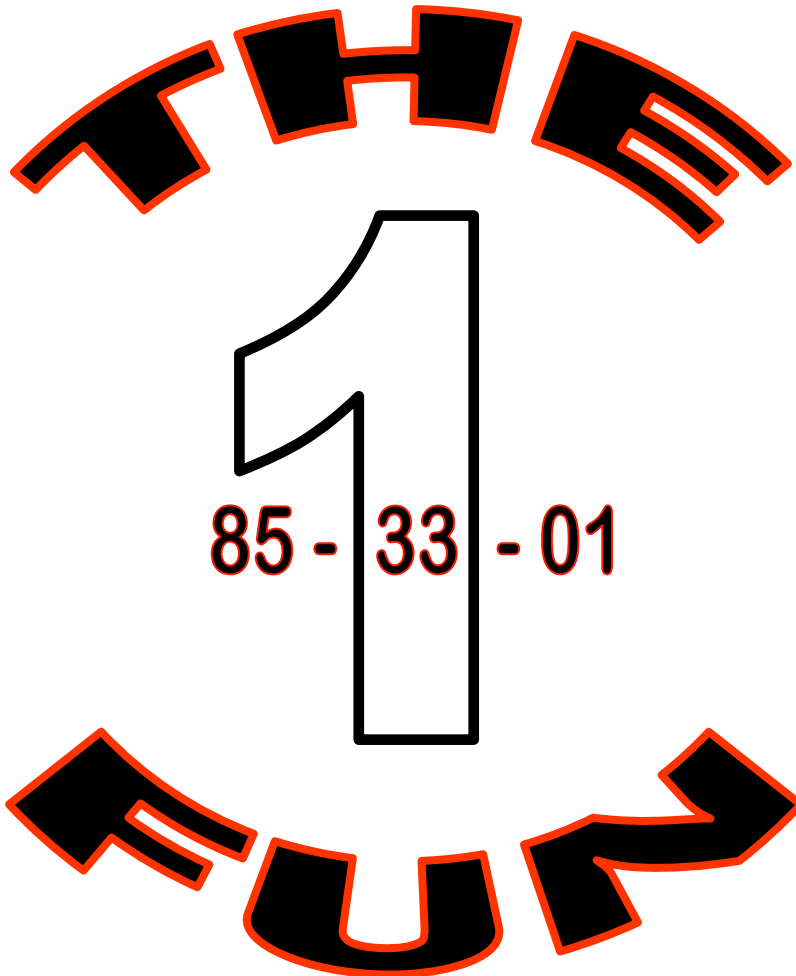


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

14 June	Flag Day
16 June	Flotilla Meeting and Social
18 June	NO Flotilla Meeting
04 July	Independence Day
16 July	Flotilla Meeting

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

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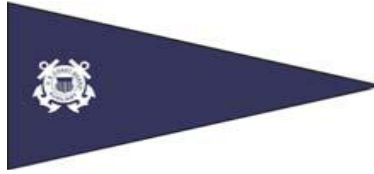
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note June 2018

Shipmates,

Operational season is upon us. Personal Protective Equipment has been inspected and inventoried. Vessels will be coming out of storage if they haven't been already. Soon operations will begin and, with any luck we may even have communications coverage. We still have not received much information regarding the OpEx for later this summer. As soon as we have additional information, I will be sure to get it out to the membership.

There are several opportunities for public affairs that will occur this summer. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities. These opportunities give us a chance to improve public safety as well as bring the Coast Guard Auxiliary to the public's attention. If you have not had the opportunity to welcome Spencer Goodwater and Michael Loftis to the flotilla, please take the time to do so.

Our next "meeting" will be June 16th at Jean Goble's home. There will be an email coming soon to get a head-count of attendees. We will again ask everyone to bring a dish to share and will ask you to let us know what you will be bringing. We will have to conduct some serious business at that time because we have an election to complete during June for the position of Vice Commander. We would like to have as many members present as possible. Additionally, since Fellowship is one of the Auxiliary's cornerstones, we want to enjoy good eats and beverages with our shipmates.

Until the 16th I remain,

James Miller, FC
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THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, FSO-DV/PA

What is diversity? I have included a version of the definition I found while taking an on-line course from FEMA on the subject.:

Diversity is generally defined as acknowledging, understanding, accepting, valuing, and respecting the variety of characteristics that make individuals unique.

The term "diversity" can be applied in many ways. Diversity applies to the different generations in the workplace. It is often associated with race and ethnicity; however, diversity encompasses both external and internal characteristics that make each of us unique. Diversity is also distinctly different from equal employment opportunity (EEO) and affirmative employment. In its broadest context, diversity means valuing, rather than merely tolerating, the diverse perspectives brought by each individual to the Coast Guard and its Auxiliary.

Creating a diverse culture where each individual feels appreciated and heard helps contribute to an inclusive, multicultural agency that is capable of serving our increasingly diverse nation. Optimizing diversity must be regarded as a required organizational state of being, a required element of success. All members have the responsibility for incorporating diversity into the Auxiliary and for treating all persons in a professional, respectful, and courteous manner.



Pictures by Barclay Stebbins, FSO-IS



James Miller, FC Receiving the
2017 Commodore's Award
For the Flotilla With the Highest
Weighted Points per Member
from DCDR George McNary and
Barb Westcott, IPFC

Jean Goble, FSO-SR, receiving the
Public Education Service Award on behalf
of herself and her late husband , Richard
Goble, form DCDR George McNary and
Barb Westcott, IPFC.



DCDR George McNary receiving the
Public Education Service Award
from Barb Westcott, IPFC



Barclay Stebbins, FSO-IS, receiving the
Public Education Service Award
from George McNary, DCDR, and
Barb Westcott, IPFC



Picture taken by James Miller, FC

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The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. We will balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.

The USCGAux's four cornerstones – Vessel Examination, Education, Operations and Fellowship – were established and remained the pillars into the 1990s.

Today, the four cornerstones are defined as follows:

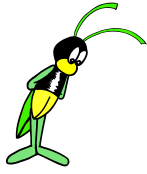
- Member Services
- Recreational Boating Safety
- Operations and Marine Safety
- Fellowship

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BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

MAY NOTES

<https://blog.nationwide.com/grill-safety/>

9 Outdoor Grilling BBQ Safety Tips



It happens every year. The weather gets warmer, more people use outdoor grills – and incidents of grill-caused fires go up. Each year, outdoor grilling causes an average of 8,900 home fires, according to the [National Fire Protection Association](#).

Gas grills cause more home fires than charcoal grills, the association adds. According to the [Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association](#), 61 percent of households own a gas grill, 41 percent own a charcoal grill and 10 percent own an electric grill.

Regardless of the type of grill you own, here are 9 BBQ safety tips that will keep you and your home safe for barbecuing season:

1. Grill outside and away from any structures

Charcoal and gas grills are designed for outdoor use only. However, NFPA reports that more than one-quarter (27 percent) of home fires started by outdoor grills began in a courtyard, terrace or patio, and 29 percent started on an exterior balcony or open porch. Pay attention to overhanging tree branches when you set up your grill.

using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.

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2. Make sure your grill is stable

Only set up your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill can't be tipped over. Consider using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.

3. Keep your grill clean

Remove grease or fat buildup from both the grill and the tray below the grill. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to completely cool off before disposing of them in a metal container.

4. Check for propane leaks on your gas grill

Before the season's first barbecue, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a propane leak, the solution will bubble. Other signs of a propane leak include the smell of gas near the barbecue or a flame that won't light.

5. If the flame goes out, wait to re-light

If you are using a gas grill and the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas off, then wait at least five minutes to re-light it.

6. Take care around the grill

Never leave a lit grill unattended. Don't allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill will stay hot for at least an hour after use.



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<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/frostbite.html>

7. Be careful with charcoal starter fluid

If you use a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, don't add any starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Consider using a charcoal chimney starter, which uses newspaper to start the fire instead of starter fluid.

8. Wear the right clothing

Clothing can easily catch fire, so be sure your shirt tails, sleeves or apron strings don't dangle over the grill.

9. Be ready to put out the fire

Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you don't have a fire extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out grease fire.

These easy-to-follow tips will help you and your family to enjoy a safe summer barbecuing season. For those grilling over an open fire, check out these [fire pit do's and don'ts](#) to keep you and your guests safe.



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