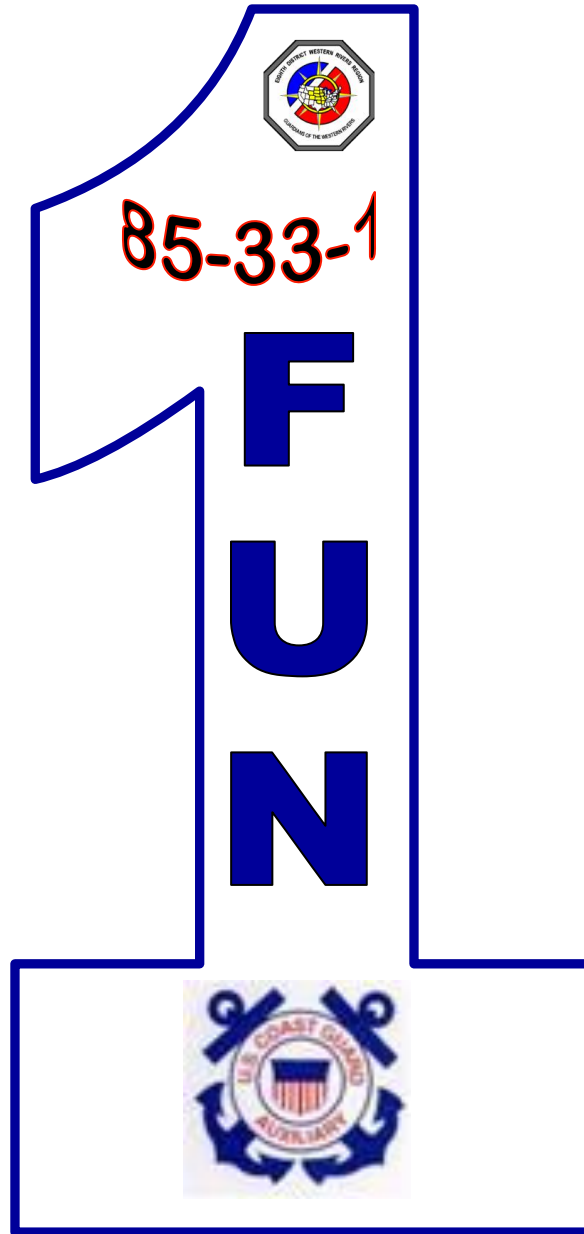


“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

07 Dec	Division Holiday Party at the Old Chicago on 78th & Cass in Omaha
21 Dec	Flotilla Meeting & Holiday Party at the home of George McNary
21 Dec to 1 Jan	12 Days of Christmas for the Crew of the Gasconade

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible patrol dates and other changes**

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Want to see more pictures?
Please remember to check out the website at:
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



DECEMBER 2013

I would like to first thank everyone who came to our November meeting for their kind participation. The pasta prior to the meeting was as usual, excellent. AND I managed NOT to spill/splash anything onto the uniform. Congratulations to Barbara for her election as the Vice Flotilla Commander, with a special thanks for those who voted as both candidates were well qualified making their decision difficult.

With December finally here, the time for reflection is upon all of us. The last year has proved to be interesting as well as instructional. Having the OTO visit was fantastic. His instruction and insight as to the day-to-day operation of DIRAUX and how our representatives in Congress affect their, and eventually our, operations was informative. I hope that his exposure to our AOR was equally informative.

I would like to personally thank everyone who assisted in finally getting me qualified as crew. While intellectually I understand that Mother Nature did not really care if I made the grade or not, there were times when I was beginning to wonder. I would like to especially thank George McNary, Warren Koehler, Frank Reiss and the assorted members of 33-1 & 3 who served as crew, etc. Without their help, aid, instruction and assistance, I would still be trying. I feel that I managed to get an A+ in hooking the "bow eye" for the stern tow evolution and know that my "side-by-side" evolution still (even though I passed) needs work. Again thank you.

I don't know if this will get out prior to our flotilla's Christmas party or the division's Christmas party or not. So if you are reading this prior to the parties, please plan on attending. I know you will have a good time. If your issue of the Fun 1 comes after the parties, you know we had a GREAT TIME.

Respectfully

Jim Westcott FC
085-33-1





Division 33, 8th Western Rivers Region
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Christmas
Celebration

Saturday, December 7, 2013
Old Chicago * 78th & Cass
13:00—15:00



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!



National Commodore's Thanksgiving Message

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Posted by: [Rande Wilson](#)



James E. Vass, Jr. - National Commodore of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
**The National Commodore
Of The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

As the holiday season approaches beginning with the celebration of Thanksgiving, I reflect upon my first year as your national commodore. I am thankful that we have been able to accomplish the three goals I set for my first year of service. We have "steadied the course and trimmed the sails" with our reorganization of the national staff. We are now functioning more efficiently and effectively as an organization. We are on the road to improving our outreach to boater safety by examining our public education efforts. We are addressing our operational strengths and weaknesses by developing ways to become better coxswains and crews.

Even though both the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary face economic cutbacks, we know that we will find the answers to meet these challenges.

Now, as friends and family gather around their tables to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, may we remember and give thanks to those men and women who have chosen to guard our country by serving in the Armed Forces. They serve so that we may enjoy our freedom all year long. Their dedication, honor to country, and devotion to duty must be remembered as we carve the traditional turkey followed by sinking into a comfortable chair to watch football games in our warm, secure homes. They are the heroes who sacrifice daily so that we may be safe.

I am thankful for all you do as Auxiliarists. Your dedication and hours invested makes this the number one volunteer organization.

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

Very respectfully,

James E. Vass, Jr. / s /

National Commodore





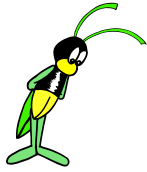
Commandant's Vision

Charting the Course of the United States Coast Guard

"We are defined by our Missions, People and Heritage. We will selflessly serve our Country and perform our duties in a manner that secures the trust and confidence of mariners and citizens alike. We will set a course that steadies the Service, honors our profession, strengthens our partnerships, and respects our Shipmates."

Semper Paratus





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.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something%E2%84%A2-campaign>

"If You See Something, Say Something™" Campaign *About the Campaign*

The nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign - is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. The campaign was originally used by New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which has licensed the use of the slogan to DHS for anti-terrorism and anti-terrorism crime related efforts.

Homeland Security Begins with Hometown Security

If you see something suspicious taking place then report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement or in the case of emergency call 9-1-1. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that document **behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism** will be shared with federal partners.

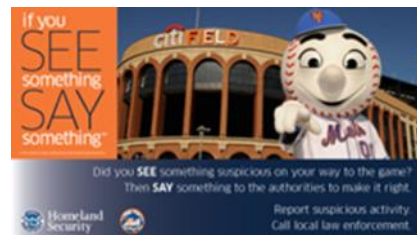
DHS is working to expand "If You See Something, Say Something™" throughout the country by partnering with a variety of entities including: transportation systems, universities, states, cities, sports leagues and local law enforcement. If you're interested in getting your group involved please contact 1-202-282-8010.

Report Suspicious Activity to Local Law Enforcement or Call 9-1-1.

[Learn More](#)

[Our Campaign Partnerships](#)

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Raising Public Awareness

In July 2010, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), at Secretary Janet Napolitano's direction, launched a national "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign – a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper state and local law enforcement authorities. The "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign - originally implemented by New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and now licensed to DHS for a nationwide campaign - is a simple and effective program to engage the public and key frontline employees to identify and report indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime to the proper transportation and law enforcement authorities.

The Department launches the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign in conjunction with the Department of Justice's Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative - an administration effort to train state and local law enforcement to recognize behaviors and indicators related to terrorism and terrorism-related crime; standardize how those observations are documented and analyzed; and ensure the sharing of those reports with the Federal Bureau of Investigation-led Joint Terrorism Task Forces for further investigation and Fusion Centers for analysis.

Protecting Privacy, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

A critical element of the DHS mission is ensuring that the civil rights and civil liberties of persons are not diminished by our security efforts, activities, and programs. Consequently, the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign respects civil rights or civil liberties by emphasizing behavior, rather than appearance, in identifying suspicious activity.

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Strengthening Hometown Security

Both the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign and the NSI underscore the concept that homeland security begins with hometown security. An alert public plays a critical role in keeping our nation safe. Strengthening hometown security involves creating partnerships across numerous states as well as the private sector.

Recent expansions of the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign include partnerships with numerous sports teams and leagues, transportation agencies, private sector partners, states, cities and universities. DHS also has Public Service Announcements which have been distributed to television and radio stations across the country. The campaign will continue to be expanded in the coming weeks and months.

December 2013



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Division Holiday Party Old Chicago 78th & Cass
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Flotilla Holiday Party George McNary's home
22	23 	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve 				

January 2014

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 Division Meeting, Training & Change of Watch
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 1930 hrs Flotilla 33-1 Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	