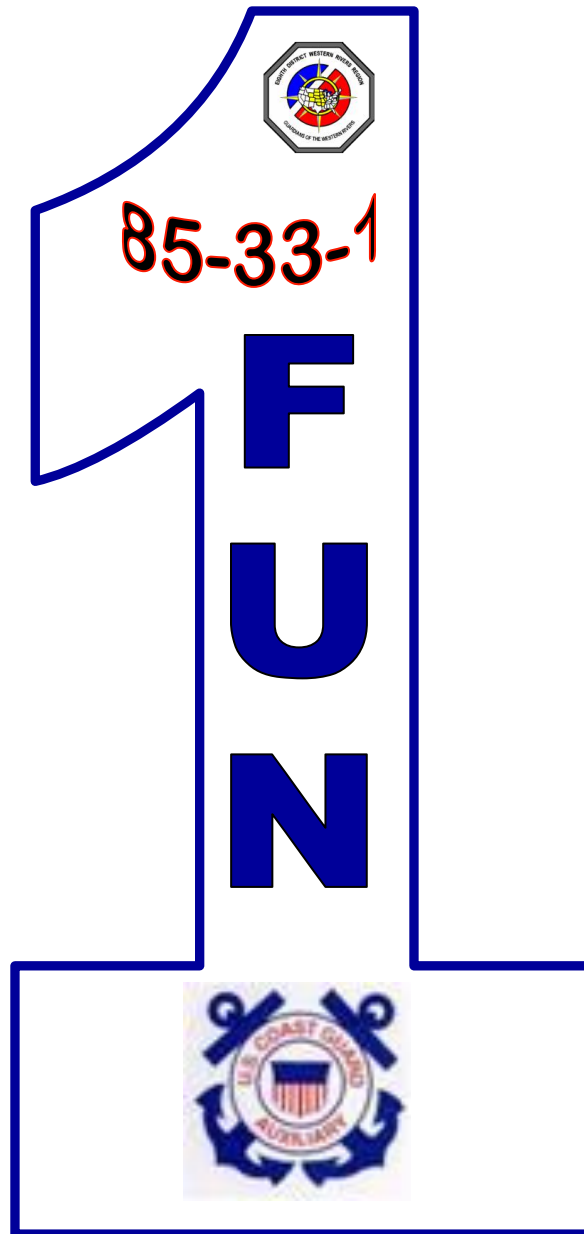


“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

01 Jan	Happy New Year
10 Jan	Division 33 Meeting & Change of Watch
19 Jan	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting
12 Feb	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting

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

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



JANUARY 2015

Happy New Year to all.

I wish to thank each member of this flotilla for all the hard work they do for the boating public. Our boating safety classes, the B S & S courses, public affairs events all make us an outstanding flotilla.

I want to thank the members that accepted offices next year. I know that we will work hard, have fun, and help a lot of boaters.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend several if not all the meetings and functions that we will have this year. Please check the calendar in this newsletter and also the web site for any updates. The web site is:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.ph?unit=..

I hope that each of you has a fantastic 2015.

Stay safe!

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



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FSO-PE

We have reached the end of the boating season and the teaching of boating basic safety classes. The final count is as follows:

Flotilla 33-01 Twelve Classes with 240 total students for an average of 20 students per class.

Flotilla 33-02 Twelve Classes with 132 total students for an average of 11 students per class.

Flotilla 33-03 Eight Classes with 118 total students for an average of 14.5 students per class.

The question comes into play as to why the number of students was significantly different in the number of students taught per class between the above three Flotillas who primarily teach the Nebraska State Class for Nebraska Game and Parks? From what I know from my own experience as FSO-PE for Flotilla 33-01 and in talking to others, as well as following the classes posted to Nebraska Game and Parks website, we are encountering two trends that impact the number of students the Auxiliary teaches.

1. Since the Auxiliary started teaching the Nebraska Class in the early 2000's when we were just about the only ones doing it in Eastern Nebraska, there are now a several non-Auxiliary instructors in this area also teaching the Nebraska State Boating Basics course.

2. A few years ago Nebraska Game and Parks initiated the option B way of taking their Boating Safety course. Option B allows the student to study at home and then go to a testing site for a three hour run through of what they need to know to boat in Nebraska and take the test. When this option started it was understood that this was for students who lived in sparsely populated areas of the State where the students and the instructor would have to drive a long distance to reach the training site. What has happened in the last three years is the option B method is now being frequently offered in the populated area of Eastern Nebraska, and is attracting a significant number of students who would normally take the full Nebraska State Boating Basics course taught by the Auxiliary in a class room setting.

Let us keep in mind a sad truth; generally speaking a lot of the students taking the boating safety course could care less about knowing how to operate a boat safely and correctly. All they want to do is get a boating safety certificate so they can legally take the helm of a power vessel. The faster and quicker they can do it, the better they like it. This is also one of the reasons for the substantial decline in the BS&S course.

Speaking of BS&S, Flotilla 33-01 for the first time since 2010 is teaching this course starting 29 October 2014. They are also teaching it again starting 17 January 2015.

Even though the number of students we are teaching seems to be substantially declining, we in the Auxiliary have as our primary mission Recreational Boating Safety. It is our duty to keep on teaching Boating Safety Classes and to do the most thoroughly effective job we can in our classes to try and make sure the students understand how to operate a vessel safely, as well as their duties and responsibilities as a vessel operator. I for one, really question the effectiveness of a home study course, and boating safety courses that are taught online.

Richard Goble, FSO-PE



Received via email from the
Coast Guard Public Affairs Corpus Christi

Texas Parks & Wildlife, Coast Guard rescue 3 boaters

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Three people in need of medical attention were rescued from their grounded boat by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Coast Guard crews early Sunday morning.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday, the three made a distress call received by Coast Guard watchstanders at Station South Padre Island. They reported that their recreational boat had run aground, they were all diabetic and very low on food. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi watchstanders launched a 33-foot rescue boat from Station South Padre Island and requested partners with Texas Parks and Wildlife to provide assistance due to the shallow water.

The Coast Guard boatcrew guided a Texas Parks and Wildlife airboat crew to the scene. Upon arrival, the airboat crew took the distressed mariners aboard and transferred them to Adolph Thomae Marina where they were met by EMS.

“With weather conditions deteriorating quickly and all three persons in need of medical attention, we responded quickly to transport the distressed mariners to safety,” said Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Allen, the search and rescue mission coordinator for Sector Corpus Christi. “It is imperative that boaters always have enough life jackets for everyone onboard, have sufficient and appropriate medical supplies, always carry a marine VHF radio capable of calling for help, and have a boating plan and communicate it with friends and family.”

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**10 January 2015
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CQuence Health Group**

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Omaha, NE
Lunch as a Group
TRAINING 1230-1600**

**IT (instructor)
IS (Information Services)
VE (Vessel Exams)**

Uniforms

Uniform of The Day Tropical Blue (Meeting and Trng Only)

**CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY
FREMONT GOLF CLUB
2710 N. Somers Ave., Fremont, NE 68025**

SOCIAL HOUR 1800 Cash Bar

DINNER 1900

Chicken Marsala \$23

New York Strip \$29

Raspberry Salmon \$24

Entrees include Twice Baked potatoes,

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Uniform Dinner and Ceremony

Dinner Dress Blue ♦ Dinner Dress White

Appropriate Civilian Attire

Please see the information that has been passed down regarding the Approved Changes to the uniform regulations.

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ALCGPSC 171/14

SUBJ: RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46

Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6H

1. This ALCGPSC issues new guidance and reports the results from Uniform Board No. 46. The following changes to REF A have been approved by the Commandant and are effective immediately:

A. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF FOUL WEATHER PARKA II WITH SDB: The FWPII (with or without the liner) is authorized for wear with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Tropical Blue (TB), Winter Dress Blue (WDB), and Service Dress Blue (SDB). The trench coat remains a required seabag item and may be prescribed for wear with the SDB and other uniforms. However, the FWPII provides superior weather protection. The previous limitations on the wear of the FWPII with the TB and WDB uniforms are removed. Commands are reminded that for inspections and occasions where more uniformity is required, they may prescribe seabag outerwear.

B. AUTHORIZE WEAR OF GARRISON CAP WITH SDB: The Garrison Cap may be worn optionally with the SDB unless the Combination Cap is otherwise prescribed. The Combination Cap remains the preferred cover for wear with the SDB, especially for outdoor or formal ceremonies where the cover is integral to the uniform. Commands may prescribe when the Combination Cap is required. The wear of the Garrison Cap with the SDB allows for greater flexibility during travel and while transiting between outdoor and indoor spaces.

C. EXPAND WEAR OF OPTIONAL UNIT BALL CAPS: The restriction limiting wear of the unit ball cap to the members unit is removed. It may now be worn on board any CG unit or DOD facility. The unit ball cap is an optional item for wear with the ODU, not a seabag item, and cannot be mandated for wear on board units or for inspections. The unit ball cap is not authorized for wear while a student at training commands or where greater uniformity is required.

D. FOOD SERVICE UNIFORM: The restriction limiting the wear of black chef pants as part of the FS uniform only for special events is removed. When wearing the chefs coat, ODU trousers shall be used as the standard operational wear with the FS uniform. However, commands may authorize the wear of plain black chef pants. When wearing a white chefs coat, members will wear a white v-neck t-shirt.

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E. SUNGLASSES: Authorized sunglass styles now include: Sunglass frames shall be conservative (unadorned black or navy blue material: gold or silver wire) and lenses shall be black or brown in color (mirrored lenses are prohibited). Sunglasses are not authorized in formation unless the need to wear sunglasses has been certified by medical authorities, or otherwise authorized by the commander/commanding officer due to environmental conditions. Personnel will not wear lenses or frames that are so large or so small that they detract from the appearance of the uniform.

F. WRIST WATCHES: The policy is clarified regarding authorized styles and specifying that members may only wear one watch. Conservative examples are black, brown, navy blue, silver or gold. Prohibited examples are diamond covered, neon, bright colors, white, and bands that exceed 1-inch width. Personnel shall not wear watches that are so large they detract from the appearance of the uniform.

G. TIE TACKS: The policy is clarified to authorize the wear of replicas of miniature officer, CPO, enlisted, or other CG insignia. Replicas of military school insignia or elements thereof are authorized. Members may only wear replicas of insignia that they earned while in the Coast Guard. Tie bars shall be approximately 3/16 inches wide, and tie tacks shall be no more than 3/4 inches in diameter.

H. FEMALE HANDBAGS: The restriction limiting handbags to envelope style is removed. Handbags with or without a plain fold-over flap are now authorized. All other specifications remain.

I. FEMALE HOSIERY REQUIREMENTS: The policy is clarified that when wearing pumps or flats, hosiery is required. When wearing slacks with oxford dress shoes, socks are required. Hosiery specifications remain as outlined in REF A.

J. WEAR OF SMALL UNADORNED SCRUNCHIES: Female grooming standards are expanded to authorize the wear of small plain Scrunchies (elastic bands covered with material not to exceed one inch in width) that are plain black, navy blue, brown, or color similar to the individuals hair. Large or lacy scrunchies are not authorized.

K. FEMALE SHIRT SEABAG OPTIONS: Female members have the option to use either male or female shirts to fulfill enlisted seabag inspection requirements. Initial issue and clothing maintenance allowance will continue to be based upon the female specific shirts. This policy change allows enlisted female members to only maintain shirt styles that provide the best fit.

L. AIGUILLETTES: The policy is clarified specifying that Aiguillettes are authorized for wear by Captains serving in designated Deputy positions to Flag Officers. The wear of a blue Aiguillette is authorized for the MCPOCG driver.

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M. PRIOR SERVICE INSIGNIA: The Commandant approved a policy change to allow the optional wear of up to one prior service qualification insignia. Further guidance will be promulgated by a separate ALCGPSC to implement this change and authorize wear of CG mission related prior service insignia.

2. The Commandant approved the board recommendations for the development of an optional long sleeve mock turtle neck for wear with the ODU (PSC-PSD-mu is currently working on the specifications).

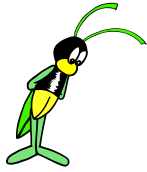
3. The Uniforms Program relies on field level input to enhance our uniforms and wear policy. There were numerous submissions that were not approved by the board, were administratively closed, or needed more research. All submissions provide value to the uniforms program and even though a submission may not have been approved, policy clarifications, quality control, and other program elements may have been enhanced through evaluation of the submission. A listing of submissions that were not enacted into policy can be found on the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) website under UDC News and Information <http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>.

4. Thank you to the members of Uniform Board 46 and to those who submitted uniform program suggestions. Suggestions can be submitted at any time to the uniform program. Members and commands should refer to REF A for official guidance on uniform matters. The contents of the ALCGPSC are intended to augment existing policy in REF A. For questions regarding uniform policy and/or board submissions, please contact CWO Larry Lawson at Lawrence.t.lawson (at) uscg.mil or (703)872-6659. Uniform availability and ordering questions can be directed to the UDC at (800)874-6844.

5. RDML M. L. Austin, Commander, CG Personnel Service Center, sends.

6. Internet release is authorized.





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

JANURARY Notes

From: <http://www.boatingmag.com/boatingsafety/tips/safety-tip/life-jackets-all-seasons>

Life Jackets for All Seasons

Many anglers and boaters take to the water year-round, even without the warm weather of leisurely summer days. But statistics show that, even during the off-season, boating accidents — some involving serious tragedies — will happen.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the [National Safe Boating Council](#) want to remind boaters that 85 percent of drowning victims in 2012 recreational boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket. “There’s no excuse not to wear a life jacket,” says Virgil Chambers, executive director for the council. “You can still have fun on the water while wearing a life jacket and boating responsibly.”


Along those lines, the North American Safe Boating Campaign has identified the top five excuses people offer for NOT wearing a life jacket. Here they are, with the campaign’s responses:

- 1. I have life jackets on board.** Having life jackets on board the vessel is not enough. Accidents happen too fast to put on a stowed life jacket.
- 2. I’m a strong swimmer.** Even a strong swimmer needs to wear a life jacket. During an emergency, clothing can become heavy or waterlogged while in the water.
- 3. It’s too hot and doesn’t look cool.** Old-fashioned, bulky orange life jackets have been replaced with new styles, like inflatable life jackets that may resemble a pair of suspenders or a belt pack. These are much cooler in the warmer weather.
- 4. It gets in the way.** There are life-jacket styles available for any recreational water activity – fishing, water sports, hunting, paddling and more. There are even styles for pets!
- 5. Nothing is going to happen to me.** Face it, accidents happen. Boating can be a fun, safe and enjoyable activity, but when the “Wear It!” message is ignored, the consequences can be grim.

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The U.S. Coast Guard is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage, and associated healthcare costs related to recreational boating accidents by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers. Essential steps include: wearing a life jacket at all times and requiring passengers to do the same; never boating under the influence (BUI); successfully completing a boating safety course; and getting a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) annually from local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons(r), or your state boating agency's Vessel Examiners. The U.S. Coast Guard reminds all boaters to "Boat Responsibly!" For more tips on boating safety, visit www.uscgboating.org.

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