

“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

21 Nov	Flotilla 1 Meeting
24 Nov	Thanksgiving
3 Dec	Division Holiday Party (Old Chicago at 78th & Cass)
17 Dec	Flotilla 1 Meeting & Fellowship
21 Jan	Change of Watch (Hilton Downtown Omaha)
28 Apr	Awards Dinner (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Our elections are behind us and I want to thank all of you for your support in electing me as your FC for the upcoming year. I also want to congratulate and thank our newly elected VFC Jim Westcott for stepping up and for your support of his role in 2012. We both look forward to supporting all of you as we continue to move forward and grow the "Fun One".

I have sent out an e-mail asking for your support in our staff positions. This year, I would like to try something different, by opening up all positions, regardless of what you did last year, to all members. The only exception is the IS position. This requires a lot of time and training to get familiar with all of the missions and interaction with other agencies. So if you desire to do anything or something new, now is your chance to speak up. There is more detail in the e-mail, so don't hesitate to ask any questions. If you didn't receive it, please let me know.

Again, some of you may have received a notification from Auxdatamail, these are not SPAM messages rather automated AuxData system notifications of incomplete mission requirements. These notifications are for programs ranging from VSC, PV, instructor hours, or other required tasks. Please review them and let's try to fill those holes before year end. If you do not want to be in a program, such as PV or VE, then let us know, and we will get you removed from those programs.

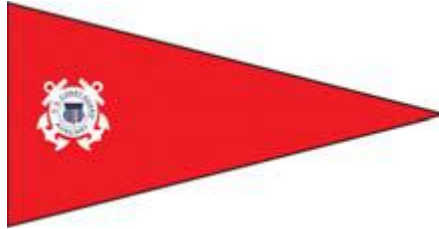
Paperwork, I can't emphasize this enough, the importance of it. Now that you all have put in your hours, please take the time to review your paperwork and let's get the credit for those hours. Those RBS (99 A -E) support hours are also used to calculate our value to the Coast Guard and the funding it receives to support the Auxiliary.

The "Fun One" needs new members to help bring fresh new ideas. We really need to push recruiting! We have lost three members due to resignations, so as you are out socializing this fall, let's try to find new members that you think will fit in with our organization and will "participate". This is critical, as we cannot have a "few" carrying the load for all.

Again, I want to thank you, the membership, for all of your hard work this year and for the opportunity to help lead us through 2012.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Vice Flotilla Commander's Message

It has been a pleasure to serve as Vice Flotilla Commander this year and I want to thank the members of Flotilla 1 for allowing me that privilege. Congratulations to Barclay Stebbins who was re-elected to serve as Flotilla Commander and Jim Westcott, Vice Flotilla Commander elect for 2012.

The high water, flooding and closure of the Missouri River this year made it very challenging for members to get the required hours on patrol to maintain their qualifications. Thank you Warren for being so willing to tow your boat to various lakes and patrol so that the members could maintain their qualifications.

Due to the weather conditions there was a decrease in the demand for vessel safety checks this year. It was very hard for members to complete the number required to maintain their qualifications. I want to thank those members who maintained their qualification.

A big thank you also goes to the members who spent many hours teaching boating safety classes, staffing public affairs events, performing duties at the Moorings and doing program visitations.

I also want to complement all our members on the way that they worked together this year to fulfill our missions. In addition to the hard work there was lots of time for fun and fellowship throughout the year. We are looking forward to having more fun at the Christmas party in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Goble, Vice Flotilla Commander

**Please remember to check out the website that is under construction at: http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=
We need your feedback concerning this site at the November meeting.**



The Weather Channel has a new series that features the Coast Guard unit based in Kodiak, Alaska. It is an elite team that risks their lives in search and rescue missions. The series premieres November 9 at 9 PM and will continue for the following eight Wednesdays.

[Read more about it http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/coast-guard-alaska »](http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/coast-guard-alaska)

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A Thank You message from COMO Smekta

Hello to all,

I want to thank you for taking the time to complete and return the survey regarding your experience at the Fall Symposium. We are reviewing the results, which will be considered for possible implementation in future symposiums.

We appreciate your many thoughtful ideas and the time it took for you to develop and present them.

Robert Smekta
Commodore, 8WR

Flotilla 33-1
Mission Statement

Flotilla 33-1, the "Fun One" is located in Omaha, Nebraska. Flotilla 33-1 is one of six other flotillas and is part of a larger organization, Division 33. Flotilla 33-1 is a diverse group of volunteers that participate in many of the key areas the Auxiliary has to offer. These include: public education programs, courtesy vessel safety checks, operations and fellowship. We get our nickname "The Fun One" from the events that we do as a group and the fellowship we have with members and other organizations. We work closely with other organizations and agencies to provide safe water education programs for kids as well as adults.



"Trust (n); meaning firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability justice etc. of another person or thing; reliance." A few simple words that mean a lot. You, the members of 33-1 have placed your trust in me to be your Vice Flotilla Commander. Thank you. I have been a member of this organization for about two years. There is still a lot I don't know, but with your help, I will do my level best to continue the good work of the Auxiliary as exemplified by the past officers of our flotilla as well as the current officers from the Commodore on down to the latest member in AP status. Again Thank YOU for your trust, as I trust that the next year will bring a better boating "season" with more time on the water, more attendees in our classes and more fellowship among the various flotillas in District 33.

Jim Westcott VFC (elect) 33-01





Updates



<http://wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=085>

Tue, 01 Nov 11 Posted by: Jerome Domann

District 8WR website has taken on a new look and a new location. On September 13, 2003 the District 8WR website was published after receiving a major overhaul. Now, 8+ years later we have again given the site a new look to keep it interesting and contemporary.

We have taken advantage of the WOW II program developed by National and the brand that goes with it. We hope you like the new look and ask for your patience as you learn to navigate the new site. Virtually all the information that was on the old site is contained in the new site, just arranged in a different order with some hyperlinks carrying new names.

The old site contained 3 sub webs - Public Information, Member Information and DirAux Information. The user will find these same titles as links in the left navigation column. Under each major hyperlink are supporting hyperlinks and, in some cases, a 3rd tier of hyperlinks. Explore each of these links to familiarize yourself with the site.

There are some unique features to this site. By selecting the About District 8WR link you will find persons to contact with inquiries plus a sub link titled Staff that provides the names of all the District leadership starting with COMO Smekta through the District Staff. If you are a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and scroll down to the Member Zone section in the left navigation column you will find a section titled Member Zone. After logging on with your EmpID and password used with the AuxDirectory you will see an expanded version of the Staff webpage that now includes each officer's e-mail address and telephone number.

There are two hyperlinks at this time that are password protected - Members Only and Coastie. They each have a circle with a line through it at the end of the hyperlink name signifying that the link is password protected. Using the same procedure as outlined in the prior paragraph to complete the Member Zone log on process the member will be able to see all password protected information.

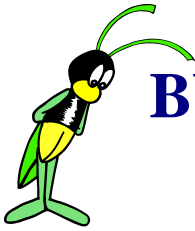
With the new look comes a new website address as well. Users are being redirected from the old site as long as it is in existence. However, please start re-establishing your Bookmarks using the new webpage addresses. Additionally, if you have not already done so, please discontinue using jdomann@mo-net.com e-mail address which was on the old website and use jdomann@centurytel.net. The old e-mail address is being discontinued along with the old web address.

Sat, 03 Sep 11

Revision of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual was approved and signed by Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, on 17 August 2011. This revised manual is now labeled Commandant Instruction M16790.1G. It supersedes the prior version of the Auxiliary Manual, Commandant Instruction M16790.1F, that was dated 18 May 2004.

A PDF version of the revised 710-page, 9.76 megabyte manual may be accessed at the following *temporary* URL: http://documents.cgaux.org/temp/Auxiliary-Manual-CIM16790_1.pdf.

This posting is in advance of a 508-compliant version that will soon be posted on the Coast Guard and Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-5421) web sites. That posting will also be announced by ALAUX. Hard copies of the Auxiliary Manual will not be made available for distribution. 3sep11



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

November Notes

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

By the Ohio DNR

Winterizing Your Boat

It's time to pull in the docks, rafts, lifts, and boats for another season. But there is more to it than just taking boats out of the water. Winterizing a boat and motor is the most important maintenance a boat owner can perform to help ensure safe boating next spring.

Whether you choose to do it yourself or have your marina or storage facility do it for you, winterizing is the best way to prepare your boat for the season to come. Regardless of where your boat is stored (inside or outside), much care is needed to protect your boat engine.

The following are some basic steps to winterize your marine engine and equipment.

- ✦ Fill the fuel tanks and add the appropriate amount of stabilizer. Run the engine long enough to get treated gas into the fuel line and engine. Left untreated over the winter, gasoline deteriorates into varnish and gum, making starting difficult.
- ✦ Flush the cooling system. (Flushing kits are available from boat dealers.) Also remove block plugs and drain all the water from inboard and inboard outdrive engines. This cleans out accumulated sediment and rust flakes. Pump in anti-freeze to avoid trapped ice pockets. Use an environmentally safe product to avoid contaminating the marine environment.
- ✦ Fog the engine with oil to prevent rust. Available in bulk or aerosol cans, fogging oil is formulated to stick to the cylinders and not slide down the walls. Follow the instructions that come with the product making sure to spray some of the oil into the cylinders through the sparkplug holes once the engine has cooled down. Check the spark plugs and replace them as necessary.
- ✦ Replace the oil and oil filter on inboard and inboard outdrive engines. Be sure to dispose of the used oil at an authorized recycling center.
- ✦ Change the lower unit gearcase lubricant on outboards and inboard/outdrive engines. Even a little water trapped in the gearcase can cause damage, especially if allowed to freeze.
- ✦ Check the props for nicks. Even slight damage can hinder performance. Worse yet, blade damage can cause vibration, damaging other engine parts and the drive system. Some damaged props can be repaired by marine dealers for a fraction of the cost of a new one.

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- ✦ Store outboards in an upright position. Consider having the water pump impeller replaced every two or three years. The rubber legs can get stiff, reducing water circulation, or they may break off, eliminating coolant flow completely.
- ✦ Spray a moisture displacing lubricant such as a silicone product onto electrical terminals and the fuse panel. Read the label to make sure the spray is safe for use on electrical components.
- ✦ Inspect steering systems, including tiller steering friction fittings on outboards. Tighten them if they're loose.
- ✦ Clean the backfire flame arrester on inboard engines with carburetor cleaner.
- ✦ Clean boats inside and out and cover when stored, even indoors. Allow for air circulation under the cover to prevent mildew.
- ✦ Drain water from the bilges and leave the transom drain plug out. It's a good idea to place a reminder note in a conspicuous place to avoid embarrassment at the boat ramp next spring.
- ✦ Hang life jackets up where they can air out.
- ✦ Examine trailer tires and grease the wheel bearings, replacing them as necessary. Check bulbs and electrical contacts on the plugs as well as sockets where the bulbs screw in. Spray contacts with a moisture displacing lubricant and wrap electrical tape around the plugs to keep them dry.
- ✦ Put the trailer on blocks and remove the tires to prolong rubber life and hinder boat thieves.
- ✦ Check the owners manual for tips that are particular to your own brand of boat, engine and trailer.

For boaters who aren't comfortable doing their own maintenance, all the procedures may be performed by a qualified marine technician at your local boat dealer. Taking a little time in the fall to get your boat and motor ready for winter means that you can be one of the first boaters out on the water next spring.



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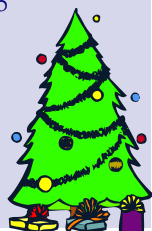
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Division 33
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78th & Cass
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