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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

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
16 Jun	Boating Safety Class
23 Jun	Boating Safety Class
30 Jun	Flotilla Fellowship & Meeting

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Want to see more pictures?
Please remember to check out the website at:
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I want to thank all the flotilla members that were able to attend the training and those that stayed for the awards banquet. We had a good showing and those of you that were there had the opportunity to see the results of all our efforts for 2011. Great job to all of you; these results show what happens when we all get done what needs to be done and a little more.

Here is a summary of our 2011 accomplishments and award winners:

Coast Guard Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ralph F. Tomlinson 33-01	8 WR Awards Compass Rose Ralph Tomlinson – 33-01
Strike Force Instruction Ralph Tomlinson, 33-01 Suzanne Tomlinson, 33-01 2500 Club Richard S. Goble, 33-01 5000 Club Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-01 Ralph F. Tomlinson, 33-01 Suzanne H. Tomlinson, 33-01	Apple Award Barclay Stebbins, 33-01 Bernard L. McNary, 33-01 George W. McNary, 33-01 Warren W. Koehler, 33-01 Richard S. Goble, 33-01 Norma J. Goble, 33-01 Thomas Spieker, 33-01 James E. Westcott, 33-01
Outreach Award Ralph F. Tomlinson, 33-01 Commodore's Award Flotilla 33-01 Barclay Stebbins, FC Instructor of the Year Ralph Tomlinson, 33-01	Lead Instructor, 50 or More Hours Richard S. Goble, 33-01 Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-01 George W. McNary, 33-01 Instructor of the Year – Runner Up Suzanne Tomlinson, 33-01
Weighted Points – 125 but less than 250 Norma J. Goble, 33-01 Warren W. Koehler, 33-01 George W. McNary, 33-01 James E. Westcott, 33-01	Best Flotilla – Program Areas Flotilla 33-01, Barclay Stebbins, FC Public Education/Member Training Top Flotilla Flotilla 33-01, Barclay Stebbins, FC

Thanks to all of your efforts, we had a great 2011. Let's not stop; keep up the great work for 2012!

As I was writing this article, I saw an article in the paper where there was a power boat vs. sailboat accident on Branch Oak Lake; several injuries. We need to keep promoting the PE classes during our VSC and other forums to emphasize the importance of taking a class.

Again, thank you all for your hard work and continued dedication to our mission.

Barclay Stebbins, FC



Pictures by Jim & Barb Westcott



Master Chief Smith presenting
COAST GUARD
MERITORIOUS TEAM
COMMENDATION
to Norma Newton,
Jim Westcott, & Mary Poe



Pictures by Jim & Barb Westcott

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK -014/12

1. FYI:

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

From: Office of the Secretary
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:31 AM
Subject: PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

May 8, 2012

Dear Colleagues:

This week is Public Service Recognition Week, a celebration of the service and contributions that public servants make to our country every day.

As DHS employees, you know firsthand the value of public service and its importance to our mission. Over the past year, DHS employees continued to demonstrate this ethic of service in remarkable ways, from our historic response to 99 federally-declared disasters, to our unprecedented efforts to secure our borders, to our advances in protecting our nation's transportation networks and critical infrastructure.

This work would not be possible without your commitment and sacrifice. For many of you, it has meant long hours, time away from your families, and demanding work environments. Please know that I am personally grateful for your hard work, contributions, and commitment to our mission.

I hope you will join me in honoring your colleagues and all those who serve our nation through their service. Thank you again.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Secretary

Save Our Waterways! Unscooped Dog Poop Pollutes!

Dog poop enters U.S. waterways by the ton, bringing with it many parasites that can sicken humans. Either scoop the poop -- or hire a company that does, like DoodyCalls.

It's bad enough having to see dog poop on sidewalks and other public byways where inconsiderate sleazeballs have chosen not to pick up after their pets. Imagine having to swim in it.

The 78.2 million dogs now living in the United States produce ten million tons of feces every year. That's 30,000 tons a day -- enough to fill 267,500 tractor trailers, according to a press release issued by the Virginia-based [pet-waste pickup service DoodyCalls](#).

"If those 18-wheelers where lined up bumper to bumper, the caravan would stretch 3,800 miles!" the press release reads. "That's the distance from Seattle to Boston, with a 750-mile detour through Oklahoma!"

For those who say, "So what? Dog doo is organic and actually enriches the soil as it degenerates, like any other animal manure," DoodyCalls says: Not so fast, you excrement apologists.

"Dog waste is an environmental pollutant. According to the EPA, dog waste is considered non-point-source pollution," reads the DoodyCalls infographic accompanying the release. "Bacteria, worms, and other parasites thrive in waste, eventually washing away into the water supply. ... Two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within twenty miles to swimming and shell fishing."

The infographic also warns that the longer dog poop stays on the ground, the greater the chance of contamination. Parasites commonly contained in dog feces include heartworms, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, parvovirus, giardia, salmonella, and *E. coli*. Many of these parasites can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick. Roundworm, in particular, can remain infectious for years in contaminated soil or water.

"People should pick up after their dog or hire someone to do it for them," the company's cofounder, Jacob D'Aniello, told the [New York Daily News](#). His company is willing to take on that task, because "we have yet to find a city in America where people love picking up poop."

D'Aniello, who founded DoodyCalls with his wife about twelve years ago, told the Daily News that along with scooping their pets' leavings, owners should avoid going for walkies near creeks, rivers, and other waterways.

Because someday you might want to go for a swim.

From Dogster.com

“Go Fishing Omaha”

Pictures by Jim & Barb Westcott



“Water Safety With OPS Students”

Pictures by Jim & Barb Westcott





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

MAY 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

www.pacificpowerboating.com/Articles/Kevo0508Web.pdf

National Boating Safety Month

May is National Boating Safety Month. Every year, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) and the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) encourage recreational boaters to have their vessels inspected for safety. This vessel safety check (VSC) is available at no charge.

As a boating instructor, I feel it is important to practice what I preach. Our vessel *Her Way* received her vessel inspection on Feb. 15. So... what does a “vessel safety check” mean, and why should I get one, you ask?

Getting a vessel safety check means “boating smart from the start.” (To get info on getting a VSC go to www.safetyseal.net.) It’s not just about having the necessary safety gear onboard in case of emergencies. It’s also about knowing where all that gear is and ensuring that everything is in good working order after the winter season.

In addition to doing the safety check, the vessel examiner will discuss upgrading existing equipment, adding optional equipment such as ground tackle and VHF radios and give updates on new requirements for safe boating. This year I learned that flare guns should only be used if the vessel is at least two miles from shore. This is to prevent fires in hard-to-reach areas of the Delta and makes a lot of sense to me

It should be noted that getting a VSC is voluntary and is not a “boarding” by law enforcement. No citations are ever given for safety infractions. Upon passing the test, you will receive a signed checklist of what was inspected and a sticker to be placed on the port side of your vessel. Although having this sticker will not prevent law enforcement or CG from boarding your vessel, it will give a good first impression.

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A typical VSC involves the following:

- Display of numbering or documentation
- Personal flotation devices (PFDs)
- Visual distress signal (coastal only)
- Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire flame control
- Sound-producing device
- Marpol (marine pollution) trash placard
- Marine sanitation devices
- Navigation lights
- Overall vessel condition
- As applies: Deck free of hazards, electrical/fuel systems, galley/heating systems



MAY 2012



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
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Boating Safety Class @ Cassling
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Boating Safety Class @ Valley Marine
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Flotilla Fel- lowship & Meeting @ Bar Stebbins