

# **“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

8 Dec	Division Christmas Party at Old Chicago, 78th & Cass, Omaha
15 Dec	Flotilla 1 Meeting & Holiday Social at George & Kay McNary's
12 Jan	COW Fremont Country Club
21 Jan	Flotilla 1 Meeting

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



Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be at the helm of the Fun One for the last two years! I have learned a lot about myself and all of you during this time. The best part was finding ways to support you and getting the things done to make all of you successful in your missions. When you succeed, we all succeed. I cannot say enough about all of your accomplishments this year. You had numerous challenges with boat crew training activities, all of the PA, PE events and the activities involved with the fall business meeting. Your hard work brought great success to all of our missions, and we had a lot of fun.

As I stated last month, a new year is rapidly approaching. The new bridge begins the tedious tasks from filling staff positions to SWOT analysis. If you have a preference for a staff position, let your new bridge know. These positions are important as they provide a center point for the chain of leadership to work through. Some of these will take on new roles and tasks as the Coast Guard and Auxiliary redefine and expand our support roles in boating safety. Those staff positions are also very important as they give, you, the member, tasks that keep you continually involved in Auxiliary activities. Also, it may provide you an opportunity to have input on how to improve a specific function. You are the folks that can help shape and drive this organization to the next level.

On a sad note, Alyse transferred out of our Flotilla due to the challenge of working with Zak and his new flotilla and trying to participate in ours. It just presented too many difficult challenges. She has transferred to Division 9, Flotilla 7 (Arsenal Island) to join Zak. We wish them both the very best in accomplishing their goals within the Auxiliary.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Please take the time to review your paperwork and get those hours submitted. Also, take the time to relax and enjoy your friends and family.

Again, a big thanks to all of you for all your hard work and support. It has been fun.

Barclay Stebbins, FC



Flotilla 33-01 members along with members of the crew of the USCGC Gasconade participated at the "Career on Wheels" event at Chandlerview Elementary School in Bellevue.



Jim Westcott, VFC  
and his niece



Gasconade crew members  
Roll & Foster



Westcott with Roll & Foster  
at the  
US Coast Guard table

Want to see pictures of our flotilla, division  
or district?  
Please remember to check out the website at:  
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)

Pictures by Pete Peterson



Division 33, 8th Western Rivers Region  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Christmas Celebration  
Saturday, December 8, 2012  
Old Chicago \* 78th & Cass  
12:00—14:00

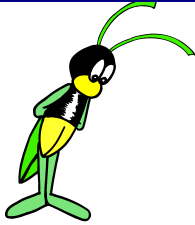


Appetizers Provided  
Full Menu Available  
Cash Bar

Members, active duty, family, and  
friends are welcome! RSVP not  
required but requested so that ample  
food is available for all to enjoy!

You may if you wish bring a gift/  
take a gift (\$25 limit) - optional!





## ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

### DECEMBER 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.erh.noaa.gov/box/boating.htm>

## **Safe Boating Weather Tips**

### **You know the weather...**

It can be both friend and foe. Calm winds and seas make for enjoyable power boating, waterskiing, and fishing. A fresh breeze and a light chop provide an invigorating sailing or wind surfing experience. But the sudden emergence of dark clouds, shifting and gusty winds, torrential downpours and lightning can turn a day's pleasure into a nightmare of distress. Here are some tips on how to keep your pleasure and safety to a maximum.

### **Plan for boating fun...**

Several days ahead of time start listening for the National Weather Service extended 5-day outlooks on NOAA Weather Radio, AM/FM radio, and TV. The outlooks give general information to help you decide whether or not to continue making plans.

### **Before setting out...**

Pay close attention to the TV weathercast and listen to detailed marine weather forecasts on NOAA Weather Radio. Take note of small boat cautionary statements, Small Craft Advisories, or Gale or Storm Warnings in the forecasts. The Advisories and Warnings (see definitions) alert mariners to higher winds and waves either occurring now or forecast to occur up to 24 hours from now. Advisories and Warnings for conditions expected later give mariners time to take action to protect life and property.

### **After setting out...**

Don't touch that dial! Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio. You know the weather -it changes! The change often occurs out of your sight and may be headed your way. Updated warnings and forecasts are aired immediately on NOAA Weather Radio, alerting you to changes that may require action on your part. But you can help yourself... It's up to YOU!

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### **While on the water, stay alert...**

Check NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts for latest warnings and forecasts.

### **Watch for signs of approaching storms:**

dark, threatening clouds which may foretell a squall or thunderstorm.

a steady increase in wind or sea.

lightning flashes.

An increase in wind opposite in direction to a strong tidal current may lead to steep waves capable of broaching a boat.

Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.

If a thunderstorm is approaching, head for shore if possible. Get out of your boat and away from the water. Find shelter immediately.

If a thunderstorm catches you while afloat, remember that gusty winds and lightning pose a threat to safety.

put on your personal flotation device and prepare for rough seas.

stay below deck if possible.

keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.

don't touch more than one grounded object (a shortcut for electrical surges passing through the protection system).



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## Radio Tips

If you have a VHF transceiver with built-in NOAA Weather Radio channels, use them. If your VHF radio is not equipped with weather channels, you may want to buy a VHF weather radio - they're readily available. Keep in mind, however, broadcast reception varies with the location of you and the transmitter, the quality of the radio, and any obstructions. A broad, average range is 20 to 40 miles. If you venture beyond that range, you should consider buying a good quality HF single sideband transceiver to add to your VHF. It may be more expensive, but it is worth it to be able to get the information that may save your life and property. Weather Information Broadcasts

## Weather Information Broadcasts\*

### Source Frequencies

NOAA Weather Radio (continuous broadcasts)	162.400 MHz 162.475 MHz 162.550 MHz
Coast Guard Marine Information Stations	Selected frequencies within the MF/HF marine bands: 2-20 MHz
Coast Guard NAVTEX	518 kHz
Coast Guard VHF(Channel 22A)	157.1 MHz
National Institute of Standards and Technology	2.5 MHz 5 MHz
Time and Frequency Stations WWV and WWVH	10 MHz 15 MHz 20 MHz

### Commercial AM and FM Radio Stations

\*See Marine Weather Service Charts listed under "You Need This..." and other publications for specific locations, schedules, and frequencies.





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## Definitions

**Small Craft Advisory:** Observed or forecast winds of 18 to 33 knots - Small Craft Advisories may also be issued for hazardous sea conditions or lower wind speeds that may affect small craft operations. Issued up to 12 hours ahead of conditions. (There is no legal definition of the term "small craft".)

**Gale Warning:**\* Observed or forecast winds of 34 to 47 knots.

**Storm Warning:**\* Observed or forecast winds of 48 knots or greater.

**Tropical Storm Warnings:**\* Observed or forecast winds of 34 to 63 knots associated with a tropical storm.

**Hurricane Warning:**\* Observed or forecast winds of 64 knots or higher associated with a hurricane.

**Special Marine Warning:** Observed or forecast winds of 34 knots or more associated with a squall or thunderstorm and expected to last for 2 hours or less.

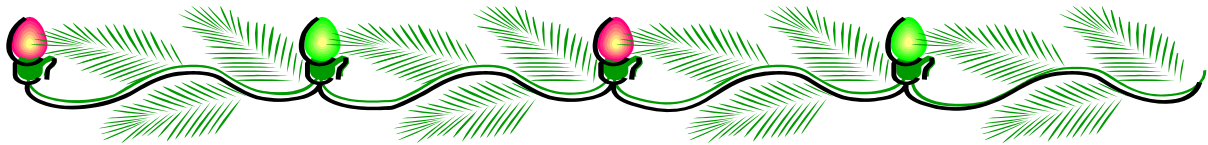
\*Issued up to 24 hours ahead of conditions.


Contact the National Weather Service  
office nearest you for the following brochures:

A Mariner's Guide to Marine Weather Services  
NOAA Weather Radio



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Division 33 Christmas Celebration At Old Chicago 78th & Cass
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting & Fellowship 1730 Social Hour, Dinner to follow
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# JANUARY 2013

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 COW Dinner and Training at the Fremont Country Club
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		