



A Proud Tradition, A Worthy Mission

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Each month, *THE SILVER ZEPHYR* profiles a member of our Flotilla. These small portals into the lives of our members enable each of us to learn a little more about one another and so discover the myriad personalities and talents of the wonderful men and women with whom we serve.

This month, the *THE SILVER ZEPHYR* takes a look at a man who goes the extra mile (no pun intended as Jerel is in the Automotive business) to make every member of our unit shine. Jerel serves as FSO-IS. He is a good officer who makes sure that anything that needs to be logged with the Auxiliary is. What's more, he has taken it upon himself to insure that mission hours, forms etc. are properly prepared and sent even if the person doing the action has not done so. This editor knows first-hand. Like many of us, I am not in love with paperwork. As such, I had failed to log some mission hours. I went to Jerel, and he converted my scribbling into the proper documents so that my hours were properly recorded. Our Flotilla, and (more importantly) The USCG got its due. In addition to his can-do attitude, what stands out about this man is that it isn't just that he puts out a superior product. He does it, because in hearing him talk, one knows that he truly respects our organization and holds each of us in the highest regard. As Flotilla Commander, I am supremely fortunate to have such a fine officer on my staff. As an Auxiliarist, Jerel embodies the Gold Side's Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. He is *Semper Paratus*.



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Occupation:	Automotive Dealer
Birthday:	June 26
Education:	UCLA '76
Homeport:	Novato



USCG-AUX Watch Stander

- Location: Hamilton, Hangar 1-2
- Compliment: 45
- Mission:**
- Deploy skilled personnel to assist Federal On Scene Coordinators (FOSC) in preventing or reducing environmental damage from oil or haz-mat spills
- Train FOSCs in spill response
- Monitor or direct cleanup

Current activities involving the Pacific Strike Team:

- AMSAM Tsunami cleanup

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DYNAMIC GROUP OF MEN AND
WOMEN AND HELP SUPPORT
OUR GOLD SIDE!

Semper Paratus

DISTRICT/DIVISION FLOTILLA (upcoming events)

March 7, 10 AM
Mariner's Sunday
St. Luke's Presby.
San Rafael, CA

Mar 26-28
D-TRAIN
Rohnert Park, CA

May 7 CGI
USCGC Waesche
WMSL 751
Commissioning Date
USCG ISC Alameda

May 22-28
National Safe
Boating Week

First and foremost, our prayers and good wishes go out to our shipmate Lex Byers who suffered a stroke in late February. While he may be under the weather for a while, Lex is a tough bird and very much a stalwart shipmate of our Flotilla family, He is currently bunking in the Kentwood Rehab Center but from a very reliable source, his roommate likes his TV loud and his bed vibration device revving 24/7. Lex's speech is slowly improving and he has the will and the desire to get past this ordeal and I know that he will. That said, no one is absolved from praying for him and his family. Lex we wish you the very best.

We are low on facilities and coxswains and as surface ops is one of the things we do, we encourage the several coxswain candidates to pursue the class they began under Lex's tutelage. We are also in the process of talking with our sister Marin Flotilla (01-2) based at Station Golden Gate (Sausalito) to help pick up any slack we have by letting our members tag onto their facilities for quals or mission time requirements.

Please make every effort to attend D-train this month. It is at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park and the education courses and information shared are worth the price of admission. Go to our website to register. By the way, I am told that new Aux members will receive an additional 20% off items purchased from the District Store. If you need uniforms, devices, medals, service ribbons, etc. take advantage of this.

If you are not currently serving as a staff officer, please consider helping Gail and Dyane with America's Waterway Watch, or take the time to qualify as an instructor for one of the many classes we offer, or contact the Pacific Strike Team and see what help and talent you can bring to them.

Finally, do all that you can to log your mission hours. Jerel is more than ready to help you do this and the USCG really needs the money as their budget for 2010 has downsized, while their assignment load has been ramped up. We are in a position to really help our Guardians so let's do it anyway we can.

Thank you all for remaining Semper Paratus.