

# “The Fun One”

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**Flotilla 33-1  
2500 Bellevue Medical Center Drive  
Bellevue, NE 68123  
Conference Room D**



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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 February	Division Change of Watch
18 February	Flotilla Meeting
10 March	Daylight Saving Time Begins
17 March	St. Patrick's Day
18 March	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 web-  
site at:  
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/>**



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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



### Commander's Note February 2019

Greetings one and all.

I would like to thank you for once again allowing me to serve you as the Flotilla Commander of the best group of people it has been my pleasure to become acquainted with. If this winter is any harbinger of things to come, spring and summer will require some creative thinking to insure that all involved are able to maintain their qualification(s) for the term. I know that we will require at least one QE for boat crew and make up hours for instructor rating. We also have some members that need to finish with the core training required prior to advancing toward their goals within the auxiliary.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an invitation for each and everyone of you to attend our Divisions 2019 Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony. If you haven't attended one of the past "COW." Ceremonies, I would highly recommend that you take this opportunity and join our newly elected Vice Division Commander as she takes the oath of office. Come out and support our division's bridge and show them that they can count on Flotilla One's support in 2019 and beyond.

Speaking of support, remember that I am retired and available for anyone that may need assistance in any subject matter. Ask your questions and if I don't know the answer (highly probable), I will find the answer.

Semper Paratus

Jim



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

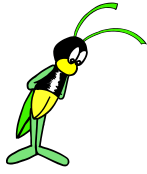
By Shane Wilson, FSO-DV

## What is Diversity?

Many in the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary are now learning about a new concept called diversity. Some may not even know what it is, let alone how to apply it to Coast Guard or Auxiliary operations. First, let us define what it is. Diversity is about acknowledging differences and adapting practices to create an inclusive environment in which diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued. It is about understanding the individual differences among our members that arise from a broad range of backgrounds and lifestyles and recognizing the value of using these different perspectives and ideas to embrace the quality and outcomes of our mission. Diversity is shaped by a variety of characteristics including age, ethnicity, gender, disability, language, religious beliefs, life stages, education, career, sexual orientation, personality, and marriage status. Additionally it means welcoming and accepting the differences in every individual and recognizing the contribution that a diverse membership can make to our organizational and operational effectiveness.

The previous paragraph is how the Coast Guard Auxiliary officially defines diversity. Simply what it is saying is that the Auxiliary will accept any qualified candidate who wishes to join and contribute time and labor to fulfilling Auxiliary missions as defined by the Commandant of the Coast Guard. You will not be turned away for religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, etc. We all, as members, have something to contribute to our flotilla, division and district. The Coast Guard Auxiliary welcomes all who are qualified to serve and contribute to our nation.





## BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

### FEBRUARY NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:

<https://ptownie.com/provincetown-history-breeches-buoy/?fbclid=IwAR3Y-jUG67f7MjUG1Rk9mMyGyYR3zyi6meQEEs4olGAMhPFaMMEIzPDNaHY>

## Provincetown History Snippet: Saving Sailors

Jan 4, 2019 | [History](#)



In the early 1800s, winters saw an average of two wrecks off the Outer Cape every *month*. Many sailors made it to shore—and then froze to death right on the beach. In 1872 an efficient lifesaving service was put into operation, with stations every five miles on the beach. Six or seven surfmen and a keeper lived in each station and kept a continuous lookout. At night, two men from each station walked the beach on patrol, met at a small half-way shelter between stations, and then returned on their same route.

As soon as a ship in distress was sighted, a red signal was fired. If possible, the crew launched special surfboats to the sinking ship; if the ship was close enough to shore and the sea too difficult to manage, the lifesaving team stayed on the beach and pulled the sinking crew to shore, one by one, in a basket-like contraption called a breeches buoy. A sailor from the sinking ship would climb into the breeches buoy and be pulled to shore.

*A demonstration of a breeches buoy drill is given weekly during the summer by National Seashore Rangers at Race Point in Provincetown.*

*The Members of Division 33,  
Eighth Western Rivers Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Request the pleasure of your company at the  
Change of Watch Dinner  
On Saturday, 16th day of February 2019  
at 18:00 hours.*



*Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
202 South 20th Street  
Omaha, NE 68108  
18:00 Social Hour · 19:00 Dinner · Change of Watch Ceremony to Follow*

*Menu Buffet  
Roast Beef · Garlic Herb Chicken Breast · Au Gratin Potatoes · Buttered Corn  
Market Fresh Fruit · Roll and Butter · Cherry Cheesecake  
Coffee and Tea included. BYOB for alcoholic beverages*

*RSVP by 8 February 2019 to  
Brandon Butters, DCDR at [bbutters@pobox.com](mailto:bbutters@pobox.com) or phone (515) 229-3542  
\$25 per person*



*Uniform of the Day  
Dinner Dress White · Appropriate Civilian Attire*

# February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16 Great Plains Division Meeting, Training and COW
17	18 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

# March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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