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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

19 June	NO FLOTILLA MEETING
14 June	Flag Day
24 June	Flotilla Meeting and Fellowship 1730 hrs at the Goble's home
17 July	Flotilla Meeting
TBA	Check your emails for dates regarding flotilla operations

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

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Please remember to check out the website at:
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note June 2017

Summer is almost upon us, or so the calendar says. People are looking forward to getting out on the water, if they haven't already. Our job as "experts" in boating safety is now being put to task. An article in the Omaha World-Herald sports edition speaks about Herb Angell and his commitment to boating safety. In that article, he identified the safety tips for boating on Nebraska waters. The most important is to wear your life jacket. It's easy to forget but we have to remember that as members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary we are always visible. Whether we like it or not, we are being scrutinized.

We had to postpone our Vessel Safety Check event scheduled for May 21, and then 22, due to weather and water levels. Just another example of how monitoring the weather doesn't always result in positive outcomes. We will want to reschedule the Vessel Safety Check event for some time in the very near future.

Our next meeting, or "mini-meeting" if you will, is scheduled for June 24th. Jean and Richard Goble have agreed to host the event again this year. My thanks to Jean and Richard. We will hold the barest of meetings to ensure all flotilla business is managed as necessary to meet our obligations. Otherwise, we will be enjoying one of our four basic tenets, fellowship. Please plan to be there but plan to arrive no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

This is Memorial Day weekend. I will close asking all of you to remember those who gave their lives in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we all take for granted as Americans. America is the land of the free because of the brave.

James



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO-DV/PA

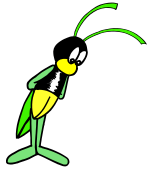
Definition of Diversity

The concept of **diversity** encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation , socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs or other ideologies.

It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive and nurturing environment.

It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual.





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

JUNE NOTES

<http://www.discoverboating.com/beginner/safety/tips.aspx>

Safe Boating Tips

No matter how much experience you have, it's always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules before departures. Below you will find 10 basic boating safety tips to help you stay safe:

1. Be Weather-Wise

Always check local weather conditions before departure; TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.

2. Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist

Proper boating safety includes being prepared for any possibility on the water. Following a [pre-departure checklist](#) is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been overlooked or forgotten.

3. Use Common Sense

One of the most important parts of boating safety is to use your common sense. This means operating at a safe speed at all times (especially in crowded areas), staying alert at all times and steering clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also, be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there to ensure your own safety.

4. Designate an Assistant Skipper

Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and general boating safety. If the primary navigator is injured or incapacitated in any way, it's important to make sure someone else can follow the proper boating safety rules to get everyone else back to shore.



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5. Develop a Float Plan

Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you're going and how long you're going to be gone.

- A float plan can include the following information:
- name, address, and phone number of trip leader
- name and phone number of all passengers
- boat type and registration information
- trip itinerary

types of communication and signal equipment onboard, such as an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)

6. Make Proper Use of Lifejackets

Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters not wearing their [lifejackets](#)? Make sure that your family and friends aren't part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a life jacket prior to departure. Wear it!

7. Avoid Alcohol

Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved and studies have shown that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated by sun and wind.

8. Learn to Swim

If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety includes knowing how to swim. Local organizations, such as the American Red Cross and others, offer training for all ages and abilities. Check to see what classes are offered in your area.

9. Take a Boating Course

Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with the boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state; however, some require validated completion of at least one [boating safety course](#). Regardless of your individual state's requirements, it's always important to be educated and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course or [online course](#) to help educate yourself.

10. Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check

Take advantage of a free vessel safety check from the [US Coast Guard](#). They offer complimentary boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. Free of charge, they'll provide a specialist to check out your boat and make helpful boating safety tips and recommendations. They also offer virtual online safety checks as well.

Pictures by Doug Wells, FSO-VE

The VE II



Jim Wolfe, FSO - CM/PV



On May 13, 2017, Doug Wells, FSO-VE, and Jim Wolfe, FSO - CM/PV, met at Zorinsky Lake in Omaha, Nebraska. They set up tables, signs and information pamphlets around the 24 foot, class C, RV (pictured above), which has been dubbed the “VE II”. They made contact with about 25 individuals and also completed several vessel safety checks.


June 2017



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

July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4  Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7	8
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16	17 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	18	19	20	21	22
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