



Whittier Soundings



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Auxiliary Station Whittier and SafeBoat #611-

In the waning days of summer, the Auxiliary ends its first season with USCG Auxiliary Station Whittier and the new SafeBoat. For those of us cruising the Sound this summer, it became a familiar sound to hear, "This is Coast Guard Auxillary vessel 611..." echoing from our radios. It provided a sense of pride and accomplishment that all Auxiliarists should share. Seeing the familiar orange boat speeding around the sound also gave PWS boaters the knowledge and comfort that there was help if ever needed.

Although this past weekend was to be the last weekend of patrols for #611, it is possible a few more patrols may be performed during the next couple of weekends. If you still have not had the opportunity to work a patrol, you may still have a chance. Get in touch with Dave Brubaker if you are interested.

Mike and Noreen Folkerts, and Dave and Tommie Brubaker attended the NACON conference in Portland, Oregon. The Whittier Flotilla has an awful lot to be proud of this year. Our Flotilla was the only one mentioned by name by every one of the Coast Guard Admirals. Our Flotilla presented a program about our "story" of the Station and the SafeBoat to the Coast Guard OTO's. They were so impressed, they asked the Flotilla to present a shortened version to the General Session, where there hadn't even been any allotted time. Our group received a great round of applause from the group.

Flotilla Members Help with Oil Spills - Dave and Tommie Brubaker assisted when the F/V Vanguard sank this summer behind Glacier Island. The sinking caused a serious diesel spill. The Vanguard sank in about 250 feet of water and was carrying about 2700 gallons of diesel plus 600 gallons of gas and lubricants. Mike and Noreen Folkerts went to help out, when they got right in the middle of assisting when the F/V Windy Bay also sank.



F/V Tor deploys boom on F/V Vanguard Oil Spill

Mark Poe is contributing a new piece to the newsletter this month:

Auxiliary Station Whittier, From the Poop Deck

As always, the view from the poop deck is fantastic. The flags flap in the wind, and the Harbor spreads out in full view. It tends to make you feel a bit above it all. But, look close and you can see---the Kindred Spirit high and dry, the Noreen Kay ready for Patrol and 611 ready to launch.

On August 18th, a mini Search And Rescue (SAR) was carried out. the Auxiliary Station Whittier was manned by Terri Stoddard at the "mike", Kathy Lyday at the "pen" recording, Roy Stoddard and Russ Lyday at the "plotting table, with Jerry Hale and Dave Brubaker observing as the "Drama" played out. Wind, fog and poor communications made it very real.

A rigged up light cast a glow on the plotting table during the event. Won't it be nice when the Power is hooked up? The funding has finally been approved. A "locate" has been requested and a trench will soon appear with a post to hold the meter. If all goes well there will be light and heat on in the Station before the winter winds begin to blow.

COMING EVENTS:

Sept 12 - Whittier Flotilla Meeting 5:30 pm - BP building

Oct 2 - Nov 13 - Basic Coastal Navigation Class.

For information or to register call 561-5231 or cw@alaskalife.net



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September 12, 2001

Meeting Agenda

Mike Folkerts
FC
Noreen Folkerts
VFC
Dave Goldstein
Special Projects

MEMBER SERVICES

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

REC BOATING SAFETY

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

COAST GUARD SUPPORT

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

FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Harvey
Tommie Brubaker
Deanna Barbarick

MEMBER RETENTION

Russ & Kathy Lyday
Dee Little
Bob Harvey
Jack Jessee

Business Meeting 1730 hrs.

Call to Order:

Introduction of Guests:

A.I.M. Report: FSO-CC Connie Jacobs and Michael Manuel

Treasury Report: FSO-FN Debby Swain

Last Meeting Minutes:

Awards and Recognitions:

FC Report:

AUXSTA Whittier Commissioning
District Conference

VFC Report:

NACON 2001, Portland Ore.

Old Business:

AUXSTA Whittier- Mark Poe
PE A/V equipment

FSO Reports:

New Business:

Elections: Barrie Swain

Adjourn:

