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A NEW YEAR

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Cover Photograph: Flotilla members sworn in at the Change of Watch ceremony. Coast Guard Photo

Commander's Comments

Ahoy Shipmates,



We are conducting hybrid Flotilla Meetings every month. If you can attend in-person, join us at Station Bellingham (28 Bellwether Way). But if that doesn't work for you, remember that you can join us via the Zoom link that is

emailed out.

Our Flotilla activities are starting to pick up. Notable events coming soon include:

- ✱ 4/18, 7PM: FL11 Meeting, at Station Bellingham
- ✱ 4/25, 7PM: Division 1 Meeting (/Zoom)
- ✱ 4/27, 10AM: Dry Suit Swim, Bloedel Donovan
- ✱ 5/2, 7PM, Staff Meeting, (dinner before)
- ✱ 5/4, Opening Day, Squilicum

On the membership front, Lyle Schrag was awarded a D13 Chaplain Support plaque for his ongoing support of the active duty with his efforts in that program. Congrats, Lyle!. And we want to welcome a transferee Lucius, who will assume the FSO-PA position.

Member Training will be covered in more detail on page 5. In general, members have been completing those trainings required for their qualifications - we are a little over halfway complete. If you have questions about your required classes, be sure and contact me.

It will be a busy year for those in the Boat Crew Program. They will continue with annual tasks as well as planned assignments. Several members need to get out of arrears

if they want to regain their qualification. For current and REYR Crew, be sure to use the most recent Handbooks (revised January 2023).

Boat Crew PPE (personal protective equipment) is being entered into AuxData2. This includes inspection dates. If you still have gear and do not plan to participate in the program, please turn them in ASAP to Jim Appleby or myself.

We are remotely conducting two more 'Boat America' Public Education classes in May, and June. Thank-you to the instructors who have stepped-up (again) to provide this public service. Eight attendees obtained their certificates in the March class.

One other new Auxiliary requirement is uniform inspections. If you hold a qualification or an office, you will need to contact me for conducting this (relatively easy) inspection. If you do not hold an office or qual you can ask to be exempted, but you need to contact me so that I can input that into your record. If you have not done so yet, please contact me so we can complete this new task soon!

As recreational boaters, we need to be ready for transitioning to electronic navigation products this year. More details are in the Navigation Systems section (page 5). Be sure to check it out!

Be sure to periodically check out the newsletter and website calendar to keep apprised of upcoming activities. Review those activities which best suit your reasons for joining the Auxiliary.

I hope that you will continue to invest in our Flotilla. Volunteer to take a staff position, support an event or activity. Your participation is valued; your involvement ensures that our Flotilla programs are viable; and you never know when your efforts might save a life!

Semper Paratus ~ Semper Tutus
Always ready – Always Safe
Pamela Chelgren-Koterba, Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Calendar

April

- 16&24 Aid Verifier Refresher (/Zoom)
- 18 6PM: Operations Workshop
- 18 7PM: FL11 Meeting, at Station Bellingham
- 25 7PM: Division 1 Meeting (/Zoom)
- 27 10AM: Dry Suit Swim, Bloedel Donovan

May

- 2 7PM, Staff Meeting, (dinner before)
- 4 Opening Day, Squalicum
- 5 Fisherman Memorial, Blaine
- 6-9 Boat America (/Zoom, evenings)
- 16 Flotilla Meeting, Station Bellingham, 7PM
- 18 Sandy Point YC VSCs
- 18-24 National Safe Boating Week
- 26 Ski to Sea Race

June

- 1 BBV VSCs
- 6 Staff Meeting (dinner before), 7PM
- 10-13 Boat America (/Zoom, evenings)
- 20 Flotilla Meeting, Hybrid-Station Bellingham
7PM
- 27 Division 1, Zoom, 7PM

Awards

District 13 Award Plaque Award

Awarded to Lyle Schrag for his accomplishments in 2023 with the Chaplain Support Program



Bellingham, Wash. – Lyle Schrag Receiving Award. US Coast Guard photo

Member Training

The training season has commenced for this year. Reminders were sent out. An Ops Workshop is scheduled for April. Contact Pam if you need the Ops Workshop or a TCT refresher and have not yet signed up. From Nov 2023 to March 2024, the following training was completed:

- ✳ VE Workshop: Hoyt Hatfield, Peter Border, Jeff Shaw, Lyle Schrag, Nico Lacchini

Navigation Systems

Pam taught two sessions on “How to Contend with Electronic Charts” at the February Seattle Boat Show to about 80 members of the public.

AV Refreshers are planned for the evenings of April 16th and 24th via Zoom.

Operations

The Flotilla continues to perform patrols and train new crew and coxswains. There will be several patrols in the next month or so, and extra crew is always welcome. In addition, if you are in REYR, and need hours, you have

Public Education

The Flotilla has Boat America classes in May and June. The Boat America class is a great way to learn about safe boating, and to qualify to get a WA safe boater education card. The class teaches much more than the minimum

- ✳ Core Training, Refreshers: Peter Border, Lyle Schrag, Mike Hayner. Leslie Parks (Initial series)
- ✳ TCT Refresher: Peter Border, Jeff Shaw, Lyle Schrag, Pam CK, Nico Lacchini, Manny Eusebio, Leslie Parks, (John Salinas Nov 2023)
- ✳ Ops Workshop: Manny Eusebio, Leslie Parks
- ✳ Introduction to Risk Management: Leslie Parks
- ✳ IT (Instructor) 2024 Workshop: Pam CK

Alert: Be aware that we will lose our remaining D13 NOAA Raster charts in May-July. By that point, all boaters should be prepared to carry-out their navigation responsibilities with electronic products. Be sure to become knowledgeable about using your electronic navigation systems and keep them up to date.

the opportunity to get plenty in the coming months. Please contact the FSO-OP Jeffery Shaw for more information.

needed for the card, and is a better alternative than some of the online courses. If you know of a boater who needs their card, please point them to the website: <https://bliaux.pnwsoft.com/#page=classes>

March Flotilla Meeting

MKC Shaine Wells, from Station Bellingham, discussed the 47' Motor Lifeboat service life extension program (SLEP) at the March Flotilla meeting.

From the USCG Acquisition Directorate, the SLEP program prepares the 47' MLB to have 20 or more years of service life. From their news release:

"The main SLEP work addresses technical obsolescence in systems such as the main propulsion, electrical, steering, towing and navigation systems. It also focuses on the repair and replacement of deteriorating areas in the hull and structure. The operational capabilities and characteristics of the MLB remain the same. The SLEP work is being performed at facilities in Bellingham, Washington, and Portland, Connecticut."



Bellingham, Wash – MKC Wells discusses the 47' MLB SLEP program to the Auxiliary. US Coast Guard photo by Peter Border.

Flotilla Training

For 2023, the members of the Flotilla completed the following training. Congratulations to all of the

Auxiliarists who worked very hard to keep up with their training.

(BCM) ANNUAL DAY TASKS	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
(BCM) ANNUAL NIGHT TASKS	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
(BCM) ANNUAL NIGHT U/W HOURS	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
(BCM) QE APPROVAL	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
(COX) ANNUAL DAY TASKS	JEFFREY P SHAW
(COX) ANNUAL NIGHT TASKS	JEFFREY P SHAW
(COX) ANNUAL NIGHT U/W HOURS	JEFFREY P SHAW
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (AUXAPC) COURSE	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	PETER MORRIS BORDER
	JEFFREY P SHAW
	LYLE ALAN SCHRAG
	PAMELA ROBERTA CHELGREN_KOTERBA
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	JEFFREY M HALBROOK
	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	JEFFREY ADAM SCHUTZLER
	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
ATTENDED A CG CHAPLAIN ACS TRAINING	LYLE ALAN SCHRAG
BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGEN AWARENESS 2.0 (100293)	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
BQC CORE VALUES & MISSIONS	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE

	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC COURTESY AND PROTOCOLS	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC HUMAN RESOURCES & AWARDS	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & STRUCTURE	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC MEMBER TRAINING & UNIFORMS	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC REGULATIONS & POLICIES	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
BQC SUPPORT AND MATERIALS & REIMBURSEMENT	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	ARTHUR RICHMOND CUMMINGS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALTY (AUXCOM) COURSE	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	RAYMOND JOHN ULRICH
ETHICS TRAINING (502306)	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
GOOD MATE COURSE	FIONA KATHLEEN COOPER
ICS100 - INTRODUCTION TO ICS ONLINE	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
ICS210 - INITIAL INCIDENT COMMANDER	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
ICS700 INTRO TO NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	LESLIE SHANE PARKS

ICS-700 INTRO TO NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION COURSE	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP	PETER MORRIS BORDER
	JEFFREY P SHAW
	PAMELA ROBERTA CHELGREN_KOTERBA
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
INTRODUCTION TO RISK MANAGEMENT LMS COURSE (100202)	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
LEADERSHIP EXAM 1	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
NAVIGATION RULES EXAM (70)	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
NAVIGATION RULES EXAM (95)	JEFFREY P SHAW
OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	JEFFREY P SHAW
	LYLE ALAN SCHRAG
	PAMELA ROBERTA CHELGREN_KOTERBA
	JEFFREY M HALBROOK
	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	JEFFREY ADAM SCHUTZLER
	EMMANUEL JOSEPH EUSEBIO
PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	ARTHUR RICHMOND CUMMINGS
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS (810030)	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	ARTHUR RICHMOND CUMMINGS
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION COURSE (810000)	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	ARTHUR RICHMOND CUMMINGS
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN

	LESLIE SHANE PARKS
VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	HOYT HARRY HATFIELD
	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	PETER MORRIS BORDER
	JEFFREY P SHAW
	LYLE ALAN SCHRAG
	GARY A CORDREY
	GARY EARL FARROW
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	JEFFREY M HALBROOK
	NICO CHRISTIAN LACCHINI
	FIONA KATHLEEN COOPER
VESSEL EXAMINER QUALIFICATION COURSE	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
WEATHER SPECIALTY (AUXWEA) COURSE	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)	STEVEN CHARLES BELL
	ARTHUR RICHMOND CUMMINGS
	JOHN THOMAS SALINAS
	RAYMOND EUGENE WHITE
	FRANK EDWARD BROWN
	LESLIE SHANE PARKS

Flotilla Awards

For 2023, the following operational awards were entered into AuxData:

AUXILIARY INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM RIBBON	WHITE, RAYMOND
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARD	ANDREW, LUCIUS
	APPLEBY, JAMES
	BORDER, PETER
	EBERHARD, SUSAN
	ELDRED, FRED
	FARROW, GARY
	HAYNER, MICHAEL
AUXILIARY OPRNS SERVICE AWARD	SCHRAG, LYLE
AUXILIARY PE SERVICE AWARD	CHELGREN_KOTERBA, PAMELA
AUXILIARY VE/MDV SERVICE AWARD	BORDER, PETER
CG UNIT COMMENDATION	BELL, STEVEN
	BORDER, PETER
	CHELGREN_KOTERBA, PAMELA
	CUMMINGS, ARTHUR
	ELDRED, FRED
	HATFIELD, HOYT
	SCHRAG, LYLE

SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD	SHAW, JEFFREY
	BORDER, PETER
	SCHRAG, LYLE

Flotilla Hours

Members of the Flotilla provide a lot of services by volunteering their time. Below are the totals hours logged into AuxData for our Flotilla for 2023.

Mission Code	Duration	Record Count
99E: OTHER ADMIN/LOG SUPT	1068	115
99D: TRAINING SUPPORT	250	52
99B: RBS SUPPORT	145	18
99A: LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES	1544	50
97A: AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN SUPPORT	925	101
91H: PADDLECRAFT INSPECTION	3	3
91B: FACILITY INSPECTION	2	2
91A: VESSEL SAFETY CHECK	116	33
31: PRIVATE NAV SYSTEMS	7.5	4
24: SAR PROSECUTION	1	4
22A: OPS TRAINING (QUALS)	15	13
20B: RADIO WATCHSTANDER	113.25	7
14A: BOAT AMERICA	35	84
11: RBS VISITOR MISSIONS	120	22
10J: COMREL	4	5
06B: OTHER, MEMBER TRAINING	16	2
06A: OPERATIONAL TRAINING	4	1
03: NAV SYSTEMS PATROL	1	4
02: REGATTA SAFETY ZONE SPRT	5	8
01D: NON SAR STANDBY	8.75	48
01A: MARITIME OBSERVATION	4.5	3
Total	4388	579

Change of Watch

In January, Flotilla 11 held their annual Change of Watch (CoW) ceremony. LT Sisk was the guest speaker. During the event, Leslie Parks was sworn in as a member. Jim

Appleby retired, and the new 2024 staff officers were sworn in. Some photographs from the event are below.



Bellingham, Wash – The 2024 Change of Watch ceremony of Flotilla 11. From left to right: LT Sisk talks, awards are handed out, and Pam officiates. US Coast Guard photos by Peter Border.



Bellingham, Wash – The 2024 Change of Watch ceremony of Flotilla 11. US Coast Guard photos by Peter Border.

Flotilla Staff Officers

The following members are your Flotilla Staff Officers.
Please contact them if you have any questions or ideas,
or wish to get involved in a particular type of activity.

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Parting Shot



Bellingham , Wash – Coast Guard Station Bellingham trains with Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles. US Coast Guard photo from Station Bellingham.