

“The Fun One”

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Flotilla 33-1

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**On Face Book we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 May	Flotilla 1 Meeting
21 May	Boating Class @ Midlands Hospital
21 & 22 May	
National Boating Safety Week	
Kick-off at Cabela's in LaVista	
1 Jun	Boating Class - Valley Marine
4 Jun	Boating Class - Bass Pro
11 Jun	Flotilla Picnic
18 Jun	OPTEx
20 Jun	Flotilla 1 Meeting
29 Jun	Boating Class - Valley Marine

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



We have two new members, Kellie and Zak who are officially in the flotilla having received their member numbers last week. Welcome to both of you! We look forward to your involvement in our many flotilla activities.

May has started out as expected with high water; however, did not expect the cold, windy weather. As most of you know, getting operation's hours is only one of the many challenges and activities we need to get done. We have many public affairs activities in the upcoming weeks that we all should try to participate in. So if you can help, please contact VFC Jean Goble.

We are continuing our boat crew shore side training. Pete and Sherrie completed their mentor training and are ready to start the on-the-water portions. We will hopefully be able to wrap up the shore side portion for the remainder of the group very soon. Reminder for the VEs, let's get them while they are still in the neighborhoods. They probably would appreciate them when the boats are home and the weather is not quite as nice yet.

Let's get out there in the public at one of our PA activities, with VE, and hopefully on the water.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

Our newest Members:

Kellie Taylor

&

Zak Christensen



Photos by Jim Westcott

Flotilla 33-1
2011 Performance Goals

Marine Dealer Visits:	100
Member Training:	All members complete required annual training timely.
New Members:	2
Patrol Hours:	300
Public Affairs Hours:	60
Public Education:	
BS&S Course:	
State Classes:	10
Vessel Examinations:	60
Copies of the approved minutes of meetings sent monthly to DCDR and DIRAUX	
Meet every month with a quorum present.	
Flotilla Social Events:	Two, one in the summer and the Christmas Party.

2011 Watch Words/Mission Statement/Goals:

Educate	–	Educate our members
Evolve	–	Evolve processes
Excel	–	Excel in our missions

Through member education and process evolution, we will excel in the missions outlined by the four cornerstones of the Auxiliary: VSCs, Public Education, USCG Operations and fellowship.

Goals – Need to be:

- 1) Achievable
- 2) Measurable
- 3) Further our missions.

Frank Reiss
DCDR 33 8WR



Updates



<http://users.mo-net.com/district8wr/members/index.htm>

District 8WR

Fall Business Symposium

September 16 & 17, 2011

Training workshops

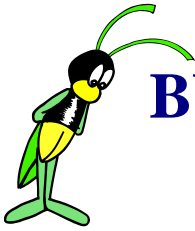
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775 Brasilia Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64153**

Tentative Class Descriptions – Fall Business Symposium

- **Meet the OTO**
- **Social Media and the Auxiliary**
- **WebEx Seminar**
- **Auxiliary Testing**
- **Uniform Workshop**
- **W.O.W. – Websites Without Webmasters**
- **Auxiliary Incident Management System (AIMS)**
- **Auxiliary Computing Q&A**
- **Team Building Workshop**

As always, these classes are subject to change. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the DSO-MT at barisman@yahoo.com.

Thanks, and hope to see you there!



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

May Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from Commodore Robert Smekta,
Use of Social Media

Hello to all;

As your new Commodore, I want to communicate to all members of the Eighth Western Rivers Region how much I value your willingness to serve as the inland arm of the Coast Guard. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated by the Coast Guard, the public, and other Auxiliary members.

Because of our enormous size - from Illinois to Wyoming and from North Dakota to Louisiana - we rely on electronic communications to keep our District members informed and coordinated for action. E-mail communications is our life-blood. Without e-mail, we would not be able to respond quickly to our many areas of responsibility.

Unfortunately, since we do not have dedicated government e-mail communications, we must use our personal e-mail accounts. This creates a difficult gray area. We all have lists of Auxiliary members to whom we e-mail business communications. Sometimes we use our same private e-mail accounts to send personal e-mails to these same lists—or at least to many on these same lists. It becomes difficult to sort out when we are and when we are not representing the Auxiliary. Your perception may be different than that of another Auxiliarist. Further complicating the matter is that fact that our private e-mail accounts become a record of Auxiliary business. Therefore, I am appealing to all of you to treat your e-mail communications to other Auxiliary members as you would any business communication.

What you send to other Auxiliary members can affect your working relationships, sometimes negatively when you are not even aware of it. Personal political opinions can reflect negatively on the Coast Guard, especially when expressed in a sarcastic or pejorative fashion. So again, I appeal to all of you to treat your e-mail communications to any other Auxiliary members with the same caution and regard as you would in your “paying” job.

I remember an old rule that was used by Navy officers – “When in the wardroom the three things not discussed are Religion, Politics, and Sex.” If we follow this approach in our e-mail communication, I believe it will lessen conflict, improve productivity, and increase morale.

I have attached to this letter two items that you can click on and download for reference. The first is the Eighth Western Rivers Email Policy [http://users.mo-net.com/district8wr/members/Adobe_MS_Word/manuals/emailpol8wr_mar07.pdf] which gives specific guidance on what can and cannot be in Auxiliary business e-mails. The second item is a monograph produced by the District Legal/Parliamentarian entitled “The First Amendment, Social Media and the Auxiliary” [http://www.trlmo.com/cgaux8wr/word/sbs_soc_media_5mar11.pdf]

As our country and our organization become more diverse, we have to realize that what we say and how we act electronically follows us forever. Do not send out a message you may regret having sent.

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News Release



I received the following e-mail from Tom Nunes, Director Development:

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association to Receive \$25,000 from Chase Community Giving

ST. LOUIS - The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. will receive \$25,000 from Chase Community Giving. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association finished in the top 100 charities in the first round of the 2011 Chase Community Giving campaign on Facebook.com. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association will now move to the second round to compete for an additional prize pool worth \$500,000.

Located in St. Louis, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association is the non-profit arm that supports the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its volunteers in communities across the nation. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association provides outreach and educational programs to further community based programs. "The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association is constantly striving to strengthen the Coast Guard Auxiliary's community outreach. Receiving this \$25,000 will help ensure the great work of the Association around the country," said Jim Vass, chairman and CEO of the Association.

Facebook users have spoken and voted for some truly incredible and deserving charities. We are delighted that Chase will make a contribution to each of these worthy causes, Kimberly Davis, president of the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, said. We continue to be inspired by the number of outstanding charities that choose to participate in the Chase program and the millions of fans who visit our Facebook page and vote for them. The dedication and enthusiasm of the charities and their supporters is one reason why Chase has committed \$25 million for Chase Community Giving to distribute to even more charities over the next two years.

In Round 2, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association will be submitting a Big Idea describing how it would use \$500,000 to further its cause. Beginning May 19, Facebook users will vote again to select the best ideas among the top 100 charities. The 25 charities that receive the most votes will receive between \$20,000 and \$500,000. The winners of Round 2 will be announced on May 26.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc., is a Non-Profit, 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the District of Columbia providing financial and other support to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and its volunteers. The Association provides funds for the national Auxiliary programs, facilitates national training, produces educational and outreach materials for the recreational boating safety and other public outreach efforts.

Chase Community Giving is a grant program inspiring a new way of corporate philanthropy by letting participants vote to help determine which small non-profits receive donations. The program is giving away over \$5million to charities nationwide.



Coast Guard 2010 Snapshot

I thought I'd bring you a short article from the publication, *Coast Guard OUTLOOK – 2011 Edition*. I've received annual volumes of this sleek magazine, probably due to the fact that I'm drawing retired pay. Anyway, it's a fine publication full of interesting facts about our parent service. A lead-in to the Snapshot article goes like this:

“ The U. S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard protects against hazards to people, maritime commerce, and the environment. It defends our maritime borders and saves those in peril. The Coast Guard responds quickly to disasters to restore the nation's waterways. It helps sustain the Marine Transportation System, which carries 99 percent of U. S. imports and exports. When called upon, the Coast Guard defends the nation at home and abroad alongside the other armed forces.”

OK, what is the workforce? 34,000 enlisted members, 8,200 officers, 7,800 civilians, just fewer than 7, 000 Reservists and 30,000 Auxiliarists. Active duty workforce consists of 87% males, 13% females, 55% of enlisteds are married, and 71% of the officers are wed. The average age of enlisteds is 29 years, officers average 36 years old. Officer commissioning sources are the Academy 45%, OCS (officer candidate school) 20%, direct commission from other services 13%, OCS prior enlisted 12%, Chief Warrant Officer to LT 4% and a smattering of other sources.

11 Missions of the Coast Guard

- Ports, waterways, and coastal security
- Drug interdiction
- Aids to Navigation
- Search and Rescue
- Living marine resources
- Marine safety
- Defense readiness
- Migrant interdiction
- Marine environmental protection
- Ice operations
- Other law enforcement

The above list is in order of percentage of operating expenses. 2010 budget was \$10.1 billion.

The service assets are:

250 Cutters (65 feet or longer)
1872 Boats, less than 65 feet
202 Aircraft

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A refresher on CG history – the Coast Guard is the oldest continuous seagoing service, since 1790. It is a product of five different agencies merged over time:

- Revenue Marine (est. 1790)
- U. S. Lifesaving Service (est. 1848)
- U. S. Lighthouse Service (est. 1789)
- Steamboat Inspection Service (est. 1838)
- Bureau of Navigation (est. 1884)

And the Coast Guard has been an agency within:

- Department of Treasury from 1790
- Department of Transportation from 1967
- Department of Homeland Security from 2003

In an average day, the Coast Guard did the following, plus a bunch of other accomplishments:

- Saved 13 lives
- Responded to 64 search and rescue cases
- Rescued 77% of mariners in imminent danger
- Kept 959 pounds of cocaine off the streets
- Saved \$260,000 in property
- Interdicted 10 undocumented migrants
- Serviced 49 buoys and fixed 21 AtoN discrepancies
- Screened 679 commercial vessels and 170,000 crew and passengers
- Issued 200 merchant mariner credentials
- Inspected 70 containers
- Performed 30 safety and environmental exams of foreign vessels entering US ports
- Boarded 15 fishing boats
- Investigated 12 marine accidents
- Responded to 10 pollution incidents
- Escorted 4 high value Navy vessels transiting US waterways
- Identified one individual with terrorism associations
- Had six patrol boats and 400 personnel
 - Protecting Iraq's offshore oil infrastructure
 - Training Iraqi naval forces
 - Keeping sea lanes secure in the Arabian Gulf

What kinds of resources accomplish these missions?

- o 3 Ocean going Ice Breakers. These ships with accompanying helicopters travel to the poles, provide a platform to conduct a myriad scientific activities, and clear sea lanes to resupply arctic and Antarctic bases. A smaller and much older icebreaker is stationed in the Great Lakes to keep sea lanes open during winter.

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- o New 418 foot Legend class cutters are coming into the inventory, replacing the venerable high endurance Secretary Class 378 foot cutters. These capable cutters are found in all of the oceans, can accompany Navy battle groups, and perform many of the missions listed above.
- o A new Offshore Patrol Cutter class is gradually replacing the aging Famous and Reliance class medium endurance cutters. These cutters can carry a helicopter, and carry a 25 foot over-the-horizon rigid hull inflatable small boat.
- o A new class of sea going Buoy Tenders is also coming on line. These 225 foot ships replace a World War II era buoy tender and use the latest navigational systems to place aids to navigation. Other smaller buoy tenders, inland construction tenders and 140 foot Ice Breaking Tugs perform AtoN missions plus can clear ice from rivers, lakes and channels.
- o Patrol boats are a diverse group, ranging from vessels 179 feet, 154 feet, 110 feet and 87 feet. These cutters can perform a range of operational missions around the coasts.
- o Boats include the 47 motor life boat – extremely capable in heavy surf conditions, 45 Response boat, the venerable 41 foot utility boat, and the new 25 foot response boats or port security boats.

Coast Guard aircraft are also a diverse and capable arm of the service. The newest is the HC-144 Ocean Sentry Maritime Patrol aircraft. This twin engine turbo prop aircraft cruises at 236 knots, has a range of 1000 nautical miles and can carry 6,000 pounds of cargo.

- o The HC-130 H and J are newer versions of the 130 aircraft that has been in the inventory for decades. This long range surveillance aircraft cruises at 374 mph, has a range of 4,300 miles and can carry over 70,000 pounds of cargo.
- o Helicopters start with the MH-60J/T medium range recovery helicopter. This twin engine machine can cruise at 180 knots, carry about 7,000 pounds, can be armed and can climb to 13,000 feet.
- o The H-65 Dolphin is the most numerous helicopter, twin engine cruising at 140 knots with a range of 375 nautical miles. She can climb to 10,000 feet, and can carry armament for interdiction missions. Both types of helicopters can operate off cutters or can be refueled by one.
- o The HU-25 medium range jet aircraft can cruise at 420 knots, has a service ceiling of 41,000 feet, a range of 1500 nautical miles and will gradually be replaced by the HC-144.

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OK, who runs this organization?

FOUR STARS

Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant of the Coast Guard
Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant
Vice Admiral John Currier, Chief of Staff
Vice Admiral Robert Parker, Commander Atlantic Area
Vice Admiral Manson Brown, Commander Pacific Area

TWO STARS

23 Rear Admirals, including 2 women

ONE STAR

14 Rear Admirals (Lower Half), including 2 women

We have a Public Health Service Rear Admiral, 2 Area Senior Reserve officers – Rear Admirals for each Area Command, A Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, and a Master Chief Petty Officer Reserve Forces.

We also have the National Commodore, Coast Guard Auxiliary and 19 Senior Executive Service Coast Guard civilians.

This is a snapshot of your Coast Guard. The motto **SEMPER PARATUS** serves us well, for this small service provides the American people a huge bang for the buck.

Be proud you belong to this elite group of Americans, for you are an important cog in the overall **TEAM COAST GUARD**. As Admiral Papp stated, " Behind our resources and operations are some of the most dedicated and patriotic shipmates I have ever come to know. He's talking about you as well as the rest of the team.

Posted by Bill Griswold, BC-BLN, BRG



MAY 2011



National Boating Safety Week Kick-off will be May 21 & 22 At Cabela's in LaVista

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 0900 hrs Boating Safety Class at Bass Pro
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-01 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 0830 hrs BSC Orgam Room, Midlands Hospital National Boating Safety Week Kick-off
22 National Boating Safety Week Kick-off	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 0900 hrs Boating Safety Class at Valley Marine	2	3	4 0900 hrs Boating Safety Class at Bass Pro
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Flotilla Picnic 1630 - ?
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 OPTEx
19	20 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-01 Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 0900 hrs Boating Safety Class at Valley Marine	30		