



# THE FLASH

The Monthly Newsletter of the USCG Auxiliary Ala Wai Flotilla 18  
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## Fishing & Seafood Festival

On October 11, 2009 the 2009 Fishing and Seafood Festival celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual event at Pier 38. Likewise, the D14 Pro Demo Team conducted its Recreational Boating Safety show in as many years. This was one of the best years for the Auxiliary's Pro Demo Team with 20 + volunteers showing up and participating at the event. Several Active Duty Coast Guardsmen also partnered up with the team and also put up a brochure display aside our own. The PDT furnished festival goers with Safety brochures, Information on upcoming boating classes, Safety Check appointments, and our very popular "King of Knots" shows and our "line tossing" event. Oy Branum also drew the crowds while operating "Coastie." Admiral Brown arrived at our booth and encouraged members to have photographs taken with him. Captain Campagnoni, and other Active Duty Officers also spent time with our members. "Officer Snook" (fish) was operated by our Active Duty partners. It was a great day for all.

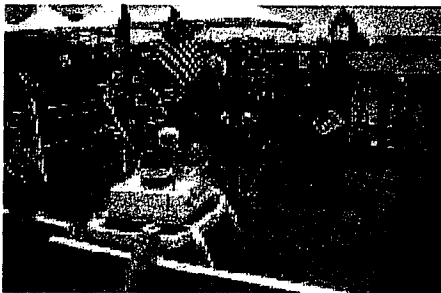
King of Knots exhibit



Admiral Brown w/ lei

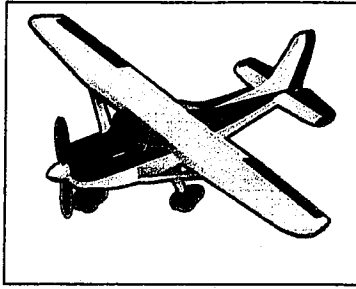


Coastie & Kids



Officer Snook





**Up In The Air – Ron Stewart reports that District 14 AuxAir reported 10 of 40 missions with 20.5 fight hours. Due to POMS being down for a week and few days, 8 missions were completed, but pilots were unable to file reports due to the POMS problem and the remaining 11 October missions will be reported at a later date.**

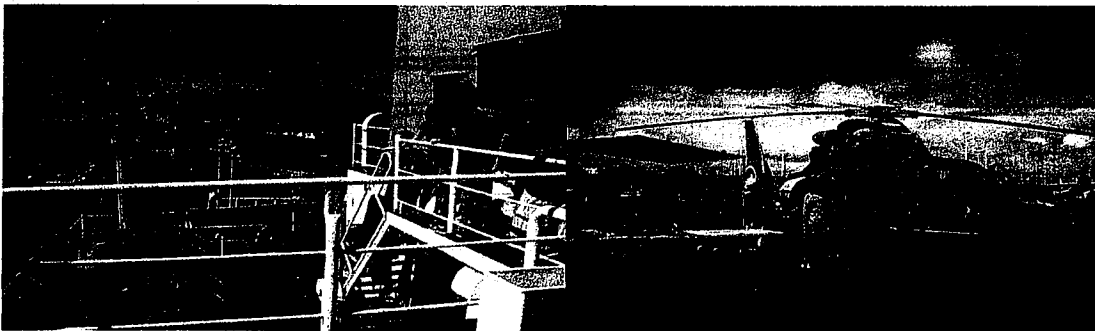
**AuxAir pilots and crew completed one First Light Search off the Oahu north shore and one Hi-Site communications relay off the Big Island in the Hilo area.**

**Flotilla 18's Ron Stewart Elected as Division Officer** On 10-8-09, During a Division Election for Vice Division Commander, our very own Flotilla member Ronald Stewart was elected in a run-off against D-1 Flotilla Commanders, and came out on top of the heap. Let's all congratulate Ron on his success. I can remember that Ron handed me my first success as FSO-VE once upon a time. Right on Ron!

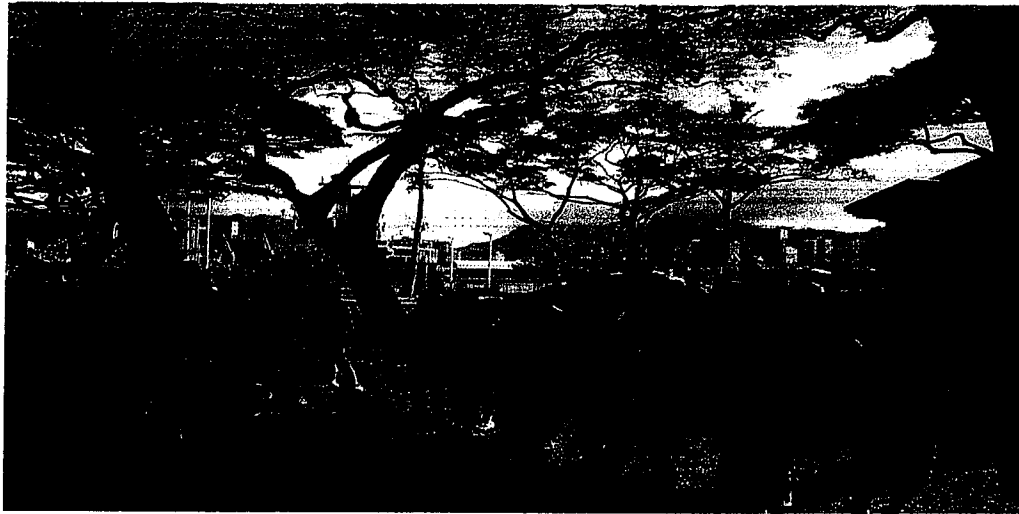
**Carol Aki, our Webmaster reports the following:**

- The Flotilla 18 website is up and running again.
- Our site address is: <http://a1400118.uscgaux.info?>
- A reminder to please submit your Activity Mission Reports before 15 December 2009 as she will be out of town until the end of the year and wants to get things posted before she leaves.

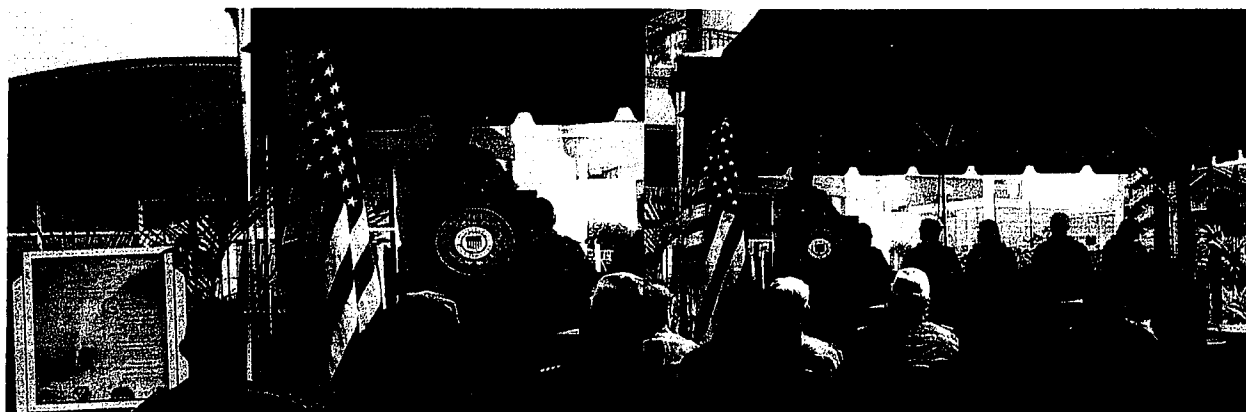
**S.T. E. M. EXPO WITH COAST GUARD – Oy Branum**



**On September 25, 2009, USCG D-1Auxiiarists DCO Ed Iott, Kevin Cartier, Michelle Cartier, John Fisher and Oy Branum answered a request by the USCG for assistance in escorting 150 students from two local High Schools at the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Expo. The event took place at ISC Sand Island. The area was divided into 8 sections, wherein students were escorted dockside of the ship "Walnut" where they acquired knowledge of Aids to Navigation. They were also escorted aboard the ship to learn elements of math and science. After departing the ship, the students experienced the enjoyment of hands-on carpentry with NESU, then were shown the facets of a medical team, and got to sit inside the cockpit of a Dolphin Helicopter to learn about Aviation from the ASBP team. It was impressive to see that the students were eager, energetic, and enthusiastic in what they had experienced.**



## 2009 World Maritime Day



The 2009 World Maritime Day celebration took place on October 16, 2009 at Pier 9 Aloha Tower. World Maritime Day is an annual celebration sponsored by the International Maritime Organization, and for the first time since its inception, the U.S. acted as a parallel nation for the celebrations and events being held across the country to promote the maritime industry. This year the focus was on efforts to go green. A Salute to the Maritime Community featured the Marine Corp Band, the HFD Fire Boat, and USCG Search and Rescue Vessels, as well as one of their helicopters. The event also presented many guest speakers from the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Norwegian Cruise Lines, NOAA, and the Waikoliana Education Excursions. Exhibition booths featured HOST, USPS, USCG, a US Navy Dive team, and the USCG Auxiliary, which exhibited a UTL as a static display. 13 Auxiliarists participated and assisted the USCG active duty with the event. DCO Ed Lott, and Flotilla 18's Sterling Lau, John Fisher, and Oy Branum participated in the event.

