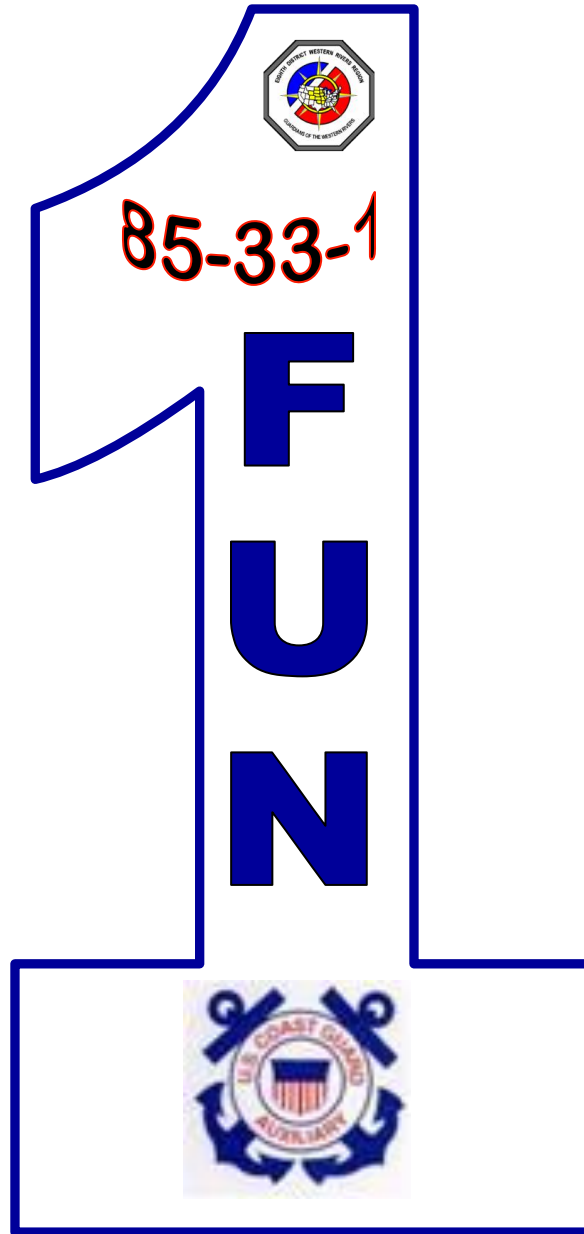


“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

27 Nov	Thanksgiving
06 Dec	Division 33 Holiday Party
20 Dec	Flotilla 33-1 Holiday Party
25 Dec	Christmas Day
01 Jan 2015	Happy New Year
19 Jan	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting

**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?](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph?unit=..)
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



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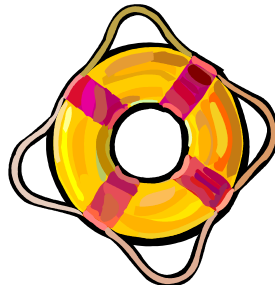
Well, here we are. The last issue of our newsletter prior to the installation of the new bridge staff for 33-1 The editor will not have me to harass about getting words for this portion of the “letter” anymore. I do however want to thank each and every one of you for the time and effort you have so graciously donated while making our flotilla the best (at least in my opinion) in the division. Without the cooperation from all of you, this would not happen.

Congratulations also should go out to the new Division 33 commander and his staff. I am sure that the next few months will be interesting and while there may be a few ‘hiccups’ along the way, it will no doubt be an interesting and productive time. I would urge all members of Division 33 to give the new DCDR the cooperation, time and effort that they would wish to receive if they were in that position.

And lastly, remember fondly those shipmates that have, for any reason, either dropped from our rolls or transferred to other assignments, as they have contributed to the four basic tenants of our fine organization.

Stay safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!

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



http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=

Logging In and Out – The Member Zone

While read-only access to the public pages of WOW sites is available to anyone on the Internet, access to protected pages or announcements is restricted to Coast Guard Auxiliary or active-duty Coast Guard members who have “logged in”. Log in credentials, called “Member Zone” credentials, give the member access to a variety of Auxiliary applications such as the AuxDirectory (“AuxOfficer”), Web-forms, the CGAuxCen, National Materials Center, the National Test Center, and of course WOW sites.

You must also log onto a WOW site in order to modify, or otherwise “configure” it, assuming you have the proper privileges (described below).

Members who have not yet set up a Member Zone password can visit <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org>, and click on “Add or Reactivate a Password”. A confirmation email will be sent to their *primary* email address as found in AuxData (from their membership application, or later change of member information form) which must be acknowledged within 15 minutes for the password to become valid.

To log on to a WOW site, simply enter your 7-digit member ID, and your Member Zone password, into the Member Zone Panel in the left navigation area (see Figure 1), and click “Log In”. If you are successfully logged in, the Member Zone Panel will confirm that you are logged in.

States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Department of Homeland Security

This site uses your National Member Zone credentials
[Obtain or Change a Password](#)

Log Into Auxiliary WOW II Website

Auxiliary Employee ID

Member Zone Password

Unit (if not your flotilla) (e.g., 081-03-24)

NOTICE:

Information contained in this program is covered by the provisions of the Federal Privacy Act and is only available to listed members of Coast Guard Forces.

1. Open a web browser
2. Type wow.uscgaux.info
3. Enter your Aux credentials
4. Enter your unit in the following format:
085-33-01
5. Press “Log In”

George McNary teaching a TCT course to members of Flotilla 33-1

Photo by Barb Westcott



Barclay Stebbins, VDCR and Richard Goble, FSO PE teaching a BS & S course to members of the Douglas County Sherriff's boat patrol along with members of our flotilla.

Photos by James Miller



Jim Westcott, FC, presenting Barclay Stebbins, VDCR, an award for "Superior Performance of Duty"

Photo by Barb Westcott

Coast Guard transports 193 endangered sea turtles

Information received from the Coast Guard 1st District Public Affairs

Photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ross Ruddell



BOSTON — The Coast Guard transported 193 endangered sea turtles from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Orlando, Florida Tuesday.

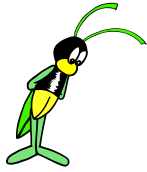
Animal caregivers from Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary initially rescued the cold-stunned from along the Cape Cod and Buzzards Bay shoreline in recent weeks after they became trapped in the cold water along the cape while migrating south.

They were transported by a HC-144A Ocean Sentry aircrew from Air Station Cape Cod and transferred to several rehabilitation facilities before eventually being released back into the wild.

U.S. Coast Guard

Contact: [1st District Public Affairs](#)

Office: (617) 223-8515



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

DECEMBER Notes

From: <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Before Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services. Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at: www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.



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During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Signs of Frostbite: Occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose. What to Do: Cover exposed skin, but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it up. Seek medical help immediately.
- Signs of Hypothermia: Dangerously low body temperature. Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. What to Do: If symptoms of hypothermia are detected take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, seek medical attention immediately. Get the victim to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry clothing. Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Seek medical help immediately.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends, if you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care. Because frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure, first determine whether the victim also shows signs of hypothermia. Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition and requires emergency medical assistance.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

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After Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

- If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter if you can get there safely. Text **SHELTER** + your **ZIP code** to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (e.g., SHELTER20472)
- Bring any personal items that you would need to spend the night (such as toiletries, medicines). Take precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers, wear boots, mittens, and a hat.
- Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.

Learn From Every Storm

Restock your emergency supplies to be ready in case another storm hits.

- Assess how well your supplies and family plan worked. What could you have done better?
- Take a few minutes to improve your family plan and supplies before the next winter storm hits.
- Talk to your neighbors and colleagues about their experiences and share tips with each other




December 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Division 33 Holiday Party Old Chicago 78th & Cass 1300 to 1500
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Holiday Party 1600 to ?
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			Have a Safe 2015

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Division 33 Meeting/ Change of Watch Fremont Country Club
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31