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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 Jan	Flotilla 1 Meeting
21 Jan	Change of Watch (Hilton Downtown Omaha)
9 - 11 Mar	Spring Business Symposium in KC at the Airport Marriott
28 Apr	Awards Dinner (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The holidays are behind us and we begin a new year, 2012. I hope you all had a great Christmas and have a happy new year. It was so great to see most of you at our annual Christmas Party, meeting and fellowship. I want to again thank George and Kay for hosting this great event and hope everyone had as much fun as I did. I also hope you took my advice relaxed and enjoyed time with friends and family.

We have some things coming up right out of the box to start. The Division Change of Watch 21 Jan, our PE classes start in February and then the Awards Banquet. Many of our members have offered to help with the planning for the Fall Business Symposium that is being hosted right here in Omaha this fall. I want to thank all the members that volunteered to assist, as this is our time for our Division 33 to shine.

Many of you will start your new staff positions and I will be sending out the appointment letters and job descriptions within the next couple of weeks.

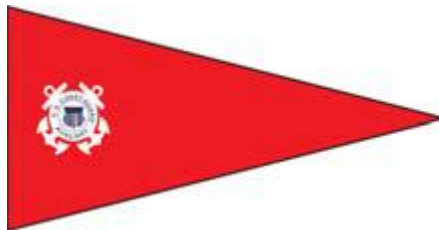
I truly look forward to working with my new VFC, Jim Westcott and the rest of you this coming year.

Again, THANK YOU for your support and great work.

Hope you all have a happy new year.
Barclay Stebbins, FC

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

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



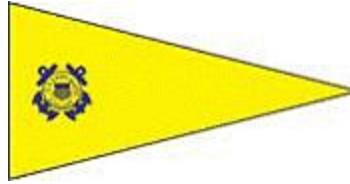
A new year is upon us and, while at this time, I have not been sworn in as the Vice Flotilla Commander, the editor of this fine instrument informs me that I have to submit something. So - - - - - with that in mind here it is.

How many of us remember that old typing exercise that goes . . . "now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country" ? Well that pretty well describes most, if not all, of the members of Flotilla 1. To those of you who have served our country in our military, thank you. The friendships that were forged will forever be a part of your makeup. That same camaraderie is evident in the Auxiliary. Our holiday parties, the teaching of the boating safety classes, along with the opportunities to help aid and assist the fine men at the USCGS GASCONADE, and other times too numerous to mention come to mind. But we can't rest on our laurels, we need more members! I challenge each and every one of you to "come to the aid of your flotilla," and bring in at least one new member in the next year. No, it won't be easy, but why should we keep the fun and good feelings to ourselves. Let's spread the good times, and remember that many hands make for light work.

Well enough of the pep talk. The new year is upon us and while the last year could have been better, our area had no loss of life and look at the money saved in fuel costs! Hopefully the Missouri River will be back to some semblance of normal in the coming year. And with a lot of luck, fuel will be available on (or near at least) the river. With safety being paramount in all that we do let me close with what the desk sergeant from the TV show 'Hill Street Blues' used to say . . . "Let's be careful out there!"

Jim Westcott, VFC Elect





Boating Safety Classes 2012

It seems like we just completed our last Nebraska state boating class, but actually that was five months ago. We are now planning the classes for 2012.

We are going into 2012 with ten certified instructors, and each and every one of them teaches. We do not have anyone who is not very active and dependable in this mission area; that really strengthens our flotilla, and enables us to teach a substantial number of classes. If you stop to think about it, we could actually have as many as three classes held on the same day at different locations.

Barclay Stebbins sent to all of you a copy of my working list of tentative class dates in 2012. The ones on that list that say Cassling, for all practical purposes are locked in stone and are a go. As we get closer to the dates I will be lining up the Instructors. The rest of the classes on that list are at places other than Cassling and are up in the air. Those sites have to be contacted to arrange a date for classes at those locations. So don't count on the dates on that list for places other than Cassling.

The plan is to have four instructors at each class and if not four at least three instructors. I discussed this with the FC. In 2012 we are not going to mail text books out in advance of the class. While I do believe that those students who did take the time to read the textbook and work the study questions did much better in class and on the test overall it did not seem to help very much. We seem to have had a lot of students who did not bother to read the book and work the study questions. Additionally it takes a lot of postage to get them ready to be mailed or to have the student to pick them up.

A final note, I will have another revision of our power point presentation available soon, which will incorporate the provisions of LB 105 (which will go into effect on January 1st).

Richard Goble, FSO-VE



Increased ODU Availability at UDC

Thu, 15 Dec 11

1. The Coast Guard Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) in Woodbine, NJ has a surplus inventory of many Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) sizes. This ALAUX is intended to make Auxiliarists aware of this opportunity to purchase multiple sets of ODUs.
2. A few sizes are not available due to high demand by Coast Guard recruit and Academy needs (as highlighted in yellow on the accompanying chart; the UDC must reserve the right to adjust uniform availabilities as needed to meet Coast Guard active duty demands).
3. UDC highly recommends that Auxiliarists speak to a UDC customer service representative for updates on available sizes and place all their orders by phone. The UDC customer service desk can be reached at (800) 874-6841 or (609) 861-1221 (web site: <http://uscg.mil/uniform>).

Division 33 Members
Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

May your days be merry and bright!

Frank Reiss
DCDR 33 8WR

COMDT'S HOLIDAY MSG - 028/11

Tue, 20 Dec 11

Shipmates,

During this very special and meaningful time of the year, Linda and I would like to thank you and your families for your continued service to the Coast Guard and our nation. Many of you are standing the watch aboard ships at sea, on stations along our coasts and waterways, and in ports. Some of you are forward deployed in combat zones in distant lands. I am sure you would rather be with your loved ones, especially during the Holidays.

But I also know that your dedication to duty and vigilance are responsible for ensuring our liberty, safety, and security. We appreciate the selfless sacrifice of your families who remain on the home front and support your ability to serve. If duty keeps you apart from your families this season, thank you for standing the watch.

If you are fortunate enough to celebrate the Holidays with your family, friends and shipmates, we encourage you to safely enjoy your time together and look out for each other. As we bring the year to a close, you continue to inspire us with honor, respect, devotion to duty.

We wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and success in the New Year.

A digital version of the Commandant's Holiday Message is available at <http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/>

Simper Paratus,

Stand a Taught Watch.
Admiral Bob Papp
Commandant





Updates



District 8WR Website - New Look and New Location

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.

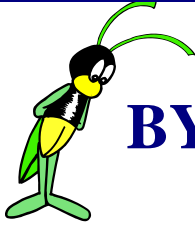
We have taken advantage of the WOW II program developed by National and the brand that goes with it. We hope you like the new look and ask for your patience as you learn to navigate the new site. Virtually all the information that was on the old site is contained in the new site, just arranged in a different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



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

January Notes

As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from an internet article:
Information for this fact sheet was provided by FEMA at: <http://www.ready.gov/winter>

Before Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 1. Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
 2. Sand to improve traction.
 3. Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 4. Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fire-place or wood-burning stove.
 5. Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

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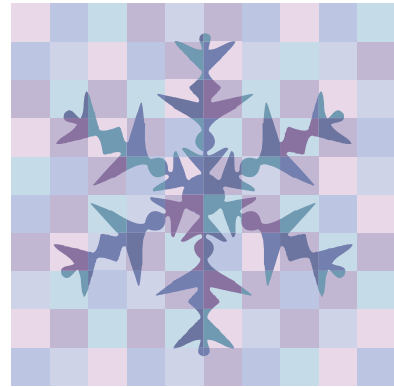
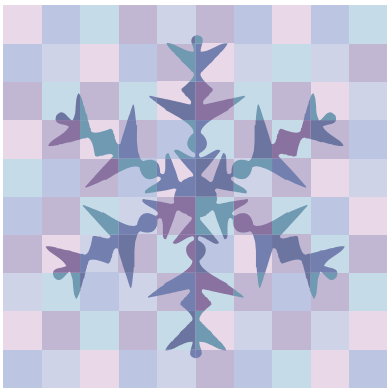
In March 2009, the FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL)* in the amount of \$17,000 to David Edward Perka, KA3PRB, of Lewisburg, Tennessee. The FCC alleges that Perka “willfully and repeatedly violat[ed] section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by operating without a license in the Maritime Radio Service and willfully violat[ed] Section 333 of the Act by maliciously interfering with the United States Coast Guard on the International Distress, Safety and Calling Channel in Annapolis, Maryland.” Perka, who admitted to the findings, requested a reduction in the forfeiture amount, based on his inability to pay, but in a [Forfeiture Order](#) released by the FCC on September 21, 2011, the Commission refused to lower the amount.

In April 2008, agents in the FCC’s Columbia Office determined that Perka operated on Marine Channel 16 (156.800 MHz), the International Distress, Safety and Calling Channel for stations operating in the Maritime Radio Service. According to the *Forfeiture Order*, even though Perka is a licensed radio amateur, he does not hold a license to operate in the Maritime Service. “The unauthorized transmissions on April 6, 2008 consisted of Perka making threatening statements to the USCG,” the FCC stated in the *Forfeiture Order*. “Perka later admitted to FCC agents that the transmissions on April 6, 2008 were intentionally transmitted to harass the USCG. The unauthorized transmissions on April 7, 2008 consisted of tones from a Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF) keypad.” In March 2009, the FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL)* in the amount of \$17,000 to Perka.

In determining whether it should lower a *Forfeiture Order*, the FCC -- as required by Section 503(b) of the Communications Act -- takes into account “the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation and, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay and other such matters as justice may require.” The FCC has determined that, in general, gross revenues are the best indicator of an ability to pay a forfeiture. The *NAL* specifically stated that a cancellation or reduction based on inability to pay will not be considered unless the petitioner provides either federal tax returns for the most recent three-year period, financial statements prepared according to generally accepted accounting practices or some other reliable and objective documentation that accurately reflects the petitioner’s current financial status.

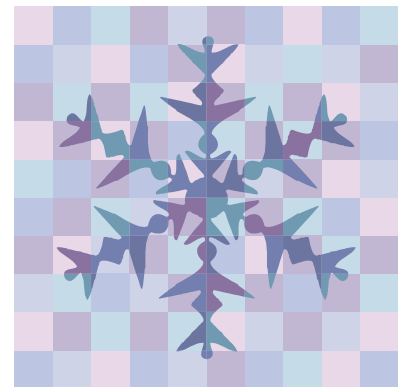
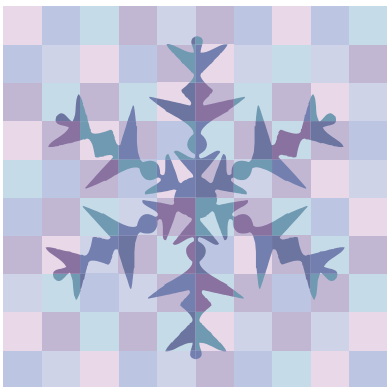
The FCC considered Perka’s response to the *NAL*, but because he did not dispute any of the findings in the *NAL*, the FCC found that Perka “willfully and repeatedly violated Section 301 and willfully violated section 333 of the Communications Act. “The only documentation Perka submitted was a single unemployment check from the State of Maryland dated April 6, 2009,” the FCC noted. “Enforcement Bureau staff provided Perka an additional opportunity to submit documentation in support of his request for a reduction based on an inability to pay. Although we have evidence that Perka received the letter, we have not received a response. We therefore have no basis for assessing Perka’s financial situation and find that a forfeiture in the amount of \$17,000 is warranted.”





Let us all thank George and Kay McNary for the use of their home for our wonderful Holiday Party. We had a great turnout for a really fun evening.

Also give yourselves a big thank you for providing meals and treats for the active duty Coast Guard personal that were stationed at the Gasconade this Holiday Season.






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	17	18	19	20	21 Division 33 Change of Watch Dinner Downtown Hilton— Omaha
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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