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Flotilla Commander



Bill Morris

I've been asked to compose a brief article as the incoming Flotilla Commander on my goals for 2008. My first response..."don't mess it up"...I've added a bit more to that theme. I'm luckier than most incoming FC's around the country with all the "Wiley Veterans" I'm surrounded by. Our Flotilla has such a wealth of knowledge. The 19,282 hours volunteered in 2007 by our Whittier membership shows we have no slouches here. The Whittier Flotilla is made up of 112 overachievers who love boating & enjoy helping others.

I plan to zealously watch over the Whittier Flotilla like I would a "bag of Krispy Kreme donuts at a Weight Watchers convention". Here are my goals for 2008:

- ✦ Protect the stability & integrity of our Flotilla
- ✦ Increase the involvement of new and fringe members
- ✦ Continue building rapport with Sector Anchorage
- ✦ Assist with crew & coxswain qualifications
- ✦ Maximize utilization of SAFEBoat 256611
- ✦ Optimize use of OPFACs
- ✦ Promote Trident program
- ✦ Increase assistance to CG as requested
- ✦ Coordinate heavy VE participation during CG boarding presence

I hope this gives you an idea of what's in store from me as FC; hopefully no one is alarmed. Remember that our veterans; Sig, Roy, Dave B., Paula, Russ, and many others are there to keep us out of trouble. Thanks for what you do!

Anchors Aweigh Boat Show

By Lou Jones

With the boat show starting in just a short few days (Feb 1st) much has been accomplished and much still remains to be done. I want to thank the Anchorage, Eagle River, Seward and Whittier Flotillas whose members volunteered to work the shift schedules at the boat show. We now have the schedules filled but can always use more help for the array of activities that will be going on.

We will have the same space we had last year but, instead of seminars as we did last year, we plan to use the space for activity stations such as; Knot Display, Which Life Jacket is for You, Chart Display, and more. Please drop in at anytime to

help out or just chat with boaters about boating safety.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to work a boat show the show goals are: Promote recreational boating safety by; encouraging boaters to wear life jackets, obtain a vessel safety check, take an American Boating Course, not boat under the influence and promote Americas Waterway Watch.

We plan to start booth and room set up on Thursday 31 January at approximately 2 PM. We will have the same room and booth location as last year.

Uniform for the exhibit is undress blue, you are encouraged to wear a life jacket to promote the wearing of life jackets and to show new styles. CG Auxiliary Vest is appropriate if you do not have a uniform and Polo Shirts and jeans if you do not have the vest. Bottom line is we desire new member participation and hope to see you there.

For more information I can be contacted at 332-4441 or cljones@alaska.net

Meet Your Flotilla Staff Officers

FSO-AN



Paula V. Krebs

Flotilla Staff Officer for Aids to Navigation
I have been a member of the Whittier Flotilla since 1991. I had been boating for 6 years and realized what a positive action the US Coast Guard Auxiliary provided in Prince William Sound. John VanDunin was the flotilla commander then and I

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worked with him at the BLM (Bureau of Land Management). After months of arm twisting I joined up. John immediately appointed me as the FSO for public affairs which I continued to do for 6 years.

I got started boating the summer of 1985 when I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) and discovered I could no longer throw a 40-50 pound pack on my back and hike 20 miles a day. I started hiking in Colorado where I was born and raised. This was a good skill while doing my field work for a PhD in Plant Ecology.

I got my PhD in 1972 with a dissertation on “The Dendrochronology and Distribution of *Pinus Aristata* in Colorado” (the age and where Bristlecone Pine were in Colorado). I had been a college professor for 24 years at the University of Colorado, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Being an ecologist I had to be close to “mother nature” and decided that I could handle boating. I’d been all over Alaska but not in Prince William Sound. I thought that after 3 years I’d sell the boat and go on to other fun. Yes, I still am running the boat I first bought and wouldn’t change for anything. The name of the boat is the “Turquoise Lady”. This is a Hopi Indian legend. When you see the sun set in the western sky and see the turquoise glow on the horizon, this is the Turquoise Lady inviting her children, the stars, to come out and play. I wanted to come out and play.

Over the years I have seen many changes in the USCG Auxiliary and in our own flotilla the growth is wonderful. I have taught “Your Boat’s Radio” chapter in the Boating Skills and Seamanship class for the last 11 years. The support the membership has to our mission and goals is a good pat on the back for everyone. As the flotilla staff officer for Aids to Navigation the last four years, I have tried to come up with ideas to involve as many folks with as little hassle for them as possible. This sparked the “Boating Hazards Sites” listing with high and low tide photos. More recently I started the “Adopt an ATON” for our flotilla to monitor and take current photos of those ATONS which we all depend on.

So get involved in some action of the Whittier Flotilla and have a positive feeling about what you are doing.

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FSO-AV



Dave Brubaker

Detachment Leader in Whittier.

12 years in the CG Auxiliary, Flotilla Commander in 2000, Vice Div Captain 2004 & 2005, past FSO for Comms, Ops, and PE. Coxswain for Auxiliary Facilities and for CG Non Standard Boat (611), Instructor, AUXOP, also hold 50 ton Masters License. Retired from Civil Service (FAA) and U.S. Army.

FSO-CS



Thomas Kane

Tom Kane, the Flotilla Staff Officer for Communication Services (FSO-CS), is the webmaster for the flotilla website. His responsibilities include keeping the website links functional and designing new pages for the dissemination of information to the public and members. The FSO-CS will add new information to the website that will aid the public and auxiliaries in finding information about Boating Classes and locations for Courtesy Vessel Exams, etc. There are links to the web sites of the DIRAUX, District 17 Auxiliary, and more.

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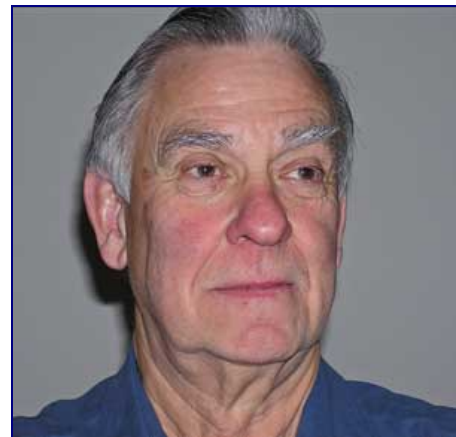
FSO-FN



Jerry Stoddard

Flotilla Staff Officer – Finance, FSO-FN, is the flotilla's bookkeeper for all financial matters. The FSO-FN collects annual membership dues, Public Education class book sales, maintains the flotilla's checking account and pays the Division, District and National member dues. The FSO-FN promptly pays all bills for the flotilla and all other obligations incurred by the flotilla. The staff officer is responsible for preparing an annual budget and submitting monthly financial statements. I have been in the Whittier Flotilla since May 2000 and have been our financial officer for the past 5 years. The name of our boat is "Fresh Aire" and she is moored in slip L-4 of Cliffside Marina, Whittier.

FSO-IS



Bob Harvey

The Flotilla's Staff Officer for Information Services (FSO-IS) is responsible for making sure that members get credit for all of the hours they devote to Auxiliary activities.

This is done by, first, the member reporting their time to me and, second, by my entering that time in

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the Auxiliary's computerized database (called AUXDATA). This system not only keeps track of a Member's time but also his/her Certifications and Training. The Members can, at any time, check their record in the AUXINFO system.

On the personal side, I joined the Auxiliary in 1999 and was initially involved in the AIM program (identifying and supporting students interested in attending the CG Academy). I was appointed FSO-Public Education my second year and served as Flotilla Commander in 2002. I have been doing the FSO-IS job since 2003.

My wife, Nancy, and I enjoy boating and doing Safety Patrols out of Whittier on our 26' Nordic Tug – Balaena. We enjoy working with Members who want to develop their boating skills and knowledge through the many education and training opportunities their Auxiliary member ship makes available. RH.

FSO-MA



Will Frost

As FSO-MA my duties are to procure materials including such as forms, publications for distribution to the flotilla officers and members. Advise of any changes to updates of all publications and forms and to take orders during the flotilla meetings. Additionally, maintain liaison with the Division Materials Staff Officer.

FSO-MS



John Whitney

John Whitney is the Flotilla Staff Officer for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, which generally means someone knew about his professional involvement in NOAA as 24/7 scientific support coordinator to the U.S Coast Guard for all Alaska's 40,000 miles of offshore coastal waters; i.e., he lives and breathes marine safety and environmental protection. Good ideas and creative grassroots efforts are always welcome; examples include our current notebook made available to all U.S. Coast Guard Patrols, entitled "Prince William Sound Kayak Assistance Guidelines." Similarly, tri-fold handouts are made available to individual boaters, entitled "Safe Operations of Sea Kayaks and Power Vessels in PWS." We also help members and general public to stay informed, and help expand interests by maintaining the largest collection of PWS-related literature, in our library commemorated to Jack Jesse and located in Whittier Station, aka the converted railroad caboose. FSO-John's motto: "There are no passengers on planet earth, only crewmembers."

FSO-MT



Rae De Ley

Hi folks. My name is Rae De Ley. I am the Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training. You might have seen me at the meetings or at various training sessions.

As my title implies I am the Officer who is responsible for the Training of Members. If there is some thing you would like to learn then I am the person to speak to. I can set up a class, get you a manual, or find another member to help you with your training. As well as individual requests for training, I also try to survey the members once year to find out what sorts of training they are interested in.

I am also responsible for Boat Crew, Instructor, Team Coordination, and Operations workshops. If you are interested in the Boat Crew program and have yet to get started or if you want to have some one help you with your sign offs, let me know. I can get you the manuals, help you with your sign-offs for Crew, or set you up with someone to mentor you toward becoming a Coxswain.

Like the Flotilla Commander, I can order exams from Juneau. I find some members like to study on their own for Auxiliary Operations classes such as Communications (COM), Patrols (PAT), Seamanship (SEA), or Weather (WEA). When they are about ready to test they let me know. We set a date and a location, and I order the exam from Juneau. Last winter I had some one who really liked independent study. They studied and tested for SEA, PAT, and WEA. Generally speaking it takes about two weeks to order and receive an

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exam from Juneau. After the exams are returned to Juneau it takes about another two weeks to receive results. I know the members like quick results, but the proctor does not grade the exam.

At the moment I have a few manuals in stock. If any one would like to study a class on their own, let me know. I will get you the proper manual. Or you can order it yourself from the FSO-Materials.

If you have questions, talk to me at a meeting, drop me an email or call me at home.

FSO-OP



Thomas Kane

As the operations officer, I have to put together an Operational Facility (OPFAC) schedule for the 22 weeks of summer. This involves getting OPFAC coxswains to commit to weekends months in advance for when they can be available for surface patrols in their boats while under orders from the Coast Guard. During the summer the FSO -OPS has to tweak the schedule so that 5 boats are on patrol every weekend, providing coverage for all the subareas in the Area of Responsibility (AOR). The FSO-OPS also has to plan for special weekends called SAREXs (search and rescue exercises). Events for the SAREX include search patterns, towing and man overboard training and fellowship after the event. Other weekends are Training Weekends where check rides for currencies and Qualifying Exams for new certifications are done by QE's. These events require large group participation with many boats and many committed people, so a good amount of time goes into planning these events. I also keep track of the progress of people in the boat crew training process and facilitate that training as required. I make reports at the monthly meetings about the status of the operational programs and

any upcoming events. I have been the FSO-OPs and the Leader in Charge (LinC) of the SAFEBoat, 256611 for two years and the LinC has a similar responsibility with the SAFEBoat. It must be scheduled for every weekend during the summer with a coxswain and crew person and as many trainees as possible. The LinC is also responsible for the routine maintenance of the SAFEBoat and facilitating repairs when it is in "Charlie Status", that is being unable to be underway for any reason.

FSO-PA



Linda Shogren

The basic Public Affairs Officer (PAO) duties for the Flotilla would be publicity support of the Auxiliary Public Education program and promoting Vessel Exams to the public. I design support materials such as flyers, handouts, or posters as needed. This could include signage for classes and vessel safety checks at events such as boat shows, community events or National Safe Boating Week.

Other responsibilities are helping with setting up for boat show booths or displays to help promote the best possible image of the Auxiliary. The PAO also put notices or ads in newspapers regarding public education class schedules, vessel exam locations (ramp days), member recruitment or for National Safe Boating Week. Using radio or other broadcast media for boating safety messages such as public service announcements is also another media option that is available.

Public Affairs Officers can also assist the Coast Guard if needed to assist with public affairs or

relaying information to Command Centers or the news media.

This position offers lots of fun, a chance to be creative, support safe boating and learn new ways to communicate to the public.

If you want to learn more about public affairs, let me know.

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FSO-PB



Cathey Sterling

The FSO-PB is the publisher of the flotilla newsletter.

As FSO-PB it is my goal to provide you an informative and hopefully an interesting newsletter. It is my hope that all members of the flotilla will provide photos and basic information, if not an article, about the many various events and programs in which our flotilla participates. The newsletter is a great way to tell not only the basic information of time and missions that shows in AUXDATA, it is a chance to tell the story behind the statistics. We have many programs in which the story is often not told. With the newsletter we can tell the story and perhaps develop an interest by our new members in the programs. Your participation and suggestions make our newsletter "ours".

I joined the auxiliary August 2000. I became crew then coxswain qualified on the SAFEBoat, PWC Operator qualified, and hold the positions of State Liaison and Aid to the District Commodore. I was appointed flotilla publications officer June 2003.

Thank you to all for your continued support and I look forward to your contributions to the newsletter in the coming year.

FSO-PE



Russ Lyday

Russ Lyday, FSO for Public Education, has been in the Auxiliary for 6 years. He has served as FSO-Vessel Examiners, and is the past Flotilla Commander. He is also an instructor and a coxswain.

Russ and Kathy have been married 40 years. They moved with their 3 children to Alaska from Texas in 1985.

FSO-PS



Sue Whitney

Sue Whitney is Flotilla Staff Officer for Personnel Services (FSO-PS), which generally means chief paper pusher/organizer between flotilla applicants/members and DIRAUX, but also includes such grandiose schemes as recruitment and retention. While public education and vessel safety checks are big initial exposure avenues in recruitment, it's every member's mission in

outreach and personal contribution that translates into effective member training, continued motivation, and successful retention. Helping recruit is simple: network, share, and refer to FSO-PS. Retention assistance is even easier: listen, lend a hand, be a mentor; step up when member training looks short-handed.

FST-SR



Sylvia Condy

The Secretary/Records prepares and distributes the Minutes of all flotilla meetings (I think "regular" should be in there somewhere). The Flotilla Commander may assign other flotilla records for the FSO-SR to maintain, such as rosters and standing rules. Essentially I write down everything I hear at meetings, especially motions and their disposition, then write it up. I send the first draft to the people who spoke, and get their okay on my notes. The final draft I send to the members a week before the next regular meeting. I also make sure people "sign in" at the meetings, so the members that attended the meeting will be on record. It is a good way to get to know new member's names!

FSO-VE



Lou Jones

First I want to thank our Flotilla Commander Bill for giving me the opportunity to serve the as Flotilla Staff Officer, Vessel Examinations (FSO-VE) this year. What a wonderful opportunity to work with the Vessel Examiners and the boating public. First and foremost the Vessel Safety Check program offers a one-on-one educational opportunity for you with the boaters. You have the opportunity to share your knowledge with them about the benefits of safety equipment and how to use the equipment properly. The Vessel Safety Check you perform attests to the fact that the boat is in compliance with Federal and State requirements. It also raises boater's awareness of safety issues through their contact with volunteer vessel examiners.

Part of my duties as FSO-VE is as follows:

- Encourage continued qualification of new examiners
- Ensure current vessel examiners have opportunity to maintain currency
- Maintain current records of Facility inspections and Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)
- Schedule Auxiliarists to perform VSCs
- Maintain accountability and records of VSC and issuing of VSC Decals
- Establish VCSs at local boating ramps which the flotilla normally covers
- Provide vessel examiners the materials needed to accomplish and document VSCs

My goals this year are to work with the flotilla members to provide training opportunities for new

vessel examiners and also to provide additional training and workshops for current vessel examiners

If you are interested in becoming a vessel examiner please contact myself, or FSO-MT Rae De Ley. We will be happy to get you involved in the program.

Fellowship



Deanna Barbarick

Fellowship is one of the four cornerstones of the Coast Guard Auxiliary organization. Deanna Barbarick is the Flotilla chairperson for this role.

Although fellowship is not a technical or operational aspect of the Auxiliary, it is extremely important because it ties us all together in our efforts to provide public services and save lives.

2008 will be Deanna's ninth year to serve as the Fellowship Cornerstone Chairperson.

Operations 2007

By Tom Kane

As another year has come to an end and we start to look forward to this summer's boating activities and making our operational plans, let us take a few minutes and look back and see what we accomplished this past year. 2007 began with worries about high fuel prices and a fuel budget for OPFACs in District 17 that did not allow for the same unlimited number of boat patrols as we enjoyed in years past. Weekday patrols were cut and only weekend patrols would be allowed. The number of vessels allowed out on patrol orders in any weekend also had to be restricted. The solution came in the form of an Operational Plan for Prince William Sound accompanied by an OPFAC

Schedule for each of the 22 weekends of the boating season. The plan called for PWS to be divvied up into six geographical areas to be covered by five OPFACs and the SAFEBoat. OPFAC coxswains were asked to fill in a schedule of weekends that they wanted to go out on patrol as well as those weekends they could be available for patrols if a need arose. They were also asked about weekends they were not available at all. A schedule was hammered out and sent to the Director of Auxiliary for approval. It was accepted and went into effect. The same was done for the SAFEBoat. SAFEBoat coxswain filled in those weekends on a schedule and this was also sent to the Director. Because the SAFEBoat didn't leave its slip as often as it should have in 2006, we were told that 611 must go on patrol before any OPFAC could be given orders. And during the season, when orders for 611 had not been requested in a timely manner, I would get a call from Juneau saying that orders for the OPFACs for that weekend would not be given until the SAFEBoat coxswain for the weekend put in his request. The results were very impressive. The SAFEBoat was out on patrol every weekend but two, one weekend for collar repair and another because of a reassignment of the coxswain. In both cases an additional OPFAC was allowed to go out in its place. Most weekends showed full coverage by the OPFACs. There were a few weekends when, due to mechanical problems or bad weather, there were less than five opfacs out on patrol.

During the boating season 15 SAR cases were handled and many boaters assisted and nearly \$400,000 in property value assisted. There was a SAREX in June and a Training Day in July when a QE was available to recertify those in need of three year check rides and such. A new OPFAC coxswain was also QE'ed at the time. The Caboose was opened to the public most of the weekends last summer and had numerous contacts with both residents and non residents of Whittier. Boaters and pedestrians from the cruise ships came in for various reasons, from weather reports, to info about ongoing SAR cases, to sign the guest book. Kids came in to check out the caboose and get an ice cream coupon for wearing their life jackets. Auxiliarists listened to the VHF radios while manning the caboose in an unofficial capacity.

I was informed by Chief Gross that the SAFEBoat was on orders for 200 hours this summer. Also, the SAFEBoat was used as a training platform for more than 100 hours this summer, resulting in two new crewpersons and a number of other people have started down the road of becoming crewpersons. There were two people who graduated Coxswain Academy and latter were QE'ed as SAFEBoat coxswains. Two members from other flotillas were given their qualifying exam on 611 this summer and become coxswains.

A recent exercise to test the readiness of the Whittier Flotilla callout tree, used to test the readiness of the members to respond to an emergency, resulted in the contact of 65 out of a hundred people called, with 53 of those ready to depart to Whittier to assist in the staffing a response force to cope with a disaster. A handful of boats and PWCs could be made available within hours.

As you can see, the operational staff of the Whittier Flotilla was quite busy this year and accomplished many fine things which culminated in its heroic and successful efforts to save lives after an airplane crash near Three Finger Cove.

If you would like to be part of the operations program, please speak to Tom Kane, FSO-OPS to get involved.

Instructor Development Course

By Tom Kane

I recently attended a "C" School class in California called Instructor Development Course. The IDC was taught at the USCG Training Center in Petaluma. It was a five day course that is taught by active duty Instructors to active duty students; Auxiliarists can also attend if the class is not full. You arrive on the base on Sunday and get checked into one of the dorm buildings around campus. Classes start at 0800 on Monday. They try to have a maximum of twenty one people in the class but there were just fourteen in our class after the cancellations. There were three instructors in the class and they would alternate instructing the different modules. Some of those modules were: adult learning theories, effective

communication/presentation skills, feedback, managing the learning environment, effectively using a variety of media/instructional methods, establishing/maintaining instructor credibility, lesson planning, reading/writing performance-based objectives, preparing the instructional site, demonstrating effective questioning/answering skills, providing positive reinforcement/motivational incentives, evaluating learner performance/delivery of instruction. The instructors were able to eliminate any boredom that some of the subject matter could bring about by making the class interactive, showing interesting movie clips or making subject matter into games that the whole class participated in.

You were asked to come to the course with a twenty minute presentation which you would give to the class on Wednesday. The subject of the presentation did not matter; you could choose anything you were comfortable with. After the presentation there was an evaluation by the class, they would critique you (not harshly) constructively based on the things we had learned in the classes. The instructor gave a written evaluation and also filmed your presentation as you were giving it so that you could review the disk in the evenings and use it to improve on your presentation which you would do again on Friday. There was a noticeable improvement in everyone's presentations even if they were seasoned instructors. I thought this was a great class and I feel that the course gave me a lot of material that will help me and any of you that might be interested in taking it, a better teacher. Graduation was on Friday before lunch and you could leave right after that. If any of you, who are instructor qualified, are interested in attending the class you should contact Mike Folkerts, D17 TCT coordinator at 463-2297 and let him know you are interested. Here is the 2008 schedule for IDC classes.

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| CG TRACEN PETALUMA | 2/4/2008 | 2/8/2008 | 169 |
| CG TRACEN PETALUMA | 3/24/2008 | 3/28/2008 | 172 |
| CG TRACEN PETALUMA | 6/2/2008 | 6/6/2008 | 174 |
| CG TRACEN PETALUMA | 7/14/2008 | 7/18/2008 | 176 |
| CG TRACEN PETALUMA | 8/4/2008 | 8/8/2008 | 178 |

Petaluma schedule only.

Emergency Telephone Drill

By Bill Morris, FC

I emailed the following report to Sector Anchorage on how our December Emergency Drill worked out. I was very happy with the results. The timing was awful...Christmas shopping, holiday travel, mid-week...just like you'd expect if something bad were occur. Everyone did great. Thanks so much for participating & I hope we'll only have to practice for disasters vs. experiencing one.

An Emergency Member Telephone Contact Drill for the Whittier Flotilla was held Thursday, December 20th beginning at 1930. Most of the membership was reached in the first 20 minutes. Except for one caller, final tallies were phoned in within 30 minutes. I'm very pleased with our efforts considering some members are in the lower forty-eight and some were holiday shopping or away for Christmas travel.

The following points were covered in each call...

1. This is a drill and not an emergency. It is an exercise of the Flotilla's Emergency Member Call-up System.
2. If an emergency occurred in the Whittier AO (such as an oil spill, cruise ship mishap, tsunami) could you respond with your PPE ready to assist?
3. How long would it take you to travel to the emergency assembly area (Huffman Safeway parking lot)?
4. Would your facility be available for use, and if so, how long until it could be in the water at Whittier Harbor and ready to deploy?

Results:

1. Total members called;100
2. Total reached;65
3. Members able to assemble at emergency assembly area; 53 (times averaged from 15 to 30 minutes)
4. Vessels available; 7 boats, 4 jet skis, & several kayaks;4 of the boats are mobile on trailers; 3 large OPFACS are moored in Whittier. All boats could be under way within 2 hours of member arrival at Anchorage staging area.

Note: Arrangements would have to be made with the AK-DOT so the Whittier Tunnel would be opened on an emergency basis for us. Winter hours of operation stop at 1800 most evenings.

Jim Lethcoe

By: Peg and Jules Tileston, Jan 13, 2008

On November 26, 2007 the boaters of Prince William Sound lost a champion for the unsurpassed beauty of the Sound with the death of Jim Lethcoe. Jim and Nancy, his wife of 45 years, co-authored numerous books and articles about the Sound.

Jim was a true renaissance man. He received his PhD in comparative literature, saw the potential tourism in the area, and developed the concept of offering flotilla sailing charters out of Whittier. He was fascinated by the geology and history of the area and did extensive research, culminating in widely recognized expertise. Jim and Nancy spent winters in Valdez where he shared his knowledge with students at the Community College.

After a number of years living year aboard their sailboat, the "Arctic Tern III," Jim and Nancy captured their experiences into the "Cruising Guide to Prince William Sound," which in its updated version is still the "bible" for the Sound and its numerous safe anchorages, weather, hiking, land use and places and things to see. The Guide has kept many boaters out of trouble and should be required reading for all who venture out on the Sound.

Jim's ability to assemble far flung data and explain in simple lay terms what we can see in the Sound include "An Observer's Guide to the Geology of Prince William Sound" (1989) and co-authoring with Nancy "A Brief History of Prince William Sound" (1990), "Killer Whales of Prince William Sound" (1994), and Valdez gold rush trails of 1898-1899" (1997).

Jim delighted in breaking out his gorgeous red, yellow, and orange spinnaker, saying that it made up for the lack of sunshine. His dingy always trailed far behind as the Arctic Tern cut neatly through the water.

All who love the Sound owe a deep debt of gratitude to Jim and Nancy who celebrated and documented the glories of this magnificent area and for making boating there a much safer and more enjoyable experience.

A memorial service will be held on May 24 in Valdez.

SAFETY ALERT 01-08

Incorrect Tide Book Information

Background: The Seventeenth District Safety Alert program is intended to bring timely safety issues and "Lessons Learned" to the attention of boaters. It is not intended to judge or reach conclusions regarding the ability or capacity of any person, living or dead, or any boat or piece of equipment.

Situation:

2008 Tide Books published by Alaska Tide Book Company and distributed through various vendors have been discovered to contain significant errors. An unknown quantity of these tide books are already in the boating public's hands.

Recommendations:

1. Replace any tide books found to be in error: Failure to read the tides correctly can significantly contribute to mariner mishaps. Any tide books found to be in error should be destroyed.
2. Verify tide information: Log on to: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/> for correct tide information.

Visual discrepancies between actual tides and published information should always be verified. The prudent mariner will never depend on a single source for information regarding navigation.

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