

“The Fun One”

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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12 Jan	COW Fremont Country Club
21 Jan	Flotilla 1 Meeting
18 Feb	Flotilla 1 Meeting
18 Mar	Flotilla 1 Meeting
15 Apr	Flotilla 1 Meeting
20 Apr	Division Meeting and Training Mahoney State Park

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Please remember to check out the website at:
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As I sit here wondering just what the heck I got myself into by joining this organization (thanks Bernie), and as the FSO-PB is hounding me to write something (thanks Barb), who comes to my aid but Herb Angell (thanks Herb).

As we are all well aware, our primary function is recreational boating safety, aiding and assisting the gold side and having fun (my personal favorite). Well last year we were able to help the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in at least the educational function of the RBS side. The 50 boating safety instructors taught an impressive 110 boating safety classes. Wow you say, nay say I. I say GREAT because those 50 instructors were able to bring RBS to the forefront of 2,502 current and future boaters. BUT . . . there is still more work to be done.

In 2012 there were 45 accidents involving vessels reported in the state of Nebraska, 7 of which were fatalities. As a trained boating accident investigator, I am well aware that there are many factors involved in the causation of those accidents; however, the alarming factor was the number of incidents where personal flotation devices were NOT in use. Of the seven fatalities, five of them were NOT wearing PFDs and a sixth even took his off to swim to shore. While we cannot fix stupidity, let us at least try to educate it away. If you are not an active instructor, try to become more active. Not an instructor - - it's easy. If I can pass the exam for the qualification, so can you. You say you have no desire to become an instructor. I can understand that and applaud your decision, but you can be a good example. If nothing else, these 6 fatalities should teach us that you never know when "it" is coming. Be ready for "it" and always wear your PFD when on the water.

Stay safe out there!

Jim Westcott, FC



A MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST DIVISION COMMANDERR



Happy New Year! I'd like to take a few moments to thank the members of Flotilla 33-1 for serving the recreational boating public and the U. S. Coast Guard with honor, respect and devotion to duty. Some pretty amazing things took place over the last two years. The members of 33-1 were a big part in overcoming the challenges faced and an even bigger part of the successes.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to those of you who braved the high waters, extreme temperatures and endless hours of flood watch in support of the USCGC Gasconade. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. In addition special thanks are due to those of you who participated in providing meals, snacks and/or enjoyed a holiday meal with the crew members of the USCGC Gasconade; again your efforts did not go unnoticed. I must also extend a hearty thank you to the instructors who were instrumental in assisting Herb Angell, Nebraska BLA in reaching his goal of educating 2000 students in 2012. An amazing 2,505 students took the Nebraska Safe Boating class, a significant number of which were taught by you.

As a new year begins with a new division bridge, a look back on 2012 tells us our job as Auxiliarists is not done. There were eight fatalities in 2012, four of which involved individuals not wearing life jackets whose lives would have been spared if they had gotten the message "wear it". There were also 44 accidents in 2012; although I do not have the statistics as to how many involved did not have a boating safety class, past years have taught us that most likely none had attended a class. Admiral Papp, Commandant of the US Coast Guard defines the Auxiliary priorities as:

- Promoting and improving recreational boating safety;
- Providing trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions;
- Supporting Coast Guard operational, administrative and logistical requirements.

Your continued effort in recreational boating safety in the coming years is essential in improving the safety of Nebraska waterways. I have enjoyed serving you for the past two years, and I am confident Jean and Barclay will continue to support you, the member, in your efforts to promote and improve recreational boating safety. I look forward to continued support of Division 33 members as well as the members of Divisions 1 and 31 in my capacity as DCAPT-W this coming year. My hope is that Division 33 members will continue to lead by example by crossing boundaries and working with other units to further the purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Again thank you for your service and Semper Paratus.

Frank Reiss
DCAPT-W
8th Western Rivers Region
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

DCDR COMMENTS

A new year has begun for Division 33. I am looking forward to working with all of our members as we accomplish our missions. Our Division 33 meeting will be Saturday, January 12, 2012 at 1030 followed by lunch and training.

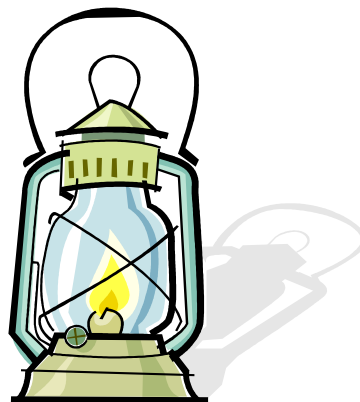
I would encourage all our members to attend both the division meeting and the training. For the training, we are planning an open forum which will be facilitated by the division staff officers and driven by comments from the members.

Change of watch will be held that same evening at the Fremont Golf Club, and we will be installing the elected and appointed officers for Division 33 and the elected and appointed flotilla officers. Commander Tina Dell'Orco will be attending and conducting the installation of officers. This will also be a time when we enjoy fellowship with other members.

Semper Paratus,

Jean Goble, DCDR

Please see the invitation and information regarding the
Change of watch on page 6 of this publication.



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Division 33



AUXILIARY
Eighth Western Rivers

12 JANUARY 2013

DIVISION MEETING AND TRAINING
CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH
2438 E. 12 ST.
FREMONT, NE

CHANGE OF WATCH
FREMONT GOLF CLUB
2710 SOMERS AVE.
FREMONT, NE

DIVISION 33 MEETING and TRAINING 1030 to 1600
Uniform of The Day Tropical Blue

CHANGE OF WATCH DIVISION-33

Dress Dinner Dress White, Dinner Dress Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire
SOCIAL HOUR 1800 Cash Bar **DINNER 1900**

Chicken Marsala \$22.00
Rib Eye Steak \$28.00
Raspberry Salmon \$23.00

R.S.V.P. With Menu Choice To
Jean Goble, DCDR-Elect by January 5, 2013
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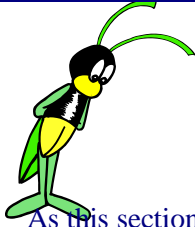
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS TO BE ARRANGED BY MEMBERS

SUGGESTED HOTELS

SLEEP INN 120 CATHY AVE. (Closest to Golf Club and Pet Friendly)
Phone 402-712-8400. Current rate \$64.99 plus tax

OAK TREE INN 2700 DIERS PARKWAY (Pet Friendly)
Phone 721-3700 Current rate \$69.00 plus tax

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Phone 402-753-3850. Current rate \$119.95 plus tax



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 :

<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/coast-guard-academy-1415>

KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A CAREER AND A GOOD COLLEGE? CHECK OUT THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Summary

United States Coast Guard Academy is a public institution that was founded in 1931. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,045, its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 110 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. United States Coast Guard Academy's ranking in the 2013 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Colleges (North), 2. Its in-state tuition and fees are \$0 (2012-13); out-of-state tuition and fees are \$0 (2012-13).

The United States Coast Guard Academy is a military service academy located in New London, Conn., overlooking the Thames River. A practice observed at most U.S. service academies, Coast Guard students are referred to as cadets, indicating their position as military trainees. Incoming cadets are required to participate in Swab Summer, a seven-week military training program. Student life is highly regimented at Coast Guard, with military training, study periods, and athletic activities all built in to the daily schedule. Coast Guard's intercollegiate athletic teams compete primarily in NCAA Division III sports. Music groups such as the Glee Club, Gospel Choir, and NiteCaps Jazz Band are popular among students.

Unlike the other service academies, admission to the Coast Guard Academy is based purely on merit—a congressional nomination is not required. Academics are divided into five departments: engineering, humanities, management, mathematics, and science. Coast Guard also offers unique courses through its Strategic Intelligence and Homeland Security department, such as Detection of Radioactive Materials and Polar Operations Homeland Security. After completing their third year, cadets spend the summer working aboard one of the Coast Guard's cutters. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle*, a training ship docked at the Academy, was originally used by Nazi Germany and is one of the only commissioned sailing ships in U.S. government service.



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School mission and unique qualities (as provided by the school):

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is located on the west bank of the Thames River in the New England shoreline town of New London, Conn. In 1876, the Revenue Cutter Service (predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard) established a program of instruction aboard the topsail schooner Dobbin. The program was relocated to New London in 1910 with a move to the historic Fort Trumbull site, and the city has been home to the institution ever since.

From the outside, the Academy is a small New England campus with more than 100-acres of rolling hills, Georgian-style brick buildings and a fleet of small boats dotting the piers along the waterfront. From the inside, it is an institution like no other. It is the center of leadership training and the single accession point for all officers in the U.S. Coast Guard, the smallest armed service in the United States.

As one of the smallest of the five federal service academies, the institution graduates and commissions more than 200 Ensigns each year. According to its mission statement, the Academy is, committed to strengthening the nation's future by educating, developing, training, and inspiring leaders of character who are ethically, intellectually, professionally, and physically prepared to serve their country and humanity, and who are strong in their resolve to build on the long military and maritime heritage and proud accomplishments of the United States Coast Guard.

Every Coast Guard cadet completes core studies in sciences and liberal arts, selecting one of eight majors offered and specializing in one of 13 programs of study. Training aboard the Barque Eagle, a 295-foot tall ship, has been part of the cadet experience here for more than 60 years. The decks of a sailing ship are still considered the best place to experience the power and majesty of the ocean first-hand. As the ocean is both the workplace and the key resource Academy students will be charged to protect, the experience is vital in developing them into effective and confident leaders. Athletics also forms an integral part of the training program, with 23 intercollegiate sports offerings.

The Academy is highly committed to ensuring that the representation of the cadets and faculty is reflective of the nation it serves. Diversity is vital to mission readiness and excellence, but academic success is still the primary consideration in the institution's admissions process. Significant progress has been made to improve minority recruiting at the Academy with the incoming class of 2014 made up of 24% Underrepresented Minorities (URM), an increase from the previous year's incoming class which included 15% URM.

The Academy has been recognized as one of the top institutions of higher learning according to popular college rankings, including the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges publication. It was ranked #1 in the Baccalaureate Colleges (North) category in the 2011 edition Best Colleges issue, earning a perfect overall score of 100, and ranked among the top twenty Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs whose highest degree offered is a bachelor's or master's.

"The connectivity of all of our academic majors to the day-to-day operations of the Coast Guard offers a unique venue for our cadets to make their academy experience come to life," adds Kurt Colella, Dean of Academics at the Academy.



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"Whether it's studying the organizational challenges of the tragic earthquake in Haiti, or assisting with the mitigation of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a Coast Guard Academy education is real, relevant and at the forefront of serving those in need."

General Information

School type	public, coed college
Year founded	1931
Religious affiliation	N/A
Academic calendar	semester
Setting	suburban
2011 Endowment	\$0

Applying

When applying to United States Coast Guard Academy, it's important to note the application deadline is February 1, and the early action deadline is November 1. Scores for either the ACT or SAT test are due March 15. It is more selective, with an acceptance rate of 16.1 percent and an early acceptance rate of 19.3 percent.

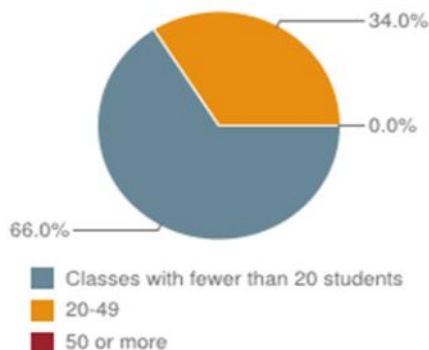
For more information about the tests, essays, interviews, and admissions process, visit the [Applying to College knowledge center](#).

Selectivity	more selective
Fall 2011 acceptance rate	16.1%
Application deadline	February 1
SAT/ACT scores must be received by	March 15

Academic Life

The student-faculty ratio at United States Coast Guard Academy is 8:1, and the school has 66.0 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students. The most popular majors at United States Coast Guard Academy include: Engineering; Political Science and Government, General; Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography; Business Administration and Management, General; and Mathematics and Statistics, Other. The average freshman retention rate, an indicator of student satisfaction, is 88.5 percent.

Class sizes



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Student-faculty ratio	8:1
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4-year graduation rate	82%
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Five most popular majors for 2011 graduates	
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Engineering	33%
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Political Science and Government, General	23%
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Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography	17%
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Business Administration and Management, General	15%
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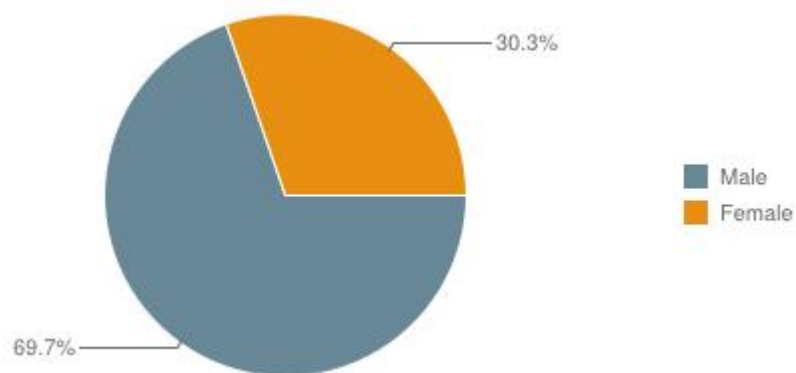
Mathematics and Statistics, Other	12%
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Student Life

United States Coast Guard Academy has a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,045, with a gender distribution of 69.7 percent male students and 30.3 percent female students. United States Coast Guard Academy is part of the NCAA III athletic conference.

Total enrollment	1,045
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Student gender distribution	
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Undergraduate men who are members of a fraternity	N/A
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Undergraduate women who are members of a sorority	N/A
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Collegiate athletic association	NCAA III
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Campus Info & Services

United States Coast Guard Academy offers a number of student services including nonremedial tutoring, health service, and health insurance. United States Coast Guard Academy also offers campus safety and security services like 24-hour foot and vehicle patrols and lighted pathways/sidewalks. Of the students at United States Coast Guard Academy, 20 percent have cars on campus. Alcohol is permitted for students of legal age at United States Coast Guard Academy.

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		

FEBRUARY 2013



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		