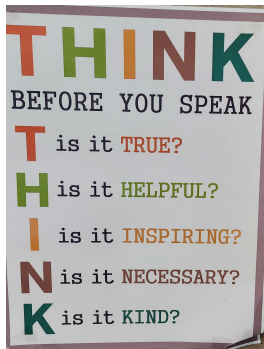


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Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) - Barb Westcott
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AUX Scout - Patrick Rezac
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Diversity (FSO-DV) - Barb Westcott
Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
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Information Services (FSO-IS)-Barclay Stebbins
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Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Doug Ives
Member Training (FSO-MT) - Jim Westcott
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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

14 May **Mother's Day**
15 May **Flotilla Meeting**
June 18 **Father's Day**
June 19 **Flotilla Meeting**
August 24-27 **DTRAIN - St. Louis**

**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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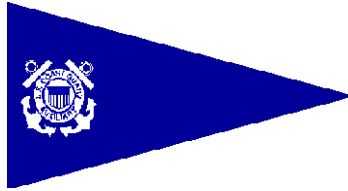
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**Please remember to check out the
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<http://a0853301.wow.uscgaux.info>



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



MAY 2023

First of all, I want to thank those of you that showed up to support the Division meeting and more importantly, the Awards Dinner. Congratulations to the flotilla Award Recipients recognizing them for their many contributions to the Flotilla, Division, District, and in some cases, National!

May has started out sunny, however, did not expect the cooler, very windy weather. As most of you know, getting operation's hours is only one of the many challenges and activities we need to get done. We have some public affairs activities in the upcoming weeks that we all should try to participate in. So, if you can help, please contact our PA Officer, Patrick Rezac.

Reminder for the VEs, let's get them while they are still in the neighborhoods. They probably would appreciate them when the boats are home and the weather is not quite as nice yet for being on the water.

Let's get out there in the public at one of our PA activities, vessel exams, and get some face time with the public.

Please see the list of our Flotilla members that received awards below.

Barclay Stebbins, FC

Coast Guard Awards

Auxiliary Achievement Medal
James O. Wolfe, 33-1



Doug Eubanks, DCDR
James Wolfe, IPFC, 33-1
Steve Riddell, DCAPT-W

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Barb Westcott, IPDCDR

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8WR District Awards

Doug Eubanks, DCDR
Barb Westcott, IPDCDR
Bob Arisman, DCOS



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George McNary,
SO-FN/MA/OP

Sparky Award

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

Marine Environmental Protection

Douglas G. Ives, 33-1

Publicist Award

Cannon Kinchelow, 33-1

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

James E. Westcott, 33-1

Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-1

James O. Wolfe, 33-1

Division 33 Awards

Glen Fletcher Award – Most Operations Hours by a member

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

Best Flotilla Operations Plaque

Flotilla 33-1, James O. Wolfe, FC

Doug Eubanks, DCDR
James Wolfe, IPFC



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Barb Westcott

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Division 33 Awards

Members Performing 5 but <15 Hours as LEAD Instructor PE/MT

George W. McNary, 33-1

James O. Wolfe, 33-1

Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-1

James E. Westcott, 33-1

Performing 10 but <25 Hours of Public Affairs

Patrick J. Rezac, 33-1

Public Affairs Program – Top Performer

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

Doug Eubanks, DCDR
Barb Westcott, IPDCDR
Bob Arisman, DCOS



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Jim Westcott, VCDR

Members Performing 50 but <100 Auxiliary Program hours

James O. Wolfe, 33-1

James E. Westcott, 33-1

Flotilla Administrative Support Performance Award – Top Performer

George W. McNary, 33-1

Doug Eubanks, DCDR
George McNary,
SO-FN /MA/OP



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THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

I received this information from
Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach
(Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)

USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment April 2023 Every Post is Honorable

In 1775, General George Washington wrote, “Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country.” Today, we can now interpret fairly that his use of the term, “man,” means “person.” All of us. Every post. In the Auxiliary, that means every position or office, regardless of what level we hold, represents service to further the well-being of our country and communities.

The Coast Guard has tasked us with some critical missions of high-visibility. We are all aware of our goal in ensuring we provide the ever-growing boating public education on being safe on the water. We do this in through Vessel Safety Checks, conducting safe boating classes, and assisting in checking and logging various aids to navigation. Every member, either directly or indirectly, should be supporting efforts towards this end. These are the important posts.

We have many supporting missions that not everybody sees—not the active duty, the public, or even our own members at times. Providing administrative support to the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary, being involved in marine safety and related investigations, serving as culinary assistants, dealing with various port security operations, going to a local business to make sure that safe boating and related information is available to the public, serving as an ombudsman, etc. These are the important posts.

Shipmates, the overall arc of our nation’s history is one of progress. That arc includes us, right here and right now. Every office. Every position. Just because a job isn’t labeled “critical,” doesn’t mean it’s unimportant. It’s all honorable. Our team is the most valuable resource. The Auxiliary has something for everyone, no exceptions. We bring all our diverse backgrounds and talents, big and small to the table, and all can be employed. All of us. Every post.

Check out our National Diversity website where Commodores David Porter and Tracy Schultz have compiled two tremendous resources: “Mission Diversity,” and the “Leadership Compendium.” <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=d-dept>



INFORMATION BUG

MARCH, 2023

The information for this article was found at
[NASBLA Chair Discusses RBS Accomplishments with
Rear Admiral Arguin](#)

NASBLA CHAIR DISCUSSES RBS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH REAR ADMIRAL ARGUIN BY TAYLOR MATSO

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrator's (NASBLA) Chair and Iowa's Boating Law Administrator, Susan Stocker, met with the U.S. Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, Rear Admiral Wayne Arguin, on Sunday, April 16, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to discuss the mutual recreational boating safety accomplishments over the past year. The meeting took place at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS), and it included the Coast Guard's Chief of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Captain Troy Glendye. Together, they discussed the tremendous value of the six NASBLA Committees, which are supported by NASBLA, the States, and the Coast Guard, and which are the subject of a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

These committees have produced exceptional results, including the update of a 20-year-old State Guide, the approval of a policy letter on Boating Incident Reporting, and the present review and expected approval of a policy letter on the assignment of Hull Identification Numbers. The committees and the processes supporting them allow for a collaborative approach at producing policy, whereby committees and charge teams can first make recommendations, and then NASBLA, the States, and the Coast Guard can modify the policy as needed before the policy is ultimately reviewed by the NASBLA Executive Board.

Chair Stocker and the members of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division who were present at the meeting, Scott Kelly and Verne Gifford, agreed that these processes have allowed for critical updates to policy. Moreover, as evidenced by the newest committee, Finance and Grants, the process allows for more regular review of critical policy once it is established. The Finance and Grants Committee now continuously reviews the State Guide, which will ensure regular updates of this key document.

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Chair Stocker also expressed appreciation for the rulemaking project on Inland Navigation Rules, which allows the States to once again enforce violations of navigation rules on co-jurisdictional waters.

Rear Admiral Arguin also shared stories of his time serving on the Mississippi River, a body of water that passes through many of our nation's States, including Iowa. Chair Stocker was able to offer the outstanding opportunities this river provides, especially to fisherman and hunters. They also shared some of the challenges in keeping this group safe.

After the hour-long meeting, all participants then were involved in the Opening Ceremonies and follow-on activities for IBWSS, which provides a great opportunity for recreational boating safety leaders to spend time together.

National Safe Boating Week: May 20-26, 2023



WEAR IT

A program of the National Safe Boating Council



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 	15 Omaha Flotilla Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 ←
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SAFE BOATING WEEK →						
28	29	30	31			

June 2023



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11	12	13	14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 	19 Omaha Flotilla Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	