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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 January Set-Up the PA booth
17-19 January River City Hunting, Fishing,
Camping, and Boating Show
20 January Flotilla Meeting
15 February Division Change of Watch,
Meeting, Training and Dinner
17 February Flotilla Meeting

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

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website at:**

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WOW_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note January 2020

January 2020 the start of a new year, a new decade and hopefully a new boating season in our AOR. But; don't hold your breath. The long term forecast isn't flattering in any way shape or form. Our flotilla has but only two facilitized vessels, both well suited for our mission on the "Mighty Mo" but perhaps not so much on smaller lakes and streams or when the Missouri River is in "flood stage!"

So, what do we do? I wish I had the magic answer, but I don't. We will, in all probability, have to partner with flotillas in Lincoln and Des Moines as we did last year. Perhaps we can train with the local first responders in the area. We could learn from them as they could learn from us. Working together, knowing each other's abilities as well as the weaknesses can only benefit each of us, and in the long term, the citizenry we serve.

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

DIVERSITY? Ask the Google, and you might find this.

LET US ALL THINK ABOUT DIVERSITY FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS.

What is diversity in simple words?

It means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies.

What is the importance of diversity?

It helps dispel negative stereotypes and personal biases about different groups. In addition, cultural **diversity** helps us recognize and respect “ways of being” that are not necessarily our own; so that as we interact with others we can build bridges to trust, respect, and understanding across cultures.

8 Amazing Benefits of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace

1. Increased productivity.
2. Improved creativity.
3. Increased profits.
4. Improved employee engagement.
5. Reduced employee turnover.
6. Improved company reputation.
7. Wider range of skills.
8. Improves cultural insights.

What is the importance of valuing diversity?

Valuing diversity recognizes **differences** between people and acknowledges that these **differences** are a valued asset. Multicultural education is an **important** component of **valuing diversity**. It respects **diversity** while teaching all children and youth to become effective and participating members of a democracy.

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How do you respect diversity?

Synopsis:

- We all have biases.
- Get to know someone different than you.
- Invite input from others with different backgrounds.
- Bring together diverse groups for innovation.
- Respect religious holidays.
- Find someone with a different background who shares the same company goal with you and strategize with them.

What does diversity add to our lives?

Diversity adds variety in **our lives**. It tells us many things that we didn't know. Moreover' **diversity adds** happiness in **our lives**. **Diversity** provides knowledge, excitement, and understanding to **our lives**. If you stay in your home town for your entire **life**, you will **do** the same things again and again.

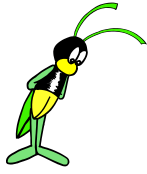
Here's what cultural diversity can teach us:

- A diverse environment can make us more creative and innovative.
- A diverse environment can make us more diligent.
- A diverse environment can broaden our worldview.
- A diverse environment can increase our adaptability.

Why diversity is a good thing?

A **diverse** organization is one that values the difference in people. The encouragement of **diversity** benefits society. In society today, most people view **diversity** as a **good thing** because it gives people the chance to experience different **things** outside of what they are normally accustomed to.





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

JANUARY NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:
<https://www.ready.gov>



How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

Winter storms can cause power outages that last for days. They can make roads and walkways extremely dangerous and also negatively affect critical community services including public transportation, childcare, and health programs. Injuries and deaths may occur from exposure, dangerous road conditions, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other winter storm conditions. Be better prepared this winter, and learn more at [ready.gov/prepare](https://www.ready.gov/prepare).

Now/Prepare

Sign up for local alerts and warnings. Create and test emergency communication plan(s). Stock emergency supplies, and install battery-powered or battery backed-up carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors. Winterize your home. Visit this page to help you prepare. Review your property insurance, and safeguard critical documents. Get trained on specific needs your family may have. Also, consider joining your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Identify a place nearby where you can safely warm up should you lose heat in your home.

During/Survive

Stay indoors and off the roads. If you must drive, keep emergency supplies in your car. Close off rooms to consolidate and retain heat. Dress in layers, and use blankets to stay warm. Bring pets into a warm place and out of the storm or severe cold. Never use a generator, camp stove, charcoal grill, or gasoline or propane heater indoors, as these items can start accidental fires, cause electric shock, and/or cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Never heat a home with a cook top or oven. Limit your time outdoors, and stay dry.

After/Be Safe

Only drive if necessary. Remove snow and ice from your tailpipe before starting your car, and check regularly if idling. Clean all snow and ice from your car before driving. Dress in warm clothing, stay dry, prevent prolonged exposure to cold and wind, and avoid overexertion clearing/shoveling snow. Overexertion can lead to a medical emergency. Monitor local news and alerts for emergency information and instructions.



The members of the Flotilla wish to thank George McNary and his wife Kay for hosting the Flotilla's wonderful and fun holiday meeting and social. George did wonders at the barbeque with some delicious steaks that were provided by the Flotilla.

I personally wish to thank everyone that attended for the great fellowship and their fantastic side dishes and deserts (minus the broccoli).



January 2020




Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
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19 	20 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	21	22  NATIONAL BLOND BROWNIE DAY	23	24	25
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February 2020



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16	17 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
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