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

01 May	May Day
02 May	Division Meeting via ZOOM
10 May	Mother's Day
18 May	Flotilla Meeting via ZOOM
25 June	Memorial Day
14 June	Flag Day
15 June	No Flotilla Meeting
20 June	Flotilla Social and 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
website at:**

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



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note May 2020

While watching the latest episode of the nightly news, or as I like to think of it, "What can we scare you with this day!" it looks like there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. In order to do our "due diligence" it behooves each and every one of us to do that which can be done to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and healthy. We don't want that light to turn into an oncoming freight train! While it may seem that the Auxiliary is fairly low on the list of the Coast Guard, nothing could be further from the truth. However, we have to take the bull by the horns and continue to be prepared to answer the call when (not if) it comes. Maintain your PPE, Keep your skills up to date, and foremost strive to keep prepared for what comes next.

Some good news, the boat ramp at Haworth Park is once again open. No fuel is available so remind people about the 1/3 rule of safe boating.

Until then, Stay safe, Stay healthy and Stay home (if you can)!

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

As the country is preparing to open businesses again and everyone is looking forward to getting back to “normal,” let’s look for a “New Normal.” We need a kinder and more accepting world than ever we had.

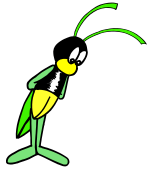
Just because someone is different than you or other members of your flotilla, or whatever group, doesn’t mean that they don’t have value. Remember that Einstein was autistic, and his teachers said that he was too dumb to learn or do anything. Can they define the Theory of Relativity? I think not!

That deaf boy wants to join so that he can help teach others that are deaf in the Boating Safety Course. The blind girl can learn to run the radio and be a great watch stander. The young person in the wheelchair may not be suited for crew, but there are many other things that they can do to assist.

Even if you don’t see physical differences, there could be emotional ones. Be kind, if you see someone struggling, do what you can to assist them. People need help occasionally; however they may be either too shy, or too afraid to ask for help for fear of being ridiculed.

Remember that when you joined the Auxiliary, you were the “New Guy” and try to remind yourself of that uncertainty. Also you may need to remind yourself that not everyone learns at the same pace or in the same manner. Again, in a nutshell, Diversity teaches us: a) to have patience, b) be kind, c) be helpful and most of all d) be accepting of any “New Guy” that wishes to be part of this great Auxiliary.





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

MAY NOTES

Information for this article may be found at:

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-tornadoes>
and

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/tornado-facts/>

Facts About Tornadoes



- A tornado, also known as a twister, is as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 mph. That's strong enough to peel the roofs off houses, uproot trees and hurl heavy objects, such as cars.
- Damage paths of tornadoes can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. The duration of tornadoes, and the distance they travel, varies. Most last less than ten minutes and travel many miles before disappearing., and many only last several seconds. On rare occasion, cyclones can last for over an hour.
- In extreme cases, however, they can last several hours and cross distances of close to 100 miles!
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes once on land. Its super important to be prepared for a tornado, so make sure you have a disaster plan for your pets too!
- Rotating thunderstorms are the best predictors of tornado activity. They are well defined thunderstorms on radar that may include hail, severe winds, lightning, or flash floods.
- Tornadoes can occur when a warm front meets a cold front, forming a thunderstorm, which then can spawn 1 or more "twisters."

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- Most twisters or cyclones travel from southwest to northeast and can move in the opposite direction for short periods of time. A tornado can even backtrack if it is hit by winds from the eye of the thunderstorm.
- Tornadoes come in different shapes and sizes. Some may appear as **wide funnel-shaped clouds**, others as thin **rope-like swirls** stretching from the ground to the sky.
- A tornado may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms within the funnel.
- Twisters strike predominantly along Tornado Alley — a flat stretch of land from western Texas to North Dakota. this area can see more than 200 tornadoes each year! This region is a hotspot for tornadoes because the dry polar air from Canada meets the warm moist tropical air from the Gulf of Mexico.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.
- In the southern states, peak tornado occurrence is March through May, while peak months in the northernmost states are late June through August.
- Tornadoes are measured using the **Fujita Scale** (or F-scale), ranging from F0 to F5, with F5 being the strongest and most destructive.
- The deadliest tornado ever recorded was in **Bangladesh** in **1989**. As it travelled through the Dhaka region of the country, more than 20 villages were destroyed and around 1,300 people were killed.
- If a tornado occurs over water, it's called a **waterspout**.
- Not all tornadoes are easy to see. In fact, they can be invisible until they pick up dust and debris, or a cloud forms within the spinning funnel.
- The formation of a tornado is so complex that scientists still don't completely understand it. And what's more, the unpredictability of tornadoes makes them difficult – and dangerous – to study. A tornado will demolish everything in its path, including measuring equipment. And so, the secrets behind this incredible force of nature are yet to be discovered...



May 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Day	2 Division Meeting Via ZOOM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day 	15 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 Omaha NE Summer Social and Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				