

# “The Fun One”

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

09 September	World 'O Water
17 September	Flotilla Meeting
16 October	Flotilla Meeting

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

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



### Commander's Note September 2017

#### Commander's Remarks

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to read the "Skipper" this month. Barb Westcott has produced yet another fine publication. It is really appreciated that Jim Wolfe provided pictures and commentary on his adventure at the Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia. It appears that the opportunity was well worth the time, effort and expense. It appears that this was a very worthwhile endeavor, and it would be wonderful to be able to have someone else make the next trip to support scouting.

Speaking of Scouting, our flotilla was also able to provide several safety discussions with Boy Scouts and Scouting Leaders at Little Sioux Scout Camp prior to the scouts High Adventure events. The scouts canoed from the Sioux City area to Omaha over a 4 day period. The total distance covered was over 160 miles. There were no accidents over the six High Adventure trips.

The Coast Guard picnic was well attended by our flotilla. There was a lot of food so no-one should have gone away hungry. The kids had a great time with the water slide. The comradery was very good. There were games to play and beverages to drink. I can't imagine anyone that left disappointed in the day. Barclay Stebbins did a great job as the liaison for the division.

There are several events coming up and I'd like to encourage everyone to participate as much as they can. These events become an opportunity to recruit and we need to have new blood join our flotilla. Speaking of new blood, I'm pleased to report that the application for membership for Sam Willard has been forwarded for approval. Thank you Richard for taking care of that application. I know that I ask a lot from all of you and I also know I don't say it often enough, but I appreciate everything you all do for the flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Until next month.  
James Miller, FC  
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<http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Civilian-Human-Resources-Diversity-and-Leadership-Directorate-CG-12/Diversity-and-Inclusion/>

### *Recognizing Diversity as a Mission Readiness Issue*



#### **Mission:**

The role of the Coast Guard is critical to national security. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment, and America's economic interests in the nation's ports and waterways. The Coast Guard values diversity, teamwork, and responsiveness. Our mission in valuing diversity is to build a positive and respectful work environment for all personnel, regardless of their similarities or differences, to enhance our mission capabilities.

#### **Vision:**

The Coast Guard will be recognized as the "service of Choice" in the federal government for recruiting, retaining and sustaining a ready, diverse and highly-skilled total workforce. We will foster an environment in which every individual has the opportunity to prosper and contribute to Coast Guard missions.

#### **Values:**

The Coast Guard Core Values embody the very nature of selfless service achieved through the contributions of each individual.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion Doctrine**

#### **Coast Guard Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Plan - 2015-2018**

**ALCOAST 316/15:** The 2015-2018 Coast Guard Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan

**Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement**

**COMDTINST 5350.9** - Commandant's Leadership, Excellence and Diversity Advisory Councils

**DHS Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan**

Establishing a Coordinated Government-Wide Initiative to Promote Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce - **Executive Order 13583**

**2016 Diversity and Inclusion Observances Across the United States** (source: Anti-Defamation League)



## Coast Guard News

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<http://coastguardnews.com/federal-tribal-international-state-groups-participate-in-maritime-disruption-2017/2017/08/24/>



CLEVELAND — The United States Coast Guard, in coordination with other federal, state, local and tribal representatives in the Lake Ontario region, completed Maritime Disruption 2017, a multi-day pollution response exercise Wednesday in Akwesasne, New York.

Participating agencies included: U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Emergency Response Teams, St. Lawrence Seaway Development and St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporations, Jefferson County and the St. Lawrence County Emergency Management Agencies, Transport Canada, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation,

The Akwesasne portion of the joint exercise included a tabletop exercise and discussion for an incident management command post, as well as a demobilization and decontamination drill. The exercise was held at the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department's Station #1 located at 818 State Route 37.

A boom deployment exercise took place Tuesday in Clayton, New York, where a 1,200-foot boom was deployed as part of the CANUSLAK boom deployment and exercise.

"Drills, like the one at French Creek Bay, are important because in the event of an emergency oil spill things need to go as smooth as possible to ensure the spill is contained. It was a great opportunity for the collaborators to see the drill and participate to affirm their roles," said Gary McCullough, spill engineer, Region 6 NYSDEC.

The two-day joint pollution exercise is the culmination of a multi-year oil spill preparation exercise for the Coast Guard Sector Buffalo Area Contingency Plan, which is a locally developed and approved plan to help first responders during an emergency. It provided an opportunity for agencies to better plan and prepare for a real-world pollution incident on the St. Lawrence River.



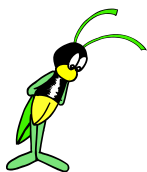
Work on the half-boat is progressing extremely slowly. More help is need to finish the project and find a permanent storage facility. Please watch your emails for an update regarding when a work party will be assembled.

Thank you in advance,  
Jim Westcott, SO-PA, FSO-PA/DV

PictureS by Jim Westcott







# ***BY THE INFORMATION BUG***

*By Barb Westcott*

## ***SEPTEMBER 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:

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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### **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.

### **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)

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.



### **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.



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# October 2017



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