

“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

20 Feb	Flotilla 1 Meeting
9 - 11 Mar	Spring Business Meeting in KC at the Airport Marriott
19 Mar	Flotilla 1 Meeting
16 Apr	Flotilla 1 Meeting
28 Apr	Training & Awards Dinner (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Our first flotilla meeting for 2012 started with a steady bridge and solid crew. I was very pleased to see the number of members attending the meeting. It's difficult to emphasize the value that each member can bring by attending these meetings. One of my goals for this year is to get a 95% attendance to each meeting. I truly value each member's input and believe this will continually move our flotilla on a straight and steady course for 2012 and beyond. Also, at the meeting many of you received your appointment letters, job descriptions and certificates. Please review those job descriptions, and if you have any questions at all, (noting that there are no "stupid questions"), do not hesitate to ask me or your VFC Jim Westcott. If we don't have the answer, we can sure get it.

The following weekend we had our traditional division Change of Watch and training. The new division bridge was sworn in as well as your FC and VFC. It was a great event, and the number of Flotilla 33-1 members attending was again very much appreciated.

I was truly pleased to see the number of you attending the training. Training is a valuable tool to further understand how and why the senior leadership works to keep us on course. In addition the activities outside the flotilla many of you are involved with will enhance your knowledge of the Auxiliary and the inner workings of what keeps it going. As we move forward that knowledge, team work and ideas that can come out will only enhance the Auxiliary in helping to determine what works and what does not and how we can improve the organization.

Time management is one thing that I will continually stress. As I reminded everyone over the holidays, it is a continual balancing act. Your time is precious, and this great organization wants you at your best. If you feel that it is "consuming" you, step back and evaluate. If you feel you "bit off" a little too much never be afraid to ask for some help. Even though some members don't have "staff assignments" they are more than willing and able to assist whenever and whenever they can.

Again, it is hard to express how much I truly appreciate each and every one of you and the value you bring to this organization.

If we keep a steady lookout, and with your input, we will never get off course.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

Please remember to check out the website that is under construction at:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=

From: Papp, Robert ADM
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 9:24 AM
Subject: Shipmates 19: Respect Our Shipmates - Duty Demands Courage

Shipmates,

When I assumed duties as Commandant, I told you that Respecting Our Shipmates is one of my four guiding principles. I provided my direction on maintaining positive command climates to achieve mission excellence and set forth my expectations for the Coast Guard. I am proud that nearly all Coast Guardsmen live the Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. However, some personnel fail to adhere to this foundational standard of conduct.

Sexual assault, hazing, harassment and discrimination undermine morale, degrade readiness and damage mission performance. These and similar acts of misconduct break our obligation to one another. Each incident of sexual assault, hazing, harassment or discrimination is a deliberate act that violates law, policy and Service standards.

We will not tolerate this behavior in the Coast Guard. We will intervene to prevent or halt these acts when they are occurring. We will investigate and discipline those who have violated law and Service policy. We will insist that all of our shipmates live by our Core Values.

In most cases, another person observes or is aware of the misconduct. Let me be clear: there are no bystanders in the Coast Guard. Our duty to respect our shipmates demands each of us have the courage to take immediate action to prevent or stop these incidents from happening, whether at work or on liberty. If you become aware of an actual or suspected incident of sexual assault, hazing, harassment or discrimination, or other misconduct, your duty as a Coast Guardsman is to intervene, prevent or halt it, and report it. Failure to help a shipmate in those circumstances demonstrates a lack of courage that is contrary to our Core Values. I expect every Coast Guardsman will display the same courage in those circumstances as they would in rescuing someone in peril at sea.

America must have confidence that Coast Guard men and women understand their duty and are committed to our Service. I have confidence in the ability of every Coast Guard leader to independently and deliberately inquire into all allegations and take action that is considered and appropriate.

As Coast Guardsmen, we live by high standards of conduct and continuous devotion to duty. These are more than just words. Living by these standards and performing our duty requires personal commitment and courage. This is our duty. Our shipmates deserve nothing less.

Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge shall read this message at the next quarters or appropriate muster to ensure my expectations and intent are clear.

Stand a taut watch.

Semper Paratus,

Admiral Bob Papp
Commandant



Change of Watch pictures by Suzanne Tomlinson





Updates



2012 Spring Business Meeting - District 8WR March 9 & 10

Please call for reservations:

800 228 9290

\$80 per night - indicate with CG Aux

After registering call hotel at 816 464 2200
for any special requirements

**Kansas City Airport Marriott
775 Brasilia Ave.
Kansas City, MO**

Webinar sessions via WebEx - open to all members as follows:

Business meeting on Friday - the complete business meeting will be available again via WebEx. An invitation containing the website address and password for joining the session will be published later.

Training workshops on Saturday - the following workshops will be presented on WebEx. Invitations containing the website address and password needed to join the sessions will be published later.

- VE & OPFAC Best Practices at 0800 and again at 0915.
- OTO Workshop at 1445

Hotel note: For registrants bringing dogs, arrangements for accommodations have been made at the Chase Suites Hotel a short distance from the Marriott Airport Hotel. The phone number for the Chase Suites Hotel is 1-888-433-6171 or 1-816-891-9009. The room rate at the Chase is the same as the rate at the Marriott.

Friday Fun Night discontinued - Following the 2011 Fall Business Symposium COMO Smekta and staff surveyed District 8WR members to see if they would like to continue the Friday Fun Night or substitute some other activity in its place. The majority of responders indicated that they would like to discontinue the Friday Fun Night and replace it with training. *Accordingly, there will not be a Friday Fun Night at this Business Meeting and training is being scheduled.* With this change, members are reminded that they will be on their own for dinner on Friday night.

**PLEASE CHECK THE 8 WESTERN RIVERS WEBSITE FOR
REISTRATION FORMS AND TRAINING SCHEDULE**



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

Tread Lightly!'s Tips for Responsible Motorized Boating

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

Travel responsibly on designated waterways and launch your watercraft in designated areas.

Travel only in areas open to your type of boat.

Carry a Coast Guard approved life vest (PFD) for each person on board.

Always operate your boat at a safe speed.

Always have a designated lookout to keep an eye out for other boaters, objects and swimmers.

Never jump a wake. If crossing a wake, cross at low speeds and keep a close lookout for skiers and towables.

Comply with all signs and respect barriers. This includes speed limits, no-wake zones and underwater obstructions, etc.

Make every effort to always go boating with a partner.

Make certain your trailer is in proper working order and that your lights work and your boat is secure on the trailer before you travel to your destination.

When trailering your boat, balance your load including items stowed inside your boat.

Don't mix boating with alcohol or drugs.

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Respect the rights of others, including anglers, swimmers, skiers, boaters, divers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

Show consideration to all recreationists on and around the waters.

Be courteous to other boaters while in boat ramp areas. Launch and retrieve your boat as quickly as possible.

Keep the noise down, especially around shore.

If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Educate yourself prior to a trip by learning rules and regulations, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes and knowing how to operate your equipment safely.

Obtain charts of your destination and determine which areas are open to your type of boat.

Make a realistic plan and stick to it.

Always tell someone of your travel plans and file a float plan.

Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures and permit requirements.

Check the weather forecast for your destination. Plan clothing, equipment and supplies accordingly.

Make sure you have enough fuel and oil for the entire trip.

Make sure your owner's manual and registration are on board in waterproof containers.

Always carry a Coast Guard approved working fire extinguisher and warning flares.

Prepare for the unexpected by packing necessary emergency items.

Carry a Global Positioning System (GPS) and know how to use it.

Know distress signals and warning symbols. Know your limitations. Apply sunscreen, drink lots of water and watch your energy level.

Take a boater education course to learn more about navigating waterways and safe and enjoyable boating.

Make sure your boat is mechanically up to the task. Be prepared with tools, supplies and a spill kit.

AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

Avoid sensitive areas and operating your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.

Always launch at a designated boat ramp. Backing a vehicle on a riverbank or lakeshore can damage the area and leads to erosion.

Always travel slowly in shallow waters and avoid boating in water less than 2½ feet deep.

High speeds near shorelines lead to large wakes which cause shoreline erosion.

Sensitive areas to avoid include seasonal nesting or breeding areas.

Do not disturb historical, archeological or paleontological sites.

Avoid "spooking" wildlife you encounter and keep your distance.

Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness Areas.

DO YOUR PART

Do your part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of fuel, oil and waste, avoiding the spread of invasive species, and restoring degraded areas.

Pack out what you pack in.

Carry a trash bag and pick up litter left by others.

When fueling your boat take every precaution not to spill fuel into the water.

Be prepared. Carry a spill kit which includes absorbent pads, socks and booms.

Use a fuel collar or bib when fueling to catch drips and overflow and prevent backsplash.

Observe proper sanitary waste disposal or pack your waste out.

Before and after a trip, wash your gear, watercraft and support vehicle to reduce the spread of invasive species. Remove all plant material from watercraft, motor, trailer and other gear and dispose on dry land in a garbage container. Drain livewells, bilge water and transom wells at the boat launch prior to leaving.



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.




I want to thank all the members of our flotilla for the beautiful flowers. Barclay was kind enough to deliver them to me when I returned from the hospital. I also wish to thank everyone that came to visit me or called during and after my brief stay at Clarkson.

Barb Westcott


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MARCH 2012



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