

# **“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

14 Apr	Boating Safety Class
16 Apr	Flotilla 1 Meeting
21 Apr	Boating Safety Class
28 Apr	Training & Awards Dinner (Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln)
5 May	Boating Safety Class
16 May	Boating Safety Class
17 May	Boating Safety Class
19 May	Boating Safety Class
21 May	Flotilla 1 Meeting

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Spring has sprung; the plants are growing, and the boats are arriving in the neighborhoods. We too should be gearing up for a busy summer season. To those that are ready to start their on the water activities to finish their crew training, time to dust off the crew manual, find the links to help with tying knots and get ready. For those that are doing operations and need your ops workshop (mandatory), it will be conducted 28 APR 12, in Lincoln as a workshop for the awards and training weekend.

Some members have started doing VSC while others have conducted numerous marine dealer visits, and the students are filling our classrooms. Other members are expanding their own training via on-line classes and some attending training. We have two PE classes scheduled this month. Our most recent count indicates that we have a full class for 14 APR and we have 15 scheduled for 21 APR. Pete has the final draft of our new flotilla brochure and will have copies for our next meeting. We are hitting it from all points on the compass; great work to you all.

We are in the process of adding a new member this month so our growth continues.

You all are doing great work; let's keep it going.

Finally, a big happy 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and congratulations to Richard and Jean Goble; that's terrific. We are proud and honored to have you both as members of the Auxiliary and our flotilla.

Keep a steady lookout, stay sharp, and we will never get off course.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

Please remember to check out the website at:  
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)



My job as:  
Communication Services Officer  
Barb Westcott

The FSO-CS is essentially the flotilla's *webmaster* and the organization's *web watcher* who exercises staff responsibility and supervision over electronic communication services. This officer will create and maintain a Flotilla website that is in full compliance with Auxiliary web policies and will maintain personal e-mail and Internet access. The officer will foster an interest in electronic communication among the members and will encourage and facilitate the use of electronic communication throughout the Flotilla. He or she will maintain close liaison with the Division Staff Officer of Communication Services ( SO-CS ) and will coordinate and cooperate with the FSO-PB and FSO-PA to ensure that both electronic and print media are used to their fullest extent in providing information to the Auxiliary membership and to the boating public. The FSO-CS will keep a regular Internet vigil as *web watcher* all Auxiliary E-mail NETS and the Auxiliary National Website ( C GAUXWEB ) for important information to disseminate to members in a timely manner. The officer will attend flotilla meetings and report on official information obtained from the web to members who do not have access to electronic media. Other duties outlined in the Auxiliary Member Manual and Flotilla Procedures Manual should also be followed. In addition, due to the dynamic nature of the electronic communications industry, the future AOR of this office may experience changes requiring the officer to be flexible with regard to those changes which may be passed on down through the chain of leadership.

From : <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/training/org/flot-officers.asp>

## Mission Statement of the USCG Auxiliary

<http://cgaux.org/about.php>

The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. We will balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.

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

**From:** [Bruce Johnson DIR-B](#)

**To:** [rbs-alerts@bdept.cgaux.org](mailto:rbs-alerts@bdept.cgaux.org)

**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2012 7:59 AM

**Subject:** [RBS-Alerts] A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats temporarily out-of-stock at ANSC

RBS Teammates:

Demand for the Coast Guard publication, *A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats*, has been very heavy this spring and the supply in the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) has been exhausted. This publication, ANSC#3006, contains information about federal boating laws, equipment requirements, and safety recommendations for recreational vessels. Loaded with charts, graphics, and diagrams, this brochure covers navigational rules, cold water survival, life jacket requirements and America's Waterway Watch information. It is particularly useful in support of public education, vessel examinations, program visitation, and public affairs missions.

A new supply is anticipated at ANSC in mid-July. In the meantime you are urged to check within your flotilla or division to see if there are supplies of this publication that can be re-distributed.

Available online at the [Coast Guard Boating Safety Division website](#).

Thank you for your understanding.

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**Bruce Johnson, DIR-B**  
Director for RBS Outreach  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



***The below paragraph is being forwarded from a very recent message distributed by the National Staff HX (Uniform Division).***

"As I make my observation of uniform and the uniform presentations put on by Aux. members, I don't think the message is getting out (no bad uniforms). I just attended a D-Train and a female member of H - department was wearing two big hoop earrings, collar devices with shoulder boards, and black slip-on shoes. Was I the only one to see her? The member conducting the uniform class didn't have his facts in order it was more Hear say."

Wearing of the USCG uniform is an honor and a duty. Wearing the USCG uniform with Auxiliary devices and insignia proudly and correctly demonstrates our willingness to go the extra step. Chapter 10 of the USCG Auxiliary Manual is not long, difficult to understand, or tough to follow, but apparently some of our members, and the flotilla, division, and District officers elected to lead them, do not take proper wear of the uniform seriously.

Please pass this message to the Division Staff Officers for Human Resources in your District, and ask them to forward to the Flotilla HR and Commanders within their Division. Proper wear of the USCG Auxiliary uniform is our way to show our respect for the "gold side", as well as our own pride in what we are doing. If a member does not desire to wear the appropriate USCG Auxiliary uniform properly, they may wear the USCG Auxiliary polo and slacks for meetings, but not operational activities.

Monthly Uniform Notes:

1. USCG Auxiliary aviators wearing flight suits are to wear undershirts, the colour of which is designated by the orders issuing authority (OIA) (usually the Commander of the Air Station). If the OIA has not designated a colour to be worn, either a white or CG blue t-shirt will be worn. Ch 10, H.5.a)
2. Women may wear one pair of gold, silver, or pearl earrings which should be small (maximum 1/4 inch) and of the round ball style....Dangling and hoop earrings are prohibited while in uniform. (Ch. 10, paragraph C.3.h)
3. Men will not wear earrings in USCG Auxiliary uniforms. No articles, jewelry, or studs other than those specified for women shall be through or attached to the ear, nose, tongue, or other visible body part while in uniform. (Ch. 10. paragraph C.3.h).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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## MEMORANDUM

From: *E. A. Kvistad*  
E. A. Kvistad, CWO  
CGD EIGHT (dwa-wr)

Reply to OTO  
Attn of:

To: District Eight Western Rivers (D8WR) Boat Crew Program Members

Subj: NATIONAL OPERATIONS WORKSHOP 2012

Ref: (a) Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)  
(b) Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, COMDTINST M16794.51 (series)

1. Previously, D8WR mandated the annual delivery of a National Operations Workshop to all boat crew program members prior to June 30th in order to maintain currency for certification.
2. The purpose of this mandated National Operations Workshop was to provide refresher training in operations principles and procedures from a national perspective.
3. However, the latest revision to ref (a) removed DIRAUX authority to mandate this workshop. Consequently, in accordance with Article 8.B.1.g of ref (a), the **National Operations Workshop** is no longer mandatory for AUXDATA entry, currency maintenance, or as a prerequisite for assignment to duty.
4. However, Article 4.A.4 of ref (b) does authorize the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) to require additional training based on local operational considerations, prior to assigning a certified member to boat crew duty.
5. I have received concurrence from both Sector Upper Mississippi River (SUMR) and Sector Lower Mississippi River (SLMR) in support of annual mandatory operations refresher training prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> that will reflect local operational considerations.
6. All certified boat crew program members are required to attend the **D8WR Operational Workshop** prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. Failure to attend the workshop prior to the deadline will result in suspension of the member's certification (REWK) rendering them ineligible for assignment to boat crew duty.
7. This new workshop format will incorporate OIA specific concerns and information, as well as DIRAUX, District, Divisional, and Flotilla level items unique to each echelon.



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8. Each level of leadership is encouraged to contribute to the development of this Operations Workshop as necessary to produce a high quality event relevant to the professional development of the members of the boat crew program in D8WR.

9. I will work with the members of the Boat Crew Advisory Board (BCAB) and both OIAs to promulgate the annual core topics to be covered in the refresher operations workshop. Division leaders will add items specific to their Division and then Flotilla leaders may do the same for topics unique to their Flotilla operations.

10. These topics may include information necessary for safe operations in their Area of Responsibility, specific procedures or best practices, and recommendations for more efficient operations to achieve greater operational impact. Items may be added to the training agenda but **never** removed. Additionally, any items added must conform to established COMDT, District, DIRAUX, and OIA standards.

11. The D8WR Operations Workshop may be delivered at the Flotilla level by any certified boat crew program member to include Boat Crew Members, Coxswains, Personal Watercraft Operators and Qualification Examiners. The presenter **must** be currently certified by DIRAUX and current in TCT.

12. Additionally, the Flotilla trainer is required to receive the D8WR Operations Workshop from their Division SO-OP or designated Division level certified boat crew program trainer before delivering training to the Flotilla on their own. Any designated Flotilla trainer who must travel more than 50 miles one way to the Division training may attend the workshop via WebEx in a manner that allows them full participation in the training session, to include review of any slides presented.

13. Additionally, this training shall be held in groups of no smaller than three students to facilitate meaningful exchange of information, experiences and observations.

14. Student rosters shall continue to be used and forwarded through the Chain of Leadership (COL) for entry into AUXDATA for tracking purposes. SO-OPs shall coordinate with the DSO-IS as required for data entry as well as provide monthly progress reports to the District Captains through their COL for their Divisions. Members who have already received the National Operations Workshop training shall receive full credit for this currency maintenance cycle.

15. The updated slides for the D8WR Operations Workshop will be posted to the D8WR Aux Web Site no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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SUMR  
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D8WR AUX Web Site





## Coast Guard Appreciation Luncheon at Grandville Assisted Living with the crew of the Gasconade



Photos by Jim Westcott



# **BY THE INFORMATION BUG**

## APRIL 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**

**<http://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>**

Pictures in this article are courtesy of ready.gov.



## **Tornadoes**

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

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## *Before a Tornado*

To begin preparing, you should **build an emergency kit** and make a **family communications plan**.

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.

Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.

Look for the following danger signs:

Dark, often greenish sky

Large hail

A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)

Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

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## **Tornado Facts**

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.

They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.

The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.

The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but may vary from stationary to 70 mph.

Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.

Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.

Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.

Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.

Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.

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## Know the Terms

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Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:

**Tornado Watch** - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

**Tornado Warning** - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Boating Safety Class at Cassling
15	16 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 Boating Safety Class at Midlands Hospital
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Division 33 Training and Awards Dinner in Lincoln
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Boating Safety Class @ Bass Pro Council Bluffs
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Boating Safety Class @ Hats Off Marine & Motor Sports Bellevue	17 Boating Safety Class @ Hats Off Marine & Motor Sports Bellevue	18	19 Boating Safety Class @ Cassling
20	21 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
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