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Commanders Corner

October

Well October is here and Christmas is just around the corner. I was sorry to miss the September meeting, Patsy and I were enjoying her final week of vacation, had a great time and as always it was way to short.

I would like to welcome our newest member Tony Phipps; we will be swearing him in at our October meeting.

Mark Murphy is still busy working on two members. One is Richard Rivera. His paper work has been turned in and the other is Nate Wisner who we hope to get accepted before the end of the year.

A second reminder is to remember to get your 2010 membership dues turned in. They are due by October 14.

You also need to get all your paperwork turned in to Gary Davis for input to Auxdata. Let's help him out and not wait for the last minute.

One last thing to remind you about is our October 14 meeting we will be voting on new flotilla Commander and Vice Commander.

And on December 6th will be our change of watch at Sayler's Old Country Kitchen. There will be a No Hosts Bar 1600 to 1700, order dinner at 1700 hours, we will order off of banquet menu.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Tooley, FC, 7-12

Visit the Flotilla Website at <http://www.uscgauxhillsboro.org>

VFC- Nothing new to report

FSO-IS Nothing new to report

FSO-PE Dale Vaught

We had two classes scheduled to begin this month, Weekend Navigator and BS&S, but we didn't get enough interest or students to start either class. We will file the required forms to offer these classes again in January 2010.

FSO-CS Hans Greeling

Our flotilla uses Robert's Rules of Order as a guide to conduct all our Auxiliary meetings. The Coast Guard Auxiliary online training center provides a course to teach us how to use these principles. The course can be accessed by clicking on the links below. (I made some corrections to the text below to make it easy to see the link to click on it)

Chain of Leadership; Robert's Rules of Order Courses Available

Two new courses are available on eLearn, the Coast Guard Auxiliary online training center. Chain of Leadership discusses the appropriate way of communicating information and concerns within the organization using the Chain of Leadership and Management. Robert's Rules of Order provides guidance on how to conduct formal meetings. These courses should be of interest to any member and essential to those seeking elected or appointed office during the upcoming elections season. The courses are available at: Chain of Leadership: <http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/course/view.php?id=58>.

Robert's Rules of Order.

<http://64.207.134.26/usr/moodle2/course/view.php?id=59>. If you do not yet have an eLearn account, you will have the opportunity to create one in order to access the courses as part of the sign in process. Bravo Zulu and questions should be directed to John Janik, BA-TDP at jcjanik@gmail.com.

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FSO-CM Brad Rumbaugh

Sector Portland experienced a planned comms outage for an hour one evening recently. Members of the Division 7 Auxiliary Comms Team covered the outage period with their radio facilities and cell phones.

FSO-MT Nothing new to report

FSO-AN Nothing new to report

FSO- MA Nothing new to report

FSO-PS Nothing new to report

FSO-PV Nothing new to report

FSO-SR Nothing new to report

FSO-VE Matt Epstein

FSO-OP Jean Pierre Fontenot

Due to expected additional business travel for 2010, I will not be able to be FSO-OP for the next term. October is the first month where locally we get frost - so time to start thinking about if not actually doing your boat winterization. You might consider doing it as a group project. Most the motors I have worked on do not take an even volume of oil or grease, meaning I always have a little left over or am a little short - doing several boats at the same time helps adjust for purchasing unneeded amounts.

There are many on-line suggestions on what you should do - start first with your boat and motor's owner manuals, then adapt for the use and storage of your vessel.

SO-PA Brad Rumbaugh

Mark Murphy participated in the Centennial Parade at La Center along with other Division 7 Auxiliaries.

**Kids and Boating:
An opportunity to instill Recreational Boating Safety
values that will last a lifetime**

By Wayne Spivak
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It is often said that a young mind is an impressionable one. There is great truth to this saying, as countless academic studies have proven that a young mind is like a sponge; it will just keep soaking up knowledge.

While it's important for these young minds to soak up knowledge about the 3R's (reading, writing and arithmetic), for those who enjoy the water, or whose parents enjoy the water, there is no better time than to instill recreational boating safety values into those little adorable sponges.

PFD's

Some of my earliest memories about boating consist of my father and uncle's on small row boats. We'd go out fishing on small lakes throughout upstate New York; a couple of oars, fishing rods, bait, tackle box, but I really don't remember any life jackets. I do remember mostly having a single worn out cushion. Whether it floated, or was a floatation device, I couldn't say.

Today, even if there wasn't a Federal Law in place, we as adults should be inculcating our children on the need to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's). For those of us who do a lot of boating, think about spending a few extra bucks and getting a PFD which is as comfortable, and bulk less as possible.

Don't forget snazzy! Children are style conscious. If you ever walk around docks where there are kids, you're bound to hear complaining about wearing their PFD's. The old style horseshoe Type II jackets just don't cut it with today's aspiring child stars. However, a sporty Type II or Type III jacket with psychedelic colors or hearts on them will get the kids excited!

Nautical Terminology

Here again, is an easy way to increase your child's educational quotient, while at the same time instilling information that can serve to increase the safety of all, while aboard yours or someone else's boat. Starboard,

Port, forward, aft - these simple terms are extremely important when describing an action in relation to a given boat.

Using proper terminology can be life saving for both the child and adult, because it eliminates confusion.

Radio Procedures

As a kid, we never had a radio in our boats. They were just too expensive. We also didn't have Ebay! But today, Ebay aside, VHF radios of all kinds, sizes, and dollar ranges abound.

That being said, ever listen to the marine radio on a fine summer weekend? No, I'm not talking about the rude adults, or those who need some radio manners and education, I'm talking about the unsupervised children who get on the radio, because it's a cool toy!

Educating our children on the "who, what, where and why's" of radio procedures can benefit recreational boating safety in several ways. First, it gets the kids off the radio. Second, should your child ever need to really use the radio, they will know how, and both the Coast Guard and others who listen to Channel 16 will hear a difference in tone - and quality of information.

Proper use of nautical terminology helps in this area. Using proper terminology and radio procedure can be crucial in "trusting" the information the child is giving.

Lastly, teaching your child how to use the radio will help them in school. Public speaking, whether in front of a small class or on the radio, is a learned trait. This unfortunately isn't taught until college, so you're actually preparing the child early.

Basic Navigation

Nothing could be worse than providing all the aforementioned training, and leaving out basic navigation. All children (obviously age dependent) can be taught to read a chart, and by using landmarks, give an approximation of their current location.

By making it a game, you can instill more safety values, as well as again, assist your child advance in terrestrial life (school) by giving them real-life experience in skills that they may not learn for several years, or only learn in “book” form.

Safety Equipment

Lastly, and certainly not least, we should teach our children about the safety equipment we carry on our boats. The fire extinguisher, flares, whistles, mirrors, the radio are all items that should not be foreign to them. Remember, even though they are a child, they are a member of the crew, and while again, this is age dependent, they can be crucial to observing, and avoiding dangerous situations.

Teach your child and a fire extinguisher works. Teach them the ABC’s of fire fighting. Have them practice with an extinguisher. You may never know when this experience can come in handy, whether on the boat or in the kitchen.

Teach them about flares, the dangers and the benefits of using them properly. Teach them how to use them, when to use them, and most of all, that they are NOT A TOY. Side stepping this issue is dangerous. Ask any police officer about how they’ve taught their children about (not) handling their firearms, and that they are anything but a toy.

Teach our children about whistles and mirrors, which should be attached to their PFD’s. Tell them, show them, and practice with them, not only using these pieces of safety equipment, but man overboard drills.

Our children are never too young to learn. It is just how we go about teaching them recreational boating safety that is the difference. Make a game of each lesson. Make it enjoyable. As they get older, add more and more information, so by the time our children become teenagers, they are not only able to take the boat out (local law permitting), but are fully knowledgeable about the operation of both vessel and recreational boating safety.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary can assist in this process. We have several programs available for children, such as Boating Fun (4 – 9 year olds), and Waypoints (10 – 12 year olds). Many of the older children (9 years old and up) take Boating Safely with their parents.

For more information, please contact your local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla. You can find them by contacting your local Coast Guard unit or on the web at www.uscgaux.org.

7-12 Meeting Schedule

14 October	7-12 Monthly Meeting Elections for new Commander & Vice Commander
11 November	7-12 Monthly Meeting
14 November	Hazwopper/Blood Bourne Pathogens Training
06 December	Flotilla COW Saylor's Old County Kitchen

Unless otherwise noted:

- All training to be held at Sector Portland Training Deck
- Training will begin at 0830
- Uniform will be ODU/Working Blue

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Our next meeting is October 14, 2009 1930 hours

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