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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11-14 April	DTrain
13 April	RBS
15 April	Flotilla Meeting
21 April	Easter Sunday
01 May	May Day
12 May	Mother's Day
20 May	Flotilla Meeting

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes, RBS dates and
other operations**

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Please remember to check out the web-
site at:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/>**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note April 2019

Spring has just arrived and all is not well in the Great Plains. With the ground still frozen, we had rain, lots of rain. Some of the residents of the area lost everything due to the record flooding. A reservoir in north east Nebraska failed and a wall of water went racing downstream. As of this writing at least one resident of the downstream area is still missing. All quite simply because the ground was still frozen and the water had to run off into the watershed area resulting in the havoc.

Among all this our brothers and sisters of the Gold Side had the station building condemned due to flood damage. We, as the Auxiliary side had a small area in one of the storage garages at the station with considerable flood damage also. A call for assistance was put out and Auxiliarists from the area were able to come together, on short notice, and take the equipment out of the storage area, place it on the tarmac, in the sun, so it could dry out and inventory the items. Several items were so damaged by the flood water that they were destroyed. That's the bad news. The good news is that an accurate inventory of the items remaining was made and will be forwarded up the chain to their respective offices for accountability.

I would like to thank the members of the flotillas in the Omaha area that were able to take the time off to come to the Coast Guard Station Omaha and assist with this mission. Thank you to all the members who volunteered, but were unable to assist as rapidly as needed. I also want to really thank the members on the "Gold Side" who assisted us (think strong young backs) with this task. Together, working hand in hand, we accomplished our assignment in record time. We, as Auxiliarists, stand ready to assist the "Gold Side" with whatever they need, whenever they need it

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC

THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

And

Barb Westcott, VCDR

This information may be found at:

Basic Qualification II - Module 4

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has established three goals and several related objectives to support and promote diversity:

- Positive environment.
- Value all Auxiliarists.
- Promote individual success.

Diversity Goal #1 - Positive Environment Create a positive volunteer environment for managing membership diversity. Objectives to meet this goal are:

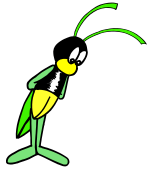
- Enlighten leaders to manage diversity as a membership retention issue.
- Achieve a diverse volunteer membership that represents all segments of the nation's population.
- Gain an understanding of current Auxiliary culture to enable the identification and removal of barriers to a positive environment for Auxiliarists.
- Ensure plans, resources, and policies fully support managing diversity.

Diversity Goal #2 - Value All Auxiliarists Be an organization that highly values its volunteers and respects their differences. Objectives to meet this goal are:

- Ensure leaders and Auxiliarists acknowledge, understand, and value differences.
- Recognize and reward individual and group contributions to managing diversity.
- Provide fair, equal, and rapid conflict resolution.
- Communicate effectively with all Auxiliarists.

Diversity Goal #3 - Promote Individual Success Ensure all Auxiliarists have the opportunity to reach their full potential in the organization. Objectives to meet this goal are:

- Ensure every Auxiliarist understands task requirements and responsibilities and is coached and encouraged to achieve success.
- Remove or reasonably attempt to remove physical barriers to participation consistent with law, mission requirements, and safety.



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

APRIL NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:
<http://boatingsafety.com/tow-bee-safety-tip-carbon-monoxide-can-be-deadly/>

Tow Bee Safety Tip: *Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly!*

Carbon monoxide (also known as CO) is a tasteless, colorless, odorless gas that is emitted by engines. In open areas, CO is usually dispersed into the air and there are no problems. However, a situation known as the station wagon effect, which involves the wind carrying the exhaust back into the boat, could mean that the boat's passengers are being affected by the CO. Another way to become overexposed to CO is by playing in the water near the back of the boat while the engine is idling.

When a person is suffering from CO exposure, the person will likely feel light headed, nauseous, weak and complain of a headache. All of these are also symptoms of someone suffering from the flu, food poisoning or sea sickness however the symptoms should be taken seriously. Over exposure to CO can lead to unconsciousness, death or brain damage. To treat the person, move her to an open area with fresh air and turn off the boat's engine while you assess her condition. If she doesn't improve or other people begin to feel ill, call for help on your VHF radio or cell phone and get them to a medical facility as soon as possible.

Check Weather Forecast Before Each Outing!

A beautiful morning on the water can quickly turn into a windy, stormy afternoon. This is why it is important to check the weather forecast before you head out on the water. You can check the marine forecast for your area as well as access the Weather Channel and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Forecasts page.

It is also important to continue checking the weather while you are out on the water. If you have a VHF radio, you can tune to the weather channel frequency. Even if you don't have a radio, you can still keep an eye out for changes in wind direction and/or wind speed. And you can also watch for the buildup of dark clouds, especially in the western sky.

Dangers of Fire On A Boat!

. One of the scariest things that can happen while you are on a boat is to see flames. A lot of people make the assumption that being surrounded by water will keep you safe because you can put out the fire using the water, but these people soon find out that they are wrong. Water should NEVER be used on a chemical or electrical fire and the majority of boat fires are caused by the burning of fuels or an electrical problem. This is when it is important to have a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Marine Type B fire extinguisher on board. In fact, any boat less than 26 feet in length is required to carry at least one Type B fire extinguisher and, as the size of the boat increases, the number and/or size of required fire extinguishers that are needed on board also increases.

.. It is also important to keep your fire extinguisher in a readily accessible area and to know how to use it before you have to use it. This is where the acronym P.A.S.S. can help you out: Pull pin, Aim at the base of the fire, Squeeze the handle and Sweep from side to side. If a fire does erupt on your boat, stop the engine immediately and make sure that everyone on board is wearing a life jacket in case you have to abandon the boat. If possible, position the boat so that the fire is downwind and then use the fire extinguisher. If the fire continues to burn after using the extinguisher, place a MAYDAY call on your VHF radio and prepare to abandon ship.

Designate a Sober Skipper!

Tow Bee wants all boaters to know that a fun day on the water shouldn't have to end in tragedy. Boat operators must be clear-headed and able to make quick decisions to avoid collisions while on the water. Consuming alcohol or taking drugs, even some over-the-counter or prescription medicines, can decrease reaction time and the ability to think clearly.

File a Float Plan Before Each Outing!

Thousands of hours and dollars are spent searching for missing boaters each year. While many of these searches are for good reason, a number of them are due to the fact that no one knew when the boaters were supposed to be back or where they were going in the first place.

. Taking five minutes to fill out a float plan would have prevented many of these needless searches or allowed rescuers to narrow down the area in which they are searching. The purpose of a float plan is to explain where you plan to boat, how long you will be gone and when you plan to return as well as provide a phone number to call if you fail to return by the appointed time. Then, you give your float plan to a trusted friend staying on the shore. And, at the end of your boating trip, don't forget to call your friend to cancel your float plan and let him/her know that you made it home safely.

Take a Boating Safety Course!

Boating safety courses are a great way to brush up on your knowledge while getting a discount on your boat owner's insurance at the same time. There are many different options available when it comes to choosing a course. First, make sure that the course is approved for the state(s) in which you will do the majority of your boating.

Then, you will need to decide what course format to take. If you want to take the course at your own pace and in the comfort of your own home, you can take one of the many courses offered online like the one offered by our partners at BoaterExam.com. There are also classroom-based courses which can be completed in one sitting (usually on a Saturday) or you can take the course over a series of a few days or weeks. The classroom courses may be taught by a representative from the state boating agency, the U.S. Power Squadrons, Coast Guard Auxiliary or a private company.

Wear Your Life Jacket!

Tow Bee wants all boaters to know that it is important to wear your life jacket. The Sea Tow Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that life jackets are available to boaters who need them. Since 2008, 55,046 life jackets have been provided to recreational boaters through the Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner Program. Life jackets save lives and, with comfortable options like inflatable belt packs and vests, are easy and comfortable to wear at all times.



<https://community.nasbla.org/blogs/hannah-helsby/2019/03/14/nasbla-mourns-loss-of-longnecker>



NASBLA mourns the loss of Pauline Grace Longnecker, age 64, who passed away on March 9, 2019.

She was born in Council Bluffs Iowa on August 1, 1954 to the late Roland and Regina (Nusser) Zuch. She is survived by her husband, Ron Longnecker; brother, Charles Zuch (Beverly); sisters, LaVon Brockman and Janet Henke (Robert); nieces, nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Pauline and Ron joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary 32 years ago in 1988. Both were very active in Operations, Public Education, and Vessel exams. They held the offices of Division Commander and District Captain.

Pauline received 64 awards from the Coast Guard Auxiliary during her time as a member. The most recent and top five awards included USCG Auxiliary Award of Operational Merit, USCG Auxiliary Commendation Medal (2), USCG Auxiliary Achievement Medal, USCG Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation (5), and Recreational Boating Safety Device (achieved expertise in recreational boating safety).

As an Auxiliarist, Pauline developed a professional and vital partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) by teaching seven years at the NASBLA Leadership Academy. Her passion for boating safety encompassed every part of her life and Auxiliary career.

Pauline also had a thirst for knowledge and became a Boat Crew Coxswain, Qualifying Examiner, Team Coordination Training Facilitator, and Finger Print Technician. Pauline also held the office of President of the Past Division Commanders Association. Pauline was the Division Chief-District Liaison Officer, Branch Chief-Atlantic West Region, and Aid Verifier for recreational boating safety.


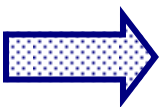

Pauline was the State Liaison officer for Iowa and worked closely with Boating Law Administrators to deliver classroom education courses, Governor-supported State Proclamations during National Safe Boating Week and boating safety messages delivered to Iowa State Parks.

Pauline showed a great commitment to service during her Auxiliary career. She was a mentor and a friend and will be dearly missed.

Cards of encouragement can be sent to: Ron Longnecker, 122 E Main Street, Treynor, IA 51575. Family will direct Memorials.

April 2019



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