

# Sagebrush Mariner Division 11 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### March 5 -8

Sportsman Show

### March 13 – 14

Change of Watch  
Division 11 Conference

### March 21

Flotilla 11-04  
America's Boating  
Course

### March 26 – 29

Boise Boat Show

### Apr 10

Sagebrush Mariners  
Articles due

## Penny Wonenberg Division Commander

Oh, Wow! Division Commander! Not what I had in mind for this year but I am so excited at the energy generated by the Division Board meeting. We hope we can pass that energy on to you.

Our division meeting scheduled for March 13 and 14. Get ready for a change. First change: the Friday night social will be at the home of Scott and Kristal Tighe. You will find a map to their home in your registration information. Those in attendance will need to bring finger food to share. Second change: Saturday will also not be the same; there will be lots of hands on activities, we will swear in our new and returning officers and you will go home with lots of things to think about, have renewed energy, if you've been around for awhile, and be enthused to get started, if you're new. It won't be a meeting that you will recognize, so come see and experience it for yourself, hear great words of wisdom and share in grand fellowship. Our change of watch banquet will be a catered affair.

This year we are involved in the Sportsman show, The Boise Boat Show, Marine Sheriff Training, Division-wide activities sponsored by our individual flotillas (CAST, Boat Rodeo, Rafting-up, etc.). Come and join our cause of safe boating and boating skills.

## Mariner's Corner

Larry Corning VDC

Bilge Pump Indicator Lights.

How do you know when your bilge pump cycles? In most cases your boat is underway and the sound of the bilge pump cannot be heard over the sound of the engine running. Here is a simple diagram showing how an indicator light can be installed in your bilge pump wiring circuit.

Any 12 volt panel light can be used. It should be yellow or red in color and can be purchased from Radio Shack or any electronics supply store. Place it in an area that is easily seen by the helmsman. In fact, why not put in a second light at the stern of the boat or the Captain's cabin so a light is visible wherever your gaze may be directed. Simply wire the light to your existing float switch as shown in the diagram. The float switch will then serve to activate both the pump and the indicator lights.

Larry Corning VDC XI  
Your Humble Servant



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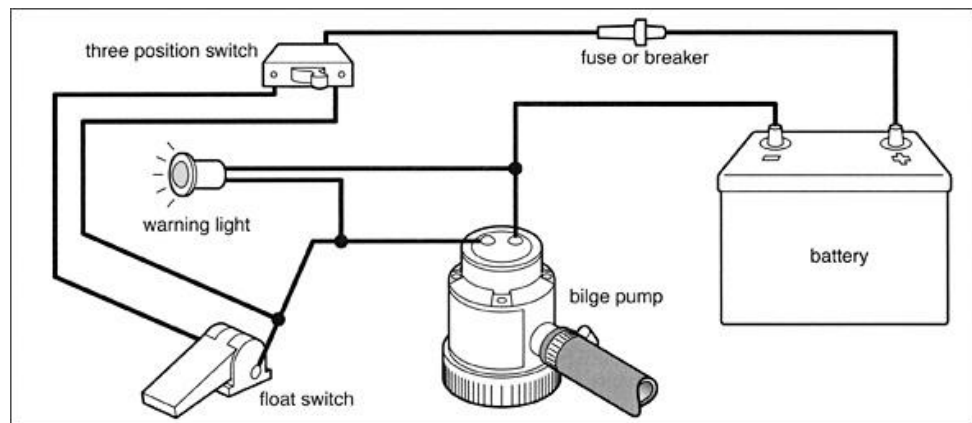
# News from our Flotillas

## Division 11 Conference

Division 11 held their division conference and election of officers on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Tony Shiro was re-elected as Division Commander and Penny Wonenberg was elected as Vice Division Commander. Tony Shiro later resigned his office and Penny Wonenberg was elected to be Division Commander and Larry Corning was elected Vice Division Commander.

**Meeting Highlight:** Kim Jackson from Idaho Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on the benefit of working together to accomplish our common goal of providing boating safety education to the public. We are challenged to increase the number of boaters who participate in Safe Boating classes in Idaho. Our first joint effort will be to combine our booths in the upcoming Boat Show in March 2009. We are all looking forward to continue building a stronger and long-lasting relationship with Idaho Parks and Recreation.

## Bilge Pump Diagram continued from page 1



## Flotilla 11 – 04

## Larry Kelly FC

I would like to thank all of you for your support and help during this past year. As I have said before this is not a one person Flotilla it takes all of us to make this work, and I could not have done it without you.

This upcoming year as your Flotilla Commander and the help of our newly elected Vice Flotilla Commander, Charlie Caddy, I think we will have a good year with lots of training, both in classroom and on the water. We will set our goals high and try to recruit more members.

I also would like to thank all of my staff officers that have accepted a position for the year 2009.

Larry Kelly FC

## Flotilla 11 – 07

## Richard Davis FC

### Growth in the Intermountain West:

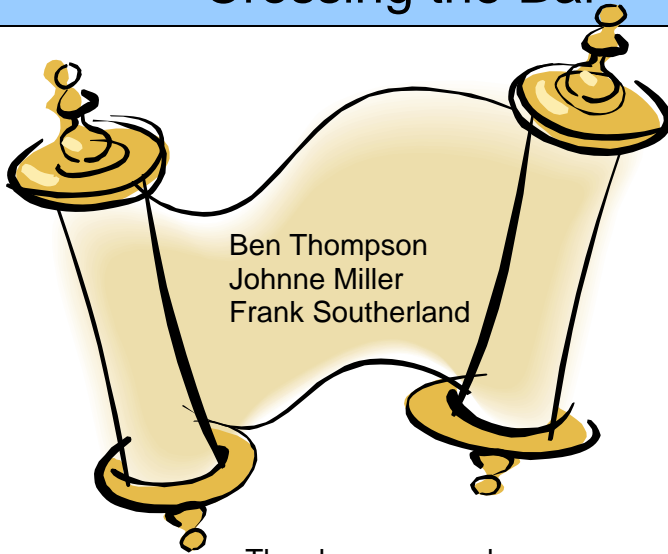
Inter-Flotilla cooperation in special events and outside the box ideas are examples of what makes our division strong and uniquely qualified to carry out the Coast Guard auxiliary's mission in the Northwest.

In August, the three Flotillas in the valley (four facilities, ten members) participated in the CAST for Kids event at Black Canyon Reservoir. Nearly 40 boats carried 50 disabled and handicapped children out for a morning of bass fishing. The Coast Guard Auxiliary was there for Safety Patrols, and Public exposure. Several Vessel Exams were also conducted. The face time with boaters was invaluable in carrying our message of safety. We were well received and our presence was requested for next year's event. Those members who attended can verify that it is a worthwhile effort!!!

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# News from our Flotillas continued

## Crossing the Bar



Ben Thompson  
Johnne Miller  
Frank Southerland

They have crossed over  
Gone on their way  
Calming the waters  
Claiming the day

Setting the course  
We will travel some day  
Gone but not forgotten  
Crossed over, gone their way  
-Penny Wonenberg

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**It is Effort now that allows for growth later:** In a move outside the box, Krystal Tighe and Richard Davis attended the Volunteer Expo at Boise State on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. They had an eight-foot table covered with brochures and literature about the Auxiliary and water safety. Hundred of students attended and dozens stopped by to ask questions about our mission, our organization, our requirements, and How to Join!!! Some left with a little more knowledge about who we are and what we do and some left with a desire to participate from within our organization. As with every event the auxiliary participates in, we were well received and future participation was requested.

**Where We Should Be Going:** It is an ongoing effort to bring the next generation of auxiliarists into service. Our district, our division, our flotillas, OUR MEMBERS have a vast well of knowledge that must be shared. There is a passion for public safety and a desire to be involved that is evident in each member of the Auxiliary. To those of you who have shared your knowledge and experience over the years. Thank you. And to the newest of us in the Auxiliary, grasp the opportunity to learn with both hands because tomorrow the torch will be yours to carry.

**Grow the Flotillas, Grow the Division.**

Richard L. Davis FC

## Flotilla Meeting Dates

**Flotilla 11-01** Third Thursday of each month at a member's home

**Flotilla 11-04** Second Wednesday of each month at the Caldwell Elks, 1015 N. Kimball Avenue

**Flotilla 11-07** Fourth Thursday of each month at a member's home

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# News from our Flotillas continued

## Flotilla 11 – 01 Dick Johnson FC



We will be kicking off the New Year with a new Vice Commander, new members and a renewed commitment to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

While Dick Johnson has decided, and we of course voted him in before he could change his mind, to bless us with another wonderful year of hard work, endless dedication to his staff and members, and to gently prod the rest of us to catch up and get our rankings! Kristal Tighe has been voted in as the new Vice Commander. She will strive to fill the mighty shoes of those who have preceded her in the position.

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### PPE (Personal Equipment): Dry Suit

For you that have a dry suit from the USCG. Please, try it on. Have a phone nearby to call 911 or someone to help if needed. The Medium size suit I have fits me fine, but, DO NOT try it on where the temperature is anywhere near 76°, as it was my house. The inside of my suit was drenched in perspiration; I would suggest trying the dry suit on while lying on a block of ICE. With the thermal undergarment on, one can get very warm. Once on you will be HOT and I do not mean the way you look. I would say that if you put it on in a warm place, I guaranty you will lose weight. So go ahead, leave it on for an hour. Please read how to cut (to size) the rubber for the neck and wrists. Powder your rubber and lubricate your zippers (Did I word that wrong?) Anyway, I lived through trying on my suit. Remember, the dry suit is not inherently buoyant. ALL users should wear an approved flotation device with the dry suit. HAVE FUN!

Charlie Caddy FSO-OP 11-04



Looking Hot!



It is great having someone at the top who takes the time to listen and understand the special problems we inland Coast Guard Auxiliarists have been experiencing. Thank you, Captain Myers for addressing our specific needs.



Captain Fred Myers and Stephen Jones, BOSN2, USCG, D13 OTO at Division 11 October Conference

# News from our Flotillas continued

## A MESSAGE FROM Larry Corning DVC

I would like to thank the people of Division XI for allowing me to serve as your Vice Commander this past year. I hope that the Division will continue the training event begun last year at Lucky Peak. The entire Division needs to have an event such as this to further Operational training for all, as well as to have an event that everyone in each flotilla can just have a day of fun and relaxation. I will endeavor to further this goal if you, the members of our Division, and the Division Commander wish to continue this plan.

My friends, it is absolutely imperative that we function as a team not only in the ranks of each flotilla but to show support as a Division and to this Division.

Again, I say thank you to all.

Your Humble Servant.....and friend,

Larry Corning VDC XI

## Division 11 Staff Officers

DCP Penny Wonenberg  
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IPDCP Toni Shiro  
SO-CM Toni Shiro  
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SO-FN Carol Grassl  
SO-IS Al Wonenberg  
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SO-MS Al Wonenberg  
SO-MT Ron Fritz  
SO-OP Larry Corning  
SO-PA Richard Wonenberg  
SO-PB Mary Corning  
SO-PE Jacquelin Wonenberg  
SO-PS Carol Grassl  
SO-PV Larry Kelly  
SO-SR Suzette Fritz  
SO-VE Charlie Caddy

## Marine Safety

My dear fellow auxiliaries, as we prepare for our Public Education courses, please, keep in mind that we have particular problems inland that need to be addressed. Encourage the many non-motorized vessel operators (canoes, kayaks, inflatables, etc.) on our waters to take a boating class. We have storms that have caused thousands of dollars in personal property damage. Emphasize the need to watch for signs of an approaching storm and to heed warnings. Instruct how to ride out a storm to avoid sinking their boats. Accentuate the need for proper lines and fenders.

Mary Corning

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We had seven members and three boats participate in this year's Veteran Parade. It was a great turn out and we are always honored to be part of the fun each year.

We have signed on two more members in the past two months and have set a goal for six more.

We are looking forward to another successful boat show and contributing some fresh ideas to help with the public education, recruitment and a full class for ABC Course.

We ask for your continued prayers for dear Rosalie and Dick.

Kristal Tighe

# Honoring All Who Served - Veteran's Parade 2008



The Corning's Facility, Chabela, waiting for the parade to begin

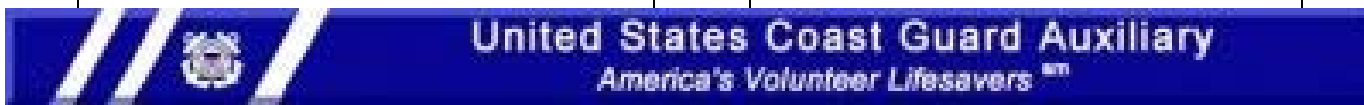
Veterans Day is an annual American holiday honoring military veterans. This is not only a federal holiday but a state holiday in all 50 states. Veterans Day was also known as Armistice Day, the day WWI was formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918 with the Germans signing the armistice. Division 11 was proudly represented by all flotillas, many who are veterans. Thank you, veterans, we treasure America's freedom. So, Auxiliarists, make plans to participate in next year's parade.



Hazel Tanner and Marilyn Wagner aboard Shangri-La



Dick Richardson on the bow of GR8-DAZ



## More Division 11 Conference photos

