

Whittier Soundings



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Director of Auxiliary D17 Web Site

Through the vision of our Director - LCDR Sue Albright, and the time and dedication of our DSO-CS, Stewart Sterling - the district will have a new web site.

This web site will provide a "one stop" wealth of information for the district 17 membership. All district specific publications, clarification of policies and policy changes, auxiliary operations orders, D17 directives, and D17 auxiliary instructions will be available. The site is developed to provide you the most up to date information possible.

Look for the DIRAUX web site to be available soon. The site will be linked from the D17 Auxiliary web site.

Elections

By Bob Harvey

We will elect our Flotilla Commander (FC) and Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) for 2008 at the meeting on Wednesday, October 10. All members are asked to attend and cast their votes. The meeting will be at the usual place and time— BP Building at 5:30 PM.

We have 3 well-qualified candidates for these two positions. They are Tom Kane, Cathey Sterling and Bill Morris. Tom and Bill are running for FC. Cathey is running for VFC. If Tom is not elected to FC he will then run for VFC.

Tom has been a member since April 30, 2004. He is qualified as a Coxswain, Instructor and

Vessel Examiner. He has also completed all the Specialty Courses and earned the AUXOP designation. He served this year as Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) Operations and is the Officer in Charge of the SAFEBoat.

Cathey joined the Auxiliary on Aug 15, 2000. She is qualified as a Coxswain, PWC Operator, Instructor, Watchstander, and is a Qualifying Examiner. She has served as FSO-Publications (the "Newsletter Editor") and holds the District-level positions of State Liaison Officer and Aide to the District Commodore.

Bill joined the Auxiliary on March 27, 2003. He served as FSO- Vessel Exams in 2006 and is our current Vice Flotilla Commander. He is qualified as a Coxswain and Vessel Examiner and devotes considerable time supporting the Public Affairs and Public Education programs.

The Flotilla's Standing Rules require that a quorum of 30% of the eligible membership be present for an election. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted. Elections are determined by a majority vote of those members present. Voting is by written ballot (unless there's only one candidate). Nominations from the floor at the meeting are allowed but a member making such a nomination should make sure, in advance, that the nominee is eligible and willing to serve if elected. There are 3 eligibility requirements for FC and VFC. They are: 1) A member for at least one year, 2) qualified as a Coxswain, Crew or PWC Operator and 3) completion of the Administrative Procedures Course (APC).

Plan to attend this important meeting and cast your vote on Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship will be held Saturday October 13, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bob and Nancy Harvey's home.

We will have a potluck meal with a chance for each of you to bring a family favorite or your award winning recipe.

Deanna Barbarick, our Fellowship Officer, will provide directions, time of event and menu needs.

Our fellowships are a great place to get to know members outside our activities, share sea stories and just have a good time.

Training

The end of boating season is a great time of year to take a few moments to review your information in AUXDATA. Be sure all your time is accounted for, your competencies are current, and all awards you have received are accurately reflected.

It is also a good idea to make sure you have completed any required training. Of particular note is completion of the IS requirements. Several links are being provided here. The first link in this list has the FAQ on ICS ... what all Auxiliary members need to know! The second link is the main IS training page on the FEMA web site. The others are direct links for specific training. IS 700 & IS 800 deadline for Ops – Dec. 31, 2007.

http://www.auxodept.org/documents/FAQonICS5_06.pdf

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is800a.asp>

Member Awards

During the September Flotilla meeting the following presentations were made.

Navigation Specialist: Mel Cooper

Vessel Examiner: Bill Reiter

Sustained Auxiliary

Service Award: Nancy Harvey

Robert Harvey

Mary Murphy

SAFEBoat Crew: Chris Pallister, Bill Reiter

SAFEBoat Coxswain: Will Frost, Chris Pallister

5 year Service Award: Rae DeLey, Chris Pallister

John Orella took the new member pledge.

Congratulations to all!

End of Fiscal Year

By Noreen Folkerts

We are quickly approaching the end of the Fiscal Year 2007. We need your assistance to be able to close out the last of the Patrol Orders for FY07.

As you all know, your 5132 reimbursement forms are to be received by this office no later than 30 days past the date of the patrol. **Please make sure your orders for September are received by this office NO LATER THAN 30 OCTOBER.** The orders for September will be paid out of FY07 funds and if they are not received by 30 October, you will not be reimbursed for the patrol. This is true of any orders for the year that you have not yet submitted. In order to be reimbursed for any 2007 Patrols up through 30 September, they must be to this office by 30 October. Any patrols done after 1 October will be funded out of FY08 funds. Again, please make sure they are to the Director's Office no later than 30 days after the patrol.

Again, we thank you for all your efforts out on the waters of Alaska this summer!

Press Release



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WHITTIER COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ASSISTS WITH AIRPLANE CRASH RECOVERY IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND ON SEPTEMBER 22

WHITTIER, Alaska –

A Cessna 180 on floats carrying Anchorage residents Howard Holtan and his wife Roberta Carney crashed Saturday afternoon shortly after takeoff from Shrode Lake, near Three Fingers Cove in western Prince William Sound. Located at the southern end of Cochrane Bay, the crash site is approximately 25 miles from Whittier, AK.

Three hikers, one an EMT, had discovered the crash and alerted the good Samaritan vessel TARKA. Responding to the emergency radio broadcast from the TARKA, Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels quickly responded to the accident scene. Two Auxiliary PWC's (personal water craft) arrived first and proceeded to the crash site to assist. Four other Auxiliary operational vessels relayed radio transmissions to the Coast Guard station in Valdez, AK., Coast Guard helicopter, and Auxiliary members at the site.

Radio communication was later opened with an Air National Guard C-130 and helicopter responding to the crashed plane's Emergency Location Transmitter.

The survivor, Roberta Carney, was air lifted by the Coast Guard helicopter to Providence Hospital-Anchorage. Auxiliary vessel & personnel stayed on station until relieved by an arriving Air National Guard helicopter crew.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in boating safety and all of its varied missions. The men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary can be found on the nation's waterways, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Search and Rescue, vessel safety checks, public education, and maritime domain awareness.

WEBSITES:

17th District, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary:

<http://a170.uscgaux.info/>

HOW TO LOOK UP YOUR HOURS, CERTIFICATIONS, AWARDS, COURSES
COMPLETED, WORKSHOPS, ETC. IN AUXINFO.

GO TO:

The Whittier Flotilla Website: <http://a1700204.uscgaux.info>

Click MEMBERS

Click AUXINFO REPORTS

Select from the various AuxInfo reports that are shown. There is a brief description of each report. Clicking on the button to the right of that report will take you directly to that web page. By default it will open to calendar year 2006. You select other years from the drop down “Year” menu at the top of the page.

HOW TO REPORT YOUR HOURS BY EMAIL: GO TO:

www.cgaux.org

Click MEMBERS

Click FORMS

Click EMAIL FORMS (The third choice from the top)

Select a Form:

7029 (Member Activity Form – i.e. the “99” Form)

or

7030 (Mission Activity Report)

or

7038 (Vessel Safety Checks)

or

7046 (RBS – Marine Dealer –Visits)

Complete the form and enter your email address. Enter my email address

bnharvey@gci.net as the Recipient:

Click SEND.

That’s it. Normally I won’t send you an email saying I received it but I will if you ask.

RH Whittier Flotilla Sep 07



*Sig Murphy & Stewart Sterling
PWC Operations USCG Auxiliary
Saturday September 22, 2007
Photo by Bill Morris*

1 Million Saved? Good Job Coasties!

By Rae De Ley FSO-MT

The U.S. Coast Guard had its 217th birthday in August of 2007. Researchers have pored over the records and reports to gain a sense of history. Yes! You guessed! The U.S. Coast Guard has had its one millionth life saved.

Those of us who live in Alaska know very well the brave work the Coasties do on a regular basis. They go out in all kinds of weather, when a saner person or a less dedicated person might be just as content to stay indoors where they would be safe, warm, and dry. If the Coast Guard were to flaunt their victories out side every installation like a fast food chain, they might say on their sign boards “1 million lives saved and still going strong!” But they are all much too modest.

I expect the Coasties do not get all the credit they deserve for so many long years of service to America. Next time you see a person from the Gold Side (the Regular USCG) don't forget to wish them a very happy 217th birthday. And be sure to include hardy congratulations on a job well done!



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