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All invited

**Division 4
Board/Business Meeting**

**Wednesday
September 14, 2011**

1000-1200

Port Ludlow Fire Station

Dress Casual

DIVISION

COMMANDER'S REPORT

There has been a lot of discussion lately on how to recruit new members, make Flotillas more dynamic, and have Flotilla meetings better attended and more interesting. A good training program can improve these critical areas. Appropriate and effective training of our members is key to a highly-evolved, dynamic, effective, and efficient organization. Training enables us to become valuable partners with the Coast Guard helping them meet mission objectives. Also, we meet our commitment to be of service not only to the maritime community, but the community as a whole.



David Aho, DCR

Training is a great way to keep Flotilla members active. It is also a good way to recruit new members. Where can you get such extensive quality training at no expense? Each year Division 4 offers many training opportunities for crew, coxswain, and AUX OP, as well as assisting in the (GNATS) Greater Northern Area Training Sessions.

Brett Oemichen has written a great article on "Webinars" to complete AUX OP courses. Jim Zard has also written a great piece. Read them carefully and see if the information fits your needs.

Another training opportunity exists in the "Value Added" courses through the National Training Department website.

Value-added courses are quick and easy to complete, easy to understand, beneficial to members, wide-ranging in scope, and cover topics that expand beyond our base programs.

Value-added courses do not require an end-of-course test, get recorded in AUXDATA, or become part of the official certification process. Courses available are: Auxdata/Auxinfo, Build Effective Training, Chain of Leadership, Electronic Communications Course, E-mail: Making It work for You, Influencing the Spectator Fleet, Program Management, Reporting MT Hours, Rules of Order, and The New Member—the First Six Months.

Build interesting training topics into each Flotilla meeting. Use Division resources and instructors to augment your programs. Let's all work together to make this a greater organization.

DIVISION OFFICERS

DCDR	David Aho
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SO-PB	Loretta Rindal
SO-PE	Joanne Kaufmann
SO-SR	Vicki Young
SO-VE	Richard Moore

Flotilla Commanders

Flotilla 41

Ian McFall, FC
Simeon Baldwin, VFC

Flotilla 42

Steve DeMaggio, FC
Gerald Decker, VFC

Flotilla 45

Michael Dunn, FC
Robert Brown, VFC

Flotilla 47

Joanne Kaufmann, FC
Victoria Brandon, VFC

Flotilla 48

Larry Kight, FC
Gregory Baker, VFC

FLOTILLA 41—PORT LUDLOW

June, July, August 2011 Activity Report

from the desk of FC Ian McFall

This has been a busy Quarter. Thanks to Kevin Ryan and others, recruiting has been consistently matching or exceeding attrition so that the Flotilla continues to grow. Recruiting continues to be my top priority since membership is the life blood of the Flotilla. We continue to try to attract new members and, equally important, keep our existing members.

To attract new members we had a booth at the Port Ludlow "Festival by the Bay" which has been a tradition for Flotilla 41 for many years. Dave Aho, Flotilla 41 Officer and Division Commander organized the event which included a Helicopter Rescue Swimmer Demo. It was "awesome!" Several people expressed interest in joining our ranks and a few boat owners requested Vessel Examinations.



Dick Moore aboard a SafeBoat

Keeping our existing members usually means keeping them actively engaged in activities that they feel "make a difference." This quarter we have certainly accomplished that! Our members provided escort for tribal canoes at the USCG's request. We also provided support to the USCG Marine Force Protection Unit at Bangor where our members were actually fired upon with "Flash Bang" munitions after a simulated "wandering" into the Navy's sea-space in a joint training exercise. Ralph Hogan was heard to say, "I haven't had this much fun in 25 years!"

Also at the request of the USCG we marshaled 8 vessels and 20 personnel to provide a new "Stand-by Search and Rescue" mission on the Hood Canal and Admiralty Inlet. The USCG has limited coverage in these waters and the concept is for the Auxiliary to provide a quicker and less expensive response to incidents than our vessels are quipped to handle. The Flotilla has made a commitment to provide a vessel on the water in this area every weekend throughout the summer which is a huge commitment for a small volunteer organization. We have conducted 2 actual searches, one of



Al Burgan Suits up to fight the "fire" at Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Demo

which was in conjunction with a USCG H65 and SAFE-Boat. The latest (an attempt to retrieve a drifting sailboat) was terminated when our GAR Score escalated to 39 as the weather and seas deteriorated. Discretion being the better part of valor, the crew returned safely to base.

July's membership meeting was preceded by a demo by the Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Department. Members got to really feel what an earthquake was like and how to deal with it. Several members actually got suited up and used an extinguisher to douse a real fire. Most who participated left with a much better appreciation of what our firefighters do for a living. Thanks to Chief Ed Wilkerson, Operations Training Chief Brad Martin and Lt. McGuffy who made the presentation on Fire Extinguishers so interesting!

Our hardy Paddle Craft operators also conducted several operations and Flotilla 41 personnel were aboard 8 AUXAIR missions during the period.

Dee and Sarah Meek also hosted the Flotilla 41 picnic this year which was a great success. Chef Jim and "Chefette" Mahria De Paulo did a fabulous job. Bravo Zulu also to VHC Simeon Baldwin who put it all together.

Flotilla 41 Aircrew also organized a fly-in/picnic for the Division AUXAIR group. This was held at the Spruce Goose Cafe in Port Townsend. Some members enjoyed a tour of the Aero museum after lunch. In addition, attendance at our weekly breakfasts continue to be high. This takes place every Tuesday at the Snug Harbor Cafe in Port Ludlow, 0900 hrs—all are welcome. The Brinnon detachment meet for breakfast on the second Thursday of the month at the Pleasant Harbor Marina.



Ian McFall with AuxAir Cessna owned by Duncan Brown

Boating Safety, however, is our primary goal and Flotilla 41 continued to make a real contribution by conducting 55 Vessel Safety Examinations, conducting 18 visits to Marine Establishments to distribute Safety and Environmental Protection literature, promoting loaner Life Jackets for Kids and talking to the owners of these establishments about how "they"

can help protect the waters of the Puget Sound and keep our boaters safe. The Flotilla also conducted Public Education classes and Public Affairs events.



David Aho addresses the East Jefferson County Rotary Club

These are the events that help to reduce the number of "incidents" that the regular USCG has to deal with every year. Through education, we make boaters more aware of the hazards of boating and our vessel exams help make boats safer.



FLOTILLA 47—PORT TOWNSEND

from the desk of FC Joanne Kaufmann

Since my last report, Jim Zard has given more hours than I can count with OPS and TCT. We have a new CX and 2 new CR. All those who needed a requal this year have been done.

We have had some problems having 3 people at the Light House, but Zoe Ann Dudley has managed to round us up. Our numbers are down this year. We have had over 300 visitors in 3 hours, but lately we are under 100. We don't think it is because of the new fee, as the Park has many people. Clyde Snyder had surgery this week on both knees, so has not been able to help. He is doing well since his surgery on 8/23. He goes to AZ in the Winter, so we'll see him next year.

If you have heard rumors about Jim Z going to FL 41 and me moving to Idaho, they are both true. We will have an interim election at our Sept Meeting. I have thought long and hard about this, and believe it is the right move for me.



Operations Team: Friend & Lucinda Eubank, Harry Dudley, Zoeanne Dudley, Jim Zard, Dotty Ross & Brian Moratti



Dry suits are welcome on a brisk day on patrol in the Strait. Raymond Brockmann, Henry Loesch, Jim Zard



At watch on the Straits: Brian Moratti



Harry Dudley and Crew Member



Lucinda Eubank and Dotty Ross

photos by Brian Moratti & Clyde Snyder

FLOTILLA 48—NORTH KITSAP

from the desk of FC Larry Kight



In a small flotilla there is a lot of double and triple timing for the core who are heavily involved in Flotilla happenings. This summer has been very, very busy. Patrols every weekend in June, & July with every Aux Vessel utilized. Training with Station Seattle, Safety escort for the Canoe Journey & Brent Rice Memorial Swim from Des Moines to Maury Island.

Community Involvement: The Flotilla helped sponsor a Boating Information Kiosk at Waterfront Park, built and staffed by volunteers and helped stock it with Boating Safety Information and participated in National Night Out which has generated some interest in who we are and what we do.

One member qualified as air crew. Two are working on Coxswain quals and 2 on Crew quals. Member Training & Public Education round out the focus of membership involvement.

photos: L Rindal, H Danso



FSO-OP Tom Lindsley (right) teaches Chart Reading



VFC & AuxAir Greg Baker (right) teaching Chart Reading



IPFC Jim Beyea, Guest Instructor



Greg Baker demos Knots



QE & FSO-PE & Lead Instructor Grant Winther



Coxswain Tom Jenks



Tom Jenks, Doyle Clouser, Jim Beyea



Coxswain Tom Lindsley, Jim Beyea & Joe Dunstan

NUC-RAD EXERCISE PRACTICES W/AUXILIARY

Submitted by Phil Ransford, FSO-OP, Flotilla 45

On Tuesday, June 21, at the request of CG Sector Puget Sound, OPFAC 363098 Lorelei, and I had the opportunity to participate in a Nuclear Radiation (NucRad) exercise at the Port Orchard Marina. Orders were issued by Sector PS. At about 1000 hrs, a team from the Pacific NW National Lab at Richland WA. arrived to emplace a small object, which radiated a low emission signature, and was set up so that, if disturbed, it would emit an audible signal (it was called "the bomb"). I was told that there would be participation from several local law enforcement organizations, and that the main purpose was to train

them in the use of radiation-detecting devices and the procedures to be used in gathering and interpreting their readings and communicating them by wi-fi to higher headquarters.

Lorelei was repositioned to the transient area of the PO Marina on the day before the exercise. The AUX patrol banners were hoisted on Tuesday morning. The exercise program manager arrived at Lorelei about 1000. Soon there appeared a research boat, brought in by the Richland Lab, which moored nearby, and a team from the Lab arrived to emplace the object of everyone's affections, that radioactive target. Shortly, a patrol boat from the Port Orchard Police Department arrived, and moored a few

slips away. Then there appeared a boat from the Bainbridge Island Police Department. There was even a radiological team from Joint Base Lewis/McCord. The Suquamish Tribal Police were expected, but bailed out due to boat malfunction.

The PO Police boat, which had an on-board detection device, did a few passes across the bow of Lorelei and alongside, to obtain signal readings. Then the various law enforcement teams came aboard with their hand-held meters. First Port Orchard, then Bainbridge Island, then the JBLM group. Afterwards, they compared their meter readings and came up with a consensus as to where the target was located. Their next task was to upload their reading into a laptop and send the results to higher headquarters. There was some discussion of calling for an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team from JBLM but, fortunately, that was held to a virtual call, as it would take an hour or so to get the team on site.

All of the participants were very professional, only a few were aboard at any time. I was very pleased with their diligence and care (no scuffing or other damage to Lorelei occurred) and I would not hesitate a minute to participate again.



Sgt Troy Holden of the Port Orchard Police uses a "Personal Radiation Detector" to check a boat for possible nuclear material during a drill at the Port Orchard Marina. Photo by Meegan Reid, Kitsap Sun.

COMMUNICATIONS—DON MILLBAUER, SO-CM

The Auxiliary Radio Project is still moving forward and has gained a lot of momentum in the past weeks. The plan is to have the local Very High Frequency (VHF) nets tied into the High Frequency (HF) Contingency Net. There will be an Operators Manual to assist members on how to handle various situations.

There is some concern, now that things are starting to happen, that we may not have enough members interested in the program. Gary Nepple, the DSO-CM, is planning to write some article to spark interest and gain more members.

Frank McJunkins ADSO-CM is working directly with the CG to integrate the AUX radio plan into the CG radio plan. Frank and Gary have done an outstanding job of designing the AUX radio plan and integrating into the CG plan.

In conjunction with the Auxiliary Radio Project below is the overview of the Division Four Radio Communications Operation Plan.

OVERVIEW

The Division FOUR AUX COMM's Unit is responsible for establishing an emergency radio communications in the Division through the use of Amateur HF, VHF and Marine Radios

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM VISION

(The "VISION" for the Communications Team will be designed and written by the members of the team.)



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Communication Team's mission is to establish, maintain and continuously improve the emergency radio communications support net in DIV-4 that is operationally functional during a crisis situation in conformity with established operational protocol.

HUMAN RESOURCES—JACLYN AYZENBERG, SO-HR



Division membership continues to lag behind previous years however most of that drop off is concentrated in a single flotilla. The good news is that pending applications are up over last year so signs are positive that membership overall will be increasing coming in to 2012.

The HR department has expanded to include a new Diversity section tasked with expanding our membership to members of communities where we do not currently recruit effectively. The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary recognize that the American demographic is changing and that we will better be able to meet our mission goals quickly and effectively by recruiting from all areas and skill sets. Diversity is not just culturally based but can include "Diversity of Thought" and "Diversity of Generation" which incorporates both diverse social and economic backgrounds as well as age groups. District 13 goal is to see half of all flotillas assign a FSO-DV by March 31, 2012 with diversity training provided to all flotillas by December 2012.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS—SHARON RESECK, SO-IS

All reports that have been submitted are entered into AUXDATA.

Please encourage your members to complete their paperwork. Coxswains must complete their paperwork for a patrol session asap following the patrol. Crew members are dependent on you submitting their hours for a patrol.

At this time Jim Zard, FSO-IS 47 will become the SO-IS 4 next year. Please instruct your members as to how to complete their paperwork if some of them are having problems. Let's make the transition for Jim easy.



MEMBER TRAINING—JIM ZARD, SO-MT



Fall is rapidly approaching. Operational members are scurrying to complete their Currency Maintenance or initial crew or coxswain qualification. As usual, many have left tasks until the last moment and now risk not meeting their goal due to circumstances beyond their control. The POMS system is down, making it difficult to get those last on-water tasks performed, it's difficult to

get a QE session scheduled because there are so many being requested at the same time, and the year end budget issues loom.

If you are an operational mentor, I implore you to encourage your candidates to complete their "authorized" Boating Safety Class early along with the ICS requirements. It's good policy to include a copy of these certificates in their Qualification Guide. We've had some unfortunate incidents where members either failed to understand the requirements or have failed to meet them and have been turned away from their QE.

We have gone nearly an entire year without an e-learning site. There's a silver lining here, however, since District 8 has stepped up to provide an excellent alternative; the Webinar. This wonderful effort has brought all of the original AUXOP classes directly into the homes of our members. The only drawback is that word of this capability has spread slowly in spite of all efforts. Hopefully this newsletter will help in that regard. Hopefully this method of delivering member training will expand to other areas including how to properly wear the uniform, some of the annual workshops, etc.

We've announced a number of training opportunities within the past quarter: Public Information Officer training in Pendleton, LAMS training

in Seattle, AIDS Verifier PQS, 8 Hr RMTT and ICS-210 at the District meeting, TCT and Operations Workshops throughout the Division, to name a few. The new Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training has been distributed to Member Trainers, Operations, and Qualification Examiners.

I'd like to take this opportunity to implore members to take a proactive approach to their own training. Your FSO-MT has a great deal of information available to him/her about training opportunities. Sometimes it's easy to overlook an announcement that you might be interested in simply due to the overload of electronic communications received. It's incumbent upon you to seek out the training you would like to receive. Contact your FSO-MT and discuss your interests. Don't wait until the training you are interested in is offered in your flotilla; perhaps your interests coincide with others and coming forward will initiate precisely the training you desire.

PUBLICATIONS—LORETTA RINDAL, SO-PB



This is your newsletter.

What is needed to have a great newsletter is great content.

Thank you to those who took the time and effort to submit articles and photos!

Newsletters are a lot of work! Why have a newsletter at all?

I suspect that there are many of you who have not been included in this publication. You cannot receive the credit you deserve if articles and photos are not collected by your Flotilla Officers and submitted when called for.

For example, if it were not for Brian Moratti submitting a picture of Dave Frazeur on the Elmore, September 9 and just happening to mention Dave had received an award for 40 years of service to the Auxiliary, he would have been totally slighted. Surely he deserves recognition!

Any suggestions you have about “calls for articles” and “photos” or the process for getting information from you to me are invited. Bring your input to the Division Leadership!

These are some of the reasons which come to mind:

- To stay in touch, strengthen relationships
- To inform, keep up to date about what’s going on
- To educate within the Auxiliary
- To let others know what you are doing
- To give credit and recognition to members
- To build a sense of common purpose and a sense of pride
- To offer a forum for information exchange
- To spark interest in, & increase recognition of, the USCG Auxiliary
- To attract new members.

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS—RICHARD MOORE, SO-VE

The past three months is typically our most productive period to get VSCs done. Last count showed only 179 for all five Div. 4 Flotillas. Flotilla 42 was the star with over half of them. With 40 VEs in the Division that is only 4.8 VSCs per person. Not a great showing. I know we can do better. Flotilla 41 tried setting up a table and tent at both Pleasant Harbor and Port Ludlow Marinas during “Marina Events”. This resulted in quite a few requests for inspections, but by far the most fruitful strategy still remains walking the docks (especially on week ends) and approaching boaters in their slips and staking out boat ramps. Of the VSCs done 81% passed, which means 19% didn’t. These are the important ones because they are more likely to get their vessel properly equipped and therefore be safer on the water. As always we welcome any ideas that have worked well for others.



THE UPS & DOWNS OF POMS

from the desk of Dee Meek, SO-OP



Operations have had a temporary setback in that there was a threat of hackers obtaining all the personal information from all the patrol statistics included in all the reports. The whole system was then shut down and orders were given only for very specific requests. The only two flotillas reporting, 41 & 47, were evenly tied at 3 each. The most interesting one was a SAR standby using both water and air facilities for the exercise.

The Patrol Operating Management System (POMS) was supposed to start again on Sept 1 but when it “came out” it was found to have too many deficiencies. It was pulled again by local officials and they hope to have it available again soon.

AUXOP COURSES VIA WEBINAR

Submitted by Brett Oemichen, FSO-MT, Flotilla 41

Are you interested in taking the AUXOP courses but not sure you can fit class time into your schedule? Are you concerned about having to spend time and fuel traveling to a classroom? Have we got a deal for you! Auxiliarists can now take AUXOPS courses from the comfort of their home office and without traveling to a classroom. USCG Auxiliary District 8WR (Western Rivers) Division 33 offers the AUXOP courses via Webinar, an internet-based classroom which participants join through an internet connection. Ralph and Suzanne Tomlinson are the host instructors who have many years of education and training experience. They use live audio, PowerPoint and video to discuss the course material, answer questions and conduct a Q&A following each chapter to check for understanding. The AUXOP courses are offered on a continuous schedule and include COM, NAV, PAT, SEA and WEA. Invitations and a syllabus for each course are typically sent out two weeks prior to the beginning of each course.

Participants connect to the webinar sessions via their home computer. Following registration, attendees receive simple instructions on how to connect to the webinar classroom and group hub. The class group hub is an interactive web site that allows students to ask questions and discuss problems, obtain helpful links and supplementary material, and talk one-on-one with the instructors. Participants also receive e-mail notices to help remind them of upcoming class sessions. 90-minute class sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1730 to 1900 Pacific Time. Participants can also access the group hub to retrieve the audio-visual file for class sessions that are missed which makes it very easy to make-up sessions to maintain class progress. The next AUXOP class to be offered is AUXNAV which begins September 1.



Go to the following to sign up for this class:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/661689080>. AUXWEA will be offered in November and AUX-COM is planned for this coming January.

Members who have taken AUXOP classes via webinar find connection easy, the audio-visual quality to be excellent and the learning environment as good as or better than a conventional classroom. In addition, the web-based access allows participation even when travel or vacation schedules take attendees away from their home office.

QUALIFYING



Those of us who want to be on the operations side of the Auxiliary all have to demonstrate competency & prepare for a knowledge as well as performance examination. What follows is one Auxiliarists account of what he went through on the “big day” of the Qualification Examination or QE.

It is very late in the spring, almost summer. The longest day of the year is very near; the sun is cresting over the horizon at a time of the day that is not even noted upon the face of my alarm clock. By my reckoning it should still be zero dark thirty but instead it is light enough to be noon and I haven't even had my morning coffee buzz yet.

The brain fog is so dense I can barely assemble the uniform of the day. This is the day of the “QE.” Somehow I have to get my act together. I finally get my 20-ounce of boutique coffee, which cost more than the gas I used to drive the 110 miles to Tacoma's Point Defiance Marina.

By the time I arrive at my destination, the fog has begun to lift. For the first time today I can make my mouth form simple words. And wait a minute, I now can see nearly all the way to the end of the dock, too.

Slowly I become aware that there are a growing number of intolerably bright orange clad people congregating on the dock near some boats that are appropriately color coordinated to the orange people. The color is so intense that even under the heavily overcast skies I must apply my sunglasses in order to prevent excessive glare.

There are a dozen Auxiliarists mustered on the dock, evenly split with six members standing for third year proficiency and six members striking for new crew. There is a bit of tension in the early morning air. This is all new for the first time candidates and even the seasoned hands about to demonstrate for third year are just a bit well shall we say keenly focused. A hush falls over those gathered as QE's Jim Zard and Grant Winther begin to outline the sequence of events that have been so very well organized by Coxswain Kathy Mason. It is pointed out that QE evolutions will be equipped and staffed with three facilities and crew.

Cx Norm Nyhuis is in command of facility Sojourn, with Tom Bliss and Larry Richardson as crew. Facility Freedom under command of Cx Kathy Mason with Erik Olson crew. The target boat (towed vessel) is facility Kathy Jo, Cx Skip Mason commanding with Joel Lydy crew.

As the QE's continue to explain the scenarios about to take place it is a pleasure to observe how they so skillfully gain the confidence of those standing for the exams. No one is carrying a feeling of them vs. us. It is now an atmosphere of all of us working together to gain understanding of our strengths and weaknesses. It is all of us working together to ensure that we are able to support each other when the need arises, that we are able to produce the skills we have learned.

We now believe that we are not being dared to “screw” up but rather challenged to do our best and to learn more about what we can do and to understand where we can do better. This is a real test requiring belief in oneself and ability to perform under intense scrutiny—a real examination. The individual examinees must produce in order to pass. The two Qualification Examiners, Jim Zard and Grant Winther, are clearly involved for the advancement of the Auxiliary and members of the Auxiliary. They take great pride in the quality of their work.

The successful implementation of a QE session depends on everyone following through with his or her accepted responsibilities. From the organizational leader, Kathy Mason, to the individual examinees following through with their commitment to be there and being prepared to vigorously participate.

Thank you examinees, Bernard F-35, Brockmann F-47, Carrol F-35, Celver F-35, Dudley F-47, Esparaza F-11, Eubank F-47, Friesem F-35, Hunter F-32, Richardson F-35, Rubbert F-32. Thanks for being on time, ready, willing and capable!

Honor and respect result in devotion to duty. Thank you Coxswains, Crew and Examiners for your time and efforts to make this a satisfying experience for all who participated.

AROUND THE PENINSULA



June: USCG Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles hosts the Centennial of Naval Aviation & Safe Boating Expo



Flotilla 42 at USCG Air Station Centennial



July, Change of Command, Poulsbo, MFPU
Maritime Force Protection Unit USCGC Sea Devil



September, 35th Annual Wooden Boat Festival Program, page 12.
USCGAuxiliary Facility, The Elmore in Port Townsend

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE FRAZEUR

40 YEARS OF SERVICE—USCG AUXILIARY!



Dave Frazeur of Flotilla 47 greets visitors aboard the historic tug ELMORE as part of the USCG Auxiliary participation at the 35th Annual Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend.

photo Brian Moratti

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