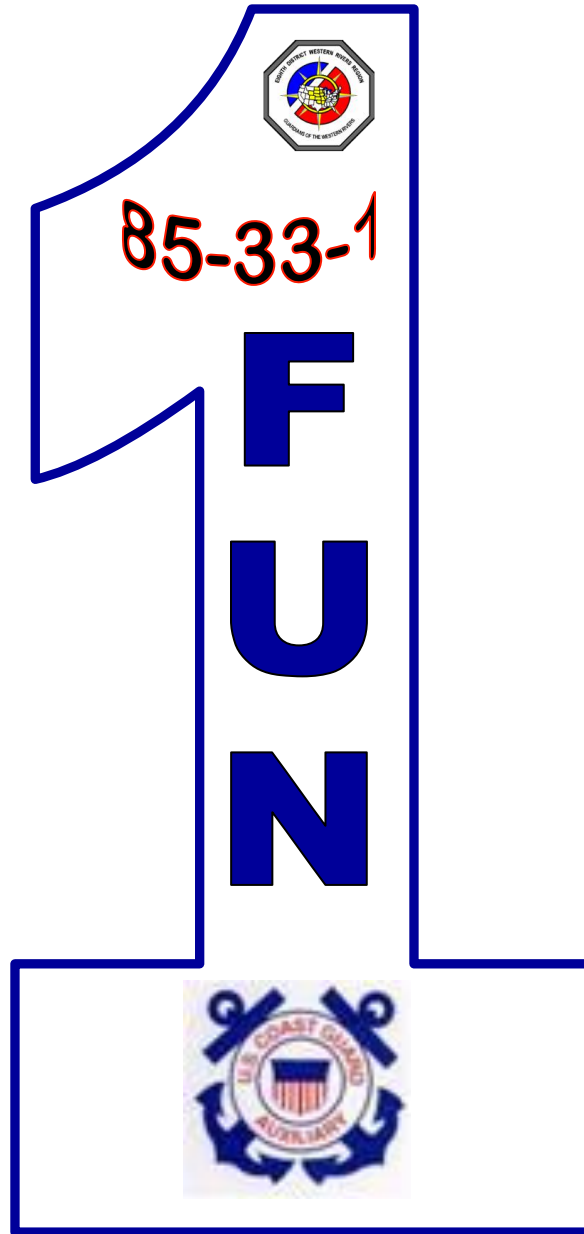


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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

17 Feb	Flotilla Meeting
22 Feb	Boating Safety Class
28 Feb	9th Biennial Conservation Education Conference
15 Mar	Boating Safety Class
17 Mar	Flotilla Meeting
22 Mar	Division Meeting Training and Awards Banquet at Mahoney State Park

**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:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



FEBRUARY 2014

A new year has started and our training continues. Consider stepping outside your comfort zone and trying new things. Remember that in order to excel in our stated missions, we must always strive to go the extra mile. So what does that mean you ask? Well simply put it means that the minimum qualification for any given position is just that, the minimum. In order to properly fill any position we as Auxiliarists must always strive toward being the best our individual abilities will allow. And being competent in the position, being both physically and mentally fit and capable to perform the job expected of us. Strive for excellence and accept no less. Our flotilla has vessel operators that are second to none. Our crews are more than capable with, perhaps, more experience than they would like to admit. But there is room for improvement. I know that in my own case, having just qualified for crew, I still have a lot to learn and, with mother nature's assistance, hope to hone the requisite skills for the job while practicing, studying for advancement. Keep up the good work and . . .

Stay safe!

Jim Westcott FC
8WR 33-1



The following is copied from the Nebraska Game & Parks “Boating News” Winter 2013-14 edition

Five Tips to Prevent Winter from taking a Bite Out of Your Boat and Trailer (from BoatUS)

It's already a brutal winter in parts of the country. If your boat and trailer are going to spend the snow season outside exposed to the elements, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has five tips to protect your investment and prevent winter's bitter effects from taking hold and causing problems down the road:

Water is enemy #1: Keeping the boat and trailer rig in a slightly bow-up position will allow water to drain. Don't forget to remove drain plug and tie it to the ignition key where you will find it in the spring. Yes, do this exactly as instructed. Now. You will lose it otherwise – trust us, we know. Also ensure that the boat's cover is tight and periodically check inside throughout the winter – just to make sure no water is accumulating and that no critters have moved in.

A little spray will do you good: Spraying water-and-dirt displacing lubricants such as Boeshield T-9 on metal trailer roller assemblies, winch gears and electrical connections will keep moisture away and rust at bay. Now may also be the time to take care of any rust spots on the metal trailer frame: sand, prime and paint.



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Best boat theft prevention tip in the world: If you're storing your boat in the driveway, turn it around 180 degrees, with the tongue facing towards the house. Not only will this keep your neighbors guessing all winter long about the name on the transom, but it will make the job harder for a thief to steal your boat and that's the real name of the game here. Adding a lock on the trailer hitch only improves your odds the bad guy will look somewhere else.

What to do about boat trailer tires: In addition to being a theft deterrent, removing the tires and storing them inside the garage will keep the sun from damaging them. With the tires off, this may also be a good time to repack the bearings. Block the trailer's frame and secure plastic (contractor grade) trash bags over the hubs and brakes to keep them dry. If tires won't be removed, position the trailer so that the tires rest on a piece of plywood or plank to prevent dry rot, as parking on grass can hasten a tire's demise. Cover tires (again with plastic bags or covers) to keep the sun off and hubs and brakes dry. To avoid flat spots from happening, move the trailer periodically a few inches throughout the winter.

Don't park under trees: Howling winter storms can snap off tree limbs. Besides adding unsightly stains, falling leaves and needles can make their way inside blocking transom drain holes, making your boat into a nice bathtub as it slowly fills with water over the winter.

Editor's note - Winter may be a great time to have a vessel exam done. Also any repairs or upgrades you wish to make to your boat or trailer could be done at this time.



Valley Marine Presentation By Jean Goble

On 18 Jan 2014 Flotilla 1 of Division 33 Eighth Western Rivers Region United States Coast Guard Auxiliary presented a plaque to Valley Marine in recognition of their support in promoting boating safety.

Traci and Andy Winkler, owners of Valley Marine, were recognized and honored for service and long-term support of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the mission of boating safety. Traci and Andy Winkler along with the previous owners have enabled Flotilla 1 to hold boating safety classes at Valley Marine for 12 years, and in some years, 2 or more classes during a calendar year. Traci and Andy have been very accommodating to the Auxiliary teaching classes even though it can be disruptive to the business. Valley Marine normally closes at noon on Saturdays. On the Saturdays that classes are being taught either Andy or Traci will stay for several hours after closing to enable the instructors to complete teaching the class. The classes taught at Valley Marine have been the largest classes with sometimes as many as 38 students in the class. In addition, Traci and Andy Winkler and Valley Marine have actively promoted boating safety classes and boating safety with their customers.



Traci and Andy
Winkler with Jean
Goble, DCDR and
Barclay Stebbins,
VCDR, both of
Division 33,
Flotilla 1

Photo by Bonnie Stebbins

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Members presenting a plaque to the owners of Valley Marine in recognition of their support of boating safety.



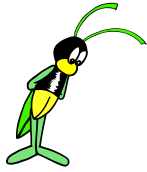
Members of Flotilla 1
with
Traci & Andy Winkler



Traci and Andy Winkler



Photos by Bonnie Stebbins.



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:

<http://www.ready.gov>

FAMILY SUPPLY LIST

Ready Kids & The Federal Emergency Management Agency present:

Family Supply List

Emergency Supplies:

Water, food, and clean air are important things to have if an emergency happens. Each family or individual's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also be customized to include important family documents.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation

- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)



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Clothing and Bedding:

If you live in a cold weather climate, you must think about warmth. It is possible that the power will be out and you will not have heat. Rethink your clothing and bedding supplies to account for growing children and other family changes. One complete change of warm clothing and shoes per person, including:

- A jacket or coat
- Long pants
- A long sleeve shirt
- Sturdy shoes
- A hat and gloves
- A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person

Family Supply List (continued)

Below are some other items for your family to consider adding to its supply kit. Some of these items, especially those marked with a * can be dangerous, so please have an adult collect these supplies.

- Emergency reference materials such as a first aid book or a print out of the information on www.ready.gov
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container*
- Signal flare*
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items including feminine supplies
- Disinfectant*
- Household chlorine bleach* - *You can use bleach as a disinfectant (diluted nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to treat water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.*
- Medicine dropper
- Important Family Documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container



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