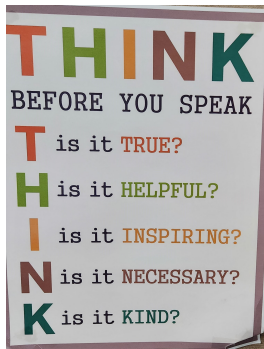


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FLOTILLA 33-1 OFFICERS

Flotilla Commander (FC) - Barclay Stebbins
Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC) - Patrick Rezac
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC) - James Wolfe
AUX Scout - Patrick Rezac
Communications (FSO-CM) - Jim Westcott
Communication Services (FSO-CS)- Jim Wolfe
Diversity (FSO-DV) - Barb Westcott
Treasurer (FSO-FN) - George McNary
Human Resources (FSO-HR) - James Wolfe
Information Services (FSO-IS)-Barclay Stebbins
Materials (FSO-MA) - Bernie McNary
Marine Safety (FSO-MS) - Doug Ives
Member Training (FSO-MT) - Jim Westcott
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Operations (FSO-OP) - Barclay Stebbins
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Program Visitor (FSO-PV) - Cannon Kinchelow
Secretary (FSO-SR) - Cannon Kinchelow
Vessel Examiner (FSO-VE)-Warren Koehler

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4 MAY **DIVISION MEETING**
18-24 MAY **Safe Boating Week**
20 MAY **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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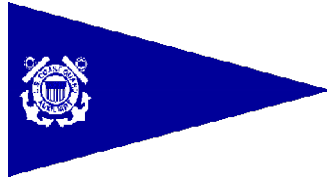
**On Facebook we are found at:
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**Please remember to check out the
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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



MAY 2024

Trivia: On 16 May 2019, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was awarded a third [Coast Guard Unit Commendation](#) by [Karl Schultz](#) the [Commandant of the Coast Guard](#).

May is here and it's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year. Now is the time to start finalizing our summer activities. In addition, we are also running into severe weather season as mother nature wreaks her wrath on our communities. It is vitally important that when the district/division does a wellness check via the Everbridge Notification System we all respond. These are sent via District/Division/Flotilla location. Since we do have members outside Iowa and Nebraska, or the impacted area, it is imperative that "ALL" members respond appropriately regardless of their location. When you don't respond it is up to Division and/or Flotilla FC's/designees to follow-up with individual contacts whom didn't respond. Once you respond, all further attempts will cease.

The District held it's Spring DTrain 18– 21 April in St Louis. Members of the Active Duty side as well as DirAux staff were in attendance. There was a lot of good information and training provided. The big take away was that as the Coast Guard continues to realign it's manning our support to missions supporting them will be more relevant and needed going forward. The culinary program had a good turnout as they prepared meals for the boat crew in obtaining their certifications. I want to thank the members of our flotilla that were able to attend.

We are continuing to look at what PA/VE events we are able to support for the spring and summer. We have made contact with Offutt PA officer for the upcoming Air Show August 24-25 featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds. It should be a great event for us to support. More info will be provided as this planning continues. Our MS missions are temporarily being re-evaluated based on new guidance and safety protocols.

On the operations side, boats will soon be coming out of storage and we will be begin to start scheduling patrols for the summer.

Reminder: All may attend our Division/Awards Meeting 4 May 2024.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting 20 May @ 1930.

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



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

This information can be found at:

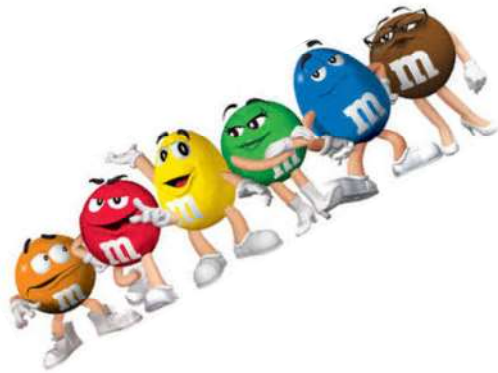
[Diversity and Inclusion Definitions | Ferris State University](#)

Diversity is the range of human differences, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin, and political beliefs.

Inclusion is involvement and empowerment, where the inherent worth and dignity of all people are recognized. An inclusive university promotes and sustains a sense of belonging; it values and practices respect for the talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and ways of living of its members.

Equity refers to fair and just practices that ensure access, resources, and opportunities are provided for all to succeed and grow.

Belonging is feeling valued, respected, supported, and empowered in your professional, educational, and personal endeavors.





INFORMATION BUG

The information for this article was found at:
[Severe Weather: Prepare Your Boat and Passengers \(boat-ed.com\)](http://boat-ed.com)

Severe Weather: Prepare Your Boat and Passengers



If you are caught in severe weather, prepare your boat and your passengers.

To prepare the boat to handle severe weather:

- Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.
- Close all hatches, windows, and doors to reduce the chance of swamping.
- Stow any unnecessary gear.
- Turn on your boat's navigation lights. If there is fog, sound your fog horn as instructed in Unit 2.
- Keep bilges free of water. Be prepared to remove water by [bailing](#).
- If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of metal objects as possible.
- To prepare your passengers for severe weather:
- Have everyone put on a USCG-approved PFD. If a PFD is already on, make sure it is secured properly.
- Have your passengers sit on the vessel floor close to the centerline. This is for their safety and to make the boat more stable.

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Boater's Tip

- Count the number of seconds between the flash of lightning and the clap of thunder.
- Divide the number of seconds by five.
- The result is roughly the distance in miles you are from the storm.

SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 4, 2024

DIVISION 33 OF THE 8TH WESTERN RIVERS REGION
WILL HOLD THEIR SPRING BUSINESS MEETING
STARTING PROMPTLY AT 1000 HRS
THE LOCATION WILL BE THE AUXILIARY STATION OMAHA
LOCATED AT 9800 JOHN J PEERSHING DR. OMAHA
Lunch will be "Walking Tacos" and soda at a cost of \$5.00 per person

THE DIVISION AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT
CASCIO'S RESTAURANT LOCATED AT
1620 S 10TH St. , OMAHA
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 - \$ 30.00

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.
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 kc0hlb@cox.net

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

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Division 33 Meeting and Awards Dinner
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 
19	20 Omaha Flotilla Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
						
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 FLAG Day	15
16	17 FLOTILLA MEETING	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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