

“The Fun One”

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Flotilla 33-1

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 & 17 Sept	Fall Business Symposium
19 Sept	Flotilla 1 Meeting
15 Oct	Election Dinner - Atlantic Iowa
17 Oct	Flotilla 1 Meeting

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Here we are, Labor Day weekend, and the end of summer is fast approaching. We still have some individuals that need to get patrol hours completed. I hate to preach the obvious, but this is a personal responsibility. You all know the requirements, 12 hrs. On that note, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Warren for spending the last 6 weekends on the water. We have had some crew training for Pete and Sherrie at Branched Oak Lake, then Wherspann for the World of Water and this past weekend getting our QE' done for this year. We will be discussing the remainder of the patrol hours if they don't get completed by the next flotilla meeting.

A reminder for the VE's: Many of you have not completed your required five, so let's get them done while they are still in the neighborhoods. Visit the Lake Manawa south ramp you may be able to snag a few there. It is no wake, but a lot of people are out just floating around and enjoying the sun and water.

A big thanks to all that participated at the World of Water and to all for taking their weekend to help with the PA exhibit at the Offutt Air Show. Pete and Sherrie were very enthused about the things they learned and the people they met.

I also want to thank those that volunteered at the Coast Guard Station Omaha, your time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

George McNary (FSO-FN) will be sending out a third and final notice to get dues paid. Please get them in or bring them to the next flotilla meeting 19 Sep 11 @ 1930.

Again, 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

Pictures by Pete Petersen



Pete & Sherrie big smiles after 4 hrs of training man overboard and anchoring



Richard showing boat crew the joy of washing hands after a muddy anchor retrieval

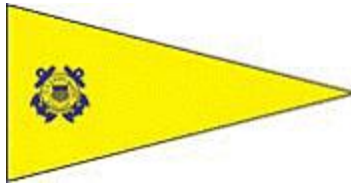


Getting the scoop on anchoring



Discussion and training on man overboard.

Public Education Officer's report



We have completed our flotilla's boaters education classes for this year. We started on February 17th and the last one was held July 9th. We taught a total of 10 classes this year, and 154 students for an average attendance per class of 15.4 students. We know that the numbers are down this year, and for the first time since I have been FSO-PE, we actually canceled boating safety classes, 3 of them to be exact. I have no doubt it was our flooding conditions that did it. Very few people in our part of the division are out boating.

Next year could be quite different if for no other reason than LB 105 goes into effect January 1, 2012. This means that any boater who is age 26 next year or younger who boats in Nebraska will have to have taken the Nebraska Boating Safety course.

Flotilla 33-1 now has nine members qualified as IT. We want to welcome Barbara Westcott to our instructor ranks. All of our ITs got their required teaching hours in, plus additional teaching time. The ITs in our flotilla are a dedicated hard working group who can always be counted on when asked to teach. This makes my job as FSO-PE a whole lot easier.

I want to express a big thank you to our Its Barbara Westcott, Jean Goble, Tom Spieker, Barclay Stebbins, George McNary, Bernie McNary, Warren Koehler, and James Westcott for teaching this year.

Richard Goble, FSO-PE



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!

Received after August Issue was printed

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: COMMANDANT'S COAST GUARD DAY MESSAGE -019/11

1. FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Papp, Robert ADM
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:00 PM
Subject: Commandant's Coast Guard Day Message

Shipmates,

On August 4th we celebrate the 221st birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Our Service started as a vision of Alexander Hamilton who wrote, "a few armed vessels, judiciously stationed at the entrances of our ports, might at a small expense be made useful sentinels of the laws." In 1790, President George Washington brought Hamilton's vision to life when he signed an act of the First Congress creating the Revenue Cutter Service.

Through our pride, professionalism and heroism we have carried Hamilton's design forward, all the while taking on increased responsibilities. We have broad authorities that allow us to serve the United States in ways that no other agency can do: we protect those on the sea, we protect America from threats delivered by sea, and we protect the sea itself.

Every day I am sustained by the enthusiasm, excitement and pride of being a member of our Service. For 221 years we have worked together to overcome challenges that often seem insurmountable. Sometimes the challenge is to return from a mission safely. Other times, it is to rescue and return survivors back to safety. The tenth anniversary of 9/11 next month is one of many reminders of why we must remain vigilant and stand a taut watch to ensure the safety, security and stewardship of our Nation and its waters.

As we celebrate Coast Guard Day I encourage the entire Coast Guard Family - active, reserve, civilian, retired, auxiliary and contractors - to take a moment and honor those who served before us to make the U.S. Coast Guard the premier maritime service it is today.

We are Coast Guardsmen. We work as a crew. We serve as a family.

This is our way. This is who we are. This is what we do.

Happy Birthday-Semper Paratus,

Admiral Bob Papp

Photos by Jim Westcott



Barb receiving her Instructor's Certification from Barclay at the August flotilla meeting

Exhibit at the 2011 Offutt Air Show



Visitors to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Exhibit at the 2011 Offutt Air Show



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Sent: 8/27/2011 9:54:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time
Subj: HURICANE IRENE

Hello to all:

Please see the attached for information concerning Hurricane Irene from CDR Campbell and me.

Please make sure that this information is passed on to the deck plate.

Jerry, Please post to the district website.

Thanks.

v/r

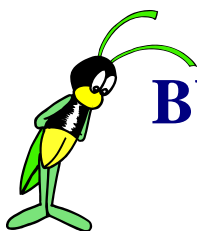
Robert Smekta, Commodore 8WR
tsunamiblue@att.net
612.201.5226

As many of you are already aware, Hurricane Irene is just beginning to batter the entire East Coast as a category one storm. Given the potential for mass destruction and loss of life the Coast Guard will most likely be very busy executing our post-landfall missions. It is understandable that some members really want to lean forward during these times to help the Coast Guard and affected communities. Although these desires are noteworthy, the best way that our members can contribute is to take this opportunity to make sure that their contact information is up to date and accurate in AUXDATA.

Following the guidance coming out of NACON, please do not call your Sector Command about wanting to provide support for Irene. If and when your assistance is required, you will be contacted as appropriate assuming your contact information in AUXDATA is accurate. Please know that if East Coast Guard units need help, active duty personnel from our area may be put on temporary duty to go to the East Coast, so therefore our own units may need backfill here, but wait until your contacted. This is a good time to be Semper Paratus!

Sincerely,

CDR Campbell
COMO Smekta



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

August Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from the internet article:

Article Source: <http://EzineArticles.com/31670>

33 Travel Safety Tips

By Matthew Keegan

Traveling to unfamiliar destinations can bring to you the sort of troubles you do not want to experience while on the road namely: robbery, rape, or murder. Tourists often fall prey to perpetrators because they do not prepare properly before embarking on a trip. Let's examine some things you should do to prevent your travels from becoming a tragedy:

1. Never list your home address on the luggage tag. If on business, put the company's address on the tag; if visiting friends you can list their address. Use covered luggage tags as well.
2. Stay with your luggage until the luggage is checked. If you must put your bag down, keep one foot on the handle.
3. Carry important papers with you; NEVER check anything that you simply cannot afford to lose. Photocopy your passport, driver's license and credit cards.
4. Bring a small flashlight. You never know when you'll suddenly be "in the dark" and find yourself in unfamiliar surroundings. At night, keep your flashlight by your bed.
5. Make sure that your prescription medicines are filled *properly* and labeled *accurately*. In some countries certain prescription medicines are forbidden.
6. Never wear anything that projects affluence. No gold chains, expensive watches and rings, luggage, or other paraphernalia should be in easy view. **Better yet:** leave your jewelry at home.
7. If possible travel with only one or two credit cards.
8. Women particularly should never accept a drink from a stranger. Keep an eye on your drink at all times.
9. Vary your schedule; try not to come and go at the same time everyday.

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10. Only stay in a hotel that uses cards to open room doors and make sure your room has a peephole and a deadbolt lock. Secure the chain and secure the door by pushing a rubber stop under it.
11. Stay in a room near a stairwell. Never take the elevator if a fire or smoke is detected. Always stay in a hotel where the doors enter the hallway and not directly from the outside.
12. Do not wear name tags in public.
13. Do not use unmarked taxi cabs.
14. Sit behind the driver so you can see him, but he cannot see you.
15. Pay the driver upon arriving at your destination and while you are still sitting in the vehicle.
16. If you must rent a car, rent only from a reputable company. Any operating problems that occur could signal sabotage.
17. Be aware of 'staged' car accidents meant to catch you off guard.
18. Back into your parking spaces to facilitate a quick exit.
19. Park only in well lit and well traveled areas.
20. If your cell phone does not work outside of the country, consider renting one that does for the duration of your trip.
21. If detained for whatever reason by an official, ask for identification. If in doubt, tell them that you want to see his superior. Keep your emotions in check.
22. If traveling with children, bring along an updated photograph of each child in the event that you become separated from them.
23. Write your child's name and your hotel number on each card; include a close friend's or relative's contact information on the card. Give a card to each child which they will carry with them as long as you are away. Destroy once home.
24. Discuss with your family what they would do in event of an emergency while away from home, e.g. whom to call, how to contact emergency personnel, etc.
25. Do not discuss travel plans, your room number or any other personal information in public within earshot of strangers.

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26. Bring along a basic first aid kit with bandages, iodine, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, alcohol packets, dramamine, pepto bismol, diarrhea medicine, etc.
27. Familiarize yourself with train and bus schedules before traveling. Have an alternate plan in place in the event your transportation plans change.
28. Do not flash your passport in public. Discreetly show important documents to officials only.
29. Consider purchasing portable alarms that emit a loud sound.
30. Watch for scams on the street. Children working with adults are notorious as pick-pockets.
31. Never flash your money in public. Exchange funds with reputable and recognized exchangers only.
32. Have tips ready in advance for service personnel.
33. Consider renting an escort [security] service if traveling in areas where crime is high.



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OCTOBER 2011



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