

“The Fun One”

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

08 May	Mother's Day
16 May	Flotilla Meeting
21 May	Cabela's PA Event
21 May	Safe Boating Week begins
26 May	Offutt Safety Days
30 May	Memorial Day
14 June	Flag Day
25 June	Flotilla Meeting & Picnic

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

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Please remember to check out the website at:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WO_W_signin.php**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



MAY 2016

It appears that summer may really be on it's way. However we have had a rainy spring so far. Please if you are going on the river watch out for limbs that may be just under the surface.

Our flotilla has several Public Affairs events scheduled for the next few months along with several Boating Safety classes.

The Division Training, Meeting, and Awards Dinner was informative and fun. I hope that all who attended had a wonderful time and learned something new. The fellowship that was enjoyed at the dinner was great and it wonderful to spend time with members of other flotillas.

Stay Safe

Barb

Barb Westcott FC
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EARTH DAY VESSEL CHECKS AND PA EVENT AT HAWORTH PARK IN BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

LIVE
SAVERS
ALL



DCDR Barclay Stebbins being interviewed by the Omaha ABC affiliate, KETV-7, during a vessel safety check at Haworth Park in Bellevue, NE.

Photo by Jim Westcott, DSO-PA

Saturday the 23rd of April, 2016 started out as a nice day at the defunct marina in Bellevue Nebraska, even if it was a bit windy. Division 33 attempted to check recreational boats for safety as part of the Vessel Examiners program. Prior to the event a “media blitz” was used to contact the four local television stations as well as about 15 radio stations in the Omaha Metropolitan area. As the magical time of 0900 Hrs approached members started to arrive and a VE Check Station was set up. As with all plans, there were some ‘glitches’ encountered along the way but ‘Plan B’ worked well.

DCDR Stebbins was interviewed by a reporter from Omaha’s Channel 7 (ABC) as well as being filmed during one of the vessel examinations performed (with the owners permission). While we didn’t get the numbers we would have liked, we are happy to report that two of the vessel examined passed with flying colors. All in all, for a first attempt, we were please with the results, even if it was a bit windy.

Jim Westcott, DSO-PA

Division Awards Dinner @ Famous Dave's April 30, 2016



Apple Award winners receiving their certificates from DCDR Barclay Stebbins and VCDR George McNary

Photo by James Miller



Richard Goble, FSO-PE receiving an award for the District "Instructor of the Year" Runner-Up Award from Barclay Stebbins, DCDR, George McNary, VCDR and Douglas Eubanks, SO-IS

Photos by Barb & James Westcott



DSO-PA Jim Westcott receiving the
**"KENNETH G. MCVEA
AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR"**

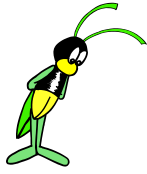
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 33 award from
DCDR Barclay Stebbins and VCDR George McNary

Photo by James Miller



Barb Westcott, FC 33-01, receiving the
8th District Western Rivers Region 2015 Commodore's
Award from the DCDR & VCDR

Photos by Barb & James Westcott



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

MAY NOTES

<https://www.ready.gov/floods>

Floods



This will help to explain what actions to take when you receive a flood watch or warning alert from the National Weather Service for your local area and what to do before, during, and after a flood.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING SLOGAN

Turn Around Don't Drown®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.



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Basic Safety Tips **Turn Around, Don't Drown! ®**



- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths in the US.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

Flood watch

“Be Aware.” Conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.

Steps to Take:

- Turn on your TV/radio. You will receive the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Know where to go. You may need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Prepare Your Home
 - Bring in outdoor furniture and move important indoor items to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.
 - Disconnect electrical appliances and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.
 - If instructed, turn off your gas and electricity at the main switch or valve. This helps prevent fires and explosions.

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Flood Warning

"Take Action!" Flooding is either happening or will happen shortly.

Steps to Take:

- Move immediately to higher ground or stay on high ground.
- Evacuate if directed.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

After a flood

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris. Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways.
- Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded.
- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Photograph damage to your property for insurance purposes.

When it is not flooding:

Make a flood plan

Know your flood risk.

- Make a flood emergency plan.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Consider buying flood insurance.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to get to higher ground, the highest level of a building, or to evacuate.
- Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions, or evacuation orders.

May 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy May Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 
8 Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	17	18	19	20 Wear Your Life Jacket to Work	21 Safe Boating Week Begins & Cabela's Event
22	23	24	25	26 Offutt Safety Day	27	28
29	30 Happy Memorial Day	31				

June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20 No Flotilla Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 Flotilla Picnic 
26	27	28	29	30		