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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

07 September World O' Water
16 September Flotilla Meeting
17-20 October Fall D-Train
09 November Division Meeting and Election
Training to follow
18 November Flotilla Meeting and Elections

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

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<http://wow.uscgaux.info/>**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note September 2019

Team Coast Guard, we have all heard the saying. Some may have even used it a time or two. The true meaning of the phrase was evident in the last several weeks. As many of you know, or should know, Mother Nature has not been kind to us this boating season. Starting in March with the torrential rains that inundated the area with the ground still frozen causing massive flooding to the corps of engineers letting out thousands of square feet of water per second from the upstream reservoirs on the Missouri River, boating has been, well . . . not viable.

Members of the various flotillas in Division 33 have stepped up to the plate. We assisted the crew of the Gasconade in the cleanup of their storage garage by getting Auxiliary equipment relocated in off site secure storage until the buildings are recovered or renovated.

Most recently, several flotilla members travelled to Saylorville Lake to do patrols and practice for upcoming QE sessions. They participated three days over the course of two weekends. Members of flotillas 4 and 6 kindly made arrangements for lodging, vessels, personnel and communications support on two separate weekends making the effort a rousing success.

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliarists involved in this event for their cooperation and assistance in making it happen. The communications trailer used was first rate and was able to handle all the 'comms' for the several vessels on the water. The experienced operators, under the supervision of R. Newton, made their work seem effortless and professional. Our Qualification Examiner made the somewhat nerve racking event a very stress less and informative time. Thank you - you have truly emulated what "Team Coast Guard" is all about.

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC

THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

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This information may be found at:

<https://fairygodboss.com/career-topics/cultural-diversity>

10 Powerful Quotes to Get You in the Zone

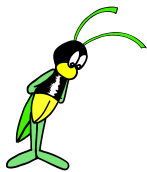
1. “Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity.” Robert F. Kennedy
2. “It is time for parents to teach young people early on the in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.” – Maya Angelou
3. “It is never too late to give up your prejudices.” — Henry David Thoreau
4. “Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.” — Mahatma Ghandi
5. “Diversity is about all of us, and about us having to figure out how to walk through this world together.” — Jacqueline Woodson
6. “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all Humanity.” – Martin Luther King Jr.
7. “We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.” — Jimmy Carter



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8. "Endless data show that diverse teams make better decisions. We are building products that people with very diverse backgrounds use, and I think we all want our company makeup to reflect the makeup of the people who use our products. That's not true of any industry really, and we have a long way to go." — Sheryl Sandberg
9. "The wave of the future is not the conquest of the world by a single dogmatic creed of the liberation of the diverse energies of the free nations and free men." – John F. Kennedy
10. "In the matter of religion, people eagerly fasten their eyes on the difference between their own creed and yours; whilst the charm of the study is in finding the agreements and identities in all the religions of humanity." — Ralph Waldo Emerson





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

SEPTEMBER NOTES

This is the first of a three part article.

Information for this article may be found at:

<https://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/winterizing.pdf>

It's that time of year again. The leaves have started to change color, and the nights are getting longer and cooler. Before the mercury dips below freezing, you need to prepare your boat for the coming winter. At its most basic, winterizing means draining any water aboard or replacing it with enough of the right kind of antifreeze to protect against the lowest temperatures your boat might experience.

Fresh water expands in volume by about nine percent when it freezes and can push outwards with a force of tens of thousands of pounds per square inch. That expansion can crack an engine block, damage fiberglass, split hoses, or destroy a refrigeration system overnight. An analysis of ten years of freeze claims from the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance claim files found that more than three-quarters involved cracks in the engine block or the exhaust manifolds that occurred because water remained in the engine or cooling system during a hard freeze.

Those claims come from all over the country, not just from the states that get snow every year. Boaters in the frozen North know they need to winterize, so their freeze claims almost always involve a problem with how the boat was winterized. In the temperate South, the claim files include many more claims where the boat wasn't winterized at all, or where the boater was depending upon a heater to keep the engine from freezing and the electricity went out.

Most of those who don't winterize, or don't winterize properly, only find out something is wrong in the spring when brown froth starts spewing through a crack in the side of the engine block or what looks like chocolate milk appears on the dipstick. Repairing freeze damage takes time and all too often involves a complete engine replacement. By the time the boat is in working order, a good part of the boating season will have been lost. Winterizing most boats takes from an hour to a day. Unless you are located in Hawaii or the Florida Keys, we recommend winterizing your engine if you will be laying up the boat for even a few weeks to minimize the chances that a sudden freeze will put it out of commission next season.

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While winter layup lists can run to several pages and take a month of Sundays to complete, many of those lists include maintenance and cosmetic items that, while nice, don't make it any more likely your boat will get through the winter unscathed. Even if we have the best of intentions in September when we put together our fall work list for the boat, life tends to get in the way, and all too often we find ourselves rushing to the boat the weekend before a hard freeze is forecast. At that point, all we have time for are the essentials that will protect our boat from damage.

In this brochure, you'll find the list of items that would have prevented more than 95 percent of the freeze claims handled by the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance Program in the past decade. Of course, every boat is different, and you'll want to add other items from the owner's manuals for your boat and the additional equipment it carries. The pullout checklist in the center of this brochure, on pages 8 and 9, can serve as the starting point for creating your own winterizing list that will maximize your boat's chances of coming through the winter without damage. You can also find the checklist on our website at:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/seaworthy-doing-hard-time.asp>



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Storing your Boat

If you really want to make your boat happy, store it indoors, in a climate-controlled facility with a backup generator in case the electricity goes out in a storm. For most of us, indoor storage is not even an option – it's either not available or not affordable. Our choices come down to hauling the boat out and storing it on the hard, or leaving it in its' slip in the water. While storage in the water lets you use your boat during warm spells and gets you out on the water earlier next spring, keeping boats out of the water reduces the chance of damage from a number of different causes including:

Sinking

If owners don't regularly visit boats kept in the water, they become vulnerable to the slow failure of a small underwater fitting that might have been noticed and fixed otherwise.

Storm damage

Boats stored in the water are much more vulnerable to damage due to the rise and fall in water level, high winds, and torrential rains that accompany strong winter storms.

Blisters

Storage ashore may also be less expensive over the life of a boat because a hull that gets the chance to dry out for several months each winter is less likely to develop blisters than a hull that remains in the water.

Theft

Boats stored in gated or patrolled facilities are much less likely to be stolen. A boat on a trailer in the street looks like a box of money on wheels to a thief.

In general, our claim files suggest that a boat is less likely to sustain damage – in the short and the long run – if left for long periods on land rather than in the water. On the other hand, since water retains heat longer than air, boats surrounded by air are more vulnerable to a sudden freeze than boats surrounded by water. Boats kept ashore must be winterized, and it must be done earlier than if they were in the water because dropping temperatures will affect them sooner.

Wherever you end up keeping your boat, if you do not plan to use it for a month or more, you need to winterize it. Then, when the meteorologist tells you to break out the long underwear, you can rest easy instead of making a mad dash for the boatyard.

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 World O' Water Wehrspann Lake
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2019



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
				<div>8 Western Rivers Fall Business Meeting</div>		
20	21 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		