



Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick

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Established: Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick was established in January 1992. Prior to that, it was known as Station Kennewick. The Kennewick Coast Guard facility was first established in 1962 when the Aids to Navigation Facility (ANFAC) at The Dalles, Ore., required replacement. Kennewick seemed a more logical midway point for its area of responsibility due to the recent installation of dams along the upper Columbia and Snake Rivers. The team has one 18-foot utility boat and one 23-foot aids to navigation boat that can be transported by trailer.

Accomplished Operations: In August 2001, the ANT team and Division VIII Auxiliary assisted in transporting firefighters across Lake Chelan, Wash., to wildfires burning in the surrounding area. In March 2001 the ANT team completed the move of Irrigon Lower Range Front light with the help of Air Station Astoria, Ore., saving the Coast Guard nearly \$50,000. Each year the team and local Auxiliary provide a safety zone around the River of Fire festival fireworks barge, an event that draws about 500 boats. The unit also participates each year in the Columbia Cup hydroplane races.

What we do: Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick is responsible for most fixed structures from The Dalles, Ore., to Richland, Wash., on the Columbia River from the confluence of the Snake River up to Lewiston, Idaho, Lake Roosevelt on the upper Columbia River near Spokane, Wash., and Fort Peck Lake in eastern Montana. ANT Kennewick also maintains a secondary responsibility for all other aids to navigation assigned to the CGC Bluebell from Hood River, Ore., to Lewiston, Idaho..



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