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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

02 August	National Night Out
15 August	Flotilla Meeting
05 September	Labor Day
10 September	World O' Water
19 September	Flotilla Meeting

**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/WO_W_signin.php**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



AUGUST 2016

Just a couple of reminders that I wish to mention to start with. The first is if you wish to run for Flotilla Commander or Vice Flotilla Commander, your information needs to be forwarded to the election committee, the committee members are Warren, Jean, and Bernie, by September 19th. Our flotilla will have election at the November 21st meeting.

The next thing that I wish to mention is that on October 22nd, we will have the Division Meeting and Election. More news to follow on that.

Last, but certainly not least, is the World O' Water event coming in September.

I would like to request that if any of you have an idea for training after our flotilla meetings, to please email me your suggestions. My email is kc0h1b@cox.net.

Stay Safe

Barb

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Safety Alert 07-16

**STEM TO STERN, FOAM TO DUST
INSPECTING YOUR LIFEJACKETS IS A MUST!**

This safety alert reminds all vessel operators to routinely inspect their lifejackets to ensure they are suitable for service. Recently Coast Guard inspectors in Key West, Florida discovered two vessels that had over 60 lifejackets that were required to be removed and destroyed. It was discovered that the unicellular foam buoyant material within the nylon outer shell had degraded significantly over time, broke apart, crumbled and in some instances was reduced to dust. The lifejackets were properly stored, kept dry, and not under direct sunlight; however, the location was very hot at times.

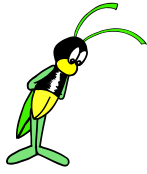
These particular lifejackets were the Type 1, 160RT model distributed by "The Safeguard Corporation" of Covington, Kentucky. They were manufactured in China and approximately nine years old. The distributor is no longer in business. Over the years, the Coast Guard has distributed a number of other safety alerts related to lifejackets and personal floatation devices (PFDs). The archive of alerts can be accessed at the following site:

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/96_14SA.pdf. See PDF page numbers 27, 72, 138, 145, 158 and 165.

As a result of this recent discovery the Coast Guard strongly recommends that vessel owners and operators inspect their Type 1 unicellular plastic foam lifejackets for potential indications of failure or degradation, specifically:

- . Compression: The lifejacket may be compressed from many years of stowage.
- . Loss of resiliency: The lifejacket is excessively hard, stiff or its foam is brittle. Normally after compressing the lifejacket to about half its initial thickness, the foam should expand to its original dimension in a short period of time.
- . Shrinkage: A physical reduction in size may be indicated by "wrinkling" of the coating on vinyl dipped type or by a loose fitting shell on a fabric-covered lifejacket.
- . Manufacturer: While the potential for problems applies to all older PFDs, those manufactured by "The Safeguard Corporation" should be closely examined.

This Safety Alert was developed by the Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis in conjunction with the Inspections Division of Coast Guard Sector Key West. Any questions or comments should be sent to: HQS-PF-fldr-CG-INV@uscg.mil.



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

AUGUST NOTES

<http://www.uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/life-jacket-wear-wearing-your-life-jacket.php>

Life Jacket Wear / Wearing your Life Jacket

Boaters enjoy the feel of sun and spray. So it's tempting to boat without wearing a life jacket especially on nice days. But modern life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. Many are thin and flexible. Some are built right into fishing vests or hunter coats. Others are inflatable as compact as a scarf or fanny pack until they hit water, when they automatically fill with air.

There's no excuse not to wear a life jacket on the water!

Things to Know:

- Certain life jackets are designed to keep your head above water and help you remain in a position which permits proper breathing.
- To meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements, a boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard Approved life jacket for each person aboard. Boats 16 feet and over must have at least one Type IV throwable device as well.
- All states have regulations regarding life jacket wear by children
- Adult-sized life jackets will not work for children. Special life jackets are available. To work correctly, a life jacket must be worn, fit snugly, and not allow the child's chin or ears to slip through.
- Life jackets should be tested for wear and buoyancy at least once each year. Water logged, faded, or leaky jackets should be discarded.
- Life jackets must be properly stowed.
- A life jacket especially a snug-fitting flotation coat or deck-suit style can help you survive in cold water.

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How Do Life Jackets Save Lives?

- When capsized in rough water.
- When sinking in unexpectedly heavy sea conditions.
- When thrown from the boat as a result of a collision.
- When injured by rocks or submerged objects.
- When unconscious from carbon monoxide fumes.
- When tossed into freezing water.
- When thrown off balance while fishing.
- When unable to swim because of heavy or waterlogged clothing.

Lifejackets must be

- *Coast Guard approved,*
- *in good and serviceable condition, and*
- *the appropriate size for the intended user.*

Accessibility

- Wearable lifejackets must be readily accessible.
- You must be able to put them on in a reasonable amount of time in an emergency (vessel sinking, on fire, etc.).
- They should not be stowed in plastic bags, in locked or closed compartments or have other gear stowed on top of them.
- The best lifejacket is the one you will wear.
- Though not required, a lifejacket should be worn at all times when the vessel is under way. A wearable lifejacket can save your life, but only if you wear it. Throwable devices must be immediately available for use.

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Inflatable Lifejackets

- Inflatable lifejackets may be more comfortable to wear.
- The best lifejacket is the one you will wear.
- Inflatable lifejackets require the user to pay careful attention to the condition of the device.
- Inflatable lifejackets must have a full cylinder and all status indicators on the inflator must be green, or the device is NOT serviceable, and does NOT satisfy the requirement to carry lifejackets.
- Coast Guard Approved Inflatable lifejacket's are authorized for use on recreational boats by person at least 16 years of age.

Child Lifejacket Requirements

- Some states require that children wear lifejackets
- applies to children of specific ages
- applies to certain sizes of boats
- applies to specific boating operations

Check with your state boating safety officials.

Child lifejacket approvals are based on the child's weight. Check the "User Weight" on the label, or the approval statement that will read something like "Approved for use on recreational boats and uninspected commercial vessels not carrying passengers for hire, by persons weighing ___ lbs". They can be marked "less than 30", "30 to 50", "less than 50", or "50 to 90".



Lifejacket requirements for certain boating activities under state laws

The Coast Guard recommends and many states require wearing lifejackets:

- For water skiing and other towed activities (use a lifejacket marked for water skiing).
- While operating personal watercraft (PWC) (use a lifejacket marked for water skiing or PWC use).
- During white water boating activities.
- While sailboarding (under Federal law, sailboards are not "boats")
- Check with your state boating safety officials.

Federal law does not require lifejackets on racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing kayaks; state laws vary. Check with your state boating safety officials.

If you are boating in an area under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers, or a federal, state, or local park authority, other rules may apply.

Lifejacket Flotation

There are three basic kinds of lifejacket flotation in the five types of lifejackets with the following characteristics:

Inherently Buoyant (primarily Foam)

- Adult, Youth, Child, and Infant sizes
- For swimmers & non-swimmers
- Wearable & throwable styles
- Some designed for water sports



Minimum Buoyancy		
Wearable Size	Type	Inherent Buoyancy (Foam)
Adult	I II & III V	22 lb. 15.5 lb. 15.5 to 22 lb.
Youth	II & III V	11 lb. 11 to 15.5 lb.
Child and Infant	II	7 lb.
Throwable: Cushion—Ring Buoy	IV	20 lb. 16.5 & 32 lb.

Inflatable

- The most compact
- Sizes only for adults
- Only recommended for swimmers
- Wearable styles only

	Minimum Buoyancy	
Wearable Size	Type	Inherent Buoyancy
Adult	I & II III V	34 lb. 22.5 lb. 22.5 to 34 lb.



Hybrid (Foam & Inflation)

- Reliable
- Adult, Youth, and Child sizes
- For swimmers & non-swimmers
- Wearable styles only
- Some designed for water sports

Minimum Buoyancy			
Wearable Size	Type	Inherent Buoyancy	Inflated Total Buoyancy
Adult	II & III V	10 lb 7.5 lb.	22 lb. 22 lb.
Youth	II & III V	9 lb 7.5 lb.	15 lb. 15 lb.
Child	II	7 lb.	12 lb.




August 2016



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

September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 World O' Water 
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25	26	27	28	29	30	