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Cover Photograph: Bellingham, Wash – Ski to Sea safety patrol leaving the harbor. US Coast Guard photo by Manny Eusebio.

Commander's Comments

Ahoy Shipmates,



This is your Flotilla update for the Summer (the last edition was in April). Happy Solstice!

Our Flotilla has accomplished a lot this year, especially given the percentage of participating members. Look at the Accomplishments

Section later in this newsletter for details on our activities! As an example, our boat crew assisted at the Ski to Sea race and conducted training patrols. We conducted three Boat America classes via Zoom, educating 31 more boaters on keeping safe on the water. Our VEs have conducted over 113 Vessel Safety Checks. We have commenced our PATON verifications (thanks, Lyle Schrag and Peter Border!).

Another example, at our three recent Meetings we had the following speakers:

April: Megan Bugai, Bellingham AIS Program

May: Victoria Souze, Whatcom Marine Mammal Stranding Network

June: Mike King, Whatcom Sheriff's Marine Deputy

Also recently, Peter Border arranged a tour for five of our members at the USCG Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) operations in Fairhaven. It was an incredibly

impressive activity which will extend the life of the USCG's 47' Motor Life Boats.

Here are a couple Flotilla Program and Unit Plans for your consideration:

- ✳ The boat crew is scheduling Patrols (mostly Mondays). If you are a crew and not yet dialed-in, contact Manny Eusebio or Jeff Shaw for details.
- ✳ Our Dues Campaign commences next month (August 1st). Make a plan to either pay (via a check mailed to Manny Eusebio or direct to our PayPal), or notify Pam that you will not be continuing.
- ✳ When putting a calendar reminder for the dues in your calendar, don't forget to (if you have not yet) arrange to complete a Uniform Inspection with me. I can do this at a Meeting or via Zoom. Or if you do not hold a qualification or an office, you can request an inspection exemption. It is important to satisfy this requirement one way or another. If it is not addressed, you will go into arrears (on everything) and after three years be disenrolled. **Getting the exemption or conducting the inspection is easy to do.** Please contact me to get this done!
- ✳ Our next Hybrid Flotilla Meeting is Sept. 19th. Please attend either in-person or remotely.

Be sure and look at the online calendar to keep apprised of upcoming activities and needs.

Review those activities for what best suits your reason for joining the Auxiliary. Talk to me if you are interested in increasing your participation.

I hope that you will continue to invest in our Flotilla. 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

July

- 11 Staff Meeting
- 13-14: Hydro for Hero's, Oak Harbor

August

- 1 Staff Meeting, and Start of Dues Campaign
- 4 Coast Guard Day
- 29 Division 1 Zoomed Meeting

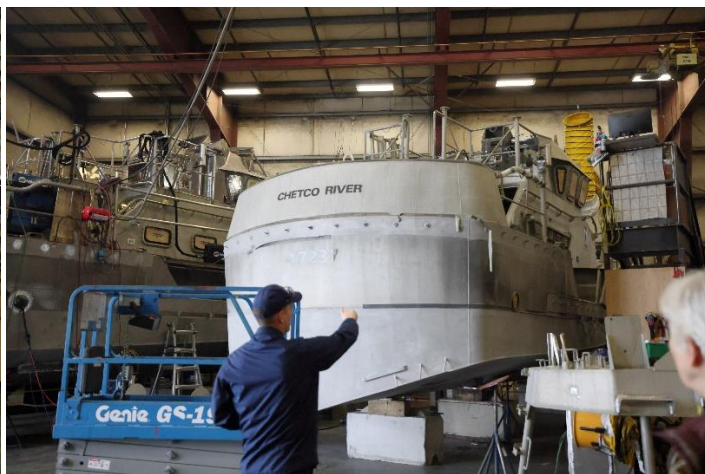
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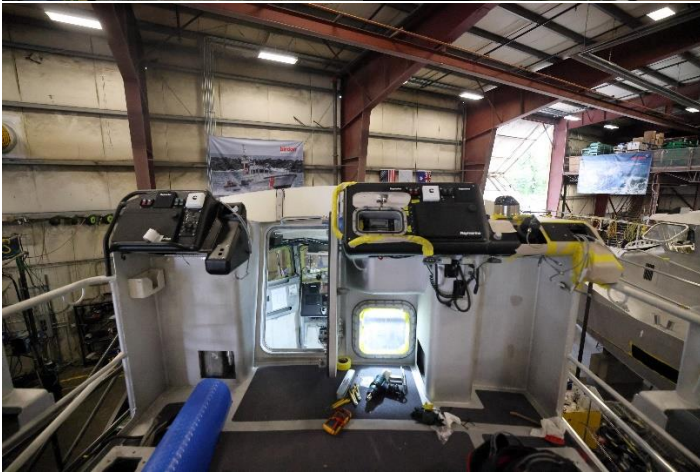
- 5 Staff Meeting
- 19 Flotilla Meeting
- 20-22 District 13 Conference, Clackamas OR
- 30 Dues Deadline

USCG SLEP Program

Peter Border arranged a tour of the USCG 47' Motor Life Boat SLEP facilities in Bellingham on June 14th. This program extends the 25-year life of the motor life boats with a complete overhaul and updates. There are two facilities that perform this work, one on the east coast and one in Bellingham at the Birdon facility. Several Auxiliary members were able to take the tour, which was led by USCG MKC Shaine Wells.

Additional information about the SLEP program is available at <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Newsroom/Latest-Acquisition-News/Article/1927421/coast-guard-awards-contract-for-47-foot-motor-lifeboat-service-life-extension-p/>





Bellingham, Wash – MKC Wells discusses the 47' MLB SLEP program to the Auxiliary. US Coast Guard photos by Mike Hayner.

Squalicum Harbor Opening Day

Several members of the Flotilla hosted a table at Squalicum harbor opening day. A Flotilla facility was also on display.



Bellingham, Wash – Flotilla members at the Squalicum Harbor Opening Day. US Coast Guard photos by Peter Border.

Ski to Sea Race

The Ski to Sea race was held in Whatcom County on May 26. The Flotilla provided a safety patrol for the kayak leg of the event.



Bellingham, Wash – Auxiliary facility performing a Sea to Ski safety patrol. US Coast Guard photos.

Awards

Several members attended recent Flotilla meetings, and were presented awards from Flotilla commander Pam Chelgren-Koterba.

In the images below, clockwise from the top left photo, there are: Raw White, Pam Chelgren-Koterba, Peter Border, and Lyle Schrag.



Bellingham, Wash – Members being presented with awards at the Flotilla meeting. US Coast Guard photos by Peter Border.

Member Training

We have concluded our Flotilla-scheduled trainings for the year. Member training went well this year, with the following trainings completed this year:

Name	Training	Date
Hoyt Hatfiled	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	1/28/2024
Steve Bell	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	1/25/2024
Peter Border	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	1/24/2024

Jeff Shaw	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	2/2/2024
Lyle Schrag	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	1/25/2024
Gary Farrow	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	6/1/2024
John Salinas	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	5/1/2024
Jeff Halbrook	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	4/12/2024
Nico Lacchini	VESSEL EXAMINATIONS WORKSHOP	1/31/2024
Peter Border	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Jeff Shaw	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Lyle Schrag	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Pam CK	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Jeff Halbrook	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	4/20/2024
Nico Lacchini	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Jeff Schutzler	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	4/20/2024
Manny Eusebio	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Leslie Parks	ANNUAL RISK MGMT TCT REFRESHER TRAINING	2/24/2024
Jeff Shaw	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	4/18/2024
Lyle Schrag	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	4/18/2024
Jeff Halbrook	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	4/18/2024
Nico Lacchini	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	4/18/2024
Jeff Schutzler	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	4/18/2024
Manny Eusebio	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	2/13/2024
Leslie Parks	OPERATIONS WORKSHOP	2/13/2024
Lucius Andrew	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS	4/6/2024
Peter Border	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS	2/4/2024
Lyle Schrag	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS	1/17/2024
Mike Hayner	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS	3/9/2024
Lucius Andrew	WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)	4/6/2024
Peter Border	WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)	2/4/2024
Lyle Schrag	WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)	1/17/2024
Mike Hayner	WORKFORCE RESILIENCE (502379)	3/9/2024
Peter Border	PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	2/4/2024
Lyle Schrag	PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	1/17/2024
Mike Hayner	PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	3/9/2024
Peter Border	CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	2/5/2024
Lyle Schrag	CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	1/16/2024
Mike Hayner	CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	3/9/2024
Peter Border	SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION COURSE	2/5/2024
Lyle Schrag	SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION COURSE	1/17/2024
Mike Hayner	SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION COURSE	3/9/2024

Peter Border	ETHICS TRAINING (502306)	2/6/2024
Pam CK	INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP	2/11/2024
Leslie Parks	ICS200 - BASIC ICS ON LINE	1/9/2024
Leslie Parks	Intro to Risk Management, LMS COURSE (100202)	1/27/2024

Navigation Systems

Two of our AVs have commenced PATON verifications (with two discrepancies reported). They completed nine of 42 PATONs, but no bridges yet. Mid-July is the expected start of major activities.

The last of our local raster NOAA charts are being retired in July. Boat crew should be prepared to fulfill their navigation needs with electronic products.

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

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

85th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Auxiliary celebrated its 85th anniversary. On June 20th, Rear Adm. Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, presided over a ceremony at USCG Headquarters in Washinton, DC. Among other honors presented to the Auxiliary, a Coast Guard Unit

Commendation. More into can be found at the following link:
<https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/3813054/coast-guard-auxiliary-celebrates-85th-anniversary/>

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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 and Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles rescue 4 adults, 1 child, and 1 dog near Lummi Island on June 9th. US Coast Guard photo from Station Bellingham.