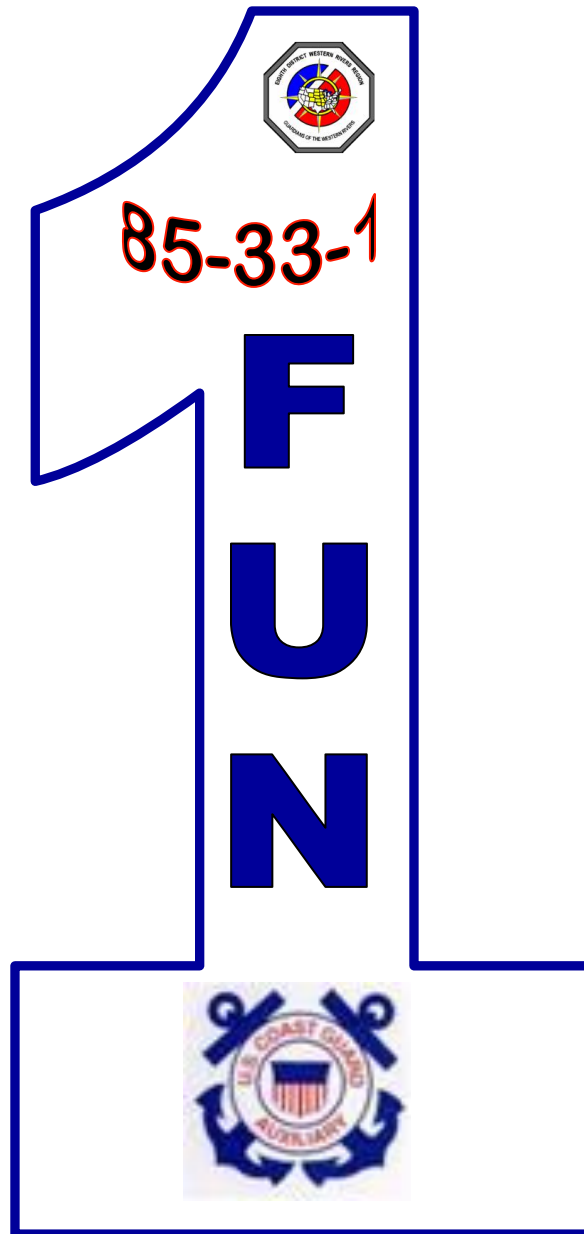


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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 Feb	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting
06 Mar	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting
18 Apr	Division 33 Meeting, Training & Awards @ Mahoney State Park
20 Apr	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



FEBRUARY 2015

2015 is off to a busy start. We have had our Change of Watch, and our flotilla's first meeting of the year. Members of our flotilla have helped with the River City Fishing and Hunting Expo at the Mid America Center, more BS&S classes are scheduled, and we have started planning this year's Boating Safety classes. We have the possibility to help with at least 2 events at Cabela's this Spring.

With all this interaction with the public, we can also talk to those interested in joining the Auxiliary. We have been tasked to each try to get one person to join our flotilla. We must remember that quality people are much more important than the quantity of people. As we are among the best, if not the best, flotilla in our division, we want to continue to support the gold side as best as we can.

Please keep practicing your different skills so that they will be proficient for the up coming boating season. But most of all let us all enjoy what we each does for the auxiliary and be certain to include the forth corner stone of FELLOWSHIP.

Stay safe!

Barb Westcott FC
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Dan Groenedyk, Robert Keoni Goetschkes
and Robert Goetschkes



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Copy of invitation and program

Robert Keoni Goetschkes (son of our flotilla member Bobby Goetschkes), wrote the following article regarding his appointment to the Coast Guard Academy:

I recently received a Full Nomination to attend the USCG Academy in New London, CT. Also, my parents and I were invited to attend the All Academies Ball in December. We got to meet with other Candidates and Cadets at the Old Market Marriot. The offer came in a portfolio with an official welcome from the academy's Commanding Officer; that was a nice, personal touch.

The application process is not much different than applying to a regular college. The Coast Guard Academy requires high ACT/SAT scores, a high GPA, and a large number of challenging core classes. On top of this, they expect a multitude of extra-curricular activities in which the applicant must show their leadership potential. For me, this included lettering in Varsity Football, Track and Field, Robotics, and the National Honor Society, as well as earning Eagle Scout and Ranger awards in Scouting. It is not good enough to have only well rounded academics, as the CGA is developing leaders, not just intelligent officers. Another piece to the application is a fitness exam, where they test both endurance and basic muscular strength. They test the number of push-ups and sit-ups one can do, as well as how fast you can run 1.5 miles. This section of the process is given just as much consideration as your academic and extracurricular activities on your application.

If I end up choosing the Coast Guard Academy, I plan to earn a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and work on different engineering systems to improve their reliability, and repair ships throughout the fleet. My dad is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, and if half his stories are true, then I look forward to seeing what all the fun is about.

Robert Keoni Goetschkes
Class of 2015, Brownell Talbot School

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A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Safety Q and A from the Commodore:

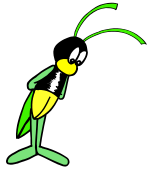
Question. What is the leading cause of traffic accidents?

Answer. While (#2) speeding and (#3) drunk driving are two of the main culprits, the leading cause – thanks to the widespread use of smartphones – is (#1) distracted driving. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, drivers who use a hand-held device are 4 times more likely to get into a car accident. Individuals who text message while driving are 23 times more likely.

Thank you.

Commodore Smekta





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

FEBRUARY Notes

From: <http://www.discoverboating.com/beginner/safety/tips.aspx>



Safe Boating Tips

No matter how much experience you have, it's always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules before departures. Below you will find 10 basic boating safety tips to help you stay safe:

Be Weather-Wise

Always check local weather conditions before departure; TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.

Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist

Proper boating safety includes being prepared for any possibility on the water. Following a [pre-departure checklist](#) is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been overlooked or forgotten.

Use Common Sense

One of the most important parts of boating safety is to use your common sense. This means operating at a safe speed at all times (especially in crowded areas), staying alert at all times and steering clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also, be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there to ensure your own safety.

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Designate an Assistant Skipper

Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and general boating safety. If the primary navigator is injured or incapacitated in any way, it's important to make sure someone else can follow the proper boating safety rules to get everyone else back to shore.

Develop a Float Plan

Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you're going and how long you're going to be gone.

A float plan can include the following information:

name, address, and phone number of trip leader

name and phone number of all passengers

boat type and registration information

trip itinerary

types of communication and signal equipment onboard

Make Proper Use of Lifejackets

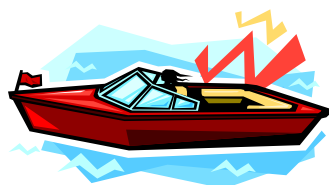
Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters not wearing their [lifejackets](#)? Make sure that your family and friends aren't part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a life jacket prior to departure. Wear it!

Avoid Alcohol

Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved and studies have shown that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated by sun and wind.

Learn to Swim

If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety includes knowing how to swim. Local organizations, such as the American Red Cross and others, offer training for all ages and abilities. Check to see what classes are offered in your area.



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Take a Boating Course

Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with the boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state; however, some require validated completion of at least one [boating safety course](#). Regardless of your individual state's requirements, it's always important to be educated and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course or [online course](#) to help educate yourself.

Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check

Take advantage of a free vessel safety check from the [US Coast Guard](#). They offer complimentary boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. Free of charge, they'll provide a specialist to check out your boat and make helpful boating safety tips and recommendations. They also offer virtual online safety checks as well.



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