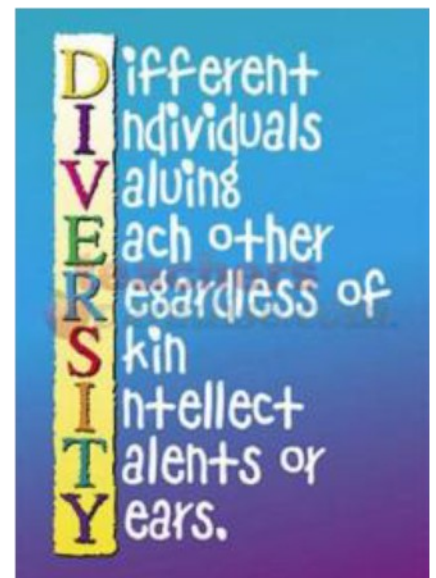


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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

03 October	Division Meeting
16-18 October	Boy Scout Jamboree
19 October	Flotilla Meeting Elections
1 November	Daylight Saving Time Ends
16 November	Flotilla Meeting
26 November	Thanksgiving
?? December	Winter Social

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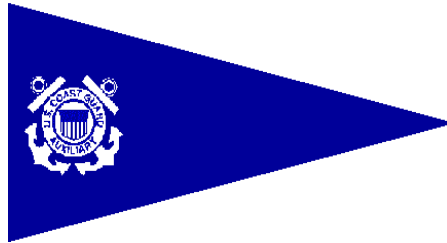
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Notes *October 2020*

Autumn is here and the boating season is winding down. We are still waiting for the information to be passed down the chain on how the pandemic is going to effect our qualifications. If you are in REYR, we will do whatever we can to try to correct that situation.

There is one thing that we can do to assist the crew of the USCGC Gasconade during the upcoming holidays. Again this year we are planning to serve the crew a Thanksgiving (November 26, 2020) meal/snack. We are also going to provide a meal/snack over the Christmas Season. The dates for that are December 20, 2020, through January 03, 2021. BM1 Pate has informed us that there will be only 2 crew members on duty for these days. You may wish to call the Gasconade to confirm if there may be more crew members that are staying at the station. However, it is up to you if you wish to just serve the on duty crew. Please call Barb Westcott, VCDR, at either kc0h1b@cox.net or via phone or text message at 402-510-0308, if you would like to participate in this great cause.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

Semper Paratus
Jim Westcott



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Barb Westcott, VCDR FSO-CS/PB

DIVERSITY IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CELEBRATION OF DIFFERENCES



Turtle

Spends most of their
time in water



Tortoise

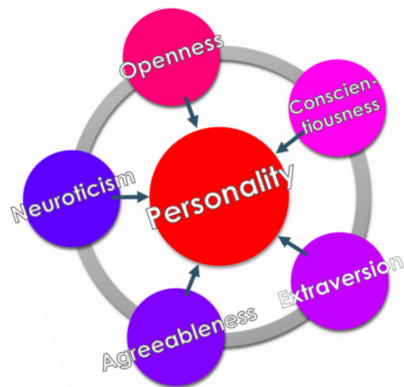
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Spot 5 differences:



<http://www.everydayok.com>



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THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott, VCDR, FSO-CS/PB

OCTOBER NOTES

This information can be found at the following website:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=WHATSNEW>

R-Directorate What's New!

Responder for May 2020

Sat, 30 May 20

The latest edition of the Directorate News letter for 2020 (*The Responder*) is now available.

The May 2020 edition of *The Responder* is now available at this link. In this issue:

- Professionalism in Auxiliary Aviation
- A New Era for the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary and Sea Scouts Work Together for America
- Operational Currency Maintenance Challenges
- Auxiliary Aviation Program

What's New? Workshops by Webinar

Clarification: There was a clarification in the Sea Scouts article in this edition. Updated version has been uploaded. The clarification was regarding the Air Crew, Air Observer, First Pilot, Co-Pilot and Aircraft Commander rolls that a Sea Scout could and could not be certified for. Corrections were on the bottom of second column on page 3 and top of first column on page 4.



Aviation DO Clarification

There has been some confusion regarding the requirement for a DO Clearance and the activities Aviators are allowed to participate in while the clearance is being processed. The attached document (see [Air Documents](#)) is intended to provide guidance on the activities an aviator is permitted to participate in. Please remember your District or Air Station may have additional restrictions; please check with them.



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Auxiliary Aviation CRM Initial Instructor PQS

Sun, 19 Apr 20

The Memo, Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) guidelines, and sign-off sheets detailing the Aviation Crew Resource Management (CRM) Initial Instructor PQS is now available at this [link](#) under the section headed ***Training and Qualification Guides and Manuals***

Workshops for 2020- Surface, Air and Telecommunications

Wed, 01 Jan 20

Important: The Surface Operations Workshop is Required for 2020

The Surface Operations workshop is mandatory in 2020 for all coxswains, boat crew, personal watercraft operators (PWO), paddle craft operators, and associated trainees. This workshop must be completed by June 30, 2020. If not completed by that date, program participants shall be regarded as not current in their competency, shall not be authorized to be assigned to duty to perform those program activities, and shall be placed in Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status.

The workshops for the Air and Telecommunications teams are **strongly recommended for 2020**.

These workshops can be given by any Auxiliarist qualified in the respective operations area for that workshop. This course needs to be taught by or under the supervision of an Auxiliary certified instructor.

Because of COVID-19 safety protocols WEBINAR delivery of these training sessions as well as the 2020 TCT/Risk Management workshop has been authorized by [ALAUX 004/20](#) and [ALAUX 011/20](#) respectively.

Surface Operations.

The Surface Operations workshop for 2020 is now available at this link in PDF format, or as a PowerPoint presentation at this link The instructor PDF (with slide notes) for the Surface workshop is at this link.

Presenters are encouraged to enhance this presentation with **additional** slides and any Operational materials that are appropriate to your AOR. **DO NOT** change or delete any slides already included in the slide deck.



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Telecommunications Operations

The Telecommunications workshop (PDF) is meant as a refresher on good Telecoms practices. This workshop should be given by an Auxiliarist qualified as AUXCOM or TCO. If additional information is important for your AOR you may add these as a separate presentation or as additional slides. This presentation is also available in PowerPoint format. Instructor version (with slide notes) for the Telecom workshop is at this link.

Air Operations

The Air Operations workshop (PDF) is available at this link. The AUXAIR workshop should not be changed in order to insure consistency for Air Operations across the country, the material in this workshop, for all AUXAIR personnel. Any special notes for your local AOR should be presented in a separate slide deck. This presentation is also available in PowerPoint format. The Instructor version (with slide notes) for the AUXAIR workshop is at this link.

To download a copy of any of these presentations right-click on the links above and select "Save link as" from the pop up menu.



Updates to Maintenance Procedure Cards

Tue, 26 Nov 19

New and updated versions of Maintenance procedure cards to be used for the twice annual PPE inspections have been posted on the Members only page. There is an "updated" notation for each MPC with the month and year of the most recent change.

A number of cards were updated in October and November of this year. Make sure you are using the most current version when you perform your PPE inspections


You must sign in to view these and remember these are confidential documents that should not be released outside the division/flotilla PPE inspectors. Any old printed versions of PPE card documents should be destroyed/shredded in a secure way.

RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Refer to BSX Policy Letter 19-01 for new Risk Management training required for members involved in Surface, Air and Telecommunication

October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Great Plains Division Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 	16 Omaha NE Flotilla Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 HAPPY  THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30					