

Sagebrush Mariner Division 11 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

June 6 11-01 at
Cabela's in Boise –
Vessel Exams

June 7 Free Fishing
Derby (Cascade)

June 14 Free Fishing
Day

June 21 11-04 at
Fred Meyers in
Nampa – Vessel
Exams

July 18-20 Eastern
Area Conference

August 16 C.A.S.T.
for KIDS

September 12-14
District Meeting

October Fall Issue

Safe Boating Week



Mary Corning (11-04) introduced safe boating week to the Kindergarten classes of Endeavor Elementary in Nampa, Idaho by taking them on a Sea Partners field trip to Lake Lowell and the Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge where the students learned about animals' habitats that can be found near the water and how they are affected by pollution. With the help of parents the students then began to clean up the area around the lake and refuge. Twenty-one 13 gallon bags of litter were collected. The students later made posters that were hung on the walls

throughout the school. Their message:
Wear it and Don't Pollute!

The following week Mary instructed nearly 300 students (K-5) at Endeavor on how to be safe around and in water (ditches, canals, pools, rivers and lakes). Each student learned how to put on a life jacket and how to use a throwable cushion and life ring. Some of them had a little difficulty finding the right size life jacket.



Mariner's Corner

Larry Corning VCP

Let's talk about one of the handiest tools available to Auxiliary members on the internet. It's called E Directory. Once you have activated your account this directory will give you access to find any Auxiliarist's email address or office or past offices held, or a flotilla mini roster, among other things. This directory has an amazing and simple search engine. Say for instance, you want to know the current list of officers in your Flotilla, Division, or you want to find out who has been qualified as an instructor, or vessel examiner, or crewmember. There are endless possibilities to search and find a name and email address. Even if you don't know their name, just type in the office you are looking for and the District or Division or Flotilla and it will find the name for you. Cool huh!

But, the system will not work for you if you do not activate your account. This is done by simply logging on to (<http://www.auxedirectory.org/>) and

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News from our Flotillas



Photo by Charlie Caddy III

Peggy and Charlie Caddy (11-04) taught a boating class for children on May 23rd at West Canyon in the Vallivue School District. Mrs. Haskett's 25 fourth and fifth grade students learned about water safety (PFD proper fitting, irrigation ditches, how to enter a boat, and distribute the load in the boat properly, etc.). They handed out pamphlets and coloring/activity books on water safety. They also taught a class on water safety for Mrs. Robinson's second grade class on May 27.



Mrs. Corning, did I put this on right?

Flotilla 11 – 01 FC Dick Johnson

Flotilla 11-01 Boise had a great recruiting year last year. We have set a goal of getting eight more new members this year. During this year's first three monthly meetings, we have had a total of five prospective members come to our meetings. We have invitations out to another four interested people. A great deal of this recruiting effort has been made by new member Kristal Tighe. Not only has she accomplished this, she has also passed the Marine Dealer and Vessel Examiner tests this last month. Also new member Kari Ballard has passed the Vessel Examiner test this last week and her husband, John, will take the test very soon. It is great being a Flotilla Commander when you have so many great members in the Flotilla. We are blessed with great members.

Flotilla 11 – 04 FC Larry Kelly

WEAR IT
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!
WEARING A JACKET

**ISN'T ENOUGH----IT
HAS TO FIT TOO!**

Wearing a life jacket will help save lives. We, as USCGAUX need to set an example by wearing our life jackets while on our vessel. We need to inform other boaters the importance of wearing their life jackets and making sure they fit correctly.

Accidents can happen at any time when you least expect it. During our Sheriff training at Lucky Peak a big wave came in while we were along side for training. In a split second my crew member was in the 38 - degree water. My crew member had a float coat on and with the quick action of the Sheriff Marine Deputies my crew member was on the way to dock in less than one minute for dry clothes and to warm up.

News from our Flotillas Continued

Flotilla 11 – 07

Flotilla 11-07 has jumped into spring with a vengeance. As the weather warms and blood flows more freely, the level of activity surges. Marine patrol training, TCT courses, on the water training, and fishing day involvement are all on the calendar.

April held 2 days of Sheriff Marine Patrol training on Lucky Peak Reservoir. The weather was clear, breezy, and brisk. Basic marine "contact" skills were practiced and critiqued and boat handling skills were honed. An actual man-overboard was the highlight of the second day. From a participants view, the two days were well spent.

For years Al and Jacque Wonenberg have driven down from Cascade to attend meetings and functions in Boise. In an attempt to reciprocate, we held our May meeting at their house. As always, the food was great, the meeting went well, and the training was superb. In 15 minutes Richard Wonenberg did what 7 years in the Coast Guard could not; teach me to tie a monkey's fist.

Thanks to Penny and Jacque Wonenberg, they taught a TCT course on May 3rd. It was well attended and everyone came away with a lesson or six that they can apply to their boating activities. If anyone was not able to attend, please contact Ron Fritz, SO-MT so another session can be put together.

June 7th will be Free Fishing Derby for kids at Fisher Pond in Cascade. Flotilla 07 has donated children size life jackets for some of the prizes.

August 16th is the C.A.S.T. for Kids event at Black Canyon Reservoir. I'm still looking for PWC and Boats to commit to the event. Thanks to 11-01 and 11-07 for the \$donations, which went for hooks and bobbers



It's summer! It's that time of the year; put in for orders and we'll see you on the water.

FC Richard Davis

Special thanks to Al and Jacque Wonenberg, on May 12, 2008 Al & Jacque presented the Sea Partner program to Mrs. Munson's 5th grade class at Cascade Elementary class. There were 30 students. These students were very fascinated with the DVD, Saving Inky. They were in-tune with all the scientific terms, largely do to the fact they are raising trout fry, recording daily data, feeding, controlling water temperature and PH of the water. The fry were provided by Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game. Al and Jacque did the presentation on water pollution from the DVD, Protecting the Sea. These students are going participate in a clean up project on the beaches around Lake Cascade just prior to the end of school. Al and Jacque were impressed with the level of understanding the fifth graders have concerning pollution, recycling and scientific terminology.



Jacque Wonenberg and Mrs. Munson's 5th Grade class at Cascade Elementary School
Photo By Al Wonenberg

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We think that it will never happen to us. It can happen to any one no matter how long you have been boating. My crew member did not expect this to happen and says that he was glad to be wearing his life jacket.

Again let's set an example by wearing our life jacket while on our vessel and teach others the importance of wearing their life jacket. It CAN save a life.

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following the simple directions listed in the "Start Here to Activate Your Account" line. Click on it and try it, it is simple to do. And that's not all you get. Once your account is activated it opens the doorway to "Shop Auxiliary.Com". (<http://shopauxiliary.com>).

Shop Auxiliary.com gives you access to our District materials store so you can find that flag for your boat or new collar pins or a great new coffee cup. It will also give you a gateway to the Uniform Distribution Center, ANSC catalog, *PLUS* you get special discounts from a whole lot of companies and the CG Auxiliary Association gets funding help when you shop online with the many companies listed on the home page.

Oh, and one more thing. None of the above will work if your current email address is not listed in Auxdata. If you need to fix this little thing see your FC or IS officer and have them submit a change on Form 7028.

Let's make it a goal to be the first Flotilla or Division to have all of their members activated.

As always, your humble servant,

Larry Corning VCP XI

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