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Change of Watch

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DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

JEAN GOBLE



The year of 2010 is starting off busy for Division 33. By the time this is published we will have held our Change of Watch at the Riverside Grille in Council Bluffs. The members who attended this enjoyed a great meal and fellowship. We were honored to have Robert Smetka, D-COS and Karel Kester, DCAPT-W attend and participate in the installation of officers. Susan Stocker, BLA Iowa also attended.

The weekend of April 23, 24, and 25 will be filled with training and our annual Awards Banquet at Mahoney State Park located between Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska. Committees have been appointed to help with planning this weekend. Mandatory workshops include the Operations Workshop and 1 - hour TCT that is required each year will be held. Herb Angell, BLA Nebraska has agreed to present a workshop on Friday evening.

One of my goals this year is to continue to work to increase communication between our members both up and down the chain. I am asking the division staff officers to share information they receive with the flotilla staff officers who will then communicate it to the members in their flotilla. The VCDR and I plan to continue to attend flotilla meetings during 2010 so that we may increase our interaction and communication with the members of Division 33. Of course, our desire to visit a flotilla will be communicated to the FC prior to the meeting.

Most of the information that the Auxiliary is passing down to the flotilla level is coming to us by e-mail or on line, e.g., manuals that we have to print ourselves. We will continue to present training for our members to help them learn more about ways that technology can be used to help us perform our missions.

DIVISION VICE COMANDER'S MESSAGE

FRANK REISS



Division 33 2010 Change of Watch Dinner was held at the Riverside Grille in Council Bluffs on a foggy Saturday, January 16, 2010. Despite the less than ideal travel weather, Division 33 members welcomed Bob Smetka, DCOS,; Karel Kester, DCAPT-WEST; Cathryn Allison, DCDR 11, and Susan Stocker, Boating Education Coordinator/BLA Iowa. An unexpected loss of power left Susan Stocker in the dark while presenting awards to those who assisted in the ramp painting. Thankfully it was a rather short outage; power was restored and the evening of fellowship continued. The evening also included the tradition of passing the lantern, the induction of elected and appointed officers, and a number of awards.

As we move forward into another year of completing our variety of missions, I'd like to remind each of us to remember what hat we are wearing when we make inquiries up and down the chain of leadership and management. Many of us wear more than one hat and often it becomes confusing so take a moment and ask yourself each time you have a question "What hat am I wearing when I ask this question?" I'd also like to remind you to not only to work with members in your own flotilla, but

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those in other flotillas as well. We have a very diverse group and should capitalize on all of its strengths. I encourage FSOs to work with the SOs and other FSOs; you may discover something new or provide someone else a helping hand. If nothing else, you may discover a new friend.

It might be a little difficult to begin thinking about boating safety courses when we have a white landscape of snow and freezing rain falling, but this is a great time of year to schedule your classes to capitalize on the various boat shows. I've personally already registered four students for a class in March. Remember to send a list of your classes to the SO-PB for inclusion in the Skipper as well as the division class schedule brochure. This is also a good time of year to be thinking about member training; too cold to boat but not too cold to read about boating. And speaking of member training, I'd be remiss if I failed to mention the upcoming Spring Conference.

Spring Conference will be held March 19-20 in Plymouth Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. All pertinent information is posted on the District web site. I encourage each member to consider attending Spring Conference as it is a great way to get a pulse of what is going on throughout the District, not to mention all the training, and most importantly the fellowship.

BASS PRO

Division 33 participated in the Bass Pro boat shows in Des Moines and Council Bluffs, Iowa by presenting a one-hour seminar on boating safety on January 10 and January 17, 2010. The seminar was developed through the joint efforts of Bass Pro and the Auxiliary and was presented at all the Bass Pro stores nationwide by Auxiliarists.

SUBMITTED BY JEAN GOBLE



Richard Goble, Karl Rasmussen, Annette Rasmussen. Photos taken by Jean Goble.

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- Division Vice Commander (DVCDR) – Frank Reiss
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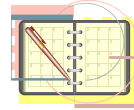
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 5, Lincoln Boat, Sport & Travel Show
- February 25, Omaha Boat Sports and Travel Show, Qwest Center
- March 19-20, Spring Conference, Plymouth, Minnesota
- April 23, 24, 25, Awards weekend (training, Division meeting & Awards Banquet), Mahoney State Park

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FLOTILLA 33-01

Our first meeting in 2010 was January 18. Nebraska state boating classes have been scheduled for future months starting in February. We are presently holding a B.S. & S. class that commenced Wednesday night January 13 and will be completed on Wednesday, February 24.

SUBMITTED BY RICHARD GOBLE

FLOTILLA 33-02

With activation of Flotilla 33-02's calling tree due to winter watches, winter warnings, wind chill advisories, and 23 inches of snow thus far on the ground, it's hard to imagine thinking about boating. But needless to say, we do need to prepare for the upcoming boat shows. Flotilla 33-02 is organizing, gathering handout materials and reviewing procedures on how to adequately staff an exhibit. Some suggestions gleaned from working many a booth are:

1. Make eye contact with every passerby and wear a friendly smile!
2. "Meet and greet" the public with a catchy conversational stop by our exhibit phrase. This is something for each exhibit worker to think about and use at the shows.
3. Give a packet to at least one family member that walks by. It will give them some winter reading material.
4. Demonstrate on children and adults how to properly wear a life jacket.
5. Be sure to promote the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Remember you are marketing the USCG Auxiliary and how you represent and deal with the boating public is a reflection on all our membership. So, enjoy sharing the wealth of knowledge and experience you have gained from your time serving the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Other newsworthy activities about Flotilla 33-02 are that training is being offered monthly. Members are also marking their calendars for the operations' workshop in April.

Congratulations are given to: Bill Montz for again serving the District as ADSO-MS for 2010, Certificates for Sustained Service: Connie Walters, Fifth Award, Rose and Dick Ternes, Sixth Award, and Sharon McKay, ICS 210 Certificate of Completion.

Connie Walters, FSO-IS, has shared paperwork procedures and changes for 2010 such as the new Member Activity Log known as Form 7029 (old Form 99).

Phil Ward, FSO-CM, noted as of 29 December 2009, the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) no longer exists. The program has now been renamed the Military Auxiliary Radio System, still referred to as (MARS). Phil also shared with Flotilla 33-02 an interesting detail. "If you look at Webster's definition of "affiliate" vs. "auxiliary" you will notice that an auxiliary is a stronger relationship with an entity than an affiliate relationship. If you would like more information go to: to: www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/465002p.pdf. By scrolling to 46500.2 you will find all pertinent information."

BOAT SMART. BOAT SAFE. WEAR IT!

SUBMITTED BY JEANIE DEIML, FSO-PB

OPERATIONS

Operations is probably the farthest thing from your mind when the ground is white and freezing rain is falling, but before we know it the dog days of summer will be upon us, and we'll be wishing it was winter again; ok maybe not winter but at least fall. In the mean time, it is a good time of the year to catch up on all that reading you keep putting off. I'd start with the OTO's quarterly newsletter as it contains all things operational. I'd also be sure to review the SUMR Operations Policies, Operations Policy Manual, Operational Excellence program, SAR addendum, Search & Rescue Guide, and the Hot Weather Uniform Policy; all of these can be found on the District Web site.

Operational members should have received a list of all equipment that is checked out to you. Please review the list of equipment and pass any corrections/updates to your FSO-OP. Be sure to check serial numbers, model numbers, expiration dates, and sizes where applicable. Additionally you should have also received a request for PPE needs. Please be specific; for example if you need an inflatable rearming kit, be sure to specify the model of the jacket. I have to provide a list on or before 15 February 2010 to the OTO and request that you reply to your FSO-OP no later than 08 February 2010.

The Operations workshop has been deemed mandatory for 8WR operational members. If you are currently qualified or plan on qualifying in 2010, you must complete the workshop by 31 May 2010. The workshop along with the mandatory 1-hour TCT refresher will be offered at the awards weekend in April. Additional workshops will be scheduled as needed. Please feel free to review the workshop materials prior to attending and formulate any questions you may have. Active participation in the workshop will insure a good workshop for all attendees.

ICS 210 completion deadline (31 March 2010) is rapidly approaching. All coxswains, PWC operators, and pilots must have completed ICS 210 to remain qualified. If you are in need of ICS 210, please check with your FSO-MT for offerings. Also don't forget that NAVRULES now needs to be completed on/or before your fifth anniversary of last competing the exam. You can take the exam online if you choose. This is the recommended way of taking the exam as paper exams require QE proctoring.

Please keep an eye or your mailbox for additional operational news and information. If you have any questions please feel free to route them through your FSO-OP.

SUBMITTED BY FRANK REISS

PROGRAM VISITORS AND VESSEL EXAMINERS

The year is just getting started, and I feel certain that Mother Nature has convinced all boaters and VEs that now is not the time of year for a VSC. As far as I know we do not do VSCs on ice boats.

Sometime late this month, VSC Decals are expected to be available at ANSC. They are suppose to be printed in mid-month by State Farm and supplied to ANSC. There is a possibility that a different distribution procedure will be used for the disbursement of VSC decals this year. At this point, I do not have any of the actual details of how this may work. I will email the FSO-VEs information on this as I receive it.

Even though Mother Nature may be making it very unpleasant to do VSCs, this is a great time of the

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year to do PVs. Marine dealers tend not to be very busy this time of the year and have time to stand around and talk about boating safety and boating laws and regulations. This is also a good time of year to educate the marine dealer about what is the correct format and placement registration numbers on a boat, and the placement of the registration decal. How registration numbers are placed on a boat and their format generally starts when someone buys a boat. The marine dealer has a lot of influence in this area with the new or inexperienced boater

.SUBMITTED BY RICHARD GOBLE

COMMUNICATIONS

The amateur radio special event stations celebrating the 70th anniversary of the coast Guard were a success again with Division 33 stations contacting a total of 296 other stations (5 on two bands), 13 Special Event Stations, were contacted, 47 states, 6 Canadian provinces, 5 countries in addition to Canada (Argentina, England, Ireland, Spain (2 contacts), Brazil). Thanks to the following for participating: Mr. Butters, Mr. Brudtkuhl, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Halbrook, Mr. Jansen, Mr. Kellogg, Ms. Newton, Mr. Patterson.

Letters were sent by DSO-CM to many owners of facilitized radios. The requirement to meet the NTIA narrow band requirements have required that new form 7004 be submitted for some radios, and other radios will lose their facilitization. The first pass on this generated more than a few questions that have been forwarded up the COLAM, based on the responses to those questions DSO-CM has a new summary document that has been drafted, is in review and will be issued in the near future. As a reminder, all form 7004s now require in addition to make and model numbers, serial number and FCC ID number. Also all 7004s in Division 33 should be sent to the SO-CM for review, following review for complete and accurate information, the 7004s are forwarded to the DSO-CM.

SUBMITTED BY ROLAND NEWTON

PUBLIC EDUCATION

TOP 10 SO-PE GOALS FOR 2010

10. No gunwale riding.
9. Exhibit the skier down flag only when a skier is down;
8. Prevent hypothermia and overexposure to the sun;
7. No trailering or out of fuel problems;
6. Life jackets not PFDs (that's a tough one);
5. Additional boating instructors qualify to teach boating classes;
4. Additional boating students take/pass the state boating classes;
3. Vessel operators practice good seamanship, keep a proper lookout, and maintain a safe speed;

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2. All boaters wear life jackets; and
1. Zero boating fatalities.

Nebraska and Iowa instructors: please try to request teaching materials/supplies two weeks before you need them. I will attempt to have a supply on hand at all times.

Please keep me informed when your flotilla schedules boating classes. We want this information to reach the public.

Please report post-class information to me:

Total number of students in the class:

- Number of students who passed/failed; and
- Number of students 17 Years and under.

If I find out I need additional information after our division meeting on January 16, I will send out an email to each FSO-PE.

It is imperative we provide correct information to the public. Please verify if you are unsure regarding questions or disseminating information. Read the course books, boating guides, and Boating Skills and Seamanship book. Your fellow members, Herb Angell and Susan Stocker are an email or telephone call away.

All members: everyone contributes to boating safety. There is always a moment to educate and acknowledge water safety practices. If not you, who?

Thank you for all you do to strengthen the USCG Auxiliary through public education! I wish you a productive, successful and happy 2010.

SUBMITTED BY ANNETTE RASMUSSEN

NAVIGATION SERVICES

Navigation Services oversees the division's flotillas' Chart Updating (CU) and Aids to Navigation (ATON) efforts.

There are no Chart Updating responsibilities assigned to Division 33, but we will need to make sure that the flotillas check the Private Aids to Navigation (PATONs) in our area..

If you are a qualified Aids Verifiers (AV), your flotilla NS officer will be contacting you about assisting and checking some of the Aids in our area.

As in any area, we want to develop more Aids Verifiers. If you are reading this and are interested, please contact your flotilla NS staff officer, or your FC, and we will work with them to develop those who are interested in becoming Aids Verifiers.

The steps to become an Aids Verifiers are:

- Receive training and pass the Aid Verifier Qualification open book examination with a passing score of 90 percent or better;
- Complete both Incident Command System (ICS) 100 & 700 courses,

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- Complete TCT (Team Coordination Training); and,
- Attend the Operations Workshop when it is required for all Operations members.

The Gasconade is our partner in this effort, and there is a spot list of Special Interest Aids for each Coast Guard Cutter that are of particular importance, and those will be a primary focus to address first.

Like every mission, we will need to fill out the reports in order to get proper credit for verifying an Aid, and we will also need to work with the SO-OP to develop orders to reach the ATONs on the water.

Aid Verification will require coordination of our limited resources in the division in order to be accomplished.

Thank you for your assistance.

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE MCNARY

FLOTILLA 4

Late fall saw us turn our activities away from on the water to in the classroom. A late season ABS class was held with four students who were ready to put their training to use on the water in the spring.

The members interested in practicing more radio communication participated in the Coast Guard Auxiliary Ham Radio Day commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Auxiliary. What a great way to spend time learning radio skills, spending time in fellowship, briefly meeting people on the airwaves, and providing great publicity about the Auxiliary.

With cold and snow in late fall, members of Flotilla 4 thought it was a good idea to learn about the weather. Many of the members completed an AuxOp Weather class in December and with multiple tutoring sessions many took and passed the exam. We continued on with the 'learning in the winter' theme and started the Advanced Coastal Navigation class. Definitely a challenging class, we have had numerous class sessions with hands on charting tutoring.

We teamed with Flotilla 6 for a presentation the first weekend of the Bass Pro Boat Show in Altoona (east of Des Moines). It seemed well received by the public, and the Bass Pro representative was very helpful and appreciative.

With the late fall precipitation, many feet of snow through winter, and repeated rain and snow events, we are trying to be prepared for possible flooding this spring. Hopefully we will be spared and the melt will be slow and controlled, it would be best to be prepared and watchful.

SUBMITTED BY NORMA NEWTON

MATERIALS

Just a reminder to all officers that the flotilla materials officer of your flotilla is able to order these items and have them shipped to any address of a member.

The order form is on line in the publication.

ANSC Catalog for pamphlets and materials that are available at no charge. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/misc/DCAT.pdf>

District Materials Center link for FSO-MA: http://www.trlmo.com/cgau8wr/word/dmc_price_list_5nov09.xls

or if you prefer to use a credit card , you can use this link: <http://shopauxiliary.com/membershipsignindist.php>

Remember, if you have an event that you need materials, please order them a month or more before the event as sometimes items are out of stock, and you need to reorder again.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email me and I will try help.

SUBMITTED BY KARL RASMUSSEN



Connie Walters took a photo of her "Coastie" Christmas present.



Damien Petersen working River City exhibit. Photo taken by Jim Sitzman

2010

Committees:

Audit: Skip Wolff & Karl Rasmussen
Budget: Frank Reiss, Jean Goble, & Skip Wolff
Awards: Barclay Stebbins, Frank Reiss, Skip Wolff

Liaisons:

Gasconade: Randy Evans
Bass Pro (Des Moines): Jim Berry
Bass Pro (Council Bluffs): Jean Goble
USACE: Jeff Towle

Please send your completed form to Ralph Tomlinson. Thanks!

FLOTILLA MEMBER GOALS SURVEY

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

I AM MOST INTERESTED IN WORKING TOWARD THE FOLLOWING:

- TEACHING CLASSES**
- ON-THE-WATER OPERATIONS**
- AIR OPERATIONS**
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
- HOLDING AN ELECTED OR STAFF OFFICE**
- WORKING WITH THE ACTIVE DUTY**
- AUXOP QUALIFICATION**

SHORT RANGE GOALS - WITHIN 1 YEAR

SPECIALTY COURSES LEADING TO AUXOP QUALIFICATION

- AUXACN – ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATION PARTS A AND B**
- AUXCOM – COMMUNICATIONS**
- AUXPAT – PATROLS**
- AUXSEA – BASIC SEAMANSHIP**
- AUXSC&E – SEARCH COORDINATION AND EXECUTION**
- AUXWEA – WEATHER**

- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COURSE – REQUIRED FOR ELECTED OFFICE**
- RADIO WATCHSTANDER**
- INSTRUCTOR**
- VESSEL EXAMINER**
- RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM VISITOR**
- AIR OBSERVER**
- AIR CREW**

MEDIUM RANGE GOALS – 1-5 YEARS

- MARINE SAFETY SPECIALIST**
- BOAT CREW (PREREQUISITE FOR COXSWAIN)**
- PWC OPERATOR (MUST BE EITHER BOAT CREW + NAVRULES OR COXSWAIN)**
- COXSWAIN**
- FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER**
- FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER**
- DIVISION STAFF OFFICER**

LONG RANGE GOALS – 5 YEARS OR MORE

- TRIDENT**
- FLOTILLA COMMANDER**
- DIVISION CHIEF OF STAFF**
- DIVISION COMMANDER**