

“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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Want to see more pictures?

Please remember to check out the website at:

http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=

Staff Roster

Division Commander George McNary
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 Immediate Past Commander Barclay Stebbins
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 Flotilla Commander 02 Constance Walters
 Flotilla Commander 03 Randal Evans
 Flotilla Commander 04 Renee Thomas
 Flotilla Commander 06 John Hawkinson
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 Secretary of Records (SO-SR) Barbara Westcott

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 Human Resources (SO-HR) James Miller
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 Public Education (SO-PE) James Miller
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 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) Alyse Bondi

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 Communications (SO-CM) Roland Newton
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 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 SUMMER 2018



DCDR's Message

The OPTEx is scheduled for August 3 – 5, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Division 33, like last year will be well represented. Camp Dodge in August will be HOT! Sign-up information is now available on the District website, under the 2018 OPTEx tab.

The patrol season so far has been a bust. Several boat crew members still need to finish the Introduction to Risk Management course on the LMS site. I suggest that everyone complete this course, as it will be part of any availability for a deployment in a natural disaster.

Planning for AUXStation Omaha is still progressing but the flooding has put everything on hold, the Division is still planning on a PQS this summer.

The Offutt Air Show is back on for this year, August 10-12, 2018 and next year June 1-2, 2019. This is a great opportunity to meet the public. SO-PA will be requesting assistance in manning the Auxiliary booth. Please keep that in mind as you plan for August.

Speaking of a worthy activity, the division picnic with the Gasconade in honor of Coast Guard day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 4th, starting at 11:30. Please come and enjoy the Fellowship with the crew of the Gasconade and other Auxiliarists as we enjoy the end of summer and celebrate the United States Coast Guard.

As of the writing of this message, flooding on the Missouri has kept the Marina at Dodge Park, as well as most ramps, closed. Patrols in Iowa have not fared much better. Plan on a short window for getting patrols in so you don't lose your Qualification(s). On behalf of the boating public, thank you for your service.

The Fall Business Meeting will be September 14 and 15 in St. Louis, MO. Look for an email with details and registration information.

On a final note, NACON is August 23rd to 26th at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Registration information can be found at this link:

<https://www.cgauxa.org/auxa/nacon-2018/>

I encourage you attend this event. Attending a National Convention is a highlight in your Auxiliary career. Orlando is one of the most popular tourist locations and flights are among the most affordable for air travel.

George W. McNary
DCDR 33

THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

An Explanation of Diversity

Jim Westcott, SO-PA/DV

How do you express what diversity really is? Look at a bag of M & M candies. Some of them are plain, some are nutty and they are many different colors. There are even different tastes. This is what makes them a wonderful treat. We should look at every person we see the same way. We are all alike and different at the same time. We each have talents that make us unique, yet in the Auxiliary we are all working for the same goal.

Using the candy, we can explain diversity like this:



Brown Four corner Stones of the USCG Auxiliary

Blue Marine safety

Green Public speaking, vessel exams, marine visits and public affair events

Yellow Fellowship and fun

Red Member services

Orange those things that make us want to help the USCG and our communities by teaching Recreational Boating Safety





This article can be found at:

<http://cgaux.org>



Hoax calls affect us all

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

Posted by: Administrator

Originally Posted by Diana Sherbs, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Written by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronald Hodges



U.S. Coast Guard photograph by Petty Officer 1st Class Seth Johnson

"This is the fishing vessel Sol e Mar. This is a mayday, we're sinking, we need help now!" were some of the last words of 19-year-old Billy Hokanson, as the fishing boat that he and his father, William were on sank to the bottom of the ocean on March 25, 1990.

Coast Guard Stations Menemsha and Brad Point, both off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, received the distress call on marine radio channel 16 – distorted by heavy amounts of static. Both stations attempted to call the boat back, but did not get an answer. About a minute after Hokanson's transmission, a separate call came through channel 16.

"SOS, I'm sinking," the caller said in a laughing, playful tone.

Both distress calls were presumed to be related and deemed as hoaxes.

The bodies of the Hokansons' were never found.

Five days after the call for help was made, William's wife reported them overdue. A commercial salvage company eventually found the wreckage of their ship and the second caller was never identified.

This was the first time that a hoax caller ever impacted a Coast Guard response. The Sol e Mar case changed the way the Coast Guard responds to possible hoax calls and the penalties for those who make them.

"The Coast Guard takes the word 'mayday' very seriously," said Lt. j.g. Bradley Milliken, command duty officer at Sector Hampton Road's command center. "We assume that someone's life is in danger and respond appropriately."



Help us crackdown on false distress

HOAX Calls...

- Are cases where information is conveyed with the intent to deceive
- Put mariners and first responders in danger
- Waste time, money, and resources
- Are a class D felony and can incur substantial prison time and fines

Anyone with information regarding a hoax call made to the Coast Guard is encouraged to contact their local Coast Guard sector.

Sector Hampton Roads 757-483-8567
Sector North Carolina 910-362-4015
Sector Maryland-NCR 410-576-2525
Sector Delaware Bay 215-271-4940

HOAX DISTRESS CALLS ARE A SERIOUS CRIME



The Coast Guard defines a hoax as a case where information is conveyed with the intent to deceive.

“False maydays not only waste time, money and resources but also can be extremely dangerous,” said Milliken. “Any time that Coast Guard assets are dispatched to an area where nothing is wrong, it leaves them unable to respond to actual emergencies.”

Coast Guard searches utilizing one rescue helicopter and one boat costs tens-of-thousands of dollars an hour at the taxpayer’s expense. Depending on the nature of the distress call, and the availability of search and rescue resources, even more assets could be and have been un-resourcefully used after a hoax distress calls are received.

Coast Guard crews aren’t the only ones affected by hoaxes – they impact members of local agencies and communities, who regularly help respond in search and rescue cases. An urgent marine information broadcast is usually issued after a distress call is received to ask local mariners to look out for signs of distress.

“Unfortunately, hoax calls happen all too frequently,” said Milliken. “In 2017, there were about 58 calls deemed to be hoaxes.”

Any hoax callers willing to put the lives of mariners and first responders in danger may face serious consequences. Hoax callers could face up to 10 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines, plus the cost of the search.

Boating communities around the Mid-Atlantic have stood ready to help possible mariners in distress, even though some mayday calls end up being hoaxes. Communities throughout the area are encouraged to band together and help put a stop to these calls.

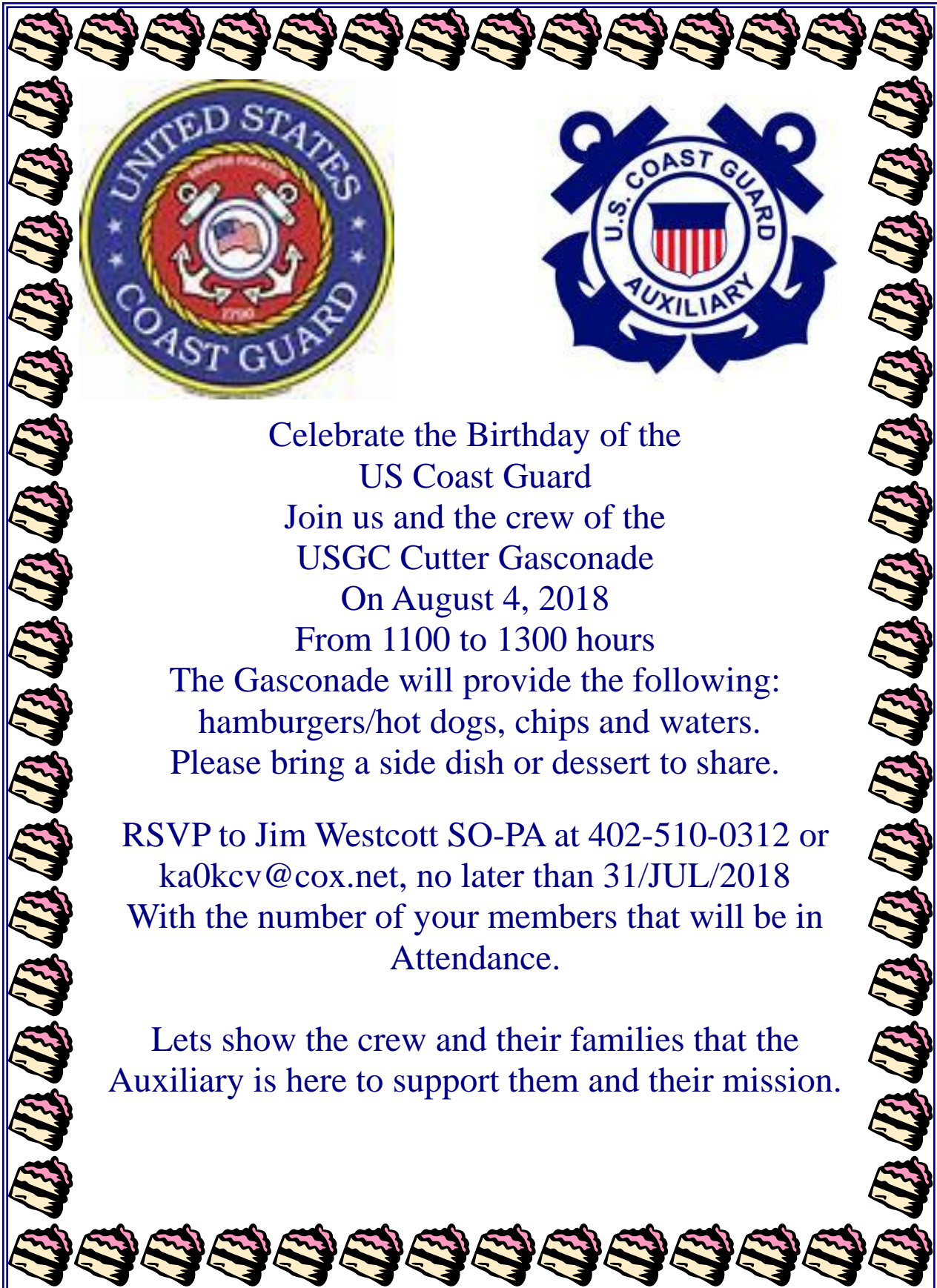
DCDR George McNary presented
Barb Westcott, FSO-PB/CS,
a plaque for the
“Best Flotilla Newsletter”
in the
Eighth Western Rivers Region.




James Miller, FC presented
Jim Wolfe, FSO-CM/PV/VE a
certificate noting him as a
Branch Assistant -
Web Compliance
BA-UCWB




Pictures by Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO-PA/DV



The entire page content is framed by a decorative border consisting of numerous small, stylized cake slices with pink frosting and white filling, arranged in a continuous loop around the perimeter.



The seal of the United States Coast Guard, featuring a blue outer ring with the words "UNITED STATES" at the top and "COAST GUARD" at the bottom, separated by stars. The center is a red circle containing a white anchor and a smaller circular emblem with a ship's wheel and a flag.



The logo of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, featuring a blue Maltese cross with a white circle in the center. The circle contains a red and white striped shield and the words "U.S. COAST GUARD" at the top and "AUXILIARY" at the bottom.

Celebrate the Birthday of the
US Coast Guard

Join us and the crew of the
USGC Cutter Gasconade

On August 4, 2018

From 1100 to 1300 hours

The Gasconade will provide the following:
hamburgers/hot dogs, chips and waters.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to Jim Westcott SO-PA at 402-510-0312 or
ka0kcv@cox.net, no later than 31/JUL/2018
With the number of your members that will be in
Attendance.

Lets show the crew and their families that the
Auxiliary is here to support them and their mission.