

“The Fun One”

VOLUME 2, NUMBER 8 AUGUST 2011



Flotilla 33-1

**40 & 8 Club
3113 S. 70 St.
Omaha, Nebraska**

FLOTILLA 33-1 OFFICERS

Flotilla Commander (FC) - Barclay Stebbins
Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) -
Jean Goble
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC) -
Richard Goble
Secretary (FSO-SR) - Tom Correll
Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
Communications (FSO-CM) - Jim Westcott
Communication Services (FSO-CS) -
Barb Westcott
Information Services (FSO-IS) -
Barclay Stebbins
Materials (FSO-MA) - Bernard McNary
Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Tom Spieker
Aids to Navigation (FSO-NS) - Pete Petersen
Member Training (FSO-MT) - George McNary
Operations (FSO-OP) - Warren Koehler
Public Affairs (FSO-PA) - Damien Petersen
Publications (FSO-PB) - Barb Westcott
Public Education (FSO-PE) - Richard Goble
Personnel Services (FSO-HR) - Jean Goble
Program Visitor (FSO-PV) - Richard Goble
Vessel Examiner (FSO-VE) - Warren Koehler

Send articles for "The Fun One" to:
Barb Westcott
1808 Franklin St.
Bellevue, NE 68005-3456
Fax: 402-397-2306
E-mail: barbwestcott@cox.net

Published by and for members
of Flotilla 33-1 U.S. Coast
Guard Auxiliary 8th Western
Rivers Region. Opinions ex-
pressed herein are not necessar-
ily those of the U.S. Coast
Guard or U.S. Coast Guard
Auxiliary.

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6 Aug	Division Picnic
15 Aug	Flotilla 1 Meeting
20 Aug	World O Water
16 & 17 Sept	Fall Business Symposium
19 Sept	Flotilla 1 Meeting

INSIDE THIS EDITION

Flotilla Officers.....	2
Schedule of Events.....	2
Flotilla Commander's Message.....	3
Flotilla Finance Officer's Message	4
Flotilla 33-1 2011 goals.....	5
Watch Words/Mission Statement.....	5
Fall Business Symposium.....	6
History of the Challenge Coin.....	7 - 9
Information Bug.....	10
Division Picnic.....	11
August Calendar.....	12
September Calendar.....	13



CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE-PRIVACY ACT OF 1974
The disclosure of the personal information contained in this publica-
tion is subject to the provisions contained in the Privacy Act of
1974. The subject Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits the disclo-
sure, distribution, dissemination or copying of any material con-
taining the home addresses, home telephone number, spouses names
and social security numbers, except for official business. Violations
may result in disciplinary action by the Coast Guard and/or civilian
criminal sanctions.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Mother Nature keeps throwing us curves, from the flooding and now the heat to go with it. We can only be kept down so long. We finally were able to get things together and get out on the water. It was a warm day, but the clouds kept the sunshine away, making it tolerable. We were able to get Pete and Sherrie out on the water for some on the water crew training. They also had the first hand experience at seeing how we handle a SAR mission and the processes that are involved in the prosecution from helping the persons on board, to safely securing a disabled vessel.

It was a busy weekend as well for Zak & Kellie. They were out practicing their vessel examination skills and techniques. A big thanks to Richard and Jean for making the rounds with them and putting up with the hot muggy conditions.

Reminder for the VEs, let's get them done as they are still in the neighborhoods. They probably would appreciate them.

We have several fellowship events coming up soon, the division picnic at Lake Manawa, 6 Aug, Shelter 6, the fall business symposium. We have some volunteer flag bearers for that event as well – Thank You!

There is still an on-going need at Coast Guard Station Omaha, let's see if we can help them with the ongoing flood issues.

Finally, we truly appreciate your continued support in all of our program areas, so a big thanks to you members, let's keep the "Fun One" involved.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

FLOTILLA FINANCE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

SECOND VERSE SAME AS THE FIRST

All:

FIRST NOTICE

III. 2. The annual dues, including Flotilla, Division, District and National shall be levied on each member on a calendar year basis and shall be payable during the month of July for the following calendar year. A notice shall be sent to each member on July first and a second notice on August first to members who have not paid their dues. If a member has failed to pay their dues by September first, either the Flotilla Personnel Officer or the Flotilla Commander shall contact them. If dues are not paid by September fifteenth, a Change of Membership Status Form will be sent to the member(s) by the Flotilla Commander. The names of members who have not paid their dues shall be submitted to DIRAUX on October 15th with a recommendation that they be disenrolled from the Auxiliary for non-payment of dues

Dues checks in the amount of \$40.50 for 2012 can be mailed to my address:

George W. McNary
2118 So. 87th Ave
Omaha, NE 68124-2104

Or hand delivered to FC Stebbins at the July 18 meeting, as I will be on vacation.

George W. McNary
FSO-FN 33-1

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

Please go directly to the members' website above to book your reservation.

Training workshops

**Airport Marriott Hotel
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!

One History of Challenge Coins

By Jim Westcott



During World War I, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scientists attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore about his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners and one of his French captors recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce a medallion, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

Note: A "Coin Check" consists of a Challenge and a Response.

1. RULES:

A. The challenge is initiated by drawing your coin, holding it in the air by whatever means possible and state, scream, shout or otherwise verbally acknowledge that you are initiating a coin check. Another, but less vocal method is to firmly place it on the bar, table, or floor (this should produce an audible noise which can be easily heard by those being challenged, but try not to leave a permanent imprint). If you accidentally drop your coin and it makes an audible sound upon impact, then you have just "accidentally" initiated a coin check. (This is called paying the price for improper care of your coin.)

B. The response consists of all those persons being challenged drawing their coin in a like manner.

C. If you are challenged and are unable to properly respond, you must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and the group being challenged.

D. If everyone being challenged responds in the correct manner, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for all those people they challenged.

E. Failure to buy a round is a despicable crime and will require that you turn-in your Coin to the issuing agency.

2. WHEN - WHERE:

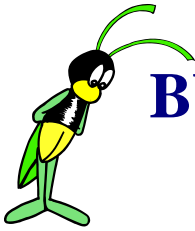
A. Coin checks are permitted, ANY TIME, ANY PLACE.

3. EXCEPTIONS:

A. There are no exceptions to the rules. They apply to those clothed or unclothed. At the time of the challenge you are permitted one step and an arms reach to locate your coin. If you still cannot reach it -- SORRY ABOUT THAT!

4. A COIN IS A COIN





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

August Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from Dogster.com

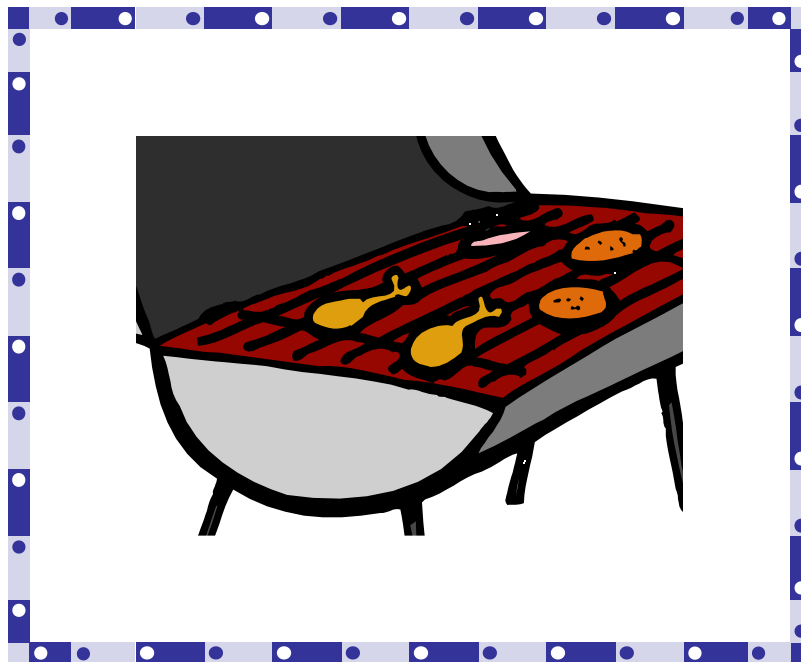
Boating With Your Dog

So You're Going Boating with Your Pupster...

by The team at [Fido Dog Treats](#)

As many of us enjoy a long day out on the water, our dogs often come along for cruises out on a boat. Although dogs can "doggie paddle" with varying levels of ability, the likelihood of a pooch staying afloat in open water for extended periods should not be overestimated. Should your dog somehow end up in the water unexpectedly, a canine-specific personal flotation device is the best way to assure your pet's best chance of remaining safe until rescued. You'll want to consider proper fit, sufficient flotation, durability and quality of construction when choosing a PFD. Don't neglect comfort and ventilation as an overly snug life jacket will prevent proper canine cooling. Dogs should be introduced to both their life jackets and boats incrementally to prevent unnecessary anxiety.

D. P. Hesano is co-founder of the online dog health-style shop [FidoDogTreats.com](#)



2011 Division 33 Picnic
Coast Guard Day Celebration

Saturday, August 6, 2011

NOON-????

Lake Manawa State Park Shelter 6
Council Bluffs, IA

Join in the food, fun, and fellowship
Family and Friends Welcome!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Chicken Drumsticks,
Chips and dip, Side Salad, Mixed Fruit, Soda/Water provided

\$7.00/person

RSVP not later than August 1, 2011 to freiss@uscgaux3303.info

AUGUST 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Division Picnic NOON-???? Lake Manawa State Park Shelter 6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 World of Water - 1200 to 1600 @ Wehrspann Lake
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Defenders of Freedom Air Show & Open House - 900 to 1700
28 Defenders of Freedom Air Show & Open House - 900 to 1700	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Fall Business Symposium in Kansas City	17 Fall Business Symposium in Kansas City
18 Fall Business Symposium in Kansas City	19 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	