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Division Commander's Comments

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times

We thank Sector Portland for the recognition given to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for 70 years of active support to the Coast Guard and recreational boaters everywhere in the United States. Many senior members and official designees were in attendance. Captain Myer hosted the event.

Our missions while growing in complexity remains preeminently that of saving lives and property. We do this in many ways, public events, Marine Dealer Visits, Vessel Examinations; which often is the most interactive and positive interaction we have. This year the VE's are trying to do ten more exams each over last years total to meet and pass on our message of safety on the water ways.

Somehow we are still having fun doing our tasks and growing which is Goal Number One. Please check the photos of our newest members in the SO-PS section. Through growth we leverage our ability to reach out to more of the local boating enthusiasts. An active Public Affairs Officer, with member assistance, ensures we reach beyond the local boaters and into the hearts and minds of parents and children drawn to our waters.

Scappoose is the new home of Detachment 76 at Multnomah Channel Yacht Club. A terrific sight and a great launch team.

Crossing the Bar, Tony Touch will forever be in our hearts and minds as a Guardian who lived a life with passion and grace. He lived his whole life as an Auxiliarist with Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. His spirit reinforces our theme of protect, defend, save lives, and be always ready. He lived, he served, and he soars.

Semper Paratus,
Douglas Balkema DCDR 7



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Reports & articles for Daymark 7 due 22 August to Diane Epstein

DIVISION MEETING

August 3 – 1900

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FLOTILLA COMMANDERS REPORTS

Flotilla 71 Longview— July was a busy month for FL 71. We supported the fireworks display in St. Helens, OR on the 4th, then Rainier, OR on the 11th, followed by Cathlamet, WA on the 18th. We participated in a parade in Longview on the 4th and a parade in Cathlamet on the 18th for Bald Eagles Days. Also we had an informational booth set up at Cathlamet and a potluck and flotilla meeting at 1800 hrs. It was a lot of work, but the fellowship made it all a fun time. Finally, we have a PA event coming up Aug. 25th at Lake Sacajawea in Longview, WA. It will start at Martins dock after our fellowship breakfast at Top-pers Restaurant at 0900 hrs. I would like to express my thanks to all my shipmates who participated in these events and help them be a success

Doug Doane FC 71





Flotilla 73 Pacific— New members have slowed but there are still a couple in process. Our Flotilla picnic/meeting was held at VFC Ray Davenport’s home in Corbett on 16 July and was very well attended. LT. Roberto Trevino from Sector Portland and his wife Amanda joined us for the event.

We are all saddened by the untimely death of member Tony Touch of FL 76. The turn out for his funeral on Sunday, 19 July was a reminder of the loyalty we have for our brothers and sisters in the Coast Guard. It was most gratifying to see Sector Captain Myer, LT. Trevino, Chief Eaton and a number of Sector and Station personnel in attendance. FC Daren Lewis of FL 76 spoke on behalf of all of us with a moving remembrance and heartfelt sympathy for Tony and his family.

The Flotilla and Detachment have been very busy with patrols, VSCs and support for many civic events planned for July and August. On Saturday, 18 July, Ken Babick and Don Verkest met with Klickitat County Sheriff and SAR groups, along with Detachment members Tony DeLucca, Mike Knopf and Pete Tol in a joint SAR exercise at MaryHill park on the Columbia river. Ken and Don led a discussion with the Sheriff’s group and the Detachment personnel practiced joint SAR activities on the water. This is the first time a joint exercise has been done in that part of the AOR and it was well-received.

Don Verkest, FC 73

Flotilla 76 Swan Island

Remembering Tony





On Tuesday evening, July 14, we lost our shipmate, Tony Touch, in a motorcycle accident. Tony was waiting for his weigh-in in a week to join the Coast Guard Reserve for a MK billet at Cape Disappointment. It was a billet he had earned by working at Station Portland in the MK shop. A few months after Tony started the word came down from the Officer In Charge CWO (then Chief) Clark that he considered Tony one of his guys. In my book there is no higher complement an Auxiliarist can receive.

While visiting with Tony's mother, brother, uncle and other family this afternoon I got a lot of stories to add to the ones I already had. His mother talked about Tony being the first to solo in a glider in his CAP cohort. She told me how he came home from his first Auxiliary meeting not sure if he was ready and she told him it was an honor and he must join. His brother David recounted how Tony always vehemently insisted they stop and help people on the roadside.

Bottom line, Tony was a Guardian. It wasn't something that he grew into in our company - it was something he WAS! Having spent time with Tony's mother I know exactly where the drive, the commitment, **the honor, the respect and the devotion to duty came from**. We were very lucky to be one of the places Tony's passion could shine.

Last Wednesday at our Flotilla meeting Tony got an ovation after describing his plans for the future. On the way home I thought about how much I looked forward to Tony to make Chief or become an Ensign in the coming years.

A very large thank you to everyone from Sector Portland, Station Portland, and Division 7 who attended the memorial service to help lay Tony to rest with his family and his Harley Davidson buddies -- as Jon James said "I know Tony isn't resting, he is already qualifying as a Guardian Angel." A Guardian Angel indeed. Tony's family, and his mother in particular, were very grateful for our presence.

Other 76 news:

We are proceeding with our paddlecraft program and should have our two new OSMB funded kayaks in the next few weeks. The latest information can be found here: <http://www.flotilla76.org/search/label/Paddle%20craft>.

The Flotilla continues to grow quickly as reported later within this newsletter.

Daren Lewis, FC 76



Flotilla 78 Vancouver –

[No Report Received]

John Hilbrands, FC 78

Flotilla 7-12 Hillsboro—

- Navigation System – Roy Glosick is still in process working with Karl Quade to get private aids and two bridges done.
- Fellowship at Gary Davis's home on July 11 went well all had a good time.
- Hans Geerling reports that he had three students complete his ABC Class.
- August 12 we will be having are annual fellowship potluck dinner at the Hahn Farm social starting at 1800 hours and potluck at 1830 hours.

John Tooley, FC 7-12



Officers

STAFF REPORTS



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Communication Services—

[No Report Received]

Brian Rollins, SO-CS



Thanks to Curt Wilhelm, Dave Schwartz and Earl Olson for their quick action responding to Mt. Tabor on July 14th to cover for a Sector Portland radio outage. Also, thanks to Ken Babick for coordinating this on very short notice. This is the kind of team effort that really shows the Gold Side our response capability in an emergency.

After many months, funding has finally come through for additional items needed for our Emergency Command Post. We received two more VHF antennas, extra coaxial cable, fire extinguishers, a first aid kit and a tool kit. We also received an additional antenna coupler for an NVIS antenna which George Sipes plans to build. This will improve our HF comms with Astoria, North Bend, ANT Kennewick, and D13. Soon we will be receiving the antenna wire we need to erect our HF antenna on the roof of the supply building next to the ECP trailer. By the time you read this we should also have our new refrigerator installed.

Thanks also go out to Ken Babick for researching the purchase of a stand up shelter and to Flotilla 78 for funding it. The shelter will be a welcome adjunct to the ECP. We will be able to use it to keep the hot sun or winter rains off us when deployed and also use it for public affairs events.

Jim Price, SO-CM

Marine Safety— I have nothing new to report, but I have an interesting article to pass along, this comes from the "Marine Log" on line magazine for July: 16, 2009



IBIA stresses need for accurate fuel sulfur content results

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) has warned its members of the dangers arising from the failure by some suppliers to put authentic sulfur content results



on Bunker Delivery Receipts (BDR). It says it is essential to ensure that the actual sulfur content be reported on the BDR.

IBIA chief executive Ian Adams says, "Clearly this is not in compliance with MARPOL requirements and may create a problem for shipowners in terms of the selection of correct feed rates and Total Base Numbers (TBN) of cylinder oil.

"Knowing the sulfur content of the fuel to be used is essential to engine efficiency and overall safety, and furthermore necessary to remain within the specific requirements applicable in Emissions Control Areas (ECAs)." he says. "The sulfur content of the fuel should always be clearly stated on the BDR."

IBIA emphasizes that the ship's chief engineer should be vigilant in studying the BDR sulfur result and then using the appropriate cylinder oil feed rate and TBN oil.

"Engine manufacturer information should be obtained on this, and followed carefully to avoid engine problems when using low-sulfur fuel," says Adams.

"In some ports," says Adams, "low-sulfur fuel is delivered even when it has not been specifically requested, because low-sulfur is the only type of fuel available in those places."

This can happen almost anywhere. For example, some ports in South America, West Africa and, in some instances, Canada, only have residual fuels with sulfur content of less than 1.0% m/m readily available.

"It is worth noting," says Adams, "that if a BDR has the sulfur reported as less than 4.5% m/m and yet the sulfur content is known to be less than 1.5% m/m, some administrations may still not consider this fuel compliant for ECA operations, so it is essential for ships to ensure that the actual sulfur content is reported on the BDR."

Founded in 1993, IBIA is the trade association of the global bunker industry. Its membership is drawn from bunker buyers, traders, brokers, suppliers and service companies worldwide. IBIA is engaged in a series of long-term initiatives designed to raise standards in the industry.

Larry Fellows, SO-MS

Materials—

[No report received]

Mark Murphy, SO-MA



Member Training— July Division Member Training was held on Saturday, 22 July at Sector Portland and featured New Member Orientation with Ken Babick providing the instruction. There were approximately 25 members present.

The August Division Member Training will be held on Saturday, 08 August at the 42nd Ave. ramp beginning at 0830. This session will be devoted to Tri-Annual qualification of existing Coxswain and/or Crew members who last qualified in 2005 and 2006. **You must have an “Appendix F – Third Year Currency Maintenance” form and present it to your Qualifications Examiner (QE) at the session.** You must get this form from your FSO-IS and he/she must verify the currency of your TCT, hours underway, and for Coxswains, the currency of your Nav Rules test. Some of our members are REYR for various reasons. If you are REYR for hours underway, or not current for TCT or for Nav Rules test (Coxswain only), those deficiencies need to be satisfied before re-certifying. You must register with me ASAP if you plan to attend the August session so we know how many facilities to have available. There are no other Tri-annual sessions planned for the year. Please bring the appropriate PPE and equipment with you. Uniform is ODU.



September Division Member Training will be the full-day TCT course. This is required of every Operational member at least every 5 years. The course will be offered on Saturday, 12 September on the Sector Portland Training Deck. Hours at 0800-1700 and uniform is ODU.

Don Verkest, SO-MT



Navigation Systems — Almost 2/3 of all assignments are done. Only one month left for our assignments to be completed. Make sure you finish all assignments by end of August for those who have not done so. Thanks for your cooperation!

Joe Baney, SO-NS

Operations – .

[No report received]

Ken Babick, SO-OP



Public Affairs— There were eight PA events during this reporting period. Reports have been sent to Division. Planning is underway for new events and will be ongoing. A meeting was held with some of the Flotilla PA staff officers with great success. Contact was made with FC 71 officer and good communications was established.

Gary Sipes SO-PA



Education—

Flotilla 73 and the Detachment did not report, and Flotilla 71 needs to let us know what is happening.

Flotilla 76 has a fall BS&S class listed starting September 10-December 10, 2009. The facility is also reserved for the spring class starting in January. We also have the facility reserved for December 21 in case the Christmas Ships decide to have judging under the St. Johns Bridge, which was cancelled last year due to snow.

Flotilla 78 has one ABS class scheduled for July 18/27 @ the Port of Camas-Washougal. It appears that they will have about 10-15 outside students, as well as some flotilla members. They are also in the process of tentatively scheduling a class for a local fire department. They are still fussing with Parks and Aux District leadership on the WA LE boat class issue but rumors are encouraging: Parks has ceased training new instructors. We will keep you posted. Thanks to FI 78 MS for his July report concerning the tug/barge stuck on the sandbar near Hood River. We will add it in our PE curriculum. Mike Spence

Flotilla 7-12 finished a SS&S class late in the spring and an ABS class was offered on two Saturday's in mid-July. We are tentatively scheduling a Weekend Navigator class to begin on September 14th and tentatively scheduling a BS&S class starting on September 21st. Dale Vaught

I encourage all of the flotillas to get their classes scheduled for this fall and to let me know if they have any problems.

Barbara Korsmo, SO-PE



Personnel Services—

As you can see from all the new member photos, we have been very busy in Personnel Services. Gay Sipes, our new PS Officer for Flotilla 78, has had an incredible first couple of months with four new members and several in process. 78 has been generating most of their leads through their PA activities and their website. If you would like to know more about how Gay and the other flotilla members are doing it, please give them a call. I'm sure that they would love to pass on their recruiting ideas. Congratulations 78 on your newfound growth!!

John Poulson, SO-PS

Welcome New Members!!!



Greg Allen FI-78



Brad Schuldt FI-76



Eric Stokes Jr. FI-78



Gabriel Gredvig FI-76



JoAnn McCollum FI-78



More New Members.....



Joshua Sharkey FI-78



Wesley Urie FI-76



Tony Phipps FI 7-12

Program Visitation— .

Program Visitors in The Dalles, FL78 and FL73 are reporting continuing progress with our RBS campaign.

Another participating program dealer, Portland Marine Electronics has scheduled his SAFETY OPEN HOUSE for August 15 and is offering free software updates for all his existing customers along with our VSC inspections. Cool idea and we are helping with the planning and PR for the event.

Keep pluggin, thinkin, helpin and tellin' out story.

Lynn Easton, SO-PV





Vessel Examination—

The new VE report has come out and sent to all the FSO-VE's. The total Vessel exams for Div 7 is 953. If that does not meet your records, please make your paper work changes. To make our quota of 2000, we have to get out to the ramps during this nice weather. We have 28 VE's that haven't done any exams. What's wrong?

Richard Andreason, SO-VE

Division 07 Training Schedule – 2009

08 August	Reserve for Tri-Annual On-Water Currency Review & Initial QE day.
12 September	TCT Full day session (0800-1700)
10 October	Leadership Training
14 November	Hazwopper/Blood Borne Pathogens Training
December	No training (Flotilla COWs)

Unless otherwise noted:

- All training to be held at Sector Portland Training Deck
- Training will begin at 0830
- Uniform will be ODU/Working Blue

* Revised 08 Jan 09



Southern Area Training Conference

Our summer has arrived and we are out on the ramps and waters of our great district advancing the Recreational Boating Safety message! I am hearing from the Southern region that extra efforts are being made to get our message out to the boaters! Are we doing all that could be done? NO! Have you gone to a boat ramp, lake or stream that has not been visited by your organization in the past?

We tend to concentrate on the areas we are familiar with. We go where we have historically found large numbers of boaters and have repeatedly inspected, given them safety material and talked with them! What about the boater who goes to those isolated and less-used ramps and streams? Have those boater seen an Auxiliary uniform or had a safety inspection? Have they been given safety literature and had their questions answered?

Maybe it is these boaters that we could save from some unfortunate accident or event! Maybe we could prevent someone from dying on these less-used waterways! Do these people deserve our efforts? YES!

Ever wonder where we could get new Auxiliarists? These areas are a resource that could yield big rewards. There may be a boater who is looking to get involved and has no idea that there is an organization like the Auxiliary. It may be that we find a future detachment or flotilla in these remote less used ramps and waterways.

I challenge each of you to find a new location to take the RBS mission. Find the less used, remote ramp and get contact with these boaters. When you find these locations, share your information (USCG Auxiliary RBS Waterway Data Collection Form - See below) with your Southern Area Captain (dmww1@verizon.net) and Sector Portland. During the next thirty days, find two new locations! Tell me about them! I am committing myself to do at least two new locations, how about you! Will you join me?

Dean Wimer, D Capt-S



USCG Auxiliary RBS Waterway Data Collection Form

Location/Waterway/Ramp		GPS Coordinates		Nearest Community	
Months of maximum use		Aprox. # of people using		Lowest monthly rate of use	Phone # @ Location
Miles of useable water body	Rest Room Portable/permanent		Distance to Fire Station		Distance to Police Sta.
Moorage Capacity	Power/Water/Sewer Available		Overnight Usage?		Club house?
Main hazards that may be encountered in the waterway			Parking spaces-Boat Trailer		Parking spaces-no trailer
			Law Enforcement Parking spaces		
Ramp condition/situation			Insert photo of ramp		
Accident History for the past five years					
LE Patrols Y/N	How often?	Start/Stop months		Insert photo of parking/buildings/other Other photos may be attached to back	
AUX Patrol Y/N	How often?	Start/Stop months			
Serving Flotilla name		Flotilla contact #			
Servicing Facility - max size		VE Booth Y/N			
Recreational activity? Water Ski/Kayak/Jet Ski/Fish/hunt/etc.					
MISC useful information		VHF and other Radio Coms from area:			
Other notes can be placed on back					

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2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 03 Aug— Division Meeting, Sector Portland 1900
- 08 Aug— MBR Training, On Water Currency Review—0830
NACON—National Conference, Orlando Fl.
- 12 Aug— Fl 7-12 Picnic/meeting at Gary Hahn's Farm
- 20 Aug— Fl 73 Meeting, Tyee Yacht Club, Portland 1900
- 22 Aug— Reports due to Diane Epstein for Daymark
Fl 76 Picnic at Cathedral Park, 1100
Port of PDX SEAPORT Celebration., Terminal 6
Oregon Symphony Concern, WRM 13
Portland Triathlon

- 09 Sep— FL 71 Meeting, Rizad Bldg, Kelso, WA 1900
- 09 Sep — FL 76 Meeting, Sector Portland 1900
- 09 Sep — FL 7-12 Meeting, WA Co. Svc Bldg 1930
- 10 Sep — The Dalles Detachment Meeting, The Dalles Yacht Club 1900
- 12 Sep — Div MT 8-Hr TCT, Sector Portland 0800-1700
- 14 Sep — Division Meeting, Sector Portland 1900
- 17 Sep — FL 73 Meeting, Tyee Yacht Club, Portland 1900
- 17 Sep — FL 78 Meeting, Clark Co. Fire/Rescue, Ridgefield, WA 1930
- 22 Sep — Reports due to Diane Epstein for Daymark
- 30 Sep — Division Nominations Due