

# “THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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## SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS

085-33-01	Omaha	3rd Monday
085-33-02	Lincoln	2nd Tuesday
085-33-03	NP Dodge Park	3rd Tuesday
085-33-04	Des Monies	2nd Saturday
085-33-06	Johnston IA	3rd Sunday

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**[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)**

## Staff Roster

Division Commander ..... George McNary  
 Vice Division Commander ..... Brandon Butters  
 Immediate Past Commander ..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Flotilla Commander 01 ..... James Miller  
 Flotilla Commander 02 ..... Constance Walters  
 Flotilla Commander 03 ..... Randal Evans  
 Flotilla Commander 04 ..... Renee Thomas  
 Flotilla Commander 06 ..... John Hawkinson  
 Finance (SO-FN) ..... Randal Evans  
 Secretary of Records (SO-SR) ..... Barbara Westcott

**Chief of Logistics** ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Communication Services (SO-CS) ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Human Resources (SO-HR) ..... James Miller  
 Information Services ..... Doug Eubanks  
 Materials (SO-MA) ..... Bernie McNary  
 Public Affairs (SO-PA) ..... James Westcott  
 Publications (SO-PB) ..... Barbara Westcott  
 Diversity (SO-DV) ..... James Westcott

**Chief of Prevention** ..... Bill Montz  
 Member Services (SO-MS) ..... Roland Newton  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... Jean Goble  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... Warren Koehler  
 Public Education (SO-PE) ..... James Miller  
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... Alyse Bondi  
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... Alyse Bondi

**Chief of Response** ..... Roland Newton  
 Communications (SO-CM) ..... Roland Newton  
 Operations (SO-OP) ..... George McNary

Liaison to Iowa ..... Pauline Longnecker  
 Liaison to Nebraska ..... Constance Walters  
 Liaison to Gasconade ..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff ..... Jean Goble  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines ..... Bill Eggers  
 Liaison to Cabela's ..... James Wolfe

## **DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SPRING 2018**



April is the time that we teach PE classes, start training members in Boat Crew or new qualifications and get the things on our boats that need repairs in for fixing. I hope PE is moving along with many members of the public getting quality boating education from our Auxiliary instructors. This takes a great effort on every flotillas part, and I congratulate you on your efforts.

D-Train will be coming up shortly, I hope that many of you can take advantage of the training activities. Make sure you look for a report from your Bridge who attended or one from me so you can learn what is new and exciting in the Auxiliary.

I would like to thank the members who made the Boat Shows a success. Without their efforts this important opportunity to introduce both Boating Safely and the Auxiliary to the public would be lost. If you have any ideas on how to make the Boat Shows more effective, and to leverage them or have another idea to increase membership, contact your FC. Your ideas to make these important efforts more successful are always appreciated.

May 5th, we will have the Spring Division Board and Staff meeting, OPS Workshop, and One Hour TCT. I also am working on a date for a Communications Workshop. If you need the training that will be put on at the May meeting, contact your FSO-OP to arrange to get that completed. In addition, plan to get any Check-Rides or on-the-water hours done early in the season. Waiting until September or October could be a problem.

Our Awards Dinner will be the same day, May 5th, at Famous Dave's in Bellevue (same location as last year). I hope you receive an Award for your hard efforts last year. Remember that you are always invited for the fellowship. We plan on a Coast Guard Day for the Gasconade and another division fellowship event after the election meeting this fall,. Please join us.

Remember, we are making it a point of emphasis to complete the 7029 every month. Not only does this report your efforts but the information is used to justify the Auxiliary budget. Your efforts in this regard are greatly appreciated.

I hope to have information about the possible Marine Safety Event July 21 and the OPTEX North of Des Moines at Camp Dodge on August 3-5 shortly. Look for information to come from your FC as soon as it becomes available.

Good Luck as we enter the Boating Season!

Semper Paratus

George W. McNary,  
DCDR 33



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

## Diversity: a little word with a huge impact

It has been my observation that in 30+ years in the law enforcement profession that while everyone looks, not all see. You go to investigate an accident and interview five witnesses and receive five slightly different versions on what they looked at. The same holds true when you interview the victims and witnesses on a physical assault. You will get different versions of what took place. All who were interviewed will be telling the truth (hopefully) as they saw it from their perception. Unfortunately that point of view may not be the best for the person collecting the information in his/her quest for the common good.

Diversity has the same problem. We all joined the Auxiliary for our own reasons. That is, what we look to the organizations combined purpose from our own point of view. That point of view can, at times be very narrow or concentrated and not for the best of the team. I challenge you to look at your shipmates and prospective members and see beyond the obvious and investigate. Find out what that person desires to do and help him/her toward that goal within the Auxiliary. There is room for everybody and their skills no matter what if we take the time to see. Everyone will tell us to think outside the "box." I would challenge you to look and see and throw the box away





This article can be found at:

<http://cgaux.org/about.php>



## About The Auxiliary

### Agency Overview

Established by Congress in 1939 under *title 14, §§ 23* of the U.S. Code, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is Semper Paratus (Always Ready). We invite you to explore our site and learn more about who we are and what we do to be "Semper Paratus."

The Auxiliary operates in

- Safety and Security Patrols
- Search and Rescue
- Mass Casualty or Disasters
- Pollution Response & Patrols
- Homeland Security
- Recreational Boating Safety
- Commercial Fishing and Vessel Exams
- Platforms for Boarding Parties
- Recruit for all service in the Coast Guard

In addition to the above, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary operates in any mission as directed by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or Secretary of Homeland Security.

### Our Mission

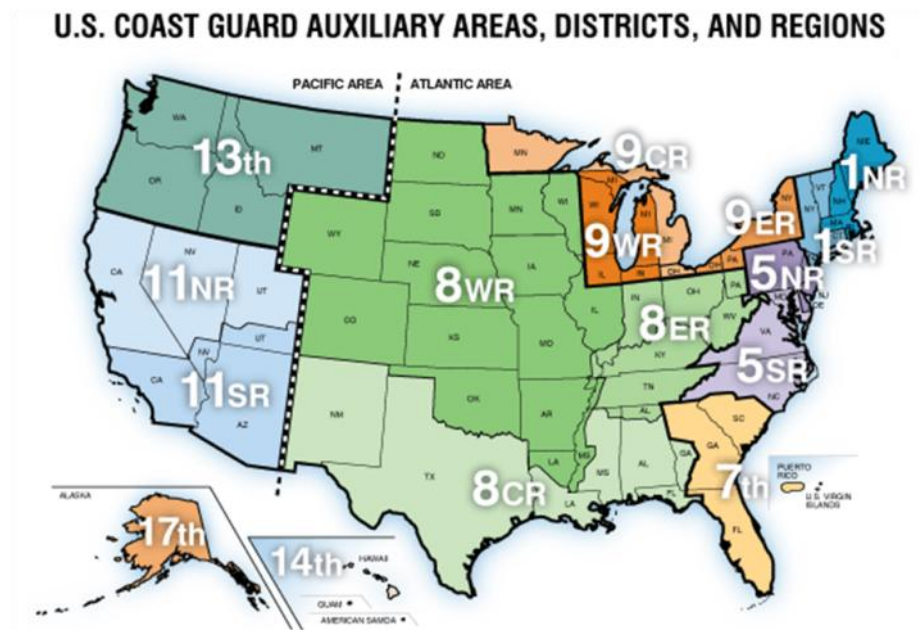
- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety
- To provide trained crews and facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical Requirements

### Organization

The Auxiliary has units in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

Under the direct authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security via the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary's internally operating levels are broken down into four organizational levels: Flotilla, Division, District and National.





- **National** - The national staff officers are responsible, along with the Commandant, for the administration and policy-making for the entire Auxiliary.
- **District** - The District provides administrative and supervisory support to Divisions, promotes policies of both the District Commander and National Committee.
- **Division** - Flotillas in the same general geographic area are grouped into Divisions. The Division provides administrative, training and supervisory support to Flotillas and promotes District & National policy.
- **Flotilla** - The Flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and is comprised of at least 15 qualified members who carry out the day-to-day missions of "Team Coast Guard". Every Auxiliary member is part of a Flotilla.

### Auxiliary History

When the Coast Guard "Reserve" was authorized by act of Congress on June 23, 1939, the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilian to promote safety on and over the high seas and the nation's navigable waters.

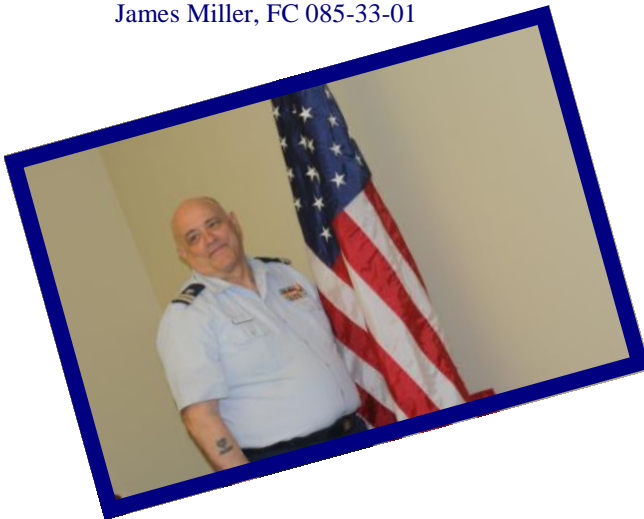
Two years later, on Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian section, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary under title 14, chapter 23 of the USC.

When we entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort as military teams. Many of their private vessels were placed into service in an effort to protect the U.S.



IPCDR Barclay Stebbins receiving the  
“Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation Award”  
with Chief Wunch and DCDR McNary

James Miller, FC 085-33-01



Tracy Delaughter, DCOS

SC William Klein, USCG



Photos by Jim Westcott



## LANTERN CEREMONY



Passing of the Lantern from Barclay Stebbins, IPDCDR  
to DCDR George McNary

The Lantern Ceremony used by Division 33 at our Change of Watch is a solemn and impressive ceremony. As education of the boating public, as well as education of the Auxiliary membership becomes important goals of our organization, similar to the symbol of Aladdin's Lamp. Aladdin's lamp is representative of the fabled lamp of knowledge, thus we as a nautical community adopt a Mariner's lantern to represent "Light through Education." Thus it is fitting that as our new leaders take office that they should make a commitment to further the purposes and aim of educating both the public as well as the auxiliary membership by accepting the Mariner's Lantern as a symbol of light through education.





Barclay Stebbins, IPDCDR,  
preparing the lantern



Brandon Butters, VCDR and  
James Miller, FC 085-33-01



James Miller, FC 085-33-01 and  
Randy Evans, FC 085-33-02-3



Renee Thomas, FC 085-33-04 and  
John Hawkinson, FC 085-33-02-6



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