

“The Fun One”



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**The 2017 Winner of
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FLOTILLA 33-1 OFFICERS

Flotilla Commander (FC) - James Wolfe
Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) - Barclay Stebbins
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC) - Jim Westcott
AUX Scout - Patrick Rezac
Communications (FSO-CM) - Jim Westcott
Communication Services (FSO-CS)- Ben Zimmerman
Diversity (FSO-DV) - Jim Westcott
Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
Human Resources (FSO-HR) - Jim Westcott
Information Services (FSO-IS)-Barclay Stebbins
Materials (FSO-MA) - Bernie McNary
Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Doug Ives
Member Training (FSO-MT) - Jim Westcott
Aids to Navigation (FSO-NS) - George McNary
Operations (FSO-OP) - Barclay Stebbins
Public Affairs (FSO-PA) - Patrick Rezac
Publications (FSO-PB) - Barb Westcott
Public Education (FSO-PE) - James Wolfe
Program Visitor (FSO-PV) - Cannon Kinchelow
Secretary (FSO-SR) - Cannon Kinchelow
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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

14 February	Valentine's Day
21 February	Flotilla Meeting
17 March	St. Patrick's Day
21 March	Flotilla Meeting
30 April	Division Meeting and Awards Dinner

**8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING
LOOK AT THE
DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE
WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES
See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes, RBS dates and
other operations.**

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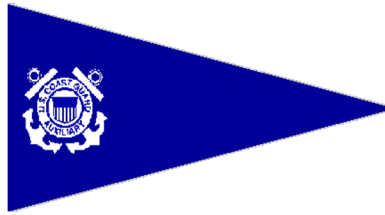
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website at:**
<http://a0853301.wow.uscgaux.info>



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Notes *February 2022*

In a zoom meeting last week, Alan Main, DSO-HR, wanted information about the loss of members in the district. Seems as if at the end of Dec. 2021, we had losses of 108 members. These are some of the reasons that were given: 21 retirements, 14 health issues, 8 no reason, 5 deaths, 5 time conflict, and 3 poor leadership. One of his plans would be to establish a recruiting program, as 12.8% of the flotillas are at less than 10 members.

Retention ideas to consider:

1. Send an email "missed you at last meeting". Who, should do that in our flotilla??
2. Personal "Are you OK" call. Who and how should that be done???
3. Send a Birthday card (remember last year I tried that for three months) Most never said anything!! Who should do that??
4. Mentoring- We had a good year with our new members, note new officers. BZ
5. HR officer should use the SWOT and plan to get ideas in problem solving.
6. HR training is coming in a few months.

Let us all help the HR officer with meeting these plans set out by our DSO-HR

Steve Riddell DCAPT-W, has asked us to have our members and officers take their next step in leadership training this year. Consider taking that course this year.

As we move forward, we will be thinking about the Spring and all the many activities. If we work together, many good events will happen. Planning has already started with an event on Lake Manawa, Iowa with PA, PV, VE, and OP. Another even that is being planed is the Air Show in Lincoln. The is a big PA event. If you have an event, you think would be good for our flotilla, please contact the officer that might help us best do the job.

All FSO-officers should be setting goals for the coming year. Please send these to Barclay Stebbins, our VFC, for presentation at our next meeting. Also, add your ideas for helping in meeting their goals.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

James Wolfe FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Jim Westcott, ADSO-PE, SO-CM/MA/PE,
FSO-CM/DV/HR

[Diversity Management Program Information \(uscgaux.info\)](http://uscgaux.info)

DIVERSITY

Diversity is the uniqueness of all individuals which encompasses different personal attributes, values, and organizational roles.

Diversity Management is the process of creating and maintaining a positive environment where the differences of all personnel are recognized, understood, and valued, so that all can reach their full potential and maximize their contributions to the Coast Guard.

From U.S. Coast Guard Managing Diversity as a Process Study, October 1994.

AUXILIARY DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

HONOR the Auxiliarists' desire for training and meaningful involvement

RESPECT the volunteer nature of our organization and its unique attributes to recognize and encourage

DEVOTION TO DUTY while understanding the diversity of our Auxiliarists and their varying abilities to give of their time

PROVIDE our current and potential Auxiliarists with a positive environment to: promote membership in all segments of our population to enhance their opportunities to serve and increase their desire to remain as long-term contributing Auxiliarists

FULFILL our missions and provide adequate resources to our membership, inspiring pride in the Auxiliary. This will enable us to expand our membership diversity and strengthen our ability to be Semper Paratus *Extracted from the AUXILIARY MANUAL, Chapter 7-5*



WHY EVERYONE AT YOUR TEAM SHOULD HAVE A VOICE



INFORMATION BUG NOVEMBER 2021

The information for this article was found at:
[Paddlecraft Safety & AUXPAD \(uscgaux.info\)](https://uscgaux.info)

Paddlecraft Safety & AUXPAD

Paddlesport participation has grown dramatically in recent years. Low entry cost, easy storage, less maintenance and flexibility are some of the reasons many people have decided to become paddlers, compared to power or sailing craft.

Paddlesports are on the rise, setting a records for the number of participants. About 22 million Americans — 7.4 percent of the population — enjoy paddling.

Kayaking, Stand Up Paddleboarding and kayak fishing have grown dramatically. Between 90,000 and 105,000 canoes and 350,000 kayaks are sold annually, according to industry figures.

However, all of this growth in paddlesports has a dark side. Unlike power boats, with the growth in paddlesports, the number of fatalities has gone up. In the most recent reporting year, 2015, 29% of boating deaths were paddlecraft related; in 2016, fatalities climbed even higher. Current efforts to reach the paddling public have fallen dramatically short. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Strategic Plan for 2017 focuses Auxiliary efforts on addressing the problem by expanding outreach to the paddlecraft community.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary **AUXPAD** program helps fill the knowledge gap for novice paddlers. **AUXPAD** consists of two components, **AUXPAD** Ashore and **AUXPAD** Afloat.

AUXPAD Ashore includes all of the traditional methods that the Auxiliary uses to reach the boating public, including public affairs events, public education classes, marine dealer visits and vessel safety examinations. All of these tools are available to approach the paddling public.

AUXPAD Afloat places qualified **AUXPAD** Operators in direct contact with recreational paddlecraft users on the water. It promotes paddlecraft RBS via personal example and gives Auxiliarists an opportunity to interact with the paddlecraft community to share RBS messages.

The RBS Outreach Directorate has established a Paddlecraft Safety Division which will help guide the **AUXPAD** program and Auxiliary efforts to reach the paddlecraft community with safety messages.



February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Omaha Flotilla Meeting @ Tangier Shrine	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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