teenagers).

Member Training: Four-minute learning opportunities are the latest training added to toolkit. Currently targeting first aid. The annual "swim-in" and Ham Operator License course have been scheduled.

Membership: Recruitment activities have produced a few nibbles and generated some AuxData hours.

Vessel Safety Checks: In the works are VSC day at local marina and state park. More members are completing certification.

Flotilla meetings continue to emphasize speakers and fellowship.

January: Robert Murphy, Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

February: TCT and Sexual Harassment Prevention (in-house experts!)

March: Sea Partners, David Aho

April: Rescue 21, Bob Hays, VCP-03



Sea Fair 2007



MFPU December 2007

A promotional graphic for the Third Annual Boater's Fair. The text reads "Third Annual Boater's Fair!" in red and blue, "May 10, 2008" in blue, "10 am - 2 pm" in red, and "Bainbridge Island" in blue. The graphic is surrounded by several small images showing people boating, fishing, and participating in water activities.

Looking Ahead:

March 27	FC/VFC March 27
April 12	ABC goes to LaConner
May 10	Boaters Fair
June	Kids and Water
July 4th	Grand Ole Fourth Tall Ships
August 1-3	Sea Fair

Photo credits: L. Rindal & J. Dunstan

O4 DIVISION HEADQUARTERS



Headquarters? What Headquarters?

I did not know we had a headquarters!

You would be right about that up until now but that does not have to be the case any longer. If you would like to see the Division have a place to call it's own, a place to call your own auxiliary headquarters, the time has come.

As most of you know the Pt. Wilson light facility is surplus and therefore it is for sale. However, there are not a lot of people who can afford a

used light house, the up keep is a real killer. As a result the chances for a quick sale are remote.

An idea was hatched almost a year ago that touted the large "Keepers House" as a good place to locate a Division Headquarters. I, Don Millbauer and Steve DeMaggio have been working on this concept since then. All in all the location of the light house is about as central as any place can be, considering the geographical distribution of the flotillas.

A pitch was made to the Coast Guard about how the Auxiliary would benefit to have a headquarters building as a "Division Academy."

- We would be able to consolidate our member training activities to reduce redundant efforts by the five flotilla and therefore have less burden on the flotilla IT's and MT's.
- We also would be able to better manage the re-qualification issues by having a pre-scheduled training and qualification plan in place so that our members would be able to view a calendar and know that various training would be available at headquarters and know the schedule for the year.
- There is room enough to store division property and educational material etc. There is even a shop for building sign boards or...
- We would be able to hold conference meetings some place other than a pizza parlor or restaurant and even manage some office space to work on various projects. We can have a place where individual auxiliary members can meet up and engage in Auxiliary business or fellowship and just relax in the lounge that is already complete with overstuffed chairs, sofa, and a kitchen.
- The grounds could be used for division or flotilla picnics, etc. There are many other possible uses but you get the idea.

Group Port Angeles signed on for this!

The next part is up to you.

If we want to make this work we will need to scrounge up several of those eight foot long folding tables and lots of folding chairs and any still serviceable office furniture that might be found.

We will also need a to have a clean up work day for carpet cleaning and windows etc. etc..

What do you think? Is this something you want, if so let me know how you feel about it and if you are in favor of a headquarters concept. Are you willing to pitch in on a work party? Do you have any of the items we will need to scrounge up? Let me know by e-mail henry4570@hotmail.com

Optimistically yours

Henry Loesch FC-47



Aux House through the Fresnel Lens

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Timothy Westcott, SO-AN



Winter is a slow time for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Aids to Navigation program here in the 13th Coast Guard District, but that will soon change with the approach of spring.

I'd like to say thank you to my predecessor, Mr. John Reseck, whom I took over from for his hard work in the past to keep the Aids to Navigation program alive and well in Division-4 and I look forward to a continuing success with everyone involved in this program. As John had mentioned in a previous edition of the Mark IV, Division-4 has always been a top performer in the Aids to Navigation program and I expect the same out come this year as well.

For those of you who don't know me I wear three hats when working with the Auxiliary Aids to Navigation program. I am Flotilla-45's FSO-AN, I'm the Division-4 SO-AN and I work for the Coast Guard as a civilian and manage the 13th Coast Guard District's "Private Aids to Navigation" program. Oh and yes that means I will be assigning work to myself and chastising myself if I don't get it done!

Bridge Inspections and Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) Verification assignments for the entire District are slated to come out in April.



"WHEN ARE YOU GOIN' TO FIX THE BELL?"

Letters will be going out to the Sector/Group Aids to Navigation (ATON) Officers assigning the work to them along with guidance on further assignment to the Auxiliary. Division-4 Bridge/PATON assignments this year will be coming from CG Sector Seattle as they have in the past during the month of April. I intend to then make Bridge/PATON assignments out to the Flotillas during the April/May time frame.

In the meantime please keep in mind; if you are passing by an aid to navigation at anytime and you see a problem with it "report it!" You can call a Sector/Group office or the nearest Coast Guard unit day or night 24/7 to report problems with federal or private aids to navigation as well as problems with bridges or hazards to navigation in a waterway that pose a threat to the safety of the boating public. "Anyone can make a report!"

Don't just look the other way or pass it by thinking someone else took care of it. The time by it may be you that ends up hard aground because the buoy was missing and no one reported as missing!

"Boating Safety, It's Everyone's Responsibility!"

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

Don Millbauer, SO-CM

See Communications Improvement Plan for Division #4 on pages 12 & 13

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Kay Loresch, SO-CS

Excitement is all around me! I'm now in possession of the keys to the 4th Division website! Sorry about the delay in making necessary updates and changes – the previous Webmaster's software and my new software aren't talking to each other. I'm sure we'll have it all ironed out within the next week or so - with a shiny, new, robust website done in the latest version of Dream Weaver. Please Email me with any suggestions about making it user friendly, also send any ideas about additional pages or revisions to current pages.



FINANCE

Rolland Kenitzer, SO-FN

Financial Reports for January and February have been completed and copies emailed as needed. Copies will be available at the Division 4 April meeting. The reports show progress against the draft Annual Budget numbers.

The draft Budget is due for approval at the April meeting. The request for annual dues was received from the DSO-FN, the monies collected from each Flotilla, and a check sent to the DSO-FN. The Division finances are in good order.



INFORMATION SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-IS

All reports submitted have been entered.
The transition of the new coding is going very smoothly.

Some flotillas are using their roster to submit 7029 hours for members attending their flotilla meetings. If you choose to do that please enter the number hours of attendance and number of hours for travel. I am happy to accept them that way.

Also, if you choose to submit your reports using the e-mail forms. They work fine.

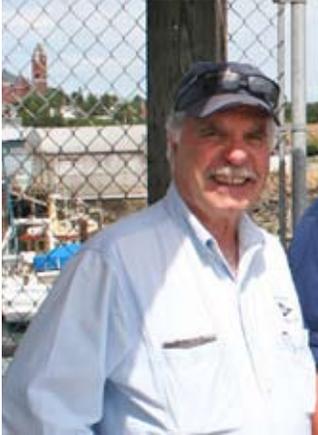
I will forward any new information I receive from our DSO-IS. There are some changes coming in the future.

Keep the reports coming!



COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT FOR DIVISION #4

from the desk of Don Millbauer



Goal: Identify communications solutions for USCGAUX, Division 4 to support the division's land & water facilities

Objective: Research and recommend a solution for division 4 members to maintain communications with each other in routine as well as times of emergency. This includes floating facilities on patrol status.

Introduction:

This plan is to complement District 13 Comms. Procedure, that is currently under review. The ideal plan would be functional in both high stress (emergency situations) as well as routine daily activity. It must cover both land and sea communications. Because of cost constraints, a simple low cost solution will be favored. A radio network would be a good backup in times of emergency or disaster.

Thoughts for consideration:

- In times of emergencies, certain communications facilities may be unreliable or unavailable for USCGAUX use. This must be taken into consideration.
- Communications on land by radio requires appropriate licensing. For example, VHF marine use requires members to have AUXCOM rating with an approved station license.
- Other than VHF marine, radio equipment must be able to operate on special frequencies used by the USCGAUX..
- Cell phones have an initial cost and monthly fee. Their reliability is beginning to approach wire line facilities but should never be expected to be as good. They are usually in close proximity to the person you are calling, i.e. they are considered personal communications devices which is a very desirable feature.
- Cell phones seem to have adequate coverage in all waterways of our AOR.
- Land based telephones are highly reliable but don't have coverage at sea and you often can't reach the person you're calling because they are not present at that site when you call. Telephone 'tag' is often the result.
- Pagers are impractical unless they are two-way. Even then, they are inefficient requiring other methods to complete the transaction. They do have the ability to notify large groups of people quickly.
- LM (Land Mobile) repeaters are available and have good coverage in our AOR. But, allowed use by USCGAUX is unclear particularly in time of emergency. Using LM repeaters require AUXCOM certification and equipment.
- USCGAUX Lookout Mountain repeater, 148.825 Mhz, has had less than ideal reliability. Its radio footprint in the south part of our AOR is marginal. Division #4 currently supports this equipment, financially. (continued next page)

- A mobile cross frequency repeater running on VHF marine frequencies could provide long distance communications for AUXCOM stations. It would have to be mobile and situated so that a specific AOR would be covered. Approval from DIRAUX and USCG would be needed.
- A radio footprint map shows that there is no single repeater that provides coverage to the entire division. The linking of two repeaters would be another matter and would definitely improve Division #4 coverage. Tests so far suggest that coverage might be obtained with a single repeater if it were located on Mt. Erie. Some other candidates would be Mt. Constitution on Orcas Island. Miller Peak topographical plots are less encouraging.
- What might work well for division #4 would probably have great benefit for division #1 as well.

Tests that might be considered:

- Using amateur radio licensees in the division, test the ham radio repeaters in the area for coverage to all stations in the division. This would suggest a suitable location for a repeater should the division choose to pursue. If successful, it could also be recommended to district that Lookout Mountain be relocated.
- Driving to the top of Miller peak (with access permission) or other sites and having a licensed Amateur Radio operator contact other stations located at AUXCOM stations would be another way of doing this.

Conclusion/Recommendations:

In trying to consider the unique circumstances of Coxswains and Boat Crew members on “stand by” status and the need for rapid and reliable response, Cell phones seem to be the most effective solution to this problem. Availability, reliability, and cost are all acceptable particularly when compared to the alternatives.

A cell phone calling-tree should be established for each team for maximum effectiveness.

- Radio solutions can be put in place. They should be considered for emergency situations when cell phone infrastructures fail or become overloaded. Emphasis should be placed on VHF Marine links to maintain contact with water borne facilities.

This solution was achieved in November 2007, with the implementation of the Division’s Communications Center located at the Port Ludlow Fire Station. This center also permits the Auxiliary to interface and coordinate in land or water emergency, with the Jefferson County Dept of Emergency Center, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

MARINE SAFETY

Larry Kight, SO-MS



Division 4 MS work is being done with limited resources in the way of people. Most of the work is being done by David Aho of Flotilla 41. David has presented the Sea Partners Program to the Jefferson county Marine Resources Committee on January 5. FSO Aho gave the Sea Partners presentation to Flotilla 47 on February 26, 2008, and Flotilla 48 on March 4, 2008. Other Flotillas meetings are being scheduled. Dock walkers are walking Port Ludlow Marina. David is the Olympic Peninsula representative for Sea Partners. Through these presentations he hopes to have more members join him in the program.

MEMBER TRAINING

Larry Brown, SO-MT

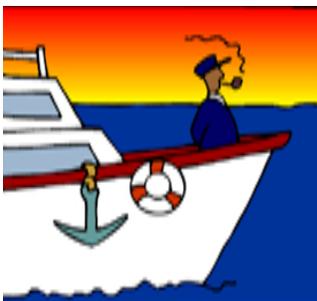


This year's training has started off with a bang for Division 4. In just this short period, the Division has hosted two Operations Specialty (AuxOps) courses on Communications and Weather, Instructor Training courses, an eight-hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) class, several Sexual Harassment Prevention and one-hour yearly TCT training sessions, as well as continuing Mentor and New Member training. Several of the Flotillas have on-going ABS courses teaching boating safety to the public.

A number of Flotillas are involved in weekly or monthly on-water training with several Flotillas working together in spite of the distances involved. As the year progresses an emphasis will be put on more Division-wide training with Flotillas working together and with the Coast Guard. Keep in mind that all training within the Division is open to any Auxiliary Member regardless of their Division or Flotilla affiliation.

OPERATIONS

John Reseck, SO-OP



The first Quarter was a good one for Division 4. We had a total of 19 patrols completed in January and February and as of writing this report we have 11 patrols in POMS for March. If we have no cancellations that will give us thirty patrols in the first quarter of 2008.

There are several new boats in the Division that are not as yet OPFACS but should be in the next few months. That will help us up our numbers. There are also several boats that are trailerable and out of the water for the winter.

There are plans to hold a crew academy in the Division in the spring. Plans have not been solidified but are in the works.

The Paddle Craft have been active with eight of our 30 patrols being Paddle Craft. They will become more active as the weather becomes friendlier.

Remember that just going on a patrol doesn't make you competent any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. Keep your skills up.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Sharon Reseck, SO-PS

There are 195 Members in Division 4. Division 4 has had 17 new members since January.

Everyone is doing a good job and I will be sending any new information as I receive it. Keep up the good work! If any of you have any questions, please feel free to give me at call at 360 301-2278 or e-mail me at jsreseck@cablespeed.com



PROGRAM VISITOR

Sonya Quitslund, SO-PV

It's official, not only are Vince and Keith winners in D 13, they are tops nationally. Congratulations! But they are not the only winners in Division 4 of the National Commodore's Award. They just outdid themselves. Actually only 40 VEs or 40 PVs are necessary. Congratulations to those who achieved this milestone:

Flotilla 42:

Dorn Carey for VE and PV, may he rest in peace.

Vince DeBenedette (1st place national award for PV)

Steve DeMaggio PV,

Keith Haynes, Sr. VE (3rd place national award for PVs),

Leo Leonard PV, Marilyn Leonard PV.

Flotilla 45 Phil Ransford PV

Flotilla 47 Bill Gaaney PV



I guess the rest of us had better get busy and do at least 40. Wouldn't it be great if every PV in Division 4 did at least 40 PVs? Let's try!

Flotilla 42, not to be outdone by 47, announces Vince has already done 300 (looks like he plans on beating his own record), and everyone in 42 is going to do 300 as a minimum!

Flotilla 47 is up and running this year with Bill Gaaney the sole PV but he's already done 98 PVs, putting many of us to shame. He recently set up a booth at the Port Townsend West Marine days, March 14-15, developing good rapport with the store manager. He noted that:

"The highlight of my handouts were, WSP's new 5 1/2 by 8 1/2, booklet called "A Boaters Guide." It is specifically about Puget Sound and is well worth keeping on all boats using the Sound. It is new this year and nobody else seems to have them but us."

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Marilynn Leonard, SO-PA

Two new Public Affairs staff attended the AUX-C school in Alameda, California.



STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Joe Dunstan, SO-PE



The Division has added several instructors under the new Instructor Development Course (IDC). For those interested in public education you are encouraged to visit the IDC at <http://www.auxedep.org/elib.html>. Any IT may be your mentor.

Encouraging members to become IT qualified is a modest investment in time that will pay big dividends to the member, your flotilla, division and the public you have pledged to serve. Public education is one of our main missions.

Boating Safely courses satisfying the Mandatory Boater Education requirement of the State of Washington are attracting increasing numbers of the general public, in our division, as the requirement becomes known. Auxiliary courses are our richest source of new recruits and are fun to teach.

The division is proud of the effort of those members in Flotilla 47 who are reviving their PE programs with success. The division is doing well in all aspects of public education. Follow this link to the Education Connection newsletter. <http://www.cgauxed.org/>

PUBLICATIONS

Loretta Rindal, SO-PB



One-quarter of the year is already gone! Thank you to all who have shared photos and event news. And to all who have diligently worked to gather information needed for flotilla, staff and other reports.

Flotilla 41, 42 and 48 each publish a monthly newsletter.

Last year Phil Keys and James Gunter redesigned, 4-Every-1 and this year have divided efforts with Phil carrying on as newsletter editor and James Gunter doing the website. A questionnaire inviting reader input has led to additional fine tuning of layout and content.

Flotilla 42, Ray Beaver, The Beacon, continues the legacy set by Lauren Corder, enriching his Flotilla's story with a seemingly limitless supply of photos!

Our Division story can only be told through your participation. There can be empowerment in a newsletter as we publish accomplishments, goals and various winning strategies. There can also be team-building as we join together to promote our targeted goals within the team Coast Guard community.

We have a great story to tell, and a great story to show and tell. As we go into our busiest season of the year be prepared, take a photo, write a brief description of your photo/event and send it in to your flotilla newsletter and while you are at it, send it in to your Division newsletter, Mark IV at road2runner@comcast.net.

Let's make that an assignment. Next deadline is June 30 and don't forget the National Photo Contest—anyone can submit a photo!

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

VESSEL EXAMINER

Paul Smith, SO-VE

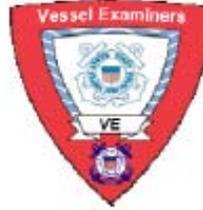
The VE staff has been very busy so far this year; we have held VE training and workshops from Port Angeles to Bremerton.

Now is the time of the year to hone our VE skills and to recruit new members. We have had some questions on policy that had to be referred to National—that is good; it indicates that we are moving in the proper direction.

John Yeckel and Larry Knight are in the process of setting up a date for the possible inspection of thirty to fifty boats at the Eagle Harbor Yacht Club in March; they will need the help of all of the Flotillas VE's.

We need to remember that the excellence of the Vessel Inspection is our main objective; the number of inspections should not be our main goal.

We need to focus on what the Boater expects, it is a good check of the safety equipment and an exchange of boating safety



Joe Langjahr does Vessel Exam
Photo courtesy of FL 41

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE BLOG?

Newsbrief from the desk of Loretta Rindal

On February 1, the Thirteenth Coast Guard District launched its first podcast.

Purpose: to help provide the public with an up-to-date view of community events and missions conducted by the Coast Guard in the Pacific North West.

The first edition showcased the top five 2007 recorded rescues.

The second edition featured a message from Admiral John P. Currier, rescue swimmers workout, Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Museum, surge operations in the port of Astoria and a segment on the Boat Show.

And who should appear at the Boat Show—Auxiliarist Janet Young from Flotilla 45!

The official D13 Blog/Podcast can be found at:

<http://www.piersystem.com/go/doctype/21/23423/>



Janet Young, Flotilla 45, featured on 2nd edition of D13 Podcast while staffing the Auxiliary Booth at the Seattle Boat show.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & PHOTO CONTEST

Three first place winners from
2007



Operations



Fellowship



Vessel Safety

All Auxiliarists are invited to submit their public affairs projects, and photos from 1 January 2007 to 1 May 2008 in the 2008 Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Contests. Next year's contest will be for activities from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009.

Public Affairs Contest (PA) entrants will E-mail a synopsis of their project, activity, etc. to the PA Contest coordinator. Backup, paper copies may be submitted at the entrant's discretion. Five copies need to be sent to the PA contest coordinator. The coordinator will provide the appropriate mailing address on receipt of the entrant's Email notification. These will be presented for the best district, division and flotilla projects. There are four basic categories:

- A. Use of imagination and creativity.
- B. Promoting the Auxiliary programs and Auxiliary image.
- C. Clarity of writing and ease of replication.
- D. Attracting the attention of the media and the boating public.

Entries should be e-mailed to Linda Shogren at: articlunasea@yahoo.com.

Photo Contest entries must be in digital .jpg format. Only red eye removal, lighting enhancements, and cropping are permitted. Photos may be color or black and white. Seven categories are judged:

Public Affairs
Fellowship
Marine Safety

Member Services
Operations
Public Education
Vessel Safety Checks

Digital Photos must be a minimum of 3 megapixels. Entries should be E-mailed to the Photo Contest Coordinator, Joe Cirone at: jpcirone@warwick.net

All entries must be submitted by 1 May 2008. Judging reports are due to DC-A/DC-Ad not later than 30 May 2008. First place winners of each contest will be announced at NACON 2008 in Orlando.

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Other first place winners can be viewed at
www.bazonkers.com/gallery/view_album.php?set_albumName=2007contest



NEW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

PRESS RELEASE

from the desk of Don Millbauer

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla #41 has established a new Communications Center (COMM CTR) in partnership with Port Ludlow's Fire District & Rescue, Port Ludlow Disaster Preparedness Council and Jefferson County's Emergency Operations Center. Don Millbauer, Communications Officer for Division 4 of the Auxiliary stated:

"This creative partnership has allowed for improved Auxiliary response by improving communication on land and water in our area of operation."

Flotilla 41 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is located in Port Ludlow. However, they were operating their communication center in a trailer parked some 25 miles to the north at the Point Wilson Lighthouse complex near Port Townsend, Washington. Division 4 of the Auxiliary determined a more local, immediate access was needed; especially for emergencies. In early 2007, Division Communications Officer Don Millbauer approached Port Ludlow's Fire Chief, Edward Wilkenson, with the idea of establishing a communication center at the local firehouse. Chief Wilkenson was very enthusiastic about such a concept, in part, to institute interface between the Jefferson County Emergency Operating Center (EOC) and their fire station communications facilities with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The transfer of the equipment took place late in 2007 and with the help of the firemen, the center was operational by the January 1, 2008.

Since operating at their new Communication Center, Flotilla #41 has used the facility regularly, including:

- Monitoring of Coast Guard marine radio channels; Weekly emergency network drill with the Jefferson County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) that links with all local amateur radio operators affiliated with Jefferson County's Emergency Operating Center located in Port Hadlock.
- Assisting in the training of auxiliarists, for "man lost overboard drills," first light searches, medical emergency procedures, mechanical emergency and towing evolution, and for training students in communication procedures.

Don Millbauer, Communications Officer for Division 4 of the Auxiliary stated further:

"Overall, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is another important instrument in the tool box of the U.S. Coast Guard. We hope what we have accomplished with our partners within Jefferson County will be a model for District #13 of the U.S. Coast Guard which includes the Puget Sound region."



NEW COAST GUARD INTERNET HOMEPAGE

Enhanced Coast Guard Internet



1. The newly designed coast guard internet homepage, www.uscg.mil, will become the singular source of all relevant, important, and timely coast guard information for all audiences. CG central will continue to be the source of information for internal only audiences as well.

2. Central changes to website include the following sections:

- a. Featured photo: updated daily.
- b. Breaking news: pertinent news stories and releases updated 24/7.
- c. Press releases: both local and national will be updated continuously.
- d. Multimedia: in addition to photos, graphics, audio, and podcasts, multimedia incorporates CGVI videos, pentagon channel, and CG video Channel.

1. Pentagon channel: directs you to all coast guard stories featured on the pentagon channel.

2. CG video channel: directs you to all coast guard video featured on youtube web page. This is for external audiences or home use. Streaming video is not authorized on coast guard computers.

- e. CG journal entry: informal, timely information on a broad range of Coast guard issues, topics, and initiatives.
- f. CG announcements: single source location for allcoasts and all internet releasable message traffic.
- g. Unit spotlight: stories highlighting CG units updated every other Month.

3. An added feature to the web page is the “really simple syndication” (rss) tool. Rss allows a user to subscribe to frequently updated content such as news headlines or podcasts. Rss makes it possible for people to keep up With selected web sites in an automated manner. For more information on how to use rss, please visit the rss feeds link on the multimedia tab,

<http://www.uscg.mil/top/rss>.

4. The new webpage will be up by 22 feb 2008. In addition, cg-0922 will continue to improve and develop the website further.

5. My poc is Capt James McPherson (202-372-4627) or email at james.b.mcpherson@uscg.mil

Much thanks to OSC, CG-6, and TISCOM for All their efforts to put this homepage together.

Rdml Mary E. Landry, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, www.USCG.MIL

42 & 47 CAN CAN CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK

from the desk of Marilyn Leonard, SO-PA

During the first quarter of 2008, Public Affairs Officers and staff trainees were assigned to cover the service area of Flotilla 42 and 47 to make direct contact with and then train area citizens who were members of the Citizens Action Network (CAN).

The best way to visualize the CAN program is to recall the Coast Watchers Program from World War II. The modern day version is to have alert, trained citizens who live along the coast of the North Olympic Peninsula be on the alert for boats in trouble, unusual conditions, pollution, or suspicious activity. Over the years, citizens have reported oil spills, boats in trouble, and even helped find a stolen boat.

The CAN program is over 9 years old. Created by LCDR Andre Billeaudeau, it was originally concerned with reporting accidents. Over the years, the CAN program was the subject of a Master's Thesis by LCDR Billeaudeau at the Navy's Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. In the last few years, the program won an award from the School of Business at Harvard University. The CAN program was also briefed to the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen in late 2007.

Other than an occasional newsletter from District 13, most citizens who had signed up for the program had little or no actual association with the Coast Guard. Early in 2007, LCDR Billeaudeau, then District Public Affairs Officer, met with Active and Auxiliary members in the Port Angeles area to move the program into an ongoing, interactive operation. Formalizing the CAN program as a Coast Guard operation with Group and Sector Instructions, the decision was made to have Auxiliary Public Affairs personnel at the Flotilla and Division levels manage the contacting and training of the volunteer citizens.

Auxiliary Public Affairs was chosen as the group to manage the program because, typically, Public Affairs officers have frequent contact with the public and are comfortable and trained in working with the media. Each Public Affairs officer has two or three Auxiliarists assigned to cover a given geographic area in which resides a given number of citizens. The plan is to have Auxiliarists contact the Citizens Action Network members monthly by email letting everyone know what is happening in the Group area, in terms of oil spills or unusual boat activity. Occasionally, citizens may be asked by the Active Coast Guard to be on the lookout for boats, possible oil spills or other discharges from boats, or to look for pollution along the coastline.

Since Flotilla 41, 45, and 48 fall within Sector Seattle's area of operation, the decision was to have Seattle work with the Public Affairs staff of those flotillas, as the Seattle Sector CAN program becomes organized, probably some time during the summer of 2008.

On February 19, 2008, personnel from the Auxiliary and Active Coast Guard initiated the first-ever training program of citizens at Group/Air Station Port Angeles, the focus of the day's training was how to report incidents and recognize the different types of oil spills.

To illustrate the importance that the Coast Guard places on the CAN program, on March 7, 2008, Sector Seattle sent out an alert to all CAN volunteers that ceramic bottles were washing up on Washington's Pacific coast which contained a gas that could potentially become lethal. CAN members were asked to check the beaches and notify authorities if any bottles were found. In addition, Public Affairs personnel from Flotilla 42 from Port Angeles distributed leaflets throughout the Olympic Peninsula warning citizens.



JANUARY COW AT A GLANCE



Photos: Jim Beyea



COMO Bruce Miller, CAPT Scott Pollock,
DCP Steve DeMaggio



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CDR Tina Burke &
LCDR Andre Billeaudeau



VCP Grant Winther



CAPT Scott Pollock
on Core Values



SO-SR Leo Leonard
w/flag staff made by Don Millbauer

DCP & IPDCP Peter Raiswell



IPDC & Aux-C Sandy Pinckert



Derelict Dinghy Award to FI 45
Grant Winther (FI 48) & Hugh Murray (FI 41)



COLIN POWELL'S 18 LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES*

*an abbreviated version of presentation by LCDR Andre Billeaudeau

LESSON ONE: "Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off." Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions.

LESSON TWO: "The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

LESSON THREE: "Don't be buffaloed by experts and elites. Experts often possess more data than judgment. Elites can become so inbred that they produce hemophiliacs who bleed to death as soon as they are nicked by the real world."

LESSON FOUR: "Don't be afraid to challenge the pros, even in their own backyard." Learn from the pros, observe them, seek them out as mentors and partners. But remember that even the pros may have leveled out in terms of their learning and skills. Good leadership encourages everyone's evolution.

LESSON FIVE: "Never neglect details. When everyone's mind is dulled or distracted the leader must be doubly vigilant." Good leaders delegate and empower others liberally, but they pay attention to details, every day.

LESSON SIX: "You don't know what you can get away with until you try." You know the expression "it's easier to get forgiveness than permission?" Well, it's true. Good leaders don't wait for official blessing to try things out.

LESSON SEVEN: "Keep looking below surface appearances. Don't shrink from doing so (just) because you might not like what you find."

LESSON EIGHT: "Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavours succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds."

LESSON NINE: "Organization charts and hence titles count for next to nothing." Organization charts are frozen, anachronistic photos in a workplace that ought to be as dynamic as the external environment around you.

LESSON TEN: "Never let your ego get so close to your position that when your position goes, your ego goes with it." Effective leaders create a climate where people's worth is determined by their willingness to learn new skills and grab new responsibilities, thus perpetually reinventing their jobs.

LESSON ELEVEN: "Fit no stereotypes. Don't chase the latest management fads. The situation dictates which approach best accomplishes the team's mission."

LESSON TWELVE: "Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier." The ripple effect of a leader's enthusiasm and optimism is awesome. So is the impact of cynicism and pessimism.

LESSON THIRTEEN: "Powell's Rules for Picking People"-Look for intelligence and judgment and, most critically, a capacity to anticipate, to see around corners. Also look for loyalty, integrity, a high energy drive, a balanced ego and the drive to get things done."

LESSON FOURTEEN: (Borrowed by Powell from Michael Korda): "Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand."

LESSON FIFTEEN: Part I: "Use the formula $P=40$ to 70 , in which P stands for the probability of success and the numbers indicate the percentage of information acquired." Part II: "Once the information is in the 40 to 70 range, go with your gut."

LESSON SIXTEEN: "The commander in the field is always right and the rear echelon is wrong, unless proved otherwise."

LESSON SEVENTEEN: "Have fun in your command. Don't always run at a breakneck pace. Take leave when you've earned it. Spend time with your families." Corollary: "Surround yourself with people who take their work seriously, but not themselves, those who work hard and play hard."

LESSON EIGHTEEN: "Command is lonely." Harry Truman was right. Whether you're a CEO or the temporary head of a project team, the buck stops here. You can encourage participative management and bottom-up employee involvement, but ultimately, the essence of leadership is the willingness to make the tough, unambiguous choices that will have an impact on the fate of the organization.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

MAY 17-23



National Safe Boating Week
May 17-23, 2008

For information about National Safe Boating Week events, activities & materials, go to <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.net>

Educational resources, campaign events and resources, Be a Survivor Contest, I'm a Safe Boater Contest

And for kids find out about the safe boating competition for kids ages: 4-7, 8-11, 12-15. go to: <http://www.boatingsidekicks.com>

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK MEGA WEEKS

MAY 17, 2008 - JULY 6, 2008



from For Safety's Sake, the official V Department Newsletter

VSC Mega Weeks begins with National Safe Boating week and ends with the July 4th weekend. This gives seven weeks to concentrate efforts on VSCs at ramps, marinas, yacht clubs in your communities.

Several strategies for a successful VSC program are mentioned in "For Safety's Sake Newsletter, including partnering with local businesses to help sponsor and publicize your event. National Vessel Examination website www.safetyseal.net

The key to success is identified lies with establishing a "Performance Team," in the planning, including Program Visitors, PE Instructors, Public Affairs specialists and Vessel Examiners.

This is also an excellent time to promote our other Boating Safety programs: public education courses, maritime domain awareness and membership!

One VSC = Lives Saved!

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