

# “The Fun One”

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**Flotilla 33-1  
40 & 8 Club  
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**On Facebook we are found at:  
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

14 February	Valentine's Day
20 February	Flotilla Meeting
10 - 12 March	Spring D-Train
17 March	St. Patrick's Day
20 March	Flotilla Meeting

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

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[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?)**



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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



### Commander's Note February 2017

I was looking forward to the January flotilla meeting to be able to acknowledge each of you for the successful 2016 year we experienced. However, as so often happens, Mother Nature had other ideas. That highlighted the reason for the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus. We need to always be prepared. We need to be prepared for whatever event might be placed before us.

Winter is a time when things can change very rapidly. Just this morning, the news is reporting a fatal accident resulting from poor weather conditions. Additionally, there was news about the deadly avalanche in Italy that buried the ski chalet. As we all know, we can have a boating death even at this time of year.

Being prepared requires planning. A good plan considers reasonable events that might impact the end result. It's called risk analysis. It's something every crew member is familiar with. But it has other application than just preparing for a mission. It's something that needs to be utilized in every aspect of our daily lives.

Now is a good time to plan for 2017. Planning to be an active member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary necessitates considering your job, your vacation time, your family time and your "down" time. All of them are important. But the job we do as Auxiliarists is important too. I ask that each of you plan for 2017 now and consider what you can do to support the U.S. Coast Guard and the boating public.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting.

James



## Pictures from the Division 33 Change of Watch.

Photos by Jim Westcott, SO-PA



MK1 West, of the USCGC Gasconade; DCDR George McNary, VCDR Brandon Butters

Swearing in ceremony for DCDR  
McNary and VCDR Butters



Passing of the Lantern Ceremony.  
Pictured left to right:  
DCDR McNary, VCDR Butters,  
James Miller (FC Flotilla 33-01),  
Randy Evans (FC 33-03)



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Guest speakers:  
Herb Angell, NE-BLA  
Susan Stocker, IA BEd

Division 085-33  
2017 Officers.



IPDCDR Stebbins  
Receiving a Galileo  
Thermometer from  
DCDR McNary





## River City Hunting, Fishing, Boating and RV Set-up Pictures. A True Division Event

Photographs by Barb Westcott, SO-PB

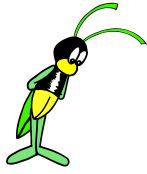


Jim Westcott, SO-PA and  
Doug Wells, member of  
33-01 discussing the  
placement of pamphlets

Jim Westcott, SO-PA and James Miller, FC-33-01  
checking the backdrop for the event booth



Randy Evans, FC 33-03 setting  
up the computer to show boating  
safety videos



# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

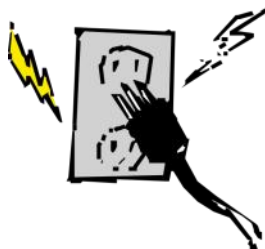
*By Barb Westcott*

## ***FEBRUARY NOTES***

<https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

### **Before A Power Outage**

- Build or restock your [emergency preparedness kit](#), including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power. For more information visit: [Get Tech Ready](#)
- Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car's gas tank full-gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by visiting your state's or local website so you can locate the closest cooling and warming shelters.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan. For more planning information tips visit: [Seniors](#) and [Individuals with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs](#)



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## During A Power Outage: Safety Tips

- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. For more information about food safety visit our [food](#) page.
- Take steps to remain cool if it is hot outside. In intense heat when the power may be off for a long time, consider going to a movie theater, shopping mall or “cooling shelter” that may be open in your community. If you remain at home, move to the lowest level of your home, since cool air falls. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power “surge” that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.
- If you are considering purchasing a generator for your home, consult an electrician or engineer before purchasing and installing.

Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system. For more information about generators visit:



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## After A Power Outage

- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Contact your doctor if you're concerned about medications having spoiled.

Restock your emergency kit with fresh batteries, canned foods and other supplies

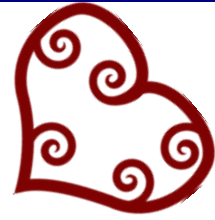
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**February 2017**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

# March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Spring D-Train Davenport, IA	11 Spring D-Train Davenport, IA
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