

PENINSULA

US Coast Guard Auxiliary—Division 4 Newsletter, District 13 March 2010 Vol XVIII, No 1

W
A
Y
P
O
I
N
T
S



editors note re: Mark IV
see page 4

Division Commander's Report

from the desk of David Aho, DCDR

Division 4—the Peninsula Division—encompasses a diverse geographic area from the Pacific Ocean shores of La Push to the shipyards of Bremerton, from wild and wooley to metropolitan, from the windy Straits of Juan de Fuca to the calmer south end of the Hood Canal. Such diversity offers challenges and creates opportunities.

What are some of our challenges? First geography determines to an extent the focus on Flotilla interest and recruitment. Are surface operations more important or is environmental protection a major concern? Does the locality have populations sufficient to maintain a robust Public Education program? Focusing on the Flotilla strengths makes the Flotilla stronger and more relevant to its members. We should keep in mind, however, that the Coast Guard Auxiliary mission includes all of the areas of Recreational Boating Safety and therefore we should build on our strengths and diminish weaknesses to make the Flotillas well rounded organizations.

The opportunities to improve our strengths and lessen our weaknesses abound. Sector Seattle, soon to be Sector Puget Sound has involved the Flotilla members in Division 4 in a great number of activities which bring us closer to the active duty Coast Guard. Division members have recently participated on the Sector Marina

Outreach Program in support of the 2010 Operation Podium for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC. The Citizens Action Network (CAN) recruited many new members in the Division area. Division 4 is the most active Division in the Puget Sound CAN program. The Division also supported the surface operations with many patrols in January and February. Our large geographic area has created a need to assess our Division wide communications capabilities and the SO-CM has met with members to implement strategies for improvement. A great opportunity exists to inform the boating public of Recreational Boating Safety through Public Education classes, Vessel Safety Checks, and Marine Dealer visits. So, as you can see our opportunities abound.

As we begin the new year, 2010, we should look at our strengths and weaknesses and identify those areas in which we can improve. We all should set baselines. Where are we now? And set realistic goals for improvement. Our goal should be to improve ourselves, our flotillas and thereby the Division effectiveness.

Division 4 Officers are standing by to offer support, service, and training. Let your Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Officers know what you want and need, and the Division will make the greatest effort to fulfill your requests.

(continued on page 2)

DIVISION OFFICERS

David Aho, DCDR
Joe Langjahr, VCDR
Grant Winther IPDCR

CM Don Millbauer
CS Tim Westcott
FN Rolland Kenitzer
HR Jaclyn Ayzenberg
IS Sharon Reseck
MA Phil Ransford
MT David Larken
NS Tim Westcott
OP John Reseck
PA Bill Davis
PB Loretta Rindal
PE Joanne Kaufmann
SR Vicki Young
VE Ed Taylor

Auxiliary Officers &
&Members Directory
www.cgaux.org

Flotilla 41
Dick Moore, FC
Ian McFall, VFC

Flotilla 42
Jack Janis, FC
Richard Johnston, VFC

Flotilla 45
Tim Westcott, FC
Mike Dunn, VFC

Flotilla 47
Jim Zard, FC
Joanne Kaufmann, VFC

Flotilla 48
Jim Beyea, FC
Larry Brown, VFC

What's happening in the Division?

SMO Many Division 4 members are involved with the Sector Marina Outreach Program. Make it your goal to become qualified in this area.

Operational Support for Maritime Support Protection Unit in March will employ four fast facilities.

Citizens Action Network (CAN) If you live on the water, have a water view or visit the Puget Sound waterways and areas frequently, you might consider becoming a CAN member.

Sectorization—All (Sec Sea and Gp PA) under Sector Puget Sound by August 2010.

Recreational Boating Safety Now would be a good time for IT's, VE's, and PV's to set goals to achieve the RBS Device. It is a 2 year program which requires 120 hours of RBS related activity. Those who are interested in RBS and are not yet VE, PV or IT qualified, might set a goal to become qualified. Check with your FSO-MT or FSO-MS.

Operational Facility Patrols will schedule 4-6 Large facilities and 10-12 Kayaks per month.

(from page 1)
Communications SO-CM is working with FSO-CM's to develop a Division wide communications network.

Risk Management Team Training The 8-hour TCT class has been renamed Risk Management Team Training. Division 4 will host this class, now tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22, at the Port Ludlow Fire Station, 7650 Oak Bay Road, beginning at 0900. The class will be taught by Auxiliarists Sonya Quitslund and Jeanette Wells.

Public Education A new safety training class for kayakers and canoeists, Paddlesports America, has been developed by National and will be posted to the E-Library Resource Center. This will be a good class to introduce a new segment of the public to the Auxiliary.

Detachments:

Flotilla 41 has formed a new Detachment in Brinnon, WA at Pleasant Harbor on the Hood Canal.

Flotilla 42 continues to develop the Detachment at Forks/Neah Bay.

Next Division meeting, April 3

Port Ludlow Fire Station

7650 Oak Bay Road

Port Ludlow

1000- 1400

Speakers

Bob Hays, ASC Sector Seattle, on Sector Puget Sound, the Auxiliary & Div 4

Lyn McClelland, Sector Marina Outreach Coordinator, SMO Program

Dick Halsaver, Citizen's Action Network Coordinator, CAN

AWARDS—FLOTILLA 42 DAZZLES

District 13 Conference
February 13, Clackamas OR



Leo Leonard,
Outstanding Auxliarist for 2009



Above VCDR Langjahr accepts awards for 2009 all for FL 42!

- First Place Operational Support
- First Place Member Training
- First Place Program Visits
- Second Place Vessel Examinations



FC Jack Janis (FL 42) receives his flotilla's awards from DCDR David Aho at February flotilla meeting.

Above Leo Leonard accepts award for Outstanding flotilla as well as his own award for D13 Outstanding Auxiliarist of the year

DIV 4 GOES DISTRICT

DCOS: Peter Raiswell
DCOS Aide: Steve DeMaggio
DCO Aide Assistant: Sharon Reseck

Strategic and Business Planning: Marilyn Leonard
Citizens Action Network: Dick Halsaver
Awards: Sandy Pinckert and Leo Leonard

DIGITAL DIRAUX

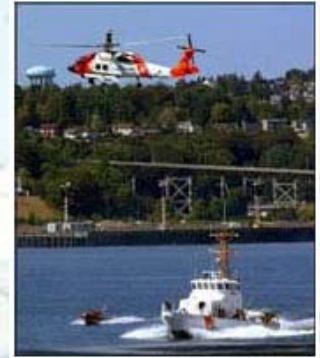
Maritime Information Initiative

MII stands for the Maritime Information Initiative and is hosted at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security. This website has been described as the “Digital

DIRAUX” and provides a multitude of information relevant to Auxiliarists in District 13. All members should log on periodically to find the latest information.

Here’s how the registration process works

- 1) Go to: <https://www.chds.us/?special/info&pgm=Maritime>
- 2) Register to get an account on the CHDS website
- 3) You will get an email (from D13ipa@uscg.mil) letting DIRAUX know that someone has requested access.
- 4) DIRAUX or the Commodore will approve you.
- 5) You will get an email telling you how to get into the Moodle course (Moodle is the software program hosting MII).



2010 Division Meeting Calendar

Saturday, April 3
Pt. Ludlow Fire Station
7650 Oak Bay Road
Port Ludlow

Saturday, August 21
Pt. Ludlow Beach Club
121 Marina View Drive

Saturday, November 6
Pt. Ludlow Beach Club
121 Marina View Drive

Time: 1000 - 1400

MARK IV REVISITED

by Loretta Rindal, SO-PB

New year, new look, new name for your Division newsletter!

The watermarked image in the background of your newsletter is of the Great Peninsula which unifies the Kitsap Peninsula with the Olympic Peninsula. This image was chosen to underscore our dedication to support each other as well as the Division.

Our next full edition newsletter will be published in May. By publishing your flotilla events we can strengthen our connections.

Remember, you can help make this the best newsletter ever by sending us articles and photos of your flotilla events. Deadline April 30.

Notice/Disclaimer: Information and opinions expressed in this publication are not under the control of the U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and do not constitute an endorsement of any commercial or private issues or products presented here. They are the opinions of the authors only and are provided for the convenience of the Flotilla members.

Confidentiality notice of Privacy Act

The disclosure of the personal information contained in this publication is subject to the provisions contained in the Privacy Act of 1974. The subject Act with certain exceptions prohibits the disclosure, distribution, dissemination, or copying of any material containing the home address, home telephone numbers, spouse’s names, and social security numbers, except for official business. Violation may result in disciplinary action by the Coast Guard and/or civilian criminal sanction.



Newsletter Editor
Loretta Rindal, FSO-PB
road2runner@comcast.net