

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

**Chief of Logistics** ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Communication Services (SO-CS) ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Human Resources (SO-HR) ..... Constance Walters  
 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** ..... OPEN  
 Member Services (SO-MS) ..... Roland Newton  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... James Wolfe  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... OPEN  
 Public Education (SO-PE) ..... OPEN  
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... OPEN  
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... OPEN

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

Liaison to Iowa ..... Pauline Longnecker  
 Liaison to Nebraska ..... Constance Walters  
 Liaison to Gasconade ..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff ..... Jim Westcott  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines ..... OPEN  
 Liaison to Cabela's ..... James Wolfe

## DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SUMMER 2019



I was honored to have so many members of Division 33 take part in the time-honored tradition of the Change of Watch. Special thanks to our Vice Division Commander Barb Westcott and Jim Wolfe for arranging the facilities. Also thank you to those individuals who stayed late and helped clean up. It was an honor to have CDR Mick Scott, Deputy Sector Commander SUMR; BMC Kain Foglesong, Executive Petty Officer of the USCGC Gasconade and Patrick Hickey, District Captain West at our Change of Watch to install the Division bridge for 2019.

Our District Commodore has given the 8<sup>th</sup> WR District three watch words for 2019:  
Recruit, Restore, Respond.

**RECRUIT:** We support recruiting through targeted efforts that seek out the best in our communities. Not only do we need to bring more talent into the Auxiliary, we need to mentor them through their Auxiliary career. We need to make sure new recruits have the support to be successful and find their interests in the Auxiliary.

**RESTORE:** All aspects of the Coast Guard are having to do more with less; Active Duty, Reserve, and the Auxiliary. We need to encourage our current members and future members to become proficient and achieve personal qualification standards in an operational area in which they have a passion. Auxiliary units are encouraged at every level to improve relations with active duty and reserve units. I can proudly say that Division 33 has outstanding relationship with our local unit, the USCGC Gasconade.

**RESPOND:** By recruiting and restoring our member's operational qualifications, we will be ready to respond when called upon. We need to be professional, resolute and determined to complete all missions following standards set forth by the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. That call for duty will likely come before we know it. Record snow fall in central third of America, coupled with a deep ground frost, may cause significant flooding in the better part of the 8<sup>th</sup> WRR. There is already work being done preparing the FROG (Flood Response Operational Group) plans for potential deployment caused by flooding.

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All members are encouraged to attend the D-TRAIN in Little Rock, April 11-13<sup>th</sup>. There will be something for everyone! Our next division meeting will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a business meeting along with the Operations Workshop. As a member of Division 33 you are always invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. The evening of April 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate all of successes of 2018 with an awards presentation. More information will be forthcoming.

We look to have a busy operational season. Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures that each and every one of you have given up to support the Auxiliary.

Brandon Butters, DCDR  
Great Plains Division, 8 Western Rivers District  
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## **FLOTILLA COMMANDERS MESSAGES**



### **OMAHA NE FLOTILLA:**

Not a lot to report. The River City Boating and Fishing Expo, while getting off to a rocky start was a success. Our meeting place at the 40 & 8 Club is closing and we will be meeting at the Bellevue Medical Center (same times) for a while. Classes for RBS are in the works, so spring should be coming soon. Now is the time to check your gear and get ready for the boating season.

### **LINCOLN FLOTILLA:**

No Report received

### **NP DODGE FLOTILLA:**

Things have been getting off to a slow start this year for Flotilla 3. The government shutdown had a detrimental effect on some activities while old man winter had his say on meetings and possible outdoor plans that were in the works.

We were fortunate enough to get the go-ahead for the division sponsored River City Hunting and Fishing Expo in Council Bluffs and had several members go all in for a short notice setup for the show. Reports I received indicate the Auxiliary booth was a great success for not just Flotilla 3, but for the Division.

On the Public Education side, we currently have three State Boating Classes scheduled with the possibility of one or two more before the summer season really gets into the swing of things. This is, of course, providing old man winter takes a vacation!

And finally, the flotilla has three new members! We are working to get their AUXCT and BQCII courses done and to start them on their chosen auxiliary career path. Fun times ahead!

Doug Eubanks, FC  
Flotilla 33-03

### **DES MOINES IA FLOTILLA:**

No Report received

### **JOHNSON IA:**

No Report received



## Change of Watch Meeting and Dinner



Pictured left to right  
Barclay Stebbins, SO-SR; Barb Westcott, VCDR; Brandon Butters, DCDR; Patrick Hickey, DCAPT-W



Randy Evans, VFC - 33-03  
Roland Newton, FC - 33-04  
John Hawkinson, FC - 33-06



Patrick Hickey - DCapt-W



Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2019 is a date that, for many reasons, some of us will remember, for that is the date of our division meeting and later the Change of Watch dinner and ceremony. Oh yeah, did I mention the weather? Our Division 33's meeting was held on a cold but acceptable, for Nebraska, day. The facility at the CQuence building is an excellent facility and a dream location to hold any meeting or training in. While no training was offered at this wonderful venue for this meeting, a lot of valuable information was to be found for those who attended. Unfortunately not all of the flotillas were completely represented at this meeting.

The Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony was held later that evening at Omaha's Scottish Rite Masonic Center, located in beautiful downtown Omaha. It has a covered parking structure attached to the building so attendees don't even have to brave the elements coming in to the building. The festivities were held in a small dining room that was just perfect for the 21 members and guests that attended. The dinner was catered by a local Hy-Vee Store and was by all accounts excellent. Attendees had roasted chicken breasts and roast beef to choose from (or both if you so desired), AuGratin potatoes, corn, a vegetable tray and cherry cheesecake for dessert. Second helpings were available if one wanted (I did), and if you went away hungry, it was your own fault.

Following the dinner our new Division Bridge for 2019, were installed as well as the newly elected Flotilla Commanders, who were present. Following the oath of office the impressive "Lantern Ceremony" was held. This ceremony is very impressive and all who have seen it agree that it is a moving tribute to our core values.

The keynote speakers for the evening were Commander Richard Scott USCG, and the Auxiliaries District Captain-West Patrick Hickey. The Coast Guard Cutter Gasconade was represented by BMC Kain Foglesong. Following the informational talks by both, they were presented with their very own B-B-Q PFD's by our Vice Division Commander Barb Westcott. Did I mention the weather? Following the festivities, all present exited through the garage to find a present left by Mother Nature. About 4.5 inches of freshly fallen snow and still snowing.



Pictures by Jim Westcott, FC-33-01, and Bonnie Stebbins  
Article above by Jim Westcott



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

And

Barb Westcott, VCDR

## **LOOK AT DIVERSITY THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD**

Let me tell a short story to make my point about two young boys. The first boy is about eight or nine years of age, the other boy is only four years old, is autistic and has epilepsy; he has also been diagnosed as non-verbal. However; you see both of them playing video games, hide and seek and many other things together. The “non-verbal” boy talks to the older boy in short 1 or 2 word phrases. They understand and accept each other as they are.

The moral of this story is that if we look at everyone through the eyes of a child and see only the things that we can do and not the things we can't do there would be no need to try to teach diversity.

When we have a perspective member who is old, in a wheelchair, or just different; look at them with the eye of a child. Everyone has a place in the Auxiliary; they may not like to be on the water but can teach boating safety. They may not want to run a meeting but can do program visits. Please remember all these things when you are talking to anyone with an interest in the Auxiliary. Together we can excel.





This article can be found at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=RB-GROUP>



### A message from COMO Robert Shafer, Assistant National Commodore Recreational Boating Safety

Recreational Boating Safety is the first of the many missions of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Boating should be fun! But too often, fun turns to trouble and that trouble becomes tragic.

The biggest causes of boating accidents and deaths are all too familiar:

- **No life jacket**
- **Alcohol**
- **Lack of boating knowledge**
- **Lack of necessary equipment**
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The Recreational Boating Safety Directorates of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary are busy working to reduce the number of boating accidents and casualties that occur in the US each year.

The Auxiliary urges boaters to **wear life jackets** each and every time they go out on the water.

The Auxiliary urges boaters to **avoid alcohol** when boating.

The Auxiliary offers a variety of **boating education classes** to provide boaters with the knowledge they need to operate their boats competently and safely. To take a boating education class, click [here](#).

The Auxiliary offers free **Vessel Safety Checks** so boaters can check to see that they have all of the required boating safety equipment aboard. To arrange a free safety check of your vessel, click [here](#).

Please don't drink alcohol while boating and please, **wear your lifejacket**. It can't help you if you don't wear it!

Enjoy your day on the water and remember, Safety never takes a Holiday!

If you enjoy paddlecraft, please check out our **Paddlecraft Safety** page. It contains several useful paddlecraft safety resources and information about the **AUXPAD** program