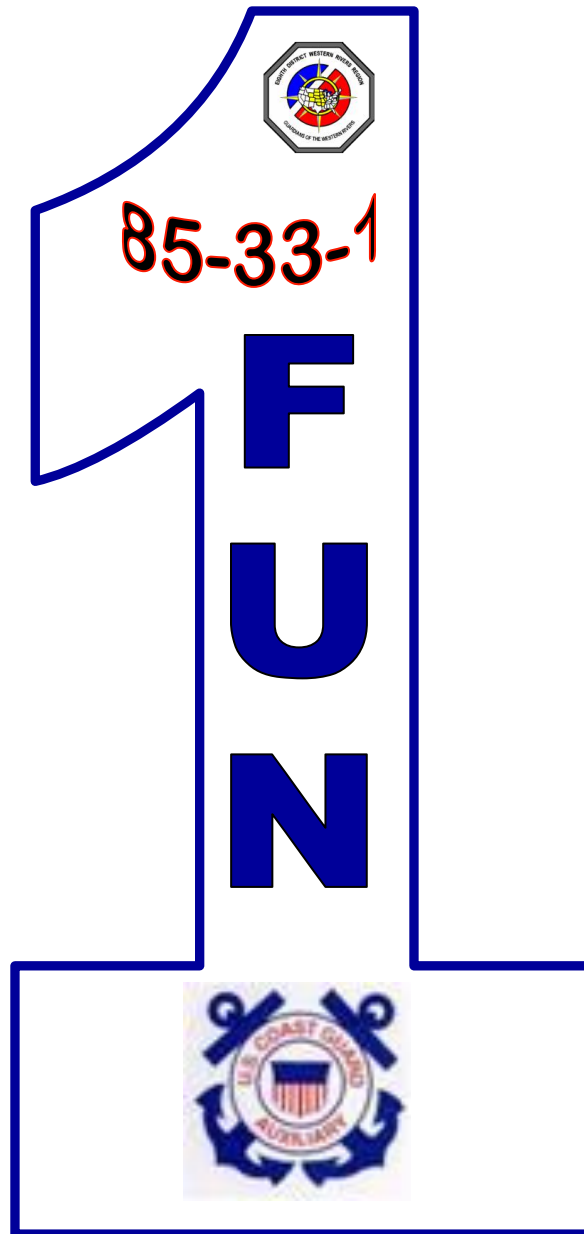


# “The Fun One”

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

01 Mar	Captain's Weekend @ Cabela's
16 Mar	Flotilla 33-1 Meeting
28/29 Mar	Spring Great Outdoors Days @ Cabela's
10/11 Apr	D-Train, Branson MO
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



### MARCH 2015

It is the first of March, that means that spring and summer can not be far behind. It also means that daylight saving time starts on the 8th of the month, the state boating safety classes have already started as have our public affairs events and that our members will all be extremely busy while having a lot of fun. Boats will soon be out of winter storage, and in the river or lake of your choice.

Please remember that March is also the start of severe weather month, and our busiest time. We need to be watchful of the weather and use the GAR system any time that we have a patrol, or on those occasions when we are boating for fun.

We have 2 new members (Douglas Wells & DCOS Frank Reiss) to our flotilla, please welcome them.

**Stay safe!**

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

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TO: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

SUBJ: CHIEF DIRECTOR FINAL ACTION ON NATIONAL BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AT NTRAIN 2015 -004/15

1. At the 2015 Auxiliary National Training Meeting (NTRAIN) in St. Louis, MO in January, the following recommendations were placed before the National Board for vote. They are summarized with the Chief Director's final determinations below:

A. Recommendation: That the National dues for membership be raised by an amount of one dollar per month for each member of the Auxiliary effective in the 2016 dues cycle. In the 10 years since the last such increase, resource challenges have progressively continued. This dues increase is warranted to sustain the Auxiliary's ability to adequately address its managerial responsibilities, maintain marginal capacity to respond to unforeseeable surge scenarios, and develop member training that will meet Auxiliary needs well into the 21st century. Submitted by DNACO-MS.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective as indicated.

B. Recommendation: That the Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, be amended to specify under what conditions boat shoes are authorized to be worn with the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU). Section H.4.e on page 10-79 (AUX MAN) states in part that boat shoes of either dark blue or brown color are authorized for wear by Auxiliarists as an option to 8-10 inch black safety boots while wearing the ODU. Wearing of boat shoes with non-slip soles is a safety consideration on fiberglass hulled vessels underway or dock side. Boat shoe soles are non-marring and these shoes have no cause on an OPFAC to contain steel inserts for toe protection nor to have oil resistant soles. It is suggested that personal safety during operational evolutions is the main rationale behind the spirit and intent of this authorization. However, many Auxiliarists demonstrate no hesitation in wearing boat shoes of various shades of the blue and brown spectrum in public settings where that sort of appearance looks unprofessional and does not match the standards of our active duty counterparts. This section of the chapter on uniforms should specify that wearing of boat shoes is to be limited to operational activities where personal safety is a concern and that boat shoes are specifically prohibited for wear in public settings, including Auxiliary unit meetings. During all non-operational activities, the 8-10 inch safety boot is the prescribed foot wear while the member is wearing the ODU.

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The recommendation was amended to read as follows: That the Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, sub-divisions H.3.e. and H.4.e. be amended to provide authorization for the wear of boat shoes only when conducting vessel safety checks, when underway on an Auxiliary operational facility, when commuting to or from a point of Auxiliary patrol or safety check activity, or when specifically authorized by a Coast Guard order issuing authority. Submitted by DNACO-MS.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective immediately. The Coast Guard's pride and professionalism are conveyed first and foremost by sharp uniform appearance. The Auxiliary is applauded for its enduring concern for this tenet and for taking action like this.

C. Recommendation: That the Auxiliary Manual, Section 8.C.1.b.(2) be amended to allow AUXOP Leadership Training credit for the Coast Guard Leadership and Management (CGLAMS) Course. When the current AUXOP requirements were developed, CGLAMS was excluded. In fact, the AUXLAMS course closely parallels and was directly adapted from the CGLAMS course by converting the context of role-play scenarios from CG unit settings to flotilla settings, and eliminating the section on enlisted performance ratings. Both courses are considered of equal value for Auxiliarists.

The AUXLAMS course, now taught in split (A & B) format, is in high demand, and there are not enough courses to satisfy the students who want it. Some have traveled long distances, at their own expense, to attend. The Coast Guard has been reserving three seats in each CGLAMS class for Auxiliarists, but they have gone unfilled because there is no AUXOP credit. Approval of this recommendation would end an unnecessary and wasteful practice. Submitted by DVC-TL.

(1) National Board vote: For.

(2) Chief Director final action: Concur, approved, and effective immediately. Leadership training provided in CGLAMS is excellent, but as noted above it is nonetheless delivered in a much more active duty than Auxiliary context. Approval is therefore not a precedent under which other courses may become alternatives for AUXOP program, Auxiliary C-school, Auxiliary Specialty Course, or other Auxiliary training program credit. Appropriate changes to AUXDATA will have to be made.

2. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information

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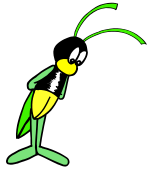
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Dated 11 MAR 2014





# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

## **MARCH Notes**

**From:** <http://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>

## **TORNADOES**

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

## **Before a Tornado**

- To begin preparing, you should **build an emergency kit** and make a **family communications plan**.
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- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
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- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
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- Look for the following danger signs:
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  - Dark, often greenish sky
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  - Large hail
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  - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
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  - Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
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- If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

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## Tornado Facts

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but may vary from stationary to 70 mph.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.
- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.

## Know the Terms

- Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:
- **Tornado Watch** - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.
- **Tornado Warning** - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.



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## MORE OF THE *INFORMATION BUG*

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

### **Something to remember:**

**Even though there are more incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning in the winter, remember that this can also happen in the summer on your boat.**

Caution: Each year, an average of 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and there are more than 20,000 visits to the emergency room with more than 4,000 hospitalizations. Carbon monoxide-related deaths are highest during colder months. These deaths are likely due to increased use of gas-powered furnaces and alternative heating, cooking, and power sources used inappropriately indoors during power outages.

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors. Keep these devices at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.
- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.





# March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cabela's "Captain's Weekend" La Vista 1100-1600	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Cabela's Spring Great Outdoors Days 1100-1600
29 Cabela's Spring Great Outdoors Days 1100-1600	30	31				

# April 2015



**Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat**

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5 	6	7	8	9	10 D-Train in Branson MO.	11 D-Train in Branson MO.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Division 33 Meeting / Training And Awards Dinner Mahoney St. Park
19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		