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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**01 Jan.**      **The start of 2023**  
**16 Jan.**      **Flotilla Meeting**  
**28 Jan.**      **Division Change of Watch  
And Dinner**  
**20 Feb.**      **Flotilla Meeting**

**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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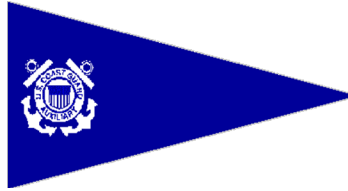
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website at:**  
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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



***JANUARY 2023***

Here we are in 2023, it's hard to believe how fast the years go by. I truly look forward to working with each of you to help us navigate through all of our objectives. Thank you for the members that stepped forward to help fill the staff positions for 2023. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Wolfe for his leadership, hard work, and knowledge for the past 2 years.

In many ways 2022 was a huge challenge and we prevailed through it all. We were able to do all of our Operations, VE, PE and expand into the area of Marine Safety (thanks Doug Ives) that we had not yet explored in our flotilla. The shoreline and general park area cleanup over at Lake Manawa was huge. We will continue to expand this as well as the work that was done by Flotilla 3 to support the cleanup of a small section of Highway 75. These may seem like small gains, but they are important to our overall mission and public exposure.

We do have some things that we need to focus on in 2023. Here are just a few:

- Core Training: Both new members and current members that have expired 5 yrs.
- BQII: For New members.
- PE: Get schedule for OFD Boating Safety Class
- AUP: Continue to work and develop this program at UNO

These are just a few of the things to consider as we start the year, but I can guarantee there will be more.

Again, I want to thank you, the members, for this opportunity to serve you. If you have any ideas, questions, or need help with anything, please don't hesitate to reach out via phone/email, I am always available.

Barclay Stebbins, FC



## THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

I found this very thoughtful information on  
FACEBOOK  
Barb Westcott, IPDCDR, SO-PB, FSO-DV/MT/PB

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

**When a flashlight grows dim or quits working do you just throw it away?  
Of course not. You change the batteries.**

**When a person finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?  
Of course not! You help them change their batteries.**

**Some need AA - Attention and Affection  
Some need AAA - Attention, Affection, and Acceptance  
Some need C - Compassion  
Some need D - Direction**

**And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share  
YOUR LIGHT!**





# INFORMATION BUG JANUARY, 2023

The information for this article was found at  
[Watch/Warning/Advisory Definitions \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/watch_warning_advisory_definitions)

## Hazardous Weather Outlook

The Hazardous Weather Outlook will describe potential hazardous weather and hydrologic information of concern in Days 1 through 7.

The outlook contains two segments: One segment for the marine zones and adjacent land-based (i.e., coastal) zones and the other segment for the rest of the land-based zones. Each segment of the HWO will contain 3 sections: short term through Day 1, long term for Days 2-7, and spotter information.

## Winter Storm Watch

A Winter Storm Watch is issued when there is the potential for significant and hazardous winter weather within 48 hours. It does not mean that significant and hazardous winter weather will occur...it only means it is *possible*.

Significant and hazardous winter weather is defined as a combination of:

- 1) 5 inches or more of snow/sleet within a 12-hour period **or** 7 inches or more of snow/sleet within a 24-hour period  
AND/OR
- 2) Enough ice accumulation to cause damage to trees or powerlines.  
AND/OR
- 3) a life threatening or damaging combination of snow and/or ice accumulation with wind.

## Blizzard Warning

A Blizzard Warning means that the following conditions are occurring or expected within the next 12 to 18 hours.

- 1) Snow and/or blowing snow reducing visibility to 1/4 mile or less for 3 hours or longer  
AND
- 2) Sustained winds of 35 mph or greater or frequent gusts to 35 mph or greater.  
There is no temperature requirement that must be met to achieve blizzard conditions.

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### **Winter Storm Warning**

A Winter Storm Warning is issued when a significant combination of hazardous winter weather is occurring or imminent.

Significant and hazardous winter weather is defined as a combination of:

1) 5 inches or more of snow/sleet within a 12-hour period **or** 7 inches or more of snow/sleet within a 24-hour period

AND/OR

2) Enough ice accumulation to cause damage to trees or powerlines.

AND/OR

3) a life threatening or damaging combination of snow and/or ice accumulation with wind.

### **Ice Storm Warning**

¼ inch or more of ice accumulation.

### **Winter Weather Advisory**

A Winter Weather Advisory will be issued for any amount of freezing rain, or when 2 to 4 inches of snow (alone or in combination with sleet and freezing rain), is expected to cause a significant inconvenience, but not serious enough to warrant a warning.

### **Freeze Watch**

A Freeze Watch is issued when there is a potential for significant, widespread freezing temperatures within the next 24-36 hours.

A Freeze Watch is issued in the spring at the start of the growing season (when it is late enough to cause damage to new plants and crops).

### **Freeze Warning**

A Freeze Warning is issued when significant, widespread freezing temperatures are expected.

Freeze Warning is issued in the spring at the start of the growing season (when it is late enough to cause damage to new plants and crops).

### **Frost Advisory**

A Frost Advisory is issued when the minimum temperature is forecast to be 33 to 36 degrees on clear and calm nights during the growing season.

A Frost Advisory is issued in the spring at the start of the growing season (when it is late enough to cause damage to new plants and crops).

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### **Special Marine Warning**

A warning of potentially hazardous weather conditions of short duration (up to 2 hours) affecting areas included in a CWF that are not adequately covered by existing marine warnings and producing one or more of the following:

- 1) Sustained marine convective winds (showers/thunderstorms) or associated gusts of 34 knots or greater  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail three quarters of an inch or more in diameter  
AND/OR
- 3) Waterspouts

### **Severe Thunderstorm Watch**

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued when severe thunderstorms are *possible* in and near the watch area. It does not mean that they will occur. It only means they are *possible*. Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.

### **Severe Thunderstorm Warning**

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when severe thunderstorms are occurring or imminent in the warning area.

Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.

### **Tornado Watch**

A Tornado Watch is issued when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are *possible* in and near the watch area. It does not mean that they will occur. It only means they are *possible*. Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.


### **Tornado Warning**

A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado is imminent. When a tornado warning is issued, seek safe shelter immediately.

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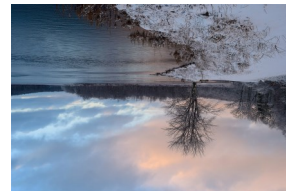
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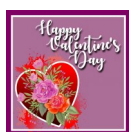
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# February 2023



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