

# **“The Fun One”**

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**Flotilla 33-1**

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**On Facebook we are found at:  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 Jun	Boating Safety Class
23 Jun	Boating Safety Class
30 Jun	Flotilla Fellowship & Meeting
14 Jul	Boating Safety Class
16 Jul	Flotilla 33-01 Meeting

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



We had a busy May with all of the PA activities, PE classes and promoting National Safe Boating Week. Thank you all for your hard work and stepping up to fulfill the need to support these vital activities.

As we continue to move forward through June, we still need to get our MT sessions completed, as well as work on boat crew training and refresher activities. If you are coxswain or crew, you must have the OPS workshop and TCT refresher completed. If you have not yet completed these, contact Ralph Tomlinson to get them scheduled.

We will soon start on-water activities, so continue working on the knots and review your other dockside activity requirements. Things such as phonetic alphabet for communications, numeric enunciation for GPS/location and the GAR form. These are a few of the other activities that you all need to be working with when we are on the water.

VEs need to get out and get those examinations completed. While conducting those examinations, discuss our other water safety and education programs.

Flotilla members continue to work with the Division Planning Committee for the District Fall Business Meeting being held here in Omaha 20 – 23 September 2012. This is something that happens for our division about every 10 or so years. We will be asking flotilla members to assist with support activities once we get all the plans finalized. This is a huge activity and undertaking for the division; we want to make it the best ever and one the district won't soon forget.

I look forward to seeing you all at our June fellowship at my residence 30 Jun 12 starting at 1600. Contact George McNary for food and other things needed for the fellowship. Also, please review the flotilla website for updates to the calendar as well as other happenings and information.

Again, thank you all for your hard work and continued dedication to our missions. You are all doing a fantastic job!

Barclay Stebbins, FC

## VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Surprise . . . I really can type. Since my election to the position of vice flotilla commander, the editor of this fine publication has been after me to contribute something. So here it is.

Having been in the Auxiliary only a short time has been a learning experience. While there are similarities between the sheriff's boat patrols and the Auxiliary's policies/procedures, there are many differences. Acronyms being only one of many. I am relatively confident that F-U-B-A-R doesn't stand for Found Under Bridge And Resting! Oh well, still learning AND I don't owe Frank a quarter!

As we are all painfully aware, last year's boating experience was virtually non-existent, and until the marinas and boat ramps on the Missouri River are put back into order, it appears that this year's 'season' will be curtailed. Accessibility to the river and (perhaps as important, if not more so) the availability of fuel will continue to limit boating traffic on the big muddy. This may not be a bad thing. In 28 years as a member of the sheriffs' boat patrol, I was fairly confident as to the location of the river's channel, but it has no doubt changed somewhat. Many of the lesser experienced boaters out there will be surprised as to the power of the river in regards to the channel, sand bars, river banks as well as a myriad of lesser but still important experiences that will pop up to confront their skills. The next few months may prove to be interesting.

Congratulations to all of the District 33's members who were given awards at the last district meeting in Lincoln. I am well aware of the hard work and dedication needed to garner the certificates. It is my opinion that the district's IT dude needed a special certificate for the work needed to gather (and in some cases understand what is meant by them) the forms/information used to determine who gets what, so thanks for the effort Bar.

Don't forget to gather at the Casa de Stebbins for 33-1's triple-F night. Oh yeah, that would be Fun – Food – Fellowship, and I still don't owe Frank a quarter ;^)

Jim Westcott

VFC 33-1



**The following information is from the 8WR District's WOW site at :**

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=085&category=1319455649>

## **Hot Weather Policy**

### **District Eighth Western Rivers Policy**

"All Auxiliarists on board vessel facilities, during an ordered mission, shall wear the Working or Undress uniform, Hot Weather uniform (when authorized), or the Jump suits appropriate to the climate. In areas where required, survival suits shall be substituted for the uniform. Auxiliarists, when considered appropriate, should replace the insignia of their current or highest past office with the member device. The uniform selection is the coxswain's choice and it should be the same for all crew members."

"For VEs, the Polo shirt is authorized for wear as an optional uniform shirt worn as part of the Undress Blue Summer (Bravo), Working Blue, Operational Dress (OD), - Examiners and Hot Weather uniform. The shirt is not authorized for wear on patrol and no insignia, name tags or breast devices shall be worn with the shirt. Headgear (when) wearing the Polo shirt) shall not display office insignia, embroidered oak leaves or acorns on the ball cap visor or sun hat. The AUXCEN carries the only shirt authorized. The VE shirt may be worn with civilian attire."

"The word uniform implies consistency and conformance to certain standards."

"The Hot Weather Outfit is appropriate in locations where humidity and high temperatures cause physical discomfort for personnel performing outdoor activities. This outfit is similar to the standard work uniforms described earlier in this chapter, except the standard Working Blue (ODU) utility trousers or ODU trousers are modified into shorts hemmed 1-4 inches above the knee. Local prescribing authorities may authorize use of the Coast Guard blue crew neck T-shirt stenciled with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the front left chest in white ¾ inch tall block-style letters. When T-shirts are authorized, then all must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance. This uniform is considered an optional work uniform and falls under the same guidelines as the Working Blue or OD uniform for traveling to and from work.

One of two shirts\* may be worn, either the standard Coast Guard light blue (Air Force) shirt or the standard Coast Guard dark blue short sleeve shirt. Shirts must be worn tucked into the shorts. The optional VE shirt may be worn when conducting vessel safety checks.

Modified standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers hemmed 3-6 inches above the knee are worn. A black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem. Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.

Shoes may be dark brown boat/deck shoes with nonskid/nonmarking soles or all white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/nonmarking soles.

Metal collar or sew-on devices are worn with this outfit.

This outfit is worn with breast insignia, qualification devices and name tags (unless the Auxiliarist is wearing a PFD). Ribbons are not worn. Sew-on nametape, "USCG Auxiliary" tape and coxswain insignia, if earned, are authorized on the Coast Guard dark blue shirt.

The Auxiliary sun hat without insignia or a unit baseball cap with member pin-on or sew-on device or a blue working utility cap with the miniature garrison cap device centered above the visor."

**\*Reference source: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (AUXMAN), COMDTINST M16790.1F, Chapter 10 District 8WR Hot Weather Uniform Guide published 26 June 2007.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



### Fall Business Meeting in Omaha on 21 - 22 September

Want to be the best dressed member at your flotillas next picnic? Well you can . . . Each and every member who dedicates 4 hours (or more) working as a greeter/server/clean up in the hospitality room will be given both the anchor style bar towel as well as the nifty looking apron for their use and to take home with them!

In order to qualify for both of these really nifty items, contact Barb Westcott at [barbwestcott@cox.net](mailto:barbwestcott@cox.net) prior to 01/Sept/2012 (after all some time is needed to embroider the designs on the towels/aprons isn't it!).



# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

## **JUNE Notes**

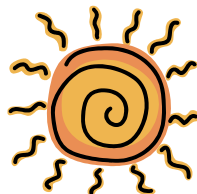
As this section is not just for boating, here is some information from an internet article:

**Information for this fact sheet was provided by :**

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/safety-tips-staying-cool-preventing-heat-illness-aid/story?id=13725498>

### **11 Tips for Staying Cool This Summer**

- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.
- Pay attention to your hydration status, and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres are air conditioned.
- Avoid hot enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children unattended in a car parked in the sun.
- Use a fan, if available.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.
- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body, while alcoholic drinks can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.



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## **8 Signs of Heat Exposure**

- Heavy sweating. But if heat stroke sets in, the body can no longer compensate and stops sweating.
- Pale skin
- Muscle cramps
- Feeling tired and weak
- Altered mental status (confusion or disorientation)
- Headache
- Becoming semi-conscious, or passing out.
- Nausea or vomiting

## **6 First Steps to take After Recognizing Heat-Induced Illness**

- Call 911.
- Get the person out of the sun and into a cool area. An air-conditioned area is ideal, but moving someone into the shade will also help.
- Apply water to help the person cool off.
- Apply ice to the neck or armpits, where large blood vessels are close to the surface.
- Remove any heavy clothing
- Immerse the body in cool water, either at a swimming pool or in a bathtub.





George McNary  
presenting the  
Colors



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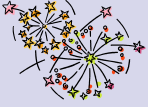
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Boating Safety Class @ Cassling
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Boating Safety Class @ Valley Marine
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Flotilla Fellowship & Meeting @ Bar Stebbins' residence

# JULY 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Boating Safety Class @ Cassling
15	16 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				