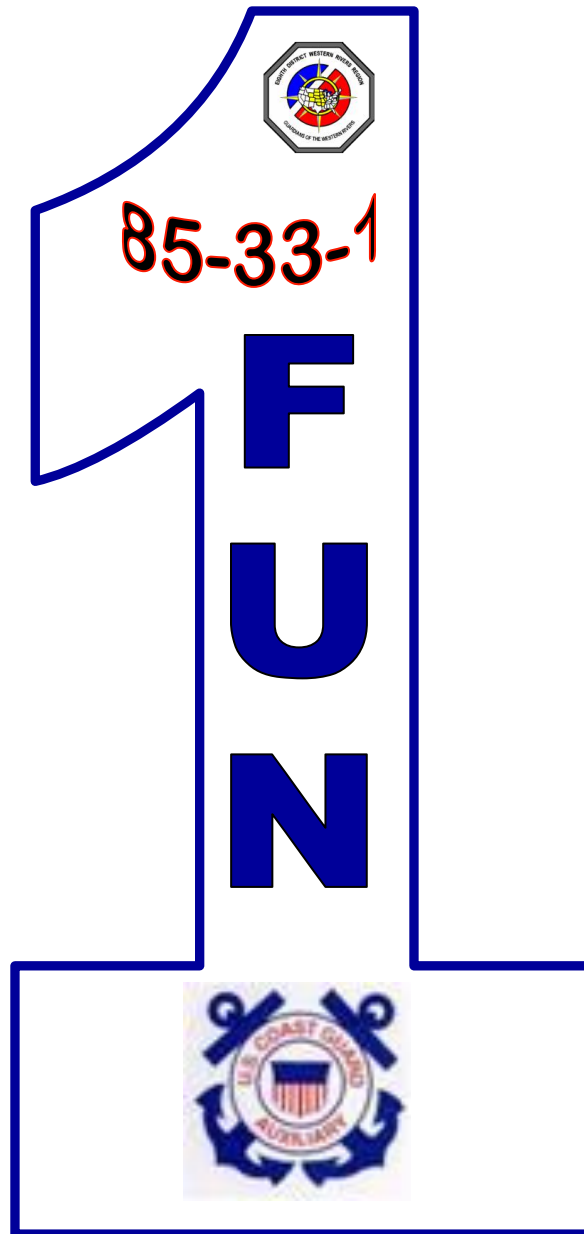


“The Fun One”

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 6 JUNE 2014



**Flotilla 33-1
40 & 8 Club
3113 S. 70 St.
Omaha, Nebraska**

FLOTILLA 33-1 OFFICERS

Flotilla Commander (FC) - Jim Westcott
Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) -
Barb Westcott
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC) -
Barclay Stebbins
Secretary (FSO-SR) - Barclay Stebbins
Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
Communications (FSO-CM) - James Miller
Communication Services (FSO-CS) -
Barb Westcott
Information Services (FSO-IS) -
Barclay Stebbins
Materials (FSO-MA) - Bernie McNary
Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Tom Spieker
Aids to Navigation (FSO-NS) - Tom Spieker
Member Training (FSO-MT) - Ralph Tomlinson
Operations (FSO-OP) - Warren Koehler
Public Affairs (FSO-PA) - Dan Groenendyk
Publications (FSO-PB) - Barb Westcott
Public Education (FSO-PE) - Richard Goble
Human Resources (FSO-HR) - Richard Goble
Program Visitor (FSO-PV) - Dan Groenendyk
Vessel Examiner (FSO-VE) - Dan Groenendyk

Send articles for "The Fun One" to:
Barb Westcott
1808 Franklin St.
Bellevue, NE 68005-3456
Fax: 402-397-2306
E-mail: barbwestcott@cox.net

Published by and for members
of Flotilla 33-1 U.S. Coast
Guard Auxiliary 8th Western
Rivers Region. Opinions
expressed herein are not
necessarily those of the
U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Coast
Guard Auxiliary.

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3 Jun	Boating Safety Class
7 Jun	Flotilla Steak Fry at Gobles
16 Jun	NO MEETING
21 Jun	Boating Safety Class
28 Jun	Boating Safety Class
19-20 Jul	Offutt Air Show
2 Aug	Division Meeting & Picnic

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

INSIDE THIS EDITION

Flotilla Officers	2
Schedule of Events	2
Flotilla Commander's Message	3
USCG Recommends	4
Free Mobile Apps	5-6
PA Event Pictures	7
Information Bug	8
June Calendar	9
July Calendar	10

Want to see more pictures?
Please remember to check out the website at:
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph?](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph?unit=..)
[unit=..](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph?unit=..)



CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE-PRIVACY ACT OF 1974
The disclosure of the personal information contained in this publication is subject to the provisions contained in the Privacy Act of 1974. The subject Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits the disclosure, distribution, dissemination or copying of any material containing the home addresses, home telephone number, spouses names and social security numbers, except for official business. Violations may result in disciplinary action by the Coast Guard and/or civilian criminal sanctions.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



JUNE 2014

How many times have any of us been to a PA event and heard those inquisitive words, “Coast Guard, in Nebraska?” So what are we doing here? Well guys and gals, I know the answer to that fateful question, and it is - - - We are here to help. No two ways about it!

Helping others is what it is all about. Some of us enjoy teaching the boater safety classes, others like to use (one could insert ‘play’ here) radios and communicate, while still others enjoy meeting people at various public affairs events. All in all our boating safety classes are going well. While the numbers are down from last year (at this early date that is) we have had students from as far away as Grand Island (two students) and Minnesota (one student). Way to go team.

Boating season on the Missouri has officially begun for 33-1 with our first patrol of the season. Right off the bat on the first day, with the four-hour cruise (my apologies to “Gilligan’s Island”) under way, our fellow members managed to rescue a boater in distress. I feel confident that the boater being assisted now knows “what we are doing here.” A special thanks to all members of Flotilla 33-1 for being there when it counts.

Stay safe!

**Jim Westcott FC
8WR 33-1**



From: [U.S. Coast Guard Heartland](#)

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 10:06 AM

Subject: Coast Guard recommends VHF-FM radios for boaters in distress

Coast Guard recommends VHF-FM radios for boaters in distress

NEW ORLEANS — While boaters may feel safe with just a cell phone, the Coast Guard recommends marine-band radios set to channel 16 for boaters in distress during this third day of National Safe Boating Week.

VHF-FM radios are intended mainly for short range communications, generally 5-10 miles, and at least 20 miles to a Coast Guard station. Boaters are urged to stay by the radio, if possible. Even after the message has been received, the Coast Guard can find you more quickly if you can transmit a signal on which a rescue boat or aircraft can receive. With marine-band radios on board and set to channel 16, a boater is only a call away from help. The Coast Guard, other first responder agencies and fellow mariners monitor channel 16 24/7, which increases the number of people who can respond.

"Radios are better than cell phones because their signals can assist in locating people in distress," said Ed Huntsman, boating safety program manager for the 8th Coast Guard District. "Though a cell phone is better than no communication device at all, cell phones tend to have gaps in coverage while on the water, plus limited battery life. Many VHF radios are now water resistant and some are even waterproof."

The Coast Guard would like to remind that a growing number of boaters unsuccessful in getting a radio check on VHF channel 16 are calling Mayday to get a response. Every hoax, including Mayday radio checks, is subject to prosecution as a Class D felony under Title 14, Section 85 of the U.S. Code, liable for a \$5000 fine plus all costs the Coast Guard incurs as a result of the individual's action.

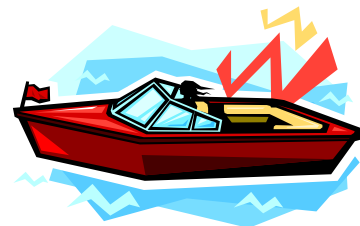
###

Date: May 19, 2014

U.S. Coast Guard Eighth District External Affairs

Contact: [U.S. Coast Guard Heartland](#)

Office: (618) 225-9008



TAKE PREPAREDNESS ON THE GO WITH THESE (FREE) MOBILE APPS!

Thomas Francisco - Community Manager (Contractor) - GovDelivery 2 hours ago [Reply](#)

It's important to be prepared no matter where we are. These apps are a great tool to have in your preparedness arsenal. While your battery might not make it through the night, with the help of some of these apps, you or a loved one likely will.

These apps include everything from : Preparedness Planners, First Aid Information, Weather, Radio and even a flashlight!

Do you know of any other free apps for mobile devices that can be useful in emergency situations? Share them with us!

American Red Cross: Mobile Apps: from the American Red Cross, there are multiple apps designed to get you information for specific disaster types and emergency scenarios. From floods, to hurricanes, wildfires, general first aid and pets, the Red Cross has provided multiple offline capable apps to assist you in a time of need.

Disaster Alert provides real-time listing and map of active disasters occurring around the globe. (for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

Dropbox is an online, cloud storage service that offers a mobile app. It is a free service that lets you access your photos, docs, and videos from anywhere, including via the mobile app, and share them easily. This is useful for storing digital copies of important documents in the case of home fires, burglary or natural disasters.

Emergency Radio provides access to real-time information via police and fire scanners as well as maps where relevant events are occurring. (for [iPhone](#))

FEMA App contains preparedness information for different types of disasters, an interactive checklist for emergency kits, information on how to stay safe and recover after a disaster, Recovery Center and Shelter maps, and more. (for [Android](#), [iPhone](#) and [Blackberry](#))

Flashlight-4 uses the [iPhone](#) white screen as a flashlight. This app jumped to 3rd from 65th for free apps in the app store download rankings following the recent earthquake off the east coast of Japan. See also Tiny Flashlight ([Android](#))

Continued on the next page

Google Earth mobile allows user to view the same 3D imagery and terrain as the desktop version. Find current location with the touch of a button; pan, zoom, and tilt view. Search for cities, places, and businesses around the world and view layers of geographic information. User can also search by voice. (for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

GPS Tuner aggregates a number of maps that then can give on-road or off-road directions that may be useful during disasters when typical navigation markers have been destroyed. (for iPhone, Windows phone and Android)

HealthMap's Outbreaks Near Me was developed by a surveillance team from MIT and Children's Hospital in Boston in order to try to gain more current information on the H1N1 outbreak at the time. App (and website www.healthmap.org) aggregates a range of data sources, including a user-generated crowd-sourcing feature, to track outbreaks. User can search for outbreaks based on location or disease. (for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

NIMS ICS Guide is an interactive guide that allows for customized on-scene contact information and provides detailed checklists. The content is all-hazards, non-jurisdictional and discipline-specific, and includes responsibilities and rules for applying the Incident Command System (ICS). (for Android, iPhone, iPod touch and iPad)

First Aid from the American Red Cross. This app saved lives during the Haiti earthquake in 2010 and offers up-to-date, just-in-time first aid training and information (including instructional videos) which are stored on the phone and accessible when out of cell phone range. (for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

Psychological First Aid (PFA) Tutorial App PFA Tutorial provides a just-in-time review for those who have previously received training to provide PFA. The tutorial describes the four core actions of PFA providers, reviews ways to engage with disaster survivors, lists common reactions to traumatic events, and provides an opportunity to check understanding in practice scenarios. Available for iPhone, Android and as a mobile website.

PTSD Coach app can help individuals learn about and manage symptoms that commonly occur after trauma. Together with professional medical treatment, PTSD Coach provides dependable resources. If you have, or think you might have PTSD, this app is for you. Family and friends can also learn from this app. (for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

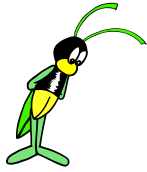
WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) is a mobile application designed to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. The WISER application extracts content from TOXNET's Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), an authoritative, peer-reviewed information resource maintained by the National Library of Medicine. (for [Android](#), [iPhone](#) and [iPad](#))

ReadyNova was developed to assist residents and business owners in developing a Family Emergency Plan or a Business Emergency Plan and follows basic and accepted emergency management practices. Both the Family Emergency Planner and the Business Emergency Planner provide an easy to use tool in developing your emergency plan. (for [Android](#) and [iPhone](#))

Modified by Thomas Francisco - Community Manager (Contractor) - GovDelivery

Start of SAFE BOATING WEEK Event at Cabela's in La Vista, Neb. Pictures by Jim Westcott





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

JUNE Notes

From: [U.S. Coast Guard Heartland](#)

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 10:06 AM

Subject: Coast Guard recommends VHF-FM radios for boaters in distress

U.S. Coast Guard releases 2013 Recreational Boating Statistics Report

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard released its 2013 Recreational Boating Statistics Wednesday, revealing that boating fatalities that year totaled 560 — the lowest number of boating fatalities on record.

From 2012 to 2013, deaths in boating-related accidents decreased 14 percent, from 651 to 560, and injuries decreased from 3,000 to 2,620, a 12.7 percent reduction. The total reported recreational boating accidents decreased from 4,515 to 4,062, a 10 percent decrease. The fatality rate for 2013 of 4.7 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels reflected a 13 percent decrease from the previous year's rate of 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. Property damage totaled approximately \$39 million.

"We are pleased that there have been fewer accidents on waterways in recent years and thank our partners for their work," said Capt. Jon Burton, director of inspections and compliance at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. "Together we will continue to stress the importance of life jacket use, boating education courses and sober boating."

The report states alcohol use was the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 17 percent of deaths. Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and machinery failure ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Where the cause of death was known, 77 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned; of those drowning victims, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket. Where boating instruction was known, 20 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received boating safety instruction. The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft and cabin motorboats.

The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly while on the water: wear a life jacket, take a boating safety course, get a free vessel safety check and avoid alcohol consumption. To view the 2013 Recreational Boating Statistics, go to <http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/AssetManager/2013RecBoatingStats.pdf>. For more information on boating responsibly, to go the Boating Safety Resource Center at <http://www.uscgboating.org/>.

###

Date: May 14, 2014

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters

Contact: [Headquarters Public Affairs](#)

Office: (202) 372-4620

JUNE 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Summer Steak Fry & meeting @ Gobles
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 NO MEET- ING	17	18	19	20	21 Boating Safety Class @ CQuence Health Services 0900-1600
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Boating Safety Class @ Valley Marine 0900-1600
29	30					

July 2014



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Boating Safety Class @ CQuence Health Services 0900-1600
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Offutt Air Show 
20 Offutt Air Show	21 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	22	23	24	25	26 Boating Safety Class @ Cabela's La Vista 0900-1600
27	28	29	30	31		