

Whittier Soundings

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Air Observers Spend a Day in Kodiak: On Saturday, Dec 28th, eight Auxiliarists who have been working on the Auxiliary and Civil Air Patrol qualifications for Air Observers spent the day in Kodiak doing the swimming requirements. Several important lessons were reported. The first was that getting into a “gumby” suit after getting in the water might not be a prudent survival technique. The second was that swimming 50 yards in old combat boots and a non-inflatable PFD is a challenge and a third lesson involved being upside down in the water and learning to follow the bubbles to the surface. John Hallinan, DSO-AV reported that it was some of the best training he has had in a long career in aviation.



Left to right, Dennis Begen, Roy Stoddard, Bob Harvey, Brad and Linda Wells, Ronnie Smith, Claude Barker and the CG Instructor in Kodiak. Not pictured is John Hallinan taking the photo.

The training is scheduled to be conducted again in Anchorage in March for those unable to attend the December training.



This training involved being turned upside down in the water which simulates what may happen in a real situation.

Upcoming 2003 Events:

AUXSEA In Jan on each Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. you may attend the Auxiliary Seamanship course at the Energy Center.

University Mall Boat Show Jan 31 – Feb 9 are the dates. The Flotilla will need folks in uniform to man the booth. Our new FSO-PA, Pete Denmark will be coordinating.

ACN Tuesday nights at 6:00 in Feb and March are the dates for the Advanced Coastal Navigation class in BP's Energy Center.

BS&S This year's BS&S will be at the Energy Ctr starting at 6:00 p.m. on Feb 6. Lots of fun and learning. Come join the group.

District Conference Feb 14-17 at the Capt Cook.

Fur Rondez Stew is cooking up a great idea for the parade, providing we get a permit.

Anchorage Boat Show Sullivan Arena, dates?

Coxswain Academy Come join the challenge in Seward (Nav Rules should be passed). May 3-11.

SAREX Still planning. How does Chenega in late May sound?

A Letter from the Bridge

Dec. 14, 2002

As Vice Flotilla commander I would like to thank all of the Past FSO's for their Participation and hard work.

Bob has taken the time to do an outstanding job. He has really organized this position. Thank you Bob! You have made my coming job a lot easier. Some of you may know and some may not but this position takes a lot of time.

I'm looking forward to serving with Tony this coming year. He is semi-retired and I will be leaning on him for lots of time.

Appointing new FSO's is fun. I hope that Tony and I will be the support that you need to do the jobs you have been asked to do. Please call us if we can help. Part of being a team is asking for help from others, don't hesitate to ask.

Mike Folkerts started a tradition last year by presenting a trophy for Auxiliarist of the year. Since I received it, it is my pleasure to present it this year. No easy task to single out one person, but I did. Not one but a pair. What a pair. (By the way this is supposed to embarrass them)

Brad and Linda Wells Please come forward

Having been in the flotilla only since November of 2001 they excepted the FSO-PE task. Not a small one either. And done an outstanding job.

They both have become Auxiliary and Safe boat Crew Qualified.

They are Instructor Certified

Passed both Auxiliary navigation classes

Passed NAV rules

Stood watches at the Caboose, the Boat Show and the sportsman show

Participated as crew on Safety patrols

Chartered a 42' grand banks in the San Juan islands for two weeks and kept a detailed log with dead reckoning plots

They are both working on Air Observer and Coxswain qualifications

That's a lot of work for two people that don't even own a boat yet. But you made it easy for me to present you both with this trophy

2003 Whittier Flotilla Officers

Flotilla Commander FC Mark Poe

Vice Flotilla Cdr VFC Tony Hillegeist

Communication Services FSO-CS Stewart Sterling

Marine Dealers FSO-MV Tony Hillegeist

Aids to Navigation FSO-AN Paula Krebs

Finance FSO-FN Terry Stoddard

Public Education FSO-PE Brad Wells

Career Counseling FSO-CC John Bury

Information Systems FSO-IS Ron Sands

Vessel Safety FSO-VE Roy Stoddard

Communications FSO-CM Mike Barbarick

Materials FSO-MA Claude Barker

Marine Safety FSO-MS John Whitney

Member Training FSO-MT Mark Parmelee

Operations FSO-OP Dave Brubaker

Personnel Services FSO-PS Cheryl Blaker

Publications FSO-PS Dave Brubaker

Secretary / Records FSO-SR Lisa Woolard

Aviation FSO-AV John Hallinan

Public Affairs FSO-PA Pete Denmark

Fellowship Deanna Barbarick

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