

“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

3 Dec	Division Holiday Party 1200—1400 (Old Chicago at 78th & Cass)
17 Dec	Flotilla 1 Meeting & Fellowship (George McNary's home)
16 Jan	Flotilla 1 Meeting
21 Jan	Change of Watch (Hilton Downtown Omaha)
28 Apr	Awards Dinner (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The holidays are here and we are closing out 2011. I want to take this opportunity to again thank you all for your hard work this past year. You all did a great job!

As we look forward to having a better year in 2012, I want to wish all of you a safe, happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

As we are out socializing with friends and families and meeting new people, one of our goals for the upcoming year is to retain our current strong membership and build on what we have. To do this we need to try and recruit those folks whom hold the same beliefs we do through volunteering, giving back to the community and promoting water safety. Let's see if we can find some of those folks.

As many of you know, there are too few of us trying to do a lot. This gets us going in many different directions at the same time, while trying to maintain an even balance of personal time, family time or the time to unwind. We all need that! So please keep this in mind for 2012. We are going to face a lot of challenges, and we have many things to accomplish in 2012. Both Jim and I want you to be ready and refreshed.

So relax, enjoy this holiday season, and I truly hope to see all of you at our last fellowship of the year on 17 Dec.

Again, THANK YOU for your support and great work.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
Barclay Stebbins, FC



Please remember to check out the website
that is under construction at: [http://
www.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=
We need your feedback concerning this site](http://www.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)

THANK YOU FROM THE MEMBERS OF FLOTILLA 1

George McNary has again offered his home, 2118 So. 87th Ave, Omaha, for the Flotilla Christmas Party.

The festivities will start at 1730, with a social hour, a short meeting and dinner will follow. The meat will be provided by the Flotilla. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share and your own drinks.

Please RSVP to George directly by either phone or email by December 11th. George's contact information is as follows: email - gmcnary@creighton.edu and his phone number is - 402-397-4496.

Please advise how many in your party and what side dish you will bring.





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.



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



From: Papp, Robert ADM
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 12:53 PM
Subject: The Coast Guard Ethos

Shipmates,

This message announces the release of the Coast Guard Ethos to reflect the enduring values and character of Coast Guard men and women in the active, reserve, civilian and auxiliary force. It pays homage to our long line of proud Coast Guardsmen and sets the standard for the men and women who serve today, and will serve in the future.

Earlier this year, a senior-level work group convened to examine the Guardian Ethos and determine whether adjustments were needed to make the ethos a more enduring service charge. The work group recommended minor changes to the existing language. After consulting with the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and other senior leaders, I approved the change. The resulting Coast Guard Ethos will serve as an enduring statement of the fundamental character and spirit of our Service in a way that honors our profession and affirms our distinguished heritage.

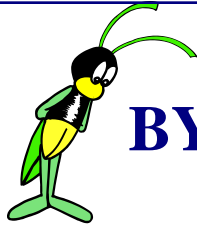
The Coast Guard Ethos: I am a Coast Guardsman. I serve the people of the United States. I will protect them. I will defend them. I will save them. I am their shield. For them I am Semper Paratus. I live the Coast Guard core values. I am proud to be a Coast Guardsman. We are the United States Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard Ethos will replace the Guardian Ethos effective December 1, 2011, at Training Center Cape May, USCGA and OCS. Coast Guard Recruiting Command will transition from existing materials as they are expended to the new Coast Guard Ethos. All Coast Guard units and offices shall discontinue use of displays and materials featuring the Guardian Ethos by July 1, 2012.

A digital version of a Coast Guard Ethos poster for local printing is available at <http://www.uscg.mil/top/about>

Stand a taut watch,

Admiral Bob Papp Master Chief Michael Leavitt
Commandant Master Chief Petty Officer of the
Coast Guard



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

December Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from the internet article:
Information for this fact sheet was provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Portable Generator Safety

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards to avoid when using them are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from improper use of portable generators.

To Avoid Carbon Monoxide Hazards:

- Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents.
- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, following manufacturer's instructions.

Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.



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To Avoid Electrical Hazards:

- Keep the generator dry. Operate on a dry surface under an open, canopy- like structure.
- Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor- rated extension cord. Make sure the entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all 3 prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as backfeeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.

If necessary to connect generator to house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install appropriate equipment. Or, your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.

To Avoid Fire Hazards:


- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers. Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliance.

**For more information contact:
The U. S. Fire Administration
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
or
Visit the USFA Web site:
www.usfa.fema.gov**

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting & Fellowship 1730 Social Hour, Dinner to follow
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting 9	17	18	19	20	21 Division 33 Change of Watch Dinner Downtown Hilton— Omaha
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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