

# “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

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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  
 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 (SO-IS)..... Doug Eubanks  
 Materials (SO-MA) ..... James Westcott  
 Public Affairs (SO-PA) ..... Randal Evans  
 Publications (SO-PB) ..... Barbara Westcott  
 Diversity (SO-DV) ..... James Westcott

**Chief of Prevention** ..... OPEN  
 Member Services (SO-MS) ..... Roland Newton  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... Daniel Smith  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... Daniel Smith  
 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 ..... OPEN  
 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 WINTER 2020**



I want to thank all the members of Division 33 for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Division Commander in 2019 and to the Division Board for electing me for 2020. During the past few months I have been thinking a lot about why I joined the Auxiliary. The hours spent studying, attending meetings, and participating in boat crew activities. Why do we choose to spend time away from friends and family? For me I love my time in the Auxiliary. We all do our part to help the boating public and make the water ways safer. Whether that be vessel safety checks, marine dealer visits, safety patrols, or public education and outreach. We have given our talents and treasures to make a difference in our community, to support the Coast Guard. For that I am truly humbled to be able to work with such devoted professionals.

As we begin another year, I want to challenge everyone to step out of their comfort zone and try something new. Learn a new skill/qualification, take on a new staff officer position at your flotilla or with the division, or mentor a new member. This year I plan on becoming a qualified vessel examiner and program visitor (more ways to donate my free time :), what are your plans for 2020? Feel free to send me an email at [bbutters@msn.com](mailto:bbutters@msn.com) and let me know your plans.

Division 33 is not without challenges. Mother Nature has not been very nice to us in the heartland and is not allowing recreational boating on the Missouri River last year and the forecast for 2020 does not look better. Our operational members may have to get creative and travel to other parts of our AOR to get patrol hours. We also must not forget about recruiting new members. Recruiting is everyone's job! Many divisions throughout the nation are experiencing decreasing member rolls. Division 33 has some work to shore up our numbers, however we are better off than many of our division peers.

Despite these challenges, I feel that Division 33 is poised to have a great 2020. I encourage you, especially if you have not attended a Division Meeting, to attend our 1st quarter business meeting on Saturday, 15 FEB 2020. You are also invited to dine with other division members and division leaders in our Change of Watch scheduled for the evening of 15 FEB 2020. I look forward to seeing you there!

SEMPER PARATUS

Brandon Butters, DCDR

# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

and

Barb Westcott, VCDR

When you meet someone for the first time, you make a quick assessment about who they are, what their capabilities are and if they would be a good fit as a friend or a member of the Auxiliary. But is that quick judgment really valid and true. The person may be very shy, or have a speech impediment or even be disabled. I believe that we should look at everyone like popcorn. Let me explain:

Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same oil and cooked at the same heat. However, the kernels do not POP at the same time. Don't compare anyone to anyone else, everyone pops it their own time.

So just because one person has a problem with talking in front of a group, doesn't mean that they aren't a good mentor in a one to one scenario. Remember that while popcorn is fine plain, sometimes it takes adding of seasoning to make it great. We as current members of the auxiliary are that seasoning. It needs to be added with judicial reasoning in amounts needed to make the finished product enjoyable and workable. So - - -

Enjoy the new members, and be prepared to add the seasoning needed to make them into fully functional members.







Pictured from left to right are 3 crew members of the USCG Cutter Gasconade that the Great Plains Division served during the 12 Days of Christmas:  
MK3 Steven Metzler, Seaman Jordan Rodriguez and Fireman Austin Guidry  
Picture by BMC Kain Foglesong

I wish to personally thank the following members and their wives of the Omaha Ne and the NP Dodge Flotillas for their selfless act of kindness in serving meals and/or snacks to the Coasties that were scheduled to remain at the Coast Guard Station over the Christmas and New Years Holiday.

From the Omaha Ne Flotilla (085-33-01) : Barclay Stebbins and his wife Bonnie, George McNary and his wife Kay, Jim Wolfe and Santa, Spencer Goodwater, Ben Zimmerman and Jim and Barb Westcott. From the NP Dodge Flotilla (085-33-03): Dan Smith and his wife Resi, Randy Evans and his wife Barb and Ron and Kathleen Drawl.

These people provided some type of food for the Coasties 15 times from December 22nd to January 5th.

If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize and want you all to know that you have my most sincere thanks.

Barb Westcott, VCDR

*The Members of División 33,  
Eighth Western Rivers Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Request the pleasure of your company at the  
Change of Watch Dinner*

*On Saturday, 15th day of February 2020  
at 17:00 hours.*



*Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
202 South 20th Street  
Omaha, NE 68108*

*17:00 Social Hour · 18:00 Dinner · Change of Watch Ceremony to Follow*

*Menu Buffet*

*Menu to be determined*

*Coffee and Tea included. BYOB for alcoholic beverages*

*RSVP by 31 January 2020 to  
Brandon Butters, DCDR at [bbutters@msn.com](mailto:bbutters@msn.com) or phone (515) 229-3542  
\$25 per person*

*Uniform of the Day  
Dinner Dress · Appropriate Civilian Attire*

