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

14 June	Flag Day
15 June	No Flotilla Meeting
20 June	Flotilla Social and Meeting
21 June	Father's Day
04 July	Independence Day
20 July	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
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 June 2020

April flowers bring may flowers, or at least that's how the saying goes, as far as I can remember at least. But what does June bring? Normally, whatever that may be, it would har-binger the beginning of the "boating season," the opening of the local marina (s) and a variety of possibilities for us to interact with the boating public. Not so this year, unfortunately. The Corona-19 pandemic, whether it be real, or imaginary is upon us and we must act professionally as members of the Auxiliary. Social distancing is the new norm, which may pose a problem on a 19' boat. As Auxiliarists in uniform we are required to wear either a blue or black mask covering our face when among the public. In accordance with that edict your Flotilla has authorized Barb Westcott to make the masks. I am happy to note that they are done. The masks will be washable and are dual sided. That is one side is black cloth and the reverse is blue.

And yet even more good news. It appears that the Dodge Park Marina will soon be open for business. A couple of our members have ventured there and are happy to report that the slips they occupy are in good working order, sort of. Once the electricity is re-established, the facilities are back in the water and into their respective slips, we will have the possibility to start patrol activities. There is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Oh yes, one other thing. Does your EPIRB work? I know of one that does!

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott, FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

The following information can be found as a portion of the following article:
<https://www.mun.ca/currentstudents/news.php?id=9748&type=features>

How diversity makes us stronger

In today's world, diversity is everywhere: when you go to the grocery store, the mall, the movies, and, of course, university. Diversity is what makes the world interesting and fun to live in. If everyone came from the exact same place, with the same language, religious beliefs and style, the world would be a boring place. But, as you know, this is not the case! Especially over the past few decades, diversity in our communities has become more and more prominent. This is a good thing because it makes us stronger.

When most people think of diversity, they think of race or ethnic group. However, diversity "encompasses race, gender, ethnic group, age, personality, cognitive style, tenure, organizational function, education, background and more" (Greenberg, 2004).

Having diversity is a great thing because there are so many benefits to being exposed to all different kinds of people with different views on religion, nutrition, culture and how to live life.

Some of the benefits of diversity include:

Increased productivity

"Diversity and inclusion brings in different talents together working towards a common goal using different sets of skills that ignites their loyalty and increases their retention and productivity" (Sahra Consulting, 2010).



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Increased creativity and problem solving

A diverse group is much more likely to be creative and can better solve problems than a non-diverse group.

Builds synergy in teams and enhances communication skills

Communication is more than just how you talk to another person. Face-to-face communication encompasses your body language, facial expressions, hand motions and tone of voice. And then, there is also written communication, which is another animal in its own right. When you are exposed to the various ways to communicate, it enhances one of the most important skills you have. Communication is a huge part of maintaining friendships, personal and professional relationships.

However, there are some challenges with diversity as well:

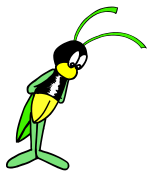
Inclusion and communication challenges

Sometimes, diversity can impose some challenges. In some group projects, diverse students may not feel part of the group, that they are not valued and their opinions do not matter, just because they are from a different culture or they dress differently than the rest of the group. Sometimes there is a language barrier that exists.

Tip: If there is a language barrier in your group, you should do your best to try and address these challenges. If some of your group members can't speak English (or whatever language the rest of the group is using) very well, but can read it well, then use written communication to include everyone in the discussion. Also, use nonverbal communication - it's always an effective but underrated way to communicate with others.

Recommendation

Diversity is all around us, especially in the past few decades. The world is truly becoming a global place with people from completely different backgrounds, languages, religions, and lifestyles living in the same region. This change provides an opportunity to become more productive and creative while enhancing our communication skills. Although diversity may present some challenges, it is important that we work together to negate these challenges and push forward to a brighter, more diverse, and inclusive future.



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR

JUNE NOTES

News Release

New Paddlecraft Safety Effort Starts at the Water's Edge



Canoeists and kayakers may soon see a red safety sign posted at launch ramps and other water access areas across the country. The new safety sign is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the number of paddle sport fatalities. USCG Recreational Boating Statistics show that, between 2013 and 2018, an average of 133 paddlers died each year – nearly a quarter of all boating deaths. The vast majority of these paddlers were not wearing a lifejacket and drowned.

The sign resembles a stop sign and carries a simple message - ***Stop. Always Wear Your Life Jacket.*** “The purpose of this program is to remind paddlers that the single most important factor in preventing drowning is to wear an appropriate life jacket,” said Robert E. Kumpf, of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Safe Boating Council, the Water Sports Foundation, and regional paddling organizations have worked together to promote paddlecraft safety. For more information about the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s paddlecraft safety programs please visit [the Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Directorate's website by clicking the link.](#)

Sea Scouts: Updates for Commissioner Corps Spring 2020

1. **What Does a Sea Scout Ship Do?** The program of a Sea Scout ship is based on matching the interests of members with the skills, equipment, and resources of the chartered organization. Most ships follow the traditional advancement program found in the Sea Scout Manual. The ship's program follows the customs and traditions of the sea and encourages members to earn the ranks of Apprentice, Ordinary, Able and Quartermaster (equivalent to the Scouts BSA Eagle rank).
2. **2019 Quartermaster Class:** Scouting recognized 35 new Quartermasters in 2019! This number is slightly higher than the average number of QMs over the last 12 years. Quartermasters by state: California: 11, Connecticut: 2, Florida: 3, Illinois: 1, Maine: 1, Michigan: 1, North Carolina: 1, New York: 3, Texas: 8, Virginia: 1, Washington: 3. Don't see your state listed? Get out and Meet the People in your districts and councils to find out where your Sea Scout ships are located and whether a commissioner is assigned. No ships in your area? This is the perfect opportunity to work with your Scouting volunteers and professionals to start a ship!
3. **Online Training Opportunity for Sea Scouts/Sea Scouters** NauticEd.org is an online training company focused on sailors. One of our Sea Scout Skippers brought them to the attention of National Commodore T.W. Cook. They have a 15-hour course to prepare you to operate a small keelboat (20 ft or so) that has a lot of great content in it that corresponds well to Sea Scout advancement. It includes some good in-depth coverage of topics like weather, too. The course is normally about \$40, but they're offering a limited-time discount code for Sea Scout youth and their immediate families, making the course \$19.90. If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, follow these instructions:
 - a. Go to **Skipper Small Keelboat Course** at the following:
<https://www.nauticed.org/sailing-courses/view/skipper-small-keelboat>
 - b. Click the Register for this Course button.
 - c. Enter information. In section 2, note where it says, "If you have been given a promotion code from a sailing school or charter company click here." Click the "click here" and enter the promotion code (see below). The price will drop from \$40 to a special Sea Scouts price of \$19.90.
 - d. After payment, the course will be shown under the Curriculum button. There will also be a bonus of 2 other free courses in your curriculum.
 - e. On the site, anytime you see a [?], tap it. It will give you further information about that area.

There is a promotional discount for Sea Scouts and Sea Scouters that can be found on SeaScout.org. Please respect the generosity of NauticEd.org in offering this to our Sea Scouts and don't share the promo code outside the program.


4. **Scoutbook for Sea Scouting:** If you have questions about using Scoutbook for Sea Scouting, the best resource is their forum.

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 Flovilla Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 Omaha NE Summer Social and Meeting
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2020



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	20 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	