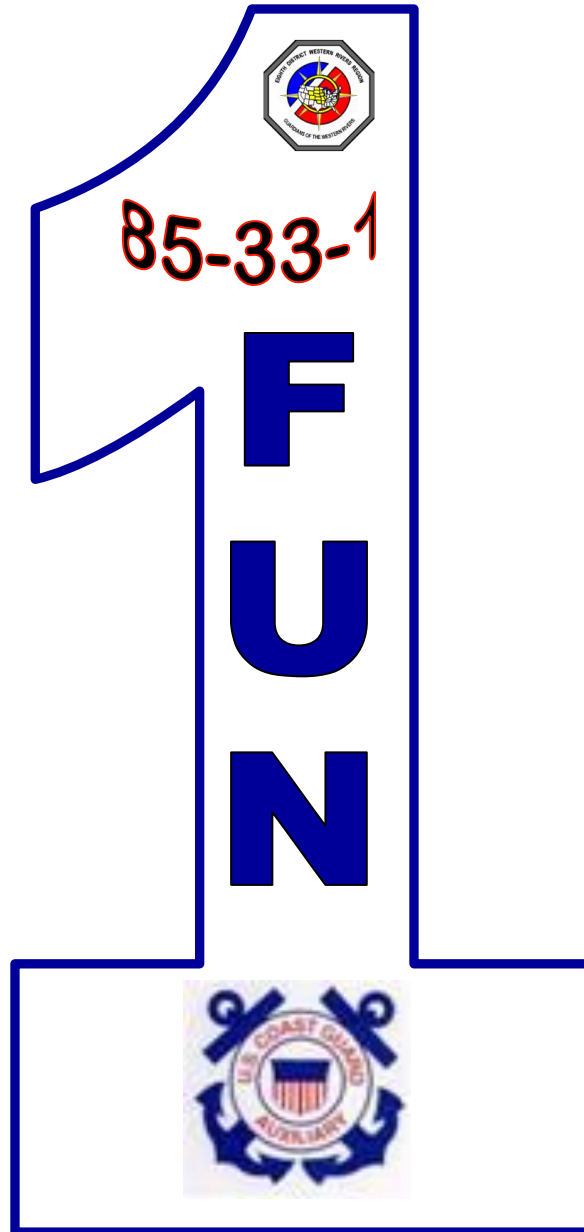


“The Fun One”

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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

06 June	Boating Safety Class
07 June	Flotilla Summer Social
13 June	Boating Safety Class
20 June	Boating Safety Class
11 July	Boating Safety Class
20 July	Flotilla Meeting
25 July	Boating Safety Class

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes**

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**Want to see more pictures?
Please remember to check out the website at:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



JUNE 2015

Summer appears to be just around the corner, even though the temperatures do not seem to agree. Our coxswains and crew have already had a couple of patrols. Thank you to all those that participate.

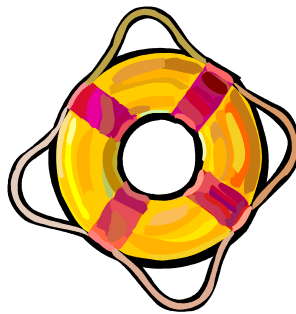
Please remember that with the warmer weather, comes the chance of severe storms. I would suggest that if you do not have a weather radio, get a weather alert app for your smart phone.

To our new members, please be sure to look into all the different opportunities that the auxiliary, and more importantly our flotilla have to offer.

Please try to come to our Summer Social, and be sure to let Richard or Jean Goble know how many in your family will be there and also which of the following you will be bringing; a side dish, salad or hors d'oeuvres. Hope to see everyone there!

Stay safe!

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



Division 085-33 received the following thank you form Officer J. Nelson of the Omaha Police Department's Prevention Programs Unit, for our participation in the 19th Annual Safety Expo.

Thank you to all who helped.

Jim Westcott SO-PA

All -

Good Afternoon! I would like to thank everyone for your participation and support with the 19th annual Safety Expo at the Westroads Mall on Saturday, April 25th. Despite the weather and cancellation of the outside displays, I felt the event was a success! An Estimated 13,000 people attended the Mall during the Expo hours.

I have not set an exact date for next year but we always try to choose the last Saturday in April. However, it looks as if the Berkshire Meeting next year is Saturday, April 30, 2016. I will send out a "save the date" notice once I confirm a date.

If you know of anyone interested in participating next year please feel free to give them my contact information. Also feel free to provide feedback on how I can make the event better.

Thank you and take care,
Jenny

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The Proclamation below was obtained by C. Walters, SLO-NE.



The following information and pictures were submitted by
our new member Jim Wolfe

**PLEASE DESCRIBE WHO OR WHAT INFLUENCED YOUR
DECISION TO JOIN THE Coast Guard?**

In 1964 at Yellowstone Lake was the first time I had met any Coast guardsmen. They gave a workshop and we became certified boat handlers. That did it, I wanted the Coast Guard. The folks had a small 14 foot outboard boat which we used all the time in the lakes in Oklahoma. Many a fishing trip and later scuba diving help me decide that if I had a choice I wanted either the Navy or Coast Guard. My senior year of high school saw many friends joining one of the four branches of the military those were the only four they knew about but I was interested in the fifth - Coast Guard. I had obtained an application which I keep until my senior year in college and now was the time to pull it out and send it in.

My Dad, like all the other men in my family, had served. Dad served in WWII in the Pacific on an aircraft carrier, my first Christmas found me in Cape Code, Mass. With my little sailor suit. Just like dad! This was my direction, duty, and honor to serve.



I would have to travel 100 miles on a Thursday to Tulsa, Okla. There were no recruiters in Oklahoma, but one would be in a Federal building once a month on a Thursday. So off I went to see if I could get in. The First Class Boatswain's Mate told me that there was a waiting list of 7 months and they only took two men per month and asked was I still interested. Yes I was. I filled out the application and turned it in. For the next 6 months I drove 100 miles to visit and see how things were going.

I would have to travel to Kansas City to take a test and then a civilian medical exam. It would take three days in KC before I could enlist. Then while in boot camp I would take another set of tests to see which school I could chose after that. I did hear that the First Class boatswain's Mate had been assigned to a ship in Alaska. June 7th, I was on my way to Cape May and a new adventure; one which would have a profound effect on the rest of my life. June, July and August found me in boot camp. There I was introduced to my TI and many others that shaped my training.

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**WHETHER YOU WERE IN THE SERVICE FOR SEVERAL YEARS
OR AS A CAREER, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DIRECTION
OR PATH YOU TOOK.**

I was put in HOTEL Company. I served as the Chaplin rep. and assistant Yeoman. I found that boot camp was just what I expected, having been in Boy Scouts with all the skills needed to earn my Eagle Badge.

As the Chaplin rep. I met Mr. Ford and yes it was Henry Ford's son. He gave a sermon one time telling us that at dinner one night, his dad wished that one of his sons would go into another field besides cars so they would have something different to talk about at dinner. Mr. Ford was a Navy Chaplin on loan to the Coast Guard.

After taking the tests I was given the choice of A schools after boot camp and I chose electronics in Groton, Conn. The day after graduation two of us headed to Conn. Starting in Sept. 1966 electronic school was a 5 day 8 hour per day 6 month course. This course set skills and training I would use throughout the rest of my life and career. Little did I know that the education was equal to another degree in electronics leading to understanding of computers. Again this was the best move I have ever made. After graduation in May 1967, I was shipped out to the Bahamas !!!!



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The station I was shipped to was on San Salvador Bahamas. Yes sounds great but was semi-isolated duty with one Palm tree! This was a LORAN (long range aid to navigation) station.) The equipment was invented during WWII in 1943; so it was about 20 years old. The signal is much like a lighthouse but electronic.

My duty was from June 1967 to June 1968. While serving there I became a third Class Petty Officer. Many experiences living on an island with only native BWIs. Great fishing and plenty of sun. The Loran signal was used by all the military and public for navigation. No GPS was available at this time. Loran A still used tubes. Loran C was just being introduced which used transistors. I understand that Loran D was put into 18 wheel trucks in Viet Nam and Loran E was used in space which began GPS. The photos (on the previous page) are of San Sal USCG.



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After one year I was shipped back to the states to Cape San Blas, Fla.! Yes this station closer to towns, but still 13 miles away. Again a Loran A station but with Radio Beacon and a working Lighthouse. I served there until I got out in May 1970.

The addition of Radio Beacon for navigation was really interesting. The Loran signal could go out 1,000 miles where as the Radio Beacon signal would travel 250 miles and the light-house would travel 20 to 30 miles. Every 4 hours we would use a TTY to report ship movement and weather reports.

By 1972 most of the station had been replaced by off site switches and the station began to shut down. Loran A was out. But up to that time we were still used by the Coast Guard and other military units plus the fishing boats for location and fishing fields. So we were still part of the SAR team. These photos are from Cape San Blas. Lighthouse moved to a park in Port St. Joe, Fla.



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WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR LEAVING?

During my tour of duty, I was looking around for a direction and a career. Yes the Coast Guard would be a super career but for me I wanted to try teaching which would mean leaving the Coast Guard and attend school for a teaching certificate. I had a degree in Fine Art and during my stay in Cape San Blas I was able to do some art work and teaching. So I used my GI Bill to go back to school and start a teaching career. Little did I know that most of my career would be teaching electronics and computer! Thanks to the Coast Guard training and 3 years of working hands on made a great foundation for teaching electronics and computers.

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN COMBAT, PEACEKEEPING OR HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS, PLEASE DESCRIBE THOSE WHICH WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TO YOU AND, IF LIFE-CHANGING, IN WHAT WAY.

There were two actions which made a profound change in my thinking. First was the skills and training that allowed me to keep an electronic station online which was used for navigation 24/7 and the confidence to do my assigned duties. The second event that showed me the other side of duty was when we came back into the states and landed at Miami airport and were spit on by citizens.

OF ALL YOUR DUTY STATIONS OR ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH ONE DO YOU HAVE FONDEST MEMORIES OF AND WHY?

While stationed on San Sal. Five of use were to participate in a war game with the 80 man Navy base two miles away. Four Coast Guard men entered the base and were able to simulate taking out 60 or more men and I was to take down the backup communication system and the air strip one mile down the road. This was very successful, and we helped the Navy understand how to defend their base better.

WHICH ONE WAS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE?

Also on San Sal. The isolation was hard to adjust to but with others help and team work we were able to help each other. We had no TV or Radio, except short wave at night. We had films once a week and mail flown in once a week.

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**FROM YOUR ENTIRE SERVICE, INCLUDING COMBAT, DESCRIBE
THE PERSONAL MEMORIES WHICH HAVE IMPACTED YOU
MOST?**

Meeting some very interesting men and some of their families. Also the travel to different places.

**OF ALL THE MEDALS, AWARDS, QUALIFICATION BADGES OR
DEVICES YOU RECEIVED, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ONE(S) MOST
MEANINGFUL TO YOU AND WHY?**

National Defense Service Medal, this one showed that I served as a team member with other servicemen around the world. The second device was the Coast Guard shield on the right sleeve, this one along with the Third Class Petty Officer electronics.

**WHICH INDIVIDUAL(S) FROM YOUR TIME IN THE MILITARY
STAND OUT AS HAVING THE MOST POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOU
AND WHY?**

My TI in boot camp was one of the finest men I have ever met. First Class Boatswain's Mate Whinningham. He became a friend and watched our company of young boys grow into men serving our country. Company HOTEL won several awards which made him very proud.. He even had a small tear in his eye when we said good bye.

Working with Officer Chaplin Mr. Ford was very positive. He helped many men through trials during their stay in boot Camp.

Another man was the First Class Petty Officer ET while serving on San Sal. He was, without a doubt, the best electronic tech. that I have every seen. He shipped out to the Air Force to work on LAND LORAN which became GSP.

**CAN YOU RECOUNT A PARTICULAR INCIDENT FROM YOUR
SERVICE WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FUNNY AT THE
TIME, BUT STILL MAKES YOU LAUGH?**

The Coast Guard raid on the Navy base and five of use took the 80 man down.

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WHAT PROFESSION DID YOU FOLLOW AFTER YOUR MILITARY SERVICE AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Teaching in the public school and later on the college level. Now I am retired

WHAT MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS ARE YOU A MEMBER OF, IF ANY? WHAT SPECIFIC BENEFITS DO YOU DERIVE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIPS?

None at this time

BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED THE COAST GUARD?

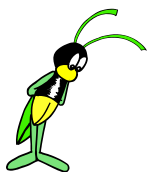
You are joining a special team doing a very important job. Also if called on to work with other branches of the military, remember that you are a valuable member. We are all on the same team but you may be in contact with civilians more than other branches.

IN WHAT WAYS HAS TOGETHERWESERVED.COM HELPED YOU REMEMBER YOUR MILITARY SERVICE AND THE FRIENDS YOU SERVED WITH.

Thank you for letting me remember that good times and service I was able to give to my country. It is good to remember and show my grandchildren what I did to help. Thanks.



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BY THE INFORMATION BUG

APRIL Notes

From: http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2013/05/warm-weather-pet-tips-052013.html

Tips for Keeping Your Pets Safe During Warm Weather



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“Summer is the perfect time to enjoy being with your pets,” said KC Theisen, director of pet care issues at The Humane Society of the United States. “But it’s important to keep your pets’ ID tags current in case they get lost, and beware of dangers associated with the warm weather, like hot pavement, hot cars and garden chemicals. With just a few extra precautions, you and your four-legged family members can have a happy and safe sun-filled season.”



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The HSUS offers a few tips to keep your pets safe and healthy during summer:

Safer summer outings

While Fido may leap at the opportunity for a joy ride, leaving any pet—dog, cat, rabbit, etc.—alone in a parked car during warm weather can be deadly. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85 degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car, even with the windows cracked open, can reach 102 degrees within just 10 minutes, and after 30 minutes the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Even when the temperature outside is a balmy 72 degrees, the temperature inside your car can rocket to a fatal 116 degrees in less than an hour.

Your four-legged friend needs exercise too. However, exercising in the summer heat can be just as uncomfortable for your pet as it is for you. Take your walks in the early mornings or late evening, not in the heat of midday, and remember that hot pavement can burn the pads of your pet's paws.

Keep your pet inside moving cars whenever you travel. A carrier is the safest place for your cat. Letting your dog travel with his or her head outside the open car window is dangerous—flying particles and debris can cause eye damage, and some pets have actually fallen out of moving vehicles. And dogs should never ride unsecured in the back of pickup trucks, regardless of how slow you are moving.

Environmental Hazards

Heartworms, ticks and fleas are more of a problem in warmer months and can cause serious health problems. Contact your veterinarian about products that will keep your pet healthy and parasite free

Avoid using cocoa mulch, pesticides, fertilizers and other gardening products that can pose hazards to pets, and encourage your neighbors to do the same

Summertime can also bring major weather events like hurricanes and tornados. Remember, never leave your pets behind – if conditions aren't safe for you, they are not safe for your pets. Visit [humanesociety.org/disaster](https://www.humanesociety.org/disaster) for tips on disaster preparedness

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Sunburn is a hazard for pets who spend time outdoors. Use a pet-safe sunscreen to protect your pet from the sun's harming rays, which can cause skin cancer especially of the ears and nose

For pet owners in the East Coast, while cicadas may be a tempting treat for dogs, eating too many can cause digestive upset

Avoid losing your pets:

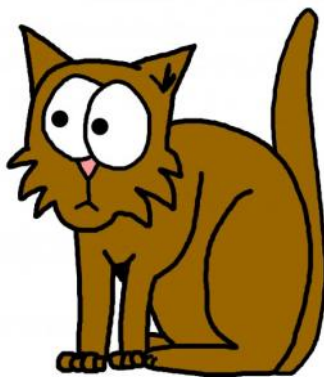
Check that your pet's ID tags and microchip information are current, and that their collar is secure. Tags and microchips are life preservers in the event you lose a pet, and will allow whoever finds your pet to notify you quickly

Keep your feline friends safe and content indoors by providing them with cat grass and window perches that bring the great outdoors inside. Or consider screening in a porch or outdoor patio where you can allow your kitty some safe outdoor time. Also, cats can be trained to "walk" on a harness (never just use a collar and leash or tie your cat out), allowing you both to enjoy a little more leisure time in the yard

Common summer noises like fireworks and thunder may startle pets. For many animal shelters, the day after a town fireworks display is one of the busiest days of the year, as family pets become lost fleeing the sounds. Before a storm or fireworks display, bring your pet indoors or put him/her on a leash or secure tether

For more pet health and safety tips visit humanesociety.org/pets.

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June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Boating Safety Class
7 Summer Social & Meeting 1700 	8	9	10	11	12	13 Boating Safety Class
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Boating Safety Class
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2015

Happy July 4th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Boating Safety Class
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	21	22	23	24	25 Boating Safety Class
26	27	28	29	30	31	