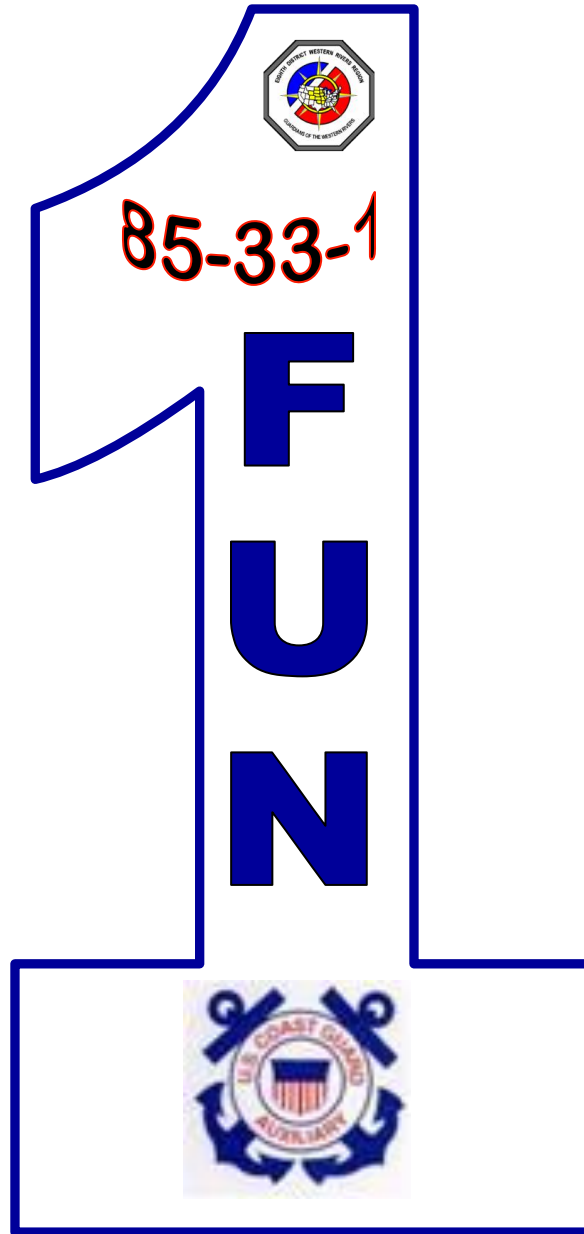


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

07 Sept	World O' Water - Wehrspann Lake
6-8 Sept	D-Train in LaCrosse Wisconsin
13 - 15 Sept	Operation Focus Lens
16 Sept	Flotilla 1 Meeting
12 Oct	Division Meeting, Training, and Election Dinner
21 Oct	Flotilla 1 Meeting

See the calendars for possible patrol dates

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



SEPTEMBER 2013

The pesky editor of the Fun-1 has once again pestered me to write a short article for our publication. While I have no doubt that communication is very important, writing these 'blurbs' is not very high on my list of priorities, so here is the article - - an - - -. I suspect that I will pay for this in the future.

But now on a more serious note; a bit of well deserved recognition goes out to those members of 33-1 who continue pressing forward on the operation "Focused Lens" front. Recently two separate patrols were completed resulting in the ATONs being surveyed/photographed as far south as Nebraska City.

Also of note is our member from the north, Dan Groendyk, who has been contacted about doing some VEs and safety information to members of the paddle craft scene here in the area. A new company located in Bellevue is introducing the sport of "S-U-P" to our A-O-R (ya just gotta love acronyms). If you didn't see the article in the paper, S-U-P stands for Stand Up Paddling. The photograph with article looks like a person standing on a surfboard holding a paddle.

So I wish to thank each and every member of 33-1 for their hard work and devotion to our duty of boating safety, in all of its forms.

Respectfully,

Jim Westcott
FC, 8WR-33-1



The following article is from an email sent from:
[Coast Guard Public Affairs Houston](#)

News Release

Life jacket saves man from drowning; swims 3 miles to beach

HOUSTON — A 51-year-old man is safe after falling off his sailboat and swimming approximately [3 miles to shore near Freeport](#) Saturday night.

"This goes to show that a life jacket can and will save your life," said Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond Clemons, an operation specialist at Sector Houston-Galveston. "The important thing in this case is that the man not only had a life jacket on board but made sure he was utilizing it. That is what saved his life."

The [Brazoria County Sheriff's Department](#) called [Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston](#) watchstanders at approximately 7 p.m. to report that a 12 to 14-foot Hobie Cat sailboat had washed up on Surfside Beach with no one aboard.

The watchstanders launched an aircrew aboard an [MH-65 Dolphin helicopter](#) from [Air Station Houston](#) and a boatcrew aboard a [25-foot Response Boat — Small](#) from [Station Freeport](#).

About an hour later, Brazoria County Sheriff's Department spotted a man, with a life jacket, on the beach near the location where the sailboat was found. The man stated that he had fallen off his sailboat and swam 3 miles to shore.

The Coast Guard reminds all mariners to heed this example and do the following before heading out on the water:

- Wear a life jacket at all times
- File a [float plan](#)
- Check the weather prior to departing the dock
- Have a [marine band radio](#) and visual distress signals on board
- Have a registered 406MHz [Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon](#)
- Have a [Personal Locator Beacon](#)

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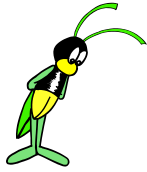
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BY THE INFORMATION BUG

SEPTEMBER 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://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/readynpm/view?objectId=3200688&exp=c2>

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters. This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days. Just follow these four steps:

1. Be Informed
2. Make a Plan
3. Build a Kit
4. Get Involved

While each person's abilities and needs are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared.

By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation. Visit Ready.gov/seniors and consider the following.

1. Learn more about how a disaster might affect your individual needs or the needs of someone you care for.
2. It's possible that you will not have access to a medical facility or even a drugstore. Plan to make it on your own, at least for a period of time.
3. Identify what kind of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if they are limited or not available.
4. Build a kit with your unique consideration in mind. What do you need to maintain your health, safety and independence?

Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends, and co-workers to aid you in an emergency. Discuss your needs and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment. If appropriate, discuss your needs with your employer. Seniors should keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food for service animals and any other items you might need. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration. Make arrangements for any assistance to get to a shelter.

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BUILD A KIT

A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own [food](#), [water](#) and other [supplies](#) in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

For more information, check out:

Ready.gov/seniors

“Preparing makes sense for Older Americans” Video (Closed Captioning and American Sign Language)- <http://youtu.be/SByTKf2rrlg>

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There are dozens of Emergency Services apps for your Android or Apple Smart Phone.

A few are described or listed below.

Please check with Google Play, Apple Apps, or whatever system your smart phone uses.

Description of the Winter Survival Kit App

The Winter Survival Kit app can be as critical as a physical winter survival kit if you find yourself stuck or stranded in severe winter weather conditions. This app will help you find your current location, call 911, notify your friends and family, calculate how long you can run your engine to keep warm and stay safe from carbon monoxide poisoning.

You can use the Winter Survival Kit app to store important phone and policy numbers for insurance or roadside assistance. You also can designate emergency contacts you want to alert when you become stranded.

If you become stranded, the Winter Survival Kit app will help you determine your geographic location and contact emergency services. The app's "gas calculator" will help you estimate how long you can run your engine on your remaining fuel.

Winter Survival Kit will alert you every 30 minutes to remind you to periodically turn off your engine and to check your exhaust pipe for snow buildup. These alerts are critical in helping you avoid deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

Winter Survival Kit also provides NDSU Extension Service information on how to put together a physical winter survival kit and prepare your vehicle for winter driving, and how to stay safe when stranded in a winter storm.



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Description for the Storm Emergency Preparations App

Surviving the Imperfect Storm: Tips for Emergency Preparations

One of the most frightening and destructive phenomenon of nature is a severe storm and its effects. Nobody knows when it can attack you. It can come anytime without any warning. If you are living in a storm-prone area you should be well prepared for handling the bad weather situations such as high winds and hard rain. If a storm is possible, they will issue two types of warnings: storm watch and storm warning. So, we all know that no one can stop it but we can make some form of plan to survive it.

This storm breaker app will give you some information on tips for emergency preparation for surviving from the imperfect storm. The main ingredients for this app are:

- Tuned to your local radio for news and updates if storm watch comes.
- Try to stay indoors as much as possible.
- Avoid traveling and stay indoors when a blizzard storm comes.
- Dress to keep yourself warm.
- Have a stock of food.
- Keep bottles of water handy.
- Fill the tub because the power can cut anytime.
- Have an emergency kit with you.
- Turn the lights off.

This storm fall app will give you tips on how to survive from sudden storm warnings. Buy this app you will be able to get useful tips on how to save yourself from storm, wind and rain.



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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has seven (7) separate Apps for both Android and Apple products, related to emergency preparedness!

First Aid - American Red Cross

Tornado - American Red Cross

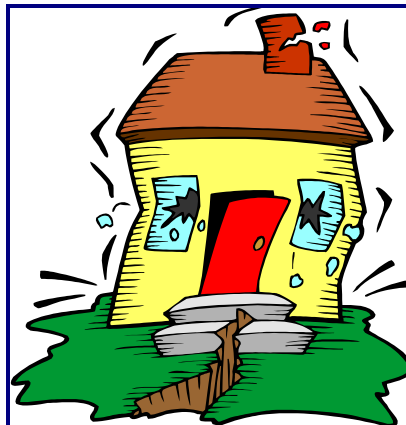
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Team Red Cross





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1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6 D-Train in LaCrosse WI until 09SEP13	7 World O' Water - 1200 to 1600 at Wehrspann Lake
8	9	10	11	12	13 OPERATION	14 FOCUS
15 LENS PART 2	16 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
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