



Whittier Soundings

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SAREX



Operational training opportunities have been outstanding this year. With the several mini SAREX and the main SAREX that were planned this year everyone had multiple chances to make the exercises and work on skills needed in the event of being called to participate in a SAR. This worked well to get new people qualified as crew and coxswain as well as keeping the qualified people current. The SAREX held September 11th & 12th was combined with another Helicopter exercise.



Photo by Stewart Sterling



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Several members were aboard SOTA to participate in the basket hoists and a crew on the Safe Boat also had a chance to train with the Helicopter.



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Photo by Roy Stoddard

Whenever we get these opportunities it increases the skill levels and makes us aware of the proper procedures so we aren't learning during the more stressful times of an actual case.

Watching the Helicopter crew work with the boats was an education in itself. The crew is

skilled and professional and provided clear & concise instructions prior to the evolutions. The boat crews worked well with the helicopter crew and performed the tasks confidently.



Photo by Stewart Sterling



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Congratulations to all involved for another excellent training exercise.

Operations

September finds us winding down from a busy summer boating season.

This year we qualified several members as boat crew and boat coxswain and some members also qualified as UTM crew and coxswain.



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It took a lot of valuable personal weekends, time and dedication of qualified members working to provide the training and members working on qualifications to get through the process.



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Photo by Marty Keef

Through the summer we worked hard maintaining qualifications, qualifying new members and balanced the process with great fellowship in the evening rafts.



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Through the planning for various training sessions we received opportunities for training not always available. Thanks to all for your efforts!

Team Coordination Training

Team coordination training (TCT) is a requirement for all operational members. Mark Parmelee is a TCT instructor and would like everyone to be aware of the two-challenge rule. This is a method used to verify situational awareness and help assure the mission safety.

Put this information aboard your boat to keep alert and open to information from you team on board.

TWO CHALLENGE RULE

If a team member fails to *adequately* respond to two or more challenges regarding *omissions* or *questionable* actions, the individual is assumed to have lost situational awareness.

Training

Basic Coastal Navigation, Fall 2004
Presented by: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary,
Whittier Flotilla
At the BP Energy Center,
900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK
Class meets on Tuesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM
October 5 through November 23.

For more detailed information and registration, contact Linda Wells, Whittier Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education, at 349-1663

AUX SAR REVIEW

As some of you may recall the Auxiliary Search and Rescue Class (AUX SAR) was offered last winter. There were maybe 25 or 30 of us in the class. And as some of you might recall only six people passed the exam on the first try. I wish I could say I was one of them! But I was able to pass the exam on the second try.

Since I have taken the test twice, I have a pretty good handle on what material is on the test. While I do not feel comfortable reviewing the math questions, I can provide a solid review on the material you need to know in order to pass AUX SAR.

Interested in a 90 minute AUX SAR review session? Call Rae at: 337-6706 or e-mail at rae_deley@hotmail.com

District 17 Election

[District 17 Alaska \(D17\)](#) election results:

- DCO - Mike Folkerts (Current VCO)
- VCO - Michael Robinson (Current RCO)
- RCO - Marie Scholle (Current DCP3)
- IPDCO - COMO Gary Taylor



Marina Information

The New Whittier Marina Is Under Construction!

Several years ago the City of Whittier obtained land and tidelands from the State of Alaska so that it could build a cruise dock and marina in the area of Dry Storage Pad No. 2, west of the current Whittier Small Boat Harbor. The successful proposer on the RFP issued by the City for that development was Passage Canal Development LLC (PCD). After a few years in the making, the cruise dock is now built and the marina is under construction!

This article will give Flotilla members a quick understanding of the project. For more information, the marina web site is found at "www.whittiermarina.com".

The marina has three phases, and the first is under construction now. The first phase has about 100 slips, including tie-ups for vessels of 40', 50', 60', 90' and 120' length. The second phase, which may be under construction in 2 years, can add another 35-40 "in water" slips in dimensions yet to be determined. The third phase is a dry stack moorage building, to be located on Dry Storage Pad No. 2 next to the cruise embarkation building. This will accommodate smaller vessels of the 25' to 32' size, indoors, out of the weather. This third phase is planned in 4 years.

The marina is being developed as a condominium project, where each owner controls his slip for the duration of the City lease, about 65 years from now. The good news for Whittier boaters is that the marina will have first class facilities, with state of the art concrete floats, pedestals with water, power and low level lighting, and a nearby service float for sewer pump out and winter water. As an owner, the slip is reserved for the owner's use, and no one else can use the slip without the owner's permission. It will have a lockable gangway, assuring owners of limited access to their prized vessel. A second gangway will serve the "day cruise" vessels owned by Phillips and Major Marine.

After working with an advisory committee last fall to develop the design for the marina, PCD

started selling slips with a lottery in early 2004. The response was excellent, and about two-thirds of the slips have been sold. The purchase price begins at \$50,000 for the 40' slips. In addition, there is a modest "working capital" contribution and annual Association dues.

Construction is now underway with a contract from Swalling Construction, a long established Alaska marine contractor. They have contracted with Shoreside Marinas of Bellingham to build the floats. Several owners have visited the Shoreside facility and the construction progress can be viewed on the marina web site. The harbor dredging will begin in Whittier in October, with construction in November and December. Assuming good weather, the marina should be ready for occupancy in late December or the early months of winter 2005.

The owners through an Association that has already formed will manage the marina. There are 12 board members, which includes 4 officers. The officers are well-known to Flotilla members: Phil Logan, President, Don Stevens, Vice President, Terry Stoddard, Secretary, and Lisa Woolard, Treasurer. The Association met frequently to review the documents and construction plans before the project began and, now that the boating season is almost over, it will continue to meet as it prepares for operations this winter. The first budget has been set, with dues for the 40' slips similar to the monthly payments required for moorage in the Whittier Small Boat Harbor. Alaska Recreational Management, the operator of Whittier's 5-acre parking lot, has been tapped as the marina manager.

If readers are interested in learning more about the project, they should go to the web at "www.whittiermarina.com". The documents are extensive, but they are best summarized in the "public offering statement" found at the site. Thanks for your interest.

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Member's Corner

Safety

Halibut Spread

- 1 T garlic salt
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups halibut

- ¾ c Parmesan cheese
- 1 c mayonnaise
- 1 t celery seed (or salt)

1. Boil halibut in 2 quarts or more of water with bay leaf, garlic salt, and onion. Simmer 20 minutes or until flaky.
2. Drain and cool. Flake with a fork.
3. Add in amounts to your taste Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, garlic salt, and celery seed.

Broccoli Salad from Our Attic To Your Kitchen, Bishop Attic Volunteers Cook Book

- 1 bunch broccoli (tops only) cut into bite size pieces
- ½ c (I use much less) green onions, chopped
- 1 c sunflower seeds
- ½ c raisins
- ½ pound bacon, fried and chopped

- Dressing:
- 1 c mayonnaise
 - 2 T vinegar
 - ½ c sugar

Mix dressing ingredients together and toss with the salad ingredients. Let stand for at least 1 hour and re-toss before serving.

Recipes from Kathy Lyday

Recipes submitted by Mary Murphy

All of us know why it so important to wear our PFD's (lifejackets). Our responsibility is to make sure every boater we come in contact with know this as well. The last few weeks have seen several boating tragedies that should not have happened. PFD use is recommended for all but required for children under the age of 13 on open boats and open areas of boats. Please help send the message to all boaters about the benefits and the legal requirements for PFD use.

"SHARING KNOWLEDGE IS WHAT MAKES LESSONS LEARNED VALUABLE," Captain Scott Evans USCG

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



17th District

Whittier Flotilla Web Site
<http://www.uscgaux.org/~1700204/>