



Aids to Navigation Team Puget Sound

Active Duty Personnel: 14
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Established: The history of the Coast Guard's mariners aids to navigation mission stretches as far back as the beginning of the nation, when the first lantern was posted high enough on the shore to guide wooden ships along the coast. In the Puget Sound region that long tradition of helping mariners make a safe passage is being carried on by Aids to Navigation Team Puget Sound. Buoys, lighthouses and other structures—some of which have been showing the way for more than 100 years—represent its modern day mission. Established in 1996 and located at Pier 36 in Seattle, ANT Puget Sound has responded to the challenge of advancing the aids to navigation presence in these busy Northwestern waterways.

What we do: ANT Puget Sound maintains 129 aids to navigation in the Puget Sound region. This vast area of responsibility (AOR) ranges from the International Border to Olympia through the Straights of Juan De Fuca and the Quillayute River along the Western Washington coast. The unit is composed of thirteen active duty personnel, two 21' trailerable aids to navigation boats (TANBs), a Gator utility vehicle and three government vehicles. Each member of the team has a direct impact on the aids to navigation system and receives several weeks of training from the National Aids to Navigation school in Yorktown, VA. The crew of ANT Puget Sound spends a great deal of time both on the water and on the road transiting to their aids to perform routine maintenance, rebuild structures and upgrade power configurations. The teams daily operations are aimed at increasing the longevity and reliability of the aids for the

The team's resources include two 21-foot trailerable aids to navigation boats, called TANBS, equipped with differential global positioning system (DGPS) monitors which are used to accurately place buoys and assist in navigation.

Accomplished Operations: During the last summer the unit finished a pile contract that included the replacement of 8 fixed aids and continues to work on the upgrade of 6 solar powered lighthouses. Furthermore, in preparation for the upcoming summer the unit is performing a complete renovation of all, offices, shops, and boats.



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