



THE FLASH

The Monthly Newsletter of the USCG Auxiliary Ala Wai Flotilla 18

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Labor Day VSC Station Alert The D14, D-1 Auxiliary has been requested by the US Coast Guard to provide VSC exam stations at 2 boat ramps on Oahu during the Labor Day weekend. Lieutenant J. Valente representing USCG Sector Honolulu advised that the Coast Guard will have their Vessel Safety Boarding Teams (VSBT) making checks at various locations around the island over this Labor Day weekend. The Auxiliary has been asked to set up Vessel Safety Check stations at two strategic locations. The 2 areas include:

Kaneohe Bay – Heeia Kea Boat Ramp Saturday 8-30-08

POC for Heeia Kea is Roderick Oishi FC

Hawaii Kai Boat Ramp

POC for Hawaii Kai is Ed Lott COS Sunday 8-31-08

Keehi Small Boat Harbor

Activity Cancelled at Keehi due to Rough Water Swim event on 9-1-08

Event Coordinator – Jason Reed

Mission

The mission for Auxiliary vessel examiners at the stations is to perform Vessel Safety Checks at both locations. This activity will also provide opportunities to pass out information on upcoming Recreational Boating Classes currently being provided by Flotilla 18. VE's, or any members who wish to assist in this coordinated event between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, please contact Jason Reed for further information. This activity also accumulates Recreational Boating Safety credits towards the RBS device.

D14 Coast Guard District Hawaii Orientation Fair On Friday 8-15-08, from 0800 to 1200 hrs, at the invitation of RADM Manson Brown, a segment of the Pro Demo Team, consisting of Jason Reed, Sterling Lau, and Ed Lott, presided at an exhibit table on the grassy area between Club 14 and the baseball field at ISC Sand Island. The event was to help orient new Coast Guard members and families to the cultural mores, activities, and many facets involved in living and working in Hawaii. There appeared to be about 100+ new arrivals to District 14 who enjoyed the program and exhibits. All were invited to the galley for a "local" lunch including kalua pig, lumpia, noodles, and other delectable morsels. It was an excellent way to welcome the new arrivals.

PE Classes have started The **About Boating Safely** class held on 8-10-08 included 6 paid enrollees and 2 (non-pay) Hawaii Yacht Club "sit-ins". The lead instructor was Jason Reed, while assistant instructors were Ed Lott, Sterling Lau, and Jay Lembeck. Students included the following:

Auxiliary Students: 1 @ \$9.00 = \$9.00

Public Students: 4 @ \$35.00 = \$140.00

HYC Student: 1 @ \$25.00 = \$25.00.

Total Revenue earned = \$174.00

Jason Reed has received the **Sailing Skills and Seamanship** course books, and FSO-MA J. Garcia is being mentored through the materials ordering process to get her up to speed.

Status of Other Courses

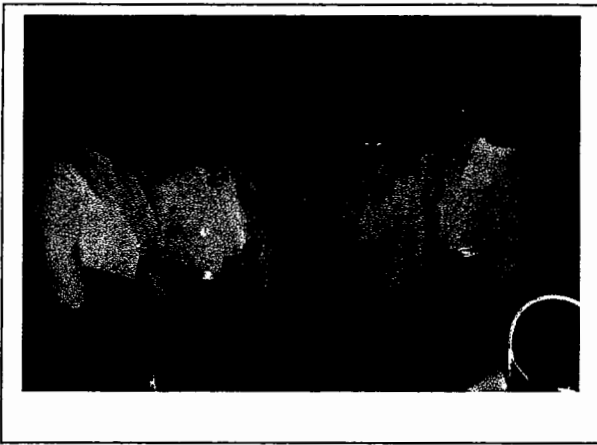
The HOW TO READ A NAUTICAL CHART (HYC) course scheduled for 8-27-08 is presently filled, so a second class will be offered on Wed. 10-15-08 at HYC, 1800 to 2100 hrs.

The GPS FOR MARINERS course (Sector Honolulu) scheduled for 9-7-08 is also filled, so a second class will be offered on Sunday, 10-19-08 at Sector, 0800 to 1600 hrs. Both classes 2nd offerings are almost full, so contact Jason Reed ASAP to sign up.

The Free, SUDDENLY IN COMMAND course will be held on 10-12-08, and has plenty of room for everybody. See Jason.

The SAILING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP class has 5 signed up. We have room for 4 more. This class will fill up before the 10-21-08 start date, so "Jack be nimble, Jack be qu.ck!"



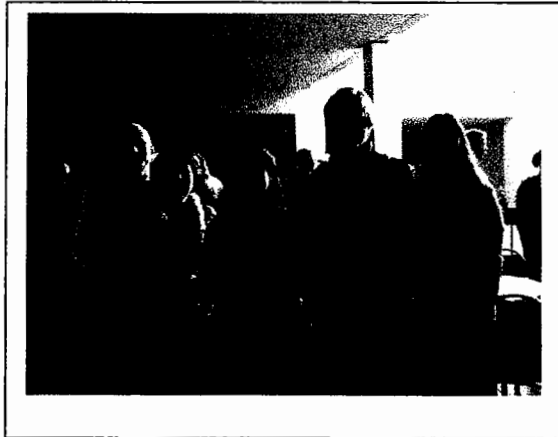


District 14, Coast Guard Ball 2008

The 2008 Coast Guard Ball was held at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa on August 2, 2008. The U. S. Coast Guard, as one of the nation's armed forces and its oldest continuous seagoing service, is rich in history and tradition. Therefore, it was appropriate that the distinct military flavor of a

formal military ball be used to remind ourselves of the proud nature of our service and of the traditional courtesies and amenities appropriate to the Coast Guard. The theme for the 2008 Ball was "Leadership, Tradition and Innovation," with the proud designation as "Kahu O ka Pakipika" (Guardians of the Pacific).

There were 288 men and women in attendance at the Ball this year. Makanani Pa'a Marcusson and I were the two Flotilla Staff Officers from Flotilla 18 who attended the Ball. Also at our table, was a fellow auxiliarist named Rick Houk, a communications specialist from San Diego, California. Rick was accompanied by his son, an active duty Coast Guardsman stationed here in Honolulu whose wife recently gave the Hauk family their first grandchild. Congratulations were in order to the proud Hauk family. Our D14 District Commodore George Burkley,



Diane Roloson, and Chief of Staff Ed Lott also attended. We had good food, fine wine and great entertainment. The highlight of the evening was meeting with our new Rear Admiral, Manson Brown and his wife, along with the honorable Linda Lingle, Governor of Hawaii. Needless to say, the evening was a very memorable one for me.

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