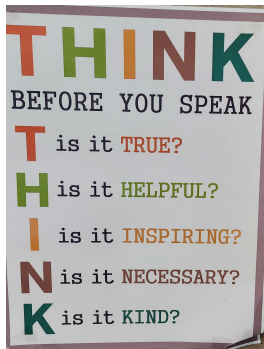


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On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct 16	Flotilla Election Meeting
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 20	Flotilla Meeting
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 2	Division Holiday Party

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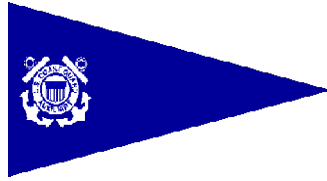
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<http://a0853301.wow.uscgaux.info>

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



OCTOBER 2023

October has arrived and the weather is going to start reflecting that. We had a pretty good active month of September.

Biz-Train occurred 15—17 Sept 2023 and elections occurred. We have a new DCapt West—Doug Eubanks.

We then had our Div 33 Meeting and Training on 30 Sept. We elected Jim Westcott as the DCDR and a floor nomination/Election of Barb Westcott as VDCDR. Congratulations to all of our newly elected Bridge. Jim Westcott, SO-CM did a training and Q&A on the new D8WR Communications Manual. I want to thank all the members that attended the Dinner in the evening.. As always it was great! Remember “Fellowship” is a cornerstone of the organization.

Operationally, we were able to get almost all of our patrols done as scheduled. We are working to try and get a QE session scheduled. Currently patrols are on hold until further notice for funding.

Our recruiting efforts continue to be done by the work of Cannon, Jim Wolfe, and Doug Ives. Justin is continuing to try and promote the AUP program at UNO.

We had 3 members that moved from AP status to BQ. I want to congratulate, Jim Orr, Michael Bockman, and Justin Stoffolano for their efforts. We will be looking to these folks to help with the staff work going forward. We are also waiting for the application approval of Rochelle Nolte..hopefully very soon.

In closing we have our Flotilla Elections coming up on 18 Oct 2023. Also, for those members that have not paid dues, please get those in and those that have, THANK YOU!

As always, I truly appreciate your efforts in all you do and your support!

Barclay Stebbins, FC

Honoring Veterans that are in the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



Pictured from Left to Right - Barclay Stebbins, FC-85-33-1, and Doug Eubanks, DCDR 85-33.
Seated is Larry Linnemeyer DCDR 85-3
Picture and article by Jim Westcott, VCDR 85-33

THANK YOU

Question - - - What do you do with a surplus of older, less than perfect uniform parts and pieces?

Answer - - - You recycle them!

And I ask, what better way is there to recycle uniform “pieces-parts” than to make them usable again. That is the quandary that reared its ugly head when Auxiliarist Barbara Rhodes stepped in with a beautiful and unique idea, quilts! After many hours, setting up the machine, laying out the pieces and sewing, heirlooms were developed. If you were in attendance at our latest “Biz-Train” in September you saw several of our members being awarded their own “Veterans Quilts” by Marilyn Aten, who was standing in for Ms. Rhodes. Shown are the two members from Division 33, Barclay Stebbins (FC 33-01) and Doug Eubanks (DCDR-33) looking at their gifts in honor of their service as members of the United States Air Force.



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

This information can be found at:

<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Civilian-Human-Resources-Diversity-and-Leadership-Directorate-CG-12/>

Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and
the blind can see.

- Mark Twain

Civilian HR, Diversity and Leadership (CG-12)

Mission:

The Directorate of Civilian Human Resources, Diversity and Leadership is responsible for the overall direction, management and planning, coordination and administration of the Coast Guard's Service-wide civilian human resources program. The Directorate advises Coast Guard senior leadership on a wide range of sensitive and vital issues extending to matters and policies involving management of civilian personnel, diversity management for the entire Coast Guard workforce, and leadership training opportunities for every segment of the Coast Guard workforce, including workforce analysis and planning for all Service components.

Functions:

Under the general direction and supervision of the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, the Director, Civilian Human Resources, Diversity and Leadership Directorate shall:

- Serve as advisor to senior command officials on civilian personnel matters and issues, and bring issues of concern to their attention and their issues of concern to the workforce.
- Conduct special studies, research and analysis on the broad spectrum of civilian personnel and workforce management issues.
- Develop civilian workforce management Plans and Policies; ensure overall policy consistency with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

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- Provide oversight and immediate technical control of the civilian Human Resources Management program.
- Oversee the diversity management programs that create and support an organizational structure that achieves, values, and maximizes the benefits derived from a diverse workforce.
- In coordination with the Director of Reserve and Military Personnel (CG-13), develop policies and practices that optimize the development of workforce components to assure the most efficient and effective use of available active, reserve, civilian, and Coast Guard Auxiliary human resources.
- Coordinate with the workforce forecasting and analysis staff to ensure appropriate decision tools are readily available to workforce program managers.
- Oversee the formulation of policies concerning leadership training and professional development of all Coast Guard personnel to include the Unit Leadership Development Program (ULDP), Individual Development Plan (IDP), Mentoring Programs, Leadership Training Programs, and the Career Development Advisor Program.
- Oversee Service policy and procedures that ensure all employees with potential for increased responsibility are provided appropriate leadership training opportunities.
- Liaison directly with the CG-1A Business Operations Staff to coordinate resource/financial management issues (e.g. budgeting, distribution of funds, executing current year budgets, etc.) impacting the Directorate.





INFORMATION BUG SEPTEMBER, 2023

The information for this article was found at:
[Winterizing Your Boat in 5 Easy Steps | FishTalk Magazine](#)

WINTERIZING YOUR BOAT IN 5 EASY STEPS

1. CHANGE THE LOWER UNIT AND POWERHEAD OIL ON YOUR OUT-BOARD(S).

This needs to happen regardless of when you last changed the oil for two reasons: if any water got into the lower unit you'll avoid catastrophic freeze damage, and potential acid build-up on the powerhead oil means you should always change it before letting it sit for an extended period of time. Next, if the engine will sit for more than a month, either fog it with fogging fluid (if its carbureted) or run gas treated with EFI fogging oil through the motor (if it's an EFI). Alternatively, you can simply hook up a water supply and run your engine until it's warm every other week; truth be told, the very best way to winterize an outboard is to use it.

After you've run the fogging fluid or oil through the system and shut the engine off, STOP right there. You do not need to run antifreeze through an outboard, period. They're designed to drain completely in the tilted-down position, and do not need an ounce of antifreeze.

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That's it for outboards, but if you have a stern-drive or an inboard you will need to run antifreeze through it and you'll also have some plugs to pull and potentially a few other items to deal with depending on the brand; in the case of stern drives and inboards, we recommend breaking out the owner's manual or taking the boat to a pro.

the washdown hose, and the livewell intake. Finally, replace the end of the line on the seacock so you don't forget all about it, and have any mishaps when you launch again next spring.

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2. DRAIN THE SYSTEMS.

Just pulling your boat will get the bulk of this job done when it comes to livewells and washdowns, but you can't depend on that completely. Usually there will be some water left behind in one or both systems. After the boat's on the hard, start by running the pumps for just a minute or two (you don't want to let them run dry too long or damage can occur). Then, pull the supply lines from the seacocks. Dump some non-toxic antifreeze into a bucket (the pink stuff, not the green stuff), submerge the end of the supply line in the antifreeze, and run the pumps until you see the antifreeze come out the end of the washdown hose, and the livewell intake. Finally, replace the end of the line on the seacock so you don't forget all about it, and have any mishaps when you launch again next spring.

Next, drain the water from and run antifreeze through any and all other onboard systems that have water in them. This includes freshwater systems, transom showers, heads, and the like. Use the same process of filling a bucket with antifreeze and inserting the end of the intake hose into the bucket, to get the pink stuff flowing through your boat's veins.

If your boat has a porta-pottie, you'll need some extra equipment: latex gloves, a latex body suit, rubber boots, and twelve cans of spray deodorant. After ensconcing yourself in the latex and rubber carry the porta-pottie to the gunwale of the boat, and yell at your kids until they submit to taking it inside and dumping the contents in the toilet. Then, much like fogging a carbureted outboard, use the deodorant to fog yourself, your house, and your kids.

Note: if you have a large boat with a stand-up head, a shower, a galley and the like, you should seriously consider taking the boat to a professional. We're penny pinchers, too, but even we realize that sometimes it's best to pay now instead of paying more, later.



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3. TREAT YOUR FUEL WITH A STABILIZER.

Even before ethanol became an issue, treating the fuel for winter storage was important. Gasoline loses octane over time, and gas laced with ethanol gathers water. We've used Star Tron in the past and found it effective, but since Formula X2 became a FishTalk advertiser we spent a season testing it, and discovered that it did an excellent job of getting rid of water in the fuel and keeping our test-engine running smooth. Check out the video we shot of treating water-contaminated fuel with X2 below, or read about our test in the [October Hot New Gear article](#).

Whatever product you choose, the important thing is just to make sure that fuel is stabilized. And that means fuel in the lines, too. Just dumping this stuff into the fuel tank doesn't quite get the job done. You also need to start and run the engine for a few minutes to be sure the treated fuel has made its way through the entire system.

4. COVER YOUR BOAT.

This is easier said than done – remember disaster number four, Terror of the Tarps, from last month? A poorly fitted cover can do more harm than good, wearing away a beautiful finish if stiff winter winds saw it back and forth against your gel coat or outboard cowls. There are only two good solutions: either get a custom-fitted cover - fitted covers are available for many popular fishing boat models from [Westland](#) - or have the boat shrink-wrapped. The down-side to shrink wrap is, of course, that once that stuff is on the boat you have exactly zero chance of using it if there's an unusually warm day or a red-hot winter bite. By the way, you know those DIY shrink-wrapping kits? Forgeddaboudit. A standard shrink wrap heat gun can be about 3500 degrees at the tip, and one wrong move can melt or ignite various parts of your boat. Again, this is a situation in which we recommend calling a pro.

If you opt for the fitted cover, don't buy the cheapest one on Amazon. These are made from nylon or a cotton-poly weave, and they won't fit well nor last long. Polyester or better yet acrylic (the stuff Sunbrella is made from) is a much better cover material. Also look for the ounce rating of the cover, which describes how many ounces a square yard of the material weighs. Two or three ounce cloth won't survive more than a season or two. Six to 10 ounce cloth is the good stuff. And naturally, try to find a cover that's reinforced at stress points like window frames and transom corners.

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5. CHECK ON YOUR BOAT ON A REGULAR BASIS, ESPECIALLY AFTER HEAVY SNOW, RAIN, OR WIND.

Boat covers can work themselves free. Shrink wrap can get pierced or stretched. Vandalism happens. And if your boat becomes flooded or exposed due to any problems like these, the longer it sits without attention the worse the end result will be. We've all seen neglected boats sitting in a corner of the boatyard, with tattered covers flapping in the wind. They look like they haven't been attended to in weeks if not months, and often, that's because no one's been checking up on them. Those are the boats that probably won't be ready to use, come spring—and you don't want to risk missing the hottest bite of the year, just because your boat wasn't winterized properly.



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
8th Western Rivers Region
Division 33
Invites YOU to our fall
2024 Change of Watch Meeting
& Dinner**

DIVISION MEETING

will be held at the
Auxiliary Station Omaha
located at 9800 John J Pershing Drive, Omaha NE.
On the 27th of January, 2024
and will start promptly at 10:00 Hrs. (local time).

Uniform will be "Trops" or business attire.

***CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER
AND LANTERN CERMONEY***

will be held at the
CASIO'S RESTERAUNT
Located at 1620 S. 10th St., Omaha
beginning at 1800 Hrs.

Uniform will be Tropical Blues or Business Attire

SOCIAL HOUR WILL START AT 1800 HRS.

PLEASE CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING MENU ITEMS:

8OZ Top Sirloin - \$38.00

Atlantic Salmon - \$38.00

Chicken Parmesan - \$ 31.00

**Tax and gratuity are included in the above prices,
payment via cash or check will be collected prior to the dinner.**

Your family is invited to attend.

ADULT BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA A CASH BAR

Please advise me of your dinner choice and the number attending.

RSVP to me by January 20, 2024

**With your intention to attend the meeting, lunch and
training, the dinner or all three.**

You may call or text me at 402-510-0308,

Or email me at kc0h1b@cox.net

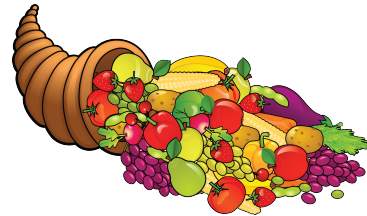
The uniform of the day will be Tropical Blues, AWU or Business Casual.

October 2023



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

November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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