

“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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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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



FEB 2012

Summer has passed to fall, and winter is upon us. As I sit here the temperature is -2°F. Soon spring will be here and our FSO-PE, who is in contact with the SO-PE, will be calling the instructors to arrange for lesson planning, updates to the curriculum, as well as asking for help in the proposed classes. When he calls, don't hesitate to answer his call for instructors. If the time spent instructing a class impacts positively with only one student, and by doing so, we make that person a wiser and safer boater, our task has been successful.

In the operations sector, I sincerely hope that the 2013 season will be more active, productive and enjoyable for all who wish to get "on the water." We have at least three members, at this time, who wish to finish up their crew qualification. I for one have been tying knots left and right. If the dogs see me with a length of line, they run the other way. It must be something to do with the clove hitch I keep trying to tie around their necks.

Remember to contact our FSO-MT about the training you would like to see at the Spring DTRAIN in Colorado this March, **AND** let him know of any training you think would benefit our flotilla locally. There is nothing that, if we work together, we can't accomplish.

Jim Westcott FC
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**This is a copy of portions of the original message sent to all members regarding the name change of the
Spring & Fall Business Meetings:**

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

From: Richard Lawrence [mailto:law28@aristotle.net]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:13 PM

Subject: Name change of 8th WRR spring meeting.

Importance: High

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

CDR Dell'Orco and I have been advised that the name of our two annual meetings, spring and fall, must be changed in order to comply with various aspects of CG, DHS and US Gov't directives. This change is needed in order for us to continue to receive funding as we no longer have business as usual.

Effective at once, our new name will be the Spring DTRAIN (Spring District Training) and the Fall DTRAIN. By making this change, we will comply with the various directives as well fit within a category that will allow us not to be required to submit proposals for funding and get approval.

All parties, please take the steps ASAP to change the name from Spring Business meeting to Spring D-Train on the web site, registration form, and any other official programs, invitations, or other materials.

If anyone has any questions, contact me.

V/R

Richard

COMO Richard L. Lawrence

District Commodore

8th Western Rivers Region

US Coast Guard Auxiliary

**A BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP class will be offered by
Flotilla 33-3.**

Cost to Public: \$35.

Cost to USCG Aux. Members: Cost of textbook.

You may bring drinks/snacks for yourself.



TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS CONTACT.....

Annette Rasmussen

FSO-PE 33-3

Telephone: 402-727-4108

Email: annette@neb.rr.com

Cutoff Date to Register: February 11, 2013

**Gretna City Hall
204 N. McKenna Ave.
Gretna, NE 68028**

DATES/CLASSES

FEBRUARY 24, 2013 - SUNDAY

Noon - 6 p.m.

Ch 1 - Which Boat is for You?

Ch 2 - Equipment for your Boat

Ch 3 - Trailering Your Boat

Ch 4 - Handling Your Boat (first 1/2)

MARCH 3 - SUNDAY

Noon - 6 p.m.

Ch 4 - Handling your Boat (last 1/2)

Ch 5 - Your "Highway" Signs

Ch 6 - The Rules of the Nautical Road

Ch 7 - Inland Boating

MARCH 9 - SATURDAY

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ch 8 - Boating Safety

Ch 9 - Introduction to Navigation

Ch 10 - Powering your Boat

Ch 11 - Lines and Knots for Your Boat (first 1/2)

MARCH 10, 2013 - SUNDAY

Noon - 6 p.m.

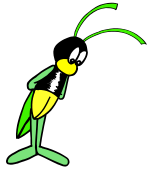
Ch 11 - Lines and Knots for Your Boat (last 1/2)

Ch 12 - Weather and Boating

Ch 13 - Your Boat's Radio

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BY THE INFORMATION BUG

FEBRUARY 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.fema.gov/library/file - Taking Shelter from the Storm:

The following information is from a brochure that FEMA has issued with the topic of: “TAKING SHELTER FROM THE STORM: Building a Safe Room Inside Your House”

Did You Know...

... Almost every state in the United States is subject to tornadoes, hurricanes, or both. These extreme windstorms can cause extensive damage to buildings, and they threaten the lives of building occupants.

...FEMA, in cooperation with the Wind Engineering Research Center of Texas Tech University, has developed designs for wind safe rooms that can be built inside homes or small businesses.

...These safe rooms are designed to provide near-absolute protection from the forces of extreme winds as high as 250 mph, and from the impacts from associated windborne debris.

...FEMA has prepared Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room For Your Home or Small Business for homeowners and builders.

The booklet includes:

- A risk assessment worksheet for homeowners and small business owners
- Guidance for selecting a safe room design
- Detailed construction plans for builders and contractors
- Cost estimates

Detailed construction plans provide all the information a builder or contractor needs to build a safe room. The worksheet helps homeowners and small business owners determine their risk from extreme winds and assists them in their consideration of a safe room. Cross-section: typical crawlspace foundation, with safe room.

Want To Learn More?

Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room For Your Home or Small Business, FEMA publication 320 (booklet and construction plans), is available from the FEMA Publications and Distribution Facility (1-800-480-2520). FEMA 320 is also available on the FEMA website (<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1536>).

The construction plans are also available separately on the FEMA website (<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/saferoom/shplans>).

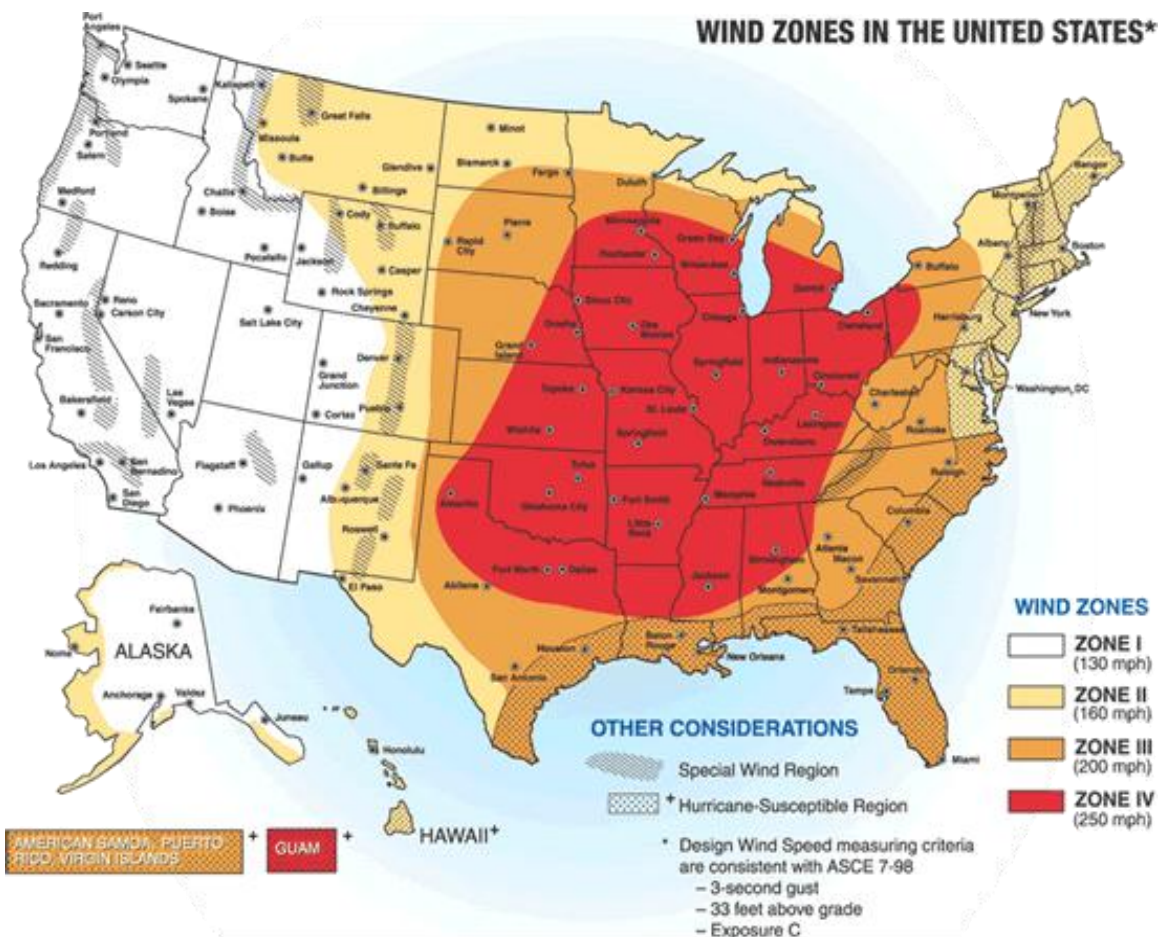
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For additional information, please call the FEMA helpline at (866) 222-3580 (toll free) or email Saferoom@dhs.gov.

Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room For Your Home or Small Business FEMA L-233 / December 2008

Extreme windstorms such as tornadoes and hurricanes pose a serious threat to buildings and their occupants in many areas of the United States. Tornadoes strong enough to damage roofs, destroy mobile homes, snap or uproot large trees, and turn debris into damaging windborne missiles have occurred in virtually every state. Hurricanes have affected all Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas in the United States, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and have also resulted in severe building damage and loss of lives. Hawaii has also been affected by hurricanes. Even states not normally considered susceptible to extreme windstorms include areas threatened by dangerous high winds. These areas, typically near mountain ranges, include the Pacific Northwest coast.

Do You Need a Safe Room?



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The wind zone map on the previous page shows how the frequency and strength of extreme windstorms vary across the United States. This map is based on 40 years of tornado history and over 100 years of hurricane history. Zone IV, the darkest area on the map, has experienced both the greatest number of tornadoes and the strongest tornadoes. As shown by the map key, wind speeds in Zone IV can be as high as 250 mph. The tornado hazard in Zone III, while not as great as in Zone IV, is still significant. In addition, Zone III includes coastal areas susceptible to hurricanes for which new hazard maps have been prepared (see FEMA 361, Design and Construction Guidance for Community Safe Rooms, Second Edition, 2008). Your home or small business was probably built in accordance with local building codes that consider the effects of minimum design winds. These are winds that, according to building code requirements, your residence or building must be able to withstand. However, a tornado or hurricane can often cause winds much greater than those on which local building code requirements are based. Your house may be built “to code,” but that does not mean that it can withstand winds from extreme events and provide life-safety protection for those inside. If you are concerned about wind hazards where you live, especially if you live in Wind Zones III or IV, you should consider building a safe room. Basis of Safe Room Design The purpose of an extreme-wind safe room is to provide a space where you, your family, or your coworkers can survive a tornado or hurricane with little or no injury. You can build a safe room in one of several places in your home or small business-

In the basement, beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor, or in an interior room on the first floor; under certain conditions, a safe room may also be constructed on an elevated foundation. Safe rooms built below ground level provide the greatest protection, but a safe room built in a first floor interior room can also provide the necessary protection.

Post-disaster assessments conducted after tornadoes and hurricanes continue to observe the same performance of buildings (even lightly engineered structures); for example, an interior room of a severely damaged house or small building is still standing when little of the structure remains above ground. For a room to provide near-absolute life safety protection for its occupants, the room or space must be able to withstand the forces exerted by extreme winds and remain standing, even if the rest of the building is severely damaged.

Therefore:

- The safe room must be adequately anchored to resist overturning and uplift.
- The walls, ceiling, and door of the safe room must withstand wind pressure and resist penetration by windborne missiles and falling debris.
- The connections between all parts of the safe room must be strong enough to resist the wind forces without failing.
- If sections of either interior or exterior house or small business walls are used as walls of the safe room, they should be separated from the structure of the house or small business, so that damage to the house or small business will not cause damage to the safe room.
- The safe room must be located outside of areas with a high risk of flooding or storm surge inundation.



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March 2013



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