



# Whittier Soundings



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**Station Whittier Commissioning:** The Safe Boat has arrived and even received credit for its first assist. If you've been to Whittier since May 18 you have probably seen it cruising in and out of the Harbor. All Auxiliarist can be very proud that Admiral Barrett selected the



Auxiliary for this groundbreaking innovation. Alaena Carson takes a turn at the helm just minutes before two Orcas paid an up close and personal call. Guess they like orange.

The dedication ceremony for USCG Auxiliary Station Whittier is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1000. It looks like we are going to have a good show. VIPs will include Lt. Gov Fran Ulmer, Vice Admiral Ernest R. Riutta, (Commander of the CG's Pacific Area) and National Commodore Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr. The Air Force Band and others will be on hand to add to the festivities. You may even see a camera crew or two show up (maybe even CNN). Everyone is invited to come out and support your CG Auxiliary. As always, uniforms are a matter of personal choice, however the Gold Side will be in the light blue, short sleeve shirt (Tropical) and members are encouraged to dress similarly.

**USCG Auxiliary Station Whittier:** The Caboose refurbishment is done, and it looks GREAT! The deck is finished after a remarkable effort last weekend by lots of folks. We now have one, top notch, Coast Guard Auxiliary Station. If you have not seen it yet, it's worth an extra trip down to Whittier. Everything is finished except for the phones and electricity so don't miss the opportunity to see it commissioned.

We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who spent so many hours working on the Caboose project, especially Mark Poe, who kept everyone moving, scrubbing and painting in the same direction. Thanks Mark!

**Prince William Sound Familiarization Talk:** Jack Jesse presented a talk on PWS on the evening of May 21, 2001. Jack has 27 years boating experience in PWS, and he shared his experiences, knowledge and integral bits of wisdom. His knowledge of the geology, history, anchorages and hazards of the sound is second to none. You should have seen the ears perk up when he divulged some of his best fishing spots, (and a few spots belonging to others.)

The purpose of the talk was to assist Auxiliary members in becoming more familiar with the locations around PWS, so we can better support and advise PWS boaters when we stand communications watch at CG Auxiliary Station. Approximately 50 people attended.

**AIM Board selects TOP candidate:** The AIM Board interviewed and selected Michael Manuel as our TOP candidate from District 17. Michael will go to the Coast Guard Academy for this year's familiarization. The Board evaluated him very highly, and we're all hoping he chooses the Coast Guard Academy and becomes a great officer.



*The AIM Board with Michael Manuel, center.*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

- **Jun 14** – Flotilla Meeting, BP Building
- **Jun 16** -- Commissioning Ceremony for the USCG Auxiliary Station Whittier.
- **Jul 13-15** - PWS Sarex w/06, 07 & 09 in Valdez.



**17<sup>th</sup> District, Division 2, Flotilla 4  
06/13/01 AGENDA**

British Petroleum Building – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room

**Business Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Treasury Report:** FSO-FN Debby Swain

**Last Meeting Minutes:** FSO-SR Tommie Brubaker

**Awards and Recognitions:** A bunch

**FC Report:**

Safe Boat 256 611 / Aux Station Whittier

**VFC Report:**

**Old Business:**

Caboose Update: Mark Poe  
CG Aux Station Whittier Library: John Whitney  
Commissioning Ceremony:

**FSO Reports:**

**New Business:**

**Adjourn:**

FC - Mike Folkerts  
VFC - Noreen Folkerts  
Special Projects - Dave Goldstein

**MEMBER SERVICES**

FSO-MT Mark Parmelee  
FSO-FN Debby Swain  
FSO-IS Ron Sands  
FSO-MA Claude Barker  
FSO-PS Deanna Barbarick  
FSO-SR Tommie Brubaker  
FSO-PA Joan Tovsen  
FSO-CS Don Myers  
FSO-PB Sheila Hillegeist

**REC BOATING SAFETY**

FSO-PE Bob Harvey  
FSO-VE Roy Stoddard  
FSO-MV Tony Hillegeist

**COAST GUARD SUPPORT**

FSO-OP Dave Brubaker  
FSO-AN Barry Moore  
FSO-CC Connie Jacobs  
FSO-CM Mike Barbarick  
FSO-MS John Whitney

**FELLOWSHIP**

Nancy Harvey  
Tommie Brubaker  
Deanna Barbarick

**MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEE**

Deanna & Mike Barbarick  
Russ & Kathy Lyday  
Dee Little  
Bob Harvey  
Jack Jessee  
Dave Goldstein