MARK IV

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A PROUD TRADITION, A WORTHY MISSION

On June 23, 2009 the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be celebrating 70 years of service to the county. Over these years, tens-of-thousands of men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have spent millions of volunteer hours helping the Coast Guard carry out its mission. They have saved countless lives through their work, on and off the water. Auxiliarists are probably best known for educating the public through their boating safety classes and Courtesy Marine Examinations. Yet, they do much more.

An historical snapshot shows that when America entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort. Some Auxiliarists served weeks at a time with the Temporary Reserve. They guarded waterfronts, carried out coastal picket patrols, rescued survivors from scuttled ships and did anything else they were asked to do. Many of their private vessels were placed in service.

After the war, Auxiliarists resumed their recreational boating safety duties. The Auxiliary's four cornerstones - Vessel Examination, Education, Operations and Fellowship - were established and remain the Auxiliary's pillars today.

The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. Membership is open to men and women, 17 years or older, U.S. citizens of all states and territories, civilians or active duty or former members of any of the uniformed services and their Reserve components, including the Coast Guard.

Read about our history at: http://www.uscg.mil/history/CG_Auxiliary_index.asp. History of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, written by John A. Tilley, Department of History, East Carolina University.

Time to get ready to join in the celebration!

Next Division Meeting

April 25

Bainbridge Island Commons
Kalgren Room

900-1000 hrs
Mandatory Operations Workshop*
*(Sector Seattle)

1100-1300 General Meeting
Guest Speaker: Bob Hays

4th Annual Boater's Fair!

May 2, 2009
10 am - 2 pm
Bainbridge Island

COMMANDER COMMENTS

Grant Winther, DCDR

Division Four is off to a great start . . . meeting the challenges of Member Training, Public Education, Member Recruitment, Public Affairs, On-the-water training and Safety Patrols as well as members who "take to the air," the AuxAir contingency.

Flotilla 41 is doing its part performing numerous paddlecraft patrols, unique to this flotilla. The kayak patrols go out all year no matter what the weather or temperature. They do Marine Observation Missions, Aids to Navigation, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection in and around Hood Canal. John Reseck, FSO-OP) deserves all the credit for starting and fighting for the continuance of the Auxiliary Paddlecraft program.

Flotilla 42 continues to teach ABS classes and is scheduling public school programs. During the Discovery Bay Salmon Derby 85 VSCs were completed. Approximately 319 Program Visits were conducted. Their Program Visitor Team was selected as Number One in the Nation for 2008 and one member, Vince DeBendette, was Number One in the Nation and in our District. A PV class is being developed and will be scheduled for prospective PVs for late March or April.

Flotilla 45— A check of AuxInfo shows that Flotilla 45 has been active with VSC, SAR, Marine & Aviation Patrols, Marine & Environmental Protection, and website maintenance. Additionally they have provided support for on-the-water training with Flotilla 48. We are lucky to have Tim Westcott SO-NS (FL 45) in our Division. Tim is the Federal ATON Damage Claim Manager and the Private Aids to Navigation Manager in the 13th Coast Guard District. In 2008, 150 Patons were verified and 158 bridges were inspected; and our Division did its share of the work. Congratulations to Mike Pearce, Aircraft Commander of the Year! (District 13).

Flotilla 47 Members of Operations were allowed to participate in scheduled maintenance of the Cutter Osprey's P-6 frop pumps. They have one member who is starting the process to join the Sector ICS team. This is a one-year commitment. They continue with an active PE and VE schedule. The Flotilla is very active in Public Affairs publicizing boating events and establishing a PA communication plan with all Flotillas. Two of their staff, FSO-PB Tori Brandon and FSO-PA Andrea Alstrup, have been accepted for the AUX12 C-School (Public Affairs), May 15-17 in Seattle. Congratulations to Flotilla 47 on the launching of their newsletter, *Strait Talk*.

We now have four flotilla newsletters in the Division: 41, 42, 47 and 48. Publications whether by newsletter or website is hard but rewarding work. The Division has 5 flotilla websites. Thank you for helping to get the word out on all we do.

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CALENDAR 2009

April
Quarterly reports due to
Mark IV (SO-FC)
25 Division Meeting, FL 45/48

May
2 Boater's Fair
2-10 Irrigation Fest, Sequim
9 Seattle Maritime Festival
23-24 Shrimp Festival, Brinnon
25 Memorial Day Ceremonies

June

July
Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)
4th July Booth/Patrols
18 Division Meeting, FL 41
30, 31 Seafair

August
1, 2 Seafair
3-8 Canoe Crossing Journey

September
11-13 Wooden Boat Festival
25-27 West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium, Pt. Townsend
25-27 Unlimited Light Hydro Races, Pt. Angeles

October
Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)
10 Division Election, FL 42

November

December
Quarterly reports due
to Mark IV (SO & FC)

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Flotilla 48 continues with HELO OPS training patrols and Marine Force Protection Unit Patrols as well as more routine patrols. Public Education continues to receive heavy emphasis with two classes conducted this quarter. FSO-IS Norma Bailey is putting together her Kids 'N Water school program and continues in her role as Ombudsman to the USCG Cutter Midgett. Preparation is in high gear for the 4th Annual Boater's Fair, May 2 on Bainbridge Island which has Division wide interest and participation. Congratulations to Sonya Quitslund who was named Observer/Air Crew of the Year (D 13).

Great Northern Area Training Session

This is the year for Division 4 to host the Great Northern Area Training Session. Due to the closure of the Hood Canal Bridge we have changed the dates from May 30 to October 9, 10, 11. The place is also changed. GNATS will be held at Oak Harbor, WA.

The Oak Harbor Yacht Club has graciously extended the use of their club facilities for the event. Skagit Valley College, across the street from the Yacht Club, will provide us with all the classrooms that we need for our presentation

Oak Harbor Yacht Club

Oak Harbor Marina

We will kickoff the event Friday evening (October 9) 1800 with fellowship at the Yacht Club's bar, followed at their invitation, by their famous Hamburger Cookout known all over Oak Harbor. Cook your own burger over the coals then help yourself to all of the trimmings, salads (macaroni & potato) and beans at the buffet. We will have our own room upstairs to enjoy our lavish surroundings, food & fellowship. Saturday (October 10) finds us at the Yacht Club at 0815 for an organizational meeting prior to attending the various interesting and relevant offerings in our classrooms at Skagit Valley College. Noon we have a Deli Buffet lunch at the Yacht Club, classes and presentations in the afternoon. In the evening we have a fellowship hour, banquet, awards, presentations, introduction of our honored guest, featured speaker, and much more.

More about GNATS on page 5

Maritime Information Initiative

I encourage all of you who have not done so to sign up on the web with the Maritime Information Initiative. This is "an information exchange site hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS). It is making this forum available to further its broader mission of education and engagement as well as serving as an academic tool." If you explore the site you will find our own Jim Zard, SO-MT hosting his "Question of the Day," a daily question covering Navigation, Nav Rules, Seamanship, Search and Rescue plus a lot more. The Question of the Day is a lot of fun while you are learning valuable information. For those who do not join MII you can get the "Question of the Day' by contacting Jim at jim.zard@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Division Four will have 32 members needing QE clearance for 3rd Year Currency Maintenance this year. All Flotillas are preparing for this and helping one another organizing through SO-MT Jim Zard, SO-OP Charles Martin and SO-PE Joe Dunstan with the respective FSOs. Those who did not take ICS 210 are grateful for the extension to 04-01-2010 (no April Fools). There are very few of them and they should be able to get it done.

I am proud to serve alongside VDCDR Henry Loresch. Working together I am sure the Division will be able to accomplish all that we have set out to do and more.

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Flotilla 41—Port Ludlow

from the desk of Joe Langjahr

Despite the extended winter weather conditions in the first quarter, Flotilla 41 still provided safety patrols with both paddle craft operators and "big boat" facilities putting in time on the water. The paddle craft operators continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of their patrols, getting into areas too shallow or too close to the beach for other facilities while checking for pollution and derelict vessels.

Trying a new twist on the traditional public education classes like ABS, we have offered a number of one-night "mini-courses" or Boating Skills classes covering specific topics, e.g. electronic charting, knots and lines, VHF radio, etc. So far, we are pleased with the results and the number of people enrolled. In addition, Flotilla 41 presented the ABS course to the public as well as some new members allowing them to become "BQ."

John Main, Simeon Baldwin, Peggy Welker and Jeff Welker Paddle Craft Operators, Safety Patrol, February

Taking advantage of the winter months and the slowing of patrol hours, member training was also emphasized with a goal of providing members with opportunities to complete AUXOP classes. Eight members completed the AUXSEA class and a number of others are attending the on-going AUXSC&E class. We are planning on offering the AUXPAT and AUXCOM classes later this year. We also contemplate a TCT refresher class in June.

Working with DIRAUX, we have been able to fill the majority of our personal protective equipment requirements for boat crews. With a few exceptions, our crews now have dry suits and other gear necessary for on-the-water patrols in winter months.

The Flotilla 41 communications center, located in the Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Station, has participated in weekly communications drills with the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Center and the Amateur Radio Emergency System located at the Sheriff's office in Port Hadlock. All are pleased to have our Comms center as a partner in their communications plans.

Flotilla 41 gained four new members this quarter, two involved in the paddle craft program and two interested in communications. Each has been assigned mentors and working towards qualifications. Sadly, one of our members, John Van Zonneveld, crossed the bar, passing away in March.

Flotilla 42—Sequim

from the desk of Leo Leonard, FC

The Christmas holidays and the early part of the year were spent organizing Flotilla 42 to respond to the new District Instruction relating to Recreational Boater Safety.

After discussions with the Auxiliary and the Active leadership, Flotilla 42 developed specific instructions, schedules, and reporting procedures to comply with Group and District guidance.

The clear and specific goals and schedules are proving a great help to all RBS efforts. The Flotilla plans to increase from last year our Vessel Safety Checks, Public Education classes, school visits, and Program Visits. As March 2009 ended, we are almost double where we were last year.

Our second successful Auxiliary Staff Officers Academy was held during January, February, and March, with 17 graduates. The course of study covered the Auxiliary Manual, report forms, orders, reimbursements, Citizens Action Network, Leadership and Management, and Techniques of Instruction.

The Academy is 76 hours long and is open to all Auxiliarists. The course is a beginning to help members become more effective.

Flotilla 42 has conducted two ABS courses. One VE qualification course was taught. One PV qualification course was completed. With over 20 Vessel Examiners, 10 Program Visitors, 18 Instructors, 6 boat crew trainees, and approximately 90 members, we look forward to an exciting year.

Great Northern Area Training Session

GNATS

Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island

October 9-11, 2009

Presentations* & Awards, Guest Speaker, Honored Guests

Banquet catered by Oak Harbor Yacht Club
Deli-buffet Lunch
Continental breakfast Saturday & Sunday
Moorage provided by Oak Harbor Marina

Classes at Skagit Valley College
(across from the Yacht Club)

Preview of Some of the Topics

- What's New in Communications
- Guidelines for Working with the Active Duty Coast Guard
- Understanding Navigation Systems
- Personnel Services Roundtable
- Website Development and Management
- Instructor Development
- Surface Operations
- Impact of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on National Security

.....Many More

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Flotilla 47—Port Townsend

from the desk of Charles Martin, FC

Flotilla 47 continues to strengthen and grow as our members prepare for the 2009 boating season. This summer we have eight additional Flotilla members, four newly qualified Boat Crew and one newly qualified Coxswain. Additionally all of our Crew and Coxswains have a full complement of PPE equipment including dry suits and are gearing up to participate in patrols and events this summer. Upcoming events include the Blessing of the Fleet, Opening Day of the Boating Season and The Wooden Boat Festival.

Our Lighthouse tours will continue to be a part of Flotilla 47's public service platform as we inform and honor that historic landmark at Fort Warden. Vessel Safety Exams, Public Safety and Public Affairs also continue to be a top priority for our Flotilla.

Many of our members have spent the quiet lull of winter days in training and we have a QE session scheduled in April that upon completion will give us one new coxswain and one new boat crew member. Other trainings that have been completed by members include Aux SC&E, ICS 300 and 210 and Train the Trainer. Five of our members attended the Sector Seattle Operations meeting in anticipation of the future change over to Sector Puget Sound. Additionally our flotilla has two members that have been accepted to attend Aux 12 C-school in Seattle in May.

Congratulations are in order to one of our members who, while logging many hours this past winter working on board the Coast Guard Cutter Osprey, completed his check-offs and subsequently passed his qualifying exam for Boat Crew on that vessel. This accomplishment serves Flotilla 47 well in strengthening our working relationship with the Gold side. The same member was awarded Member of the week by the Auxiliary Maritime Information Initiative for posting his Boat Crew Question of the Day series on that web site.

Flotilla 47 published it first edition of its newsletter Strait-Talk In April and is looking forward to watching it take shape and evolve to become a top notch publication. All of our members and staff are forming a cohesive group and doing a great job working together for the good of the Flotilla and the overall Auxiliary organization itself. We are excited to be a part of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer organization

Flotilla 48—North Kitsap

from the desk of Jim Beyea, FC

The flotilla kept up its steady pace of activities into the new year. Tammy Allen, Bainbridge Island Harbor Master, started our year off by speaking about upcoming changes to the rules governing mooring buoys and fees around Bainbridge. She also predicted that the number and frequency of derelict vessels will increase as a result of the current economic conditions. What to do about the vessels will be an ongoing discussion.

Our program of Four Minute Learning Opportunities continues with "How to make an Effective 911 or May Day Call" and "Night Vision; What it is and How to Maintain it."

Our Public Education classes are full speed ahead: with two About Boating Safely Classes, given thus far.

Larry Brown, checks run-aground sailboat, Bainbridge Is. Police on the scene. Photo: J. Beyea

Planning for the Fourth Annual Boater's Fair continues at a rapid pace. Participants include: members drawn from other Division flotillas, Bainbridge Island Marine Police, Harbor Master, Fire Department, USCG Group Port Angeles Helos, STA SEA safe boat, Power Squadron.

We are offering Kids-N-Water at local elementary schools.

On-the-water Operations have been frequent: MOM Patrols, Assisted Active Duty and BI Marine Police with a grounded sail boat at Blakely Rock; Participation in Helo Basket Retrievals (Basket Catching) with Station Seattle boat crews and Port Angeles Helo pilots and crews. Supported Navy Testing exercise—Keyport

The Operations Call Out tree was finalized, distributed and tested.

When members were not busy with the above activities, they attended the annual TCT and Sexual Harassment Prevention Harassment training, the Division COW, ICS 210 Training and Sector Seattle Operations Training Day.

Auxiliary Support & The Coast Guard

by Phil Ransford, Flotilla 45

Has anyone ever wondered what the Auxiliary can do or has done to assist the Coast Guard in their Homeland Security mission? There have been a couple of instances in recent months of such support by the Auxiliary in the Seattle area.

In June, 2008 several facilities participated in a radiation survey; where Government agencies sent people out to measure the radiation background of recreational vessels. The Bremerton/S. Kitsap flotilla was one that took part. No big deal, from the boater's point of view, but it helps define the "normal" level of radiation that is found on and around recreational boats of various types. If the CG encounters radiation profiles that appear unusual, they will have standards against which to measure them – and that might result in further investigation that could prevent a major catastrophe in one of America's ports.

On March 4, 2009, the US Navy held an exercise at the Keyport Undersea Warfare Center to measure the acoustic signatures of various small boats under several operating scenarios. Auxiliary boats from the Bainbridge Island/N. Kitsap and the Bremerton/S. Kitsap flotillas as well as some active duty Coast Guard 25-footers were involved.

Arriving at Keyport in mid-morning, the first order of business was a briefing by the USN technical personnel who were conducting the exercise. Sonobuoys (small floating instruments containing a hydrophone to pick up the sounds produced by the participating boats, a radio transmitter to send these signals to shore-side stations and a salt-water-activated battery to power the whole thing) were deployed at approximately 1000 yard intervals along a range running from South of the Keyport station to just North of Brownsville.

Once the range was established, the exercise began. There were 9 scenarios: from single boat parades, to two-boat columns, at various speeds and with a few quirks, like having one of two boats veer off when half-way through the course, as if it was making an attack.

At the conclusion, the USN folks told us that they had obtained valuable data, and felt the exercise was well worth the cost (some $8000 – for a Gov't job, that's peanuts). The Auxiliary can be proud that they have helped our Homeland Security forces build their defenses against at least one possible avenue of attack. It was fun for those involved, and gave both the active duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary another opportunity to see what they could do – both alone and together.

COMMUNICATIONS—Don Millbauer, SO-CM

Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator Specialty

Radio communications in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary have undergone extensive changes in recent years, and continue to evolve. The advent and use of new technologies, the implementation of Rescue 21, the implementation of GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System), and new roles for the Auxiliary post-9/11, have driven many of these changes. In many areas of the country Auxiliary communicators are functioning as Watchstanders from their fixed or mobile Auxiliary stations, either as a regular shift activity or as ad hoc communicators. When functioning in this manner, these Auxiliarists are the voice of the Coast Guard to the boating public.

In addition, many stations and operators fulfill key mission requirements when holding guard for Auxiliary and Coast Guard vessels and aircraft. Some specially authorized Auxiliary Radio facilities are also providing direct operational support to CG Communications Area Master Stations (CAMS) and Communications Stations with operations being controlled solely by Auxiliarists.

As a result, it is clear that the current "comms" eligibility based upon completion of the AUXCOM class needs to be updated. Auxiliarists are currently performing tasks and fulfilling duties for which this program no longer provides adequate training or guidance.

The qualification of Auxiliary communicators must be better linked to actual telecommunication operation with a minimum standard for such operations. Certification must be based on the successful accomplishment of given tasks, as in other Auxiliary programs. Operators may then be qualified and certified with assurance that they have been trained to standard.

This standardized level of qualification will allow increased interoperability with Coast Guard units and other agencies and will allow improved response capability during contingency operations. The qualification detailed in this Standard is not related to the AUXCOM specialty as a part of AUXOP program, but rather is an entirely new qualification program within the Operations (Response) Department of the Auxiliary.

Current "comms" eligibility based upon completion of the AUXCOM class accomplished prior to the effective date of this Standard will remain in effect indefinitely.

Individuals currently "comms" eligible are encouraged, but not required to meet the qualification detailed in this Standard.

After the effective date of this Standard, completion of the qualification detailed in this Standard is required for all new communications qualifications.

The qualification detailed in this Standard does not apply to and is not required for operation of those radios which are a part of surface or air facilities when those facilities are in operation under orders.

Expect updates as more information becomes available.

INFORMATION SERVICES—Sharon Reseck, SO-IS

All reports received have been entered at this time.

The only thing pending is an AUX10 class being offered sometime in November in Seattle. Sandy Pinckert and Jackie Ayzenberg have expressed interest in attending. All FSO-IS are required to have attended an AUX10 class. This class is mainly geared to people interested in becoming the FSO-IS in the following year. If interested please contact me and your FSO-IS.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE—Rolland Kenitzer, SO-IS

The February and March financial reports will be available at the April meeting. A revision of the FSO-FN Guidelines and Suggestions document has been reviewed by the DSO-FN and will be available for the FSO-FNs at the April meeting. It would be nice if the flotilla FSO-FNs could attend and get their copy personally. And perhaps there would be time for a short meeting with the FSO-FNs to discuss concerns and problems in flotilla finance.

Division 4 has well over a years' expenditures in the checking account. The Auxiliary Manual says that monies should not be accumulated without a purpose. With the District dues increase, the Division may want to consider a reduction in dues for 2009. Discussion should be started now so that any action could be taken at the next quarterly meeting, in time for the flotillas to consider what they may want to do in setting their dues for the fall collection of dues.

MEMBER TRAINING—Jim Zard, SO-MT

Division 4 put forth a gargantuan effort in order to meet the IS-210 deadline of March 31, 2009. We performed so well at the outset that, as we approached the deadline, we couldn't get any classes within the Division and the few remaining members needing the class were forced to look far from home for opportunities. We achieved a 75% compliance rate overall with three of the Division Flotillas achieving 100% prior to the deadline that is now moot. These numbers are a bit skewed because they include those that are REYR (some of which have decided not to maintain currency).

On-Water training has been problematic due to budget constraints (at least within the portion of the Division that works with Group Port Angeles) as well as the cold weather PPE requirements, but we've stressed to the Operations FSOs and MTs that every on-water patrol should contain a training component with the goal of insuring that Operational resources are interchangeable. I, along with OTO Jones, have been encouraging all Boat Crew members, Coxswains, and Boat Crew member trainees to sign up and participate in the Maritime Information Initiative forums where I have posted a daily Boat Crew Question taken from the Seamanship Manual, Navigation Rules of the Road, Operations Policy Manual, or USCG SAR addendum. It's been a bit slow getting this off the ground, but it now seems to be gaining momentum.

We've conducted an 8-hour TCT Workshop within the Division and had an excellent turnout. I have distributed all the other 2009 workshops along with encouragement to conduct both the mandatory and optional ones early in the year.

Another Area that I am focusing on is to have the FSO-MTs encourage more members to certify as instructors, and VEs in order to better support the Coast Guard's RBS goals through public education and VSCs.

Our Division will be hosting G.N.A.T.S. this fall so we will be soliciting training ideas, instructor resources, and committee members to get it all organized and coordinated. Member should consider where they can contribute to this effort.

PUBLICATIONS—Loretta Rindal, SO-PB

Things are looking up in the publications department! Four newsletters now in the Division—Flotillas 41, 42, 47 & 48!

The Beacon, Flotilla 42, is back online thanks to the efforts of Barbara Sehl; first issue March 2009. And Flotilla 47 has just launched their first issue of *Strait Talk* thanks to the efforts of news editor Tori Brandon.

Only those who have already been there, truly understand what it takes to put a newsletter together—starting from with a vision, possible content, researching ideas and finally culminating in a publication!

Congratulations all. Please support your editors by submitting news, photos and ideas.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

PERSONNEL SERVICES—Jackie Ayzenberg, SO-PS

Division 4 continues to grow with 258 members on file as of March 22, 2009. In addition there are pending applications in nearly all of the flotillas. Processing a new member has gotten easier than before in that all of the information, applications and the new member test are online. In addition, there is a new e-learning course available to PS Officers, Flotilla Commanders and anyone else interested in the steps to recruit and enroll new members. The course is called, Introduction to Auxiliary Personnel and Membership and it takes the student through the subject matter in a systematic way, introducing existing and new Auxiliary materials and evaluating the student's progress.
http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/course/view.php?id=27

A copy of the new member application form 7001 is available on line at this address: http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7001f.pdf

The new member handbook, the online exam and other resources are available from the PS department online at this address:
http://www.auxpdept.org/

Recruiting and retaining members is critical to the success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and I am here to assist you in any way that I can. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 819-2882 or jnayz@cablespeed.com.

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS—Larry Kight, SO-VE

The Division is doing well with VSC for the Calendar Year. We have performed almost 200 mostly due to 42 and 47s efforts at the Fishing derby. The number of Vessel Examiners for the Division stands at 40. We are looking forward to a great spring and early summer for all of our examiners.

Now for the news for those of you that are not yet in the program. WE NEED YOU. If you look at the chart below you will notice that there are over 18000 boats registered in the Division 4 Counties. There are 300,000 registered in the state. While it is true that every boat registered in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam is not necessarily moored or kept in our area, there are probably more that are brought in from other counties that we do not have on the chart.

If you figure that an average VSC takes at least 30 minutes to perform, we have over 9000 hours of time to get to all the boats. True we will not get them all, but man oh man what a safe boating community if we could.

If you would like to join this program check in with your flotilla FSO-VE and ask them what it takes. You will find that this one on one with public can be very rewarding and that the requirements for time are only what you can or want to put in and are at hours you schedule yourself. We look forward to having you join us.

Boat Registrations by Month

County	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total
05 Clallam	747	979	508	210	87	32	26	37	12	44	46	1289	4017
16 Jefferson	517	643	297	129	50	26	19	12	12	15	29	892	2641
18 Kitsap	2660	2755	1908	608	225	129	39	35	49	84	126	3083	11701

A Look at D13—Clackamas

DCO Dennis Hoppman looks on as Bruce Miller, IPCO/ DSO-PA receives USCG Aux Meritorious Service Meda from USCG RADM Currier.

(L-R) DCO Dennis Hoppman, Charles Lindenberg & Don Millbauer with Most Operational Support Hour Awards, USCG RADM Currier.

Bruce Miller, with "Under Full Sail"

DCO Dennis Hoppman w/Vince DeBenedette (Most PVs 2007-2008), USCG RADM Currier.

District Awards—February 2009

District Awards heavily concentrated in two Flotillas: Flotilla 42 (Division 4) and Flotilla 11 (Division 1).

Meritorious Service Award	Bruce Miller
Achievement Medal:	Barbara Burchfield, FL 11
Achievement Medal:	Marilynn Leonard, FL 42
Golden Quill Award for D13	Patricia Salotti, Division 1
Golden Quill Award for Flotilla	Patricia Salotti, FL11
Auxiliarest of the Year:	Frank McJunkins, FL 23
Most PV's in 2007 & 2008	Vince DeBenedette, FL 42
Most Operational Support Hours 2007	Leo Leonard, FL 42
Most Operational Support Hours 2008	Charles Lindenberg, FL 11
Most PE classes:	Karyl Ernsdorff, FL 82
Flotilla of the year 2006:	FL 73
Flotilla of the year 2007:	FL 42

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PV William Gainey

VE Larry Kight

Division AUX-C

Sandy Pinckert

A Note About Uniform & Events

In some of the epistles that have been bouncing around concerning boat shows, et al, it has been suggested that wearing the uniform may not be appropriate. Balderdash!

We are members of the UNIFORMED U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The uniform for boat shows and similar events is the prerogative of the senior Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary officer in the area. When an individual is designated as the event coordinator by a DSO/ADSO, Division Commander, or Flotilla Commander, that person in consultation with gold and silver leadership will set the uniform.

Acceptable uniforms for events (boat shows) include ODU and Tropical Blue Long. Note that since Undress Blue has been replaced by ODU, Undress Blue is no longer recommended. If active duty members are participating in the event, Auxiliary members should wear the same uniform as worn by active duty people. No matter what uniform is selected, the uniform should be clean, pressed, shoes shined, all insignia sewn or mounted properly, etc. When life jackets are worn at events, it is permissible to remove the ODU blouse.

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

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