

Betty Hamilton Memorial Public Education Award

Betty Hamilton was a stalwart woman, a retired navy nurse, who Auxiliary career spanned over 30 years. In that time she wore many hats- She was four times Division Captain, ~~well at the time, now we call them Division Commander~~, Flotilla Commander on many occasions, as she and her husband John would go around and plant flotillas early in their Auxiliary career. But Betty's true passion was public education. While her accomplishments would take nearly 20 minutes to rattle off, you could sum her work up in two words "Ultimate Auxiliarist"

... and it is in her name, we present the Betty Hamilton Memorial Public Education award to Michael L. Brough.

Mike has been a long time instructor with the Auxiliary, teaching his first class in 1994. he has taught everything from knot tying at Crew Academy, to Advance Coastal Navigation to the public. Mike has developed many of his own classroom instructional aids over the years. If you are short an instructor, Mike is usually only a phone call away. Other Auxiliary qualifications are Boat Crew and Private Aids to Navigation verifier.

When Mike isn't busy with Auxiliary work, he also holds a 50 Ton Master, with Assistance Towing endorsement. He is active with both the Mountaineers and Seattle Singles Sailing club. He has single handedly taught over 2500 students, both on the water and off. Whether its a Mini class on how to tie a bowline, to something more complex like the COLREGS, "the Boating Professor" is always ready to teach.

For these reasons and many more Flotilla 25 is proud to present you Mike, this award.

Intro Speech for me by Wendell Brunk.