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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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Want to see more pictures?

Please remember to check out the website at:

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

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 Flotilla Commander 03 Douglas Eubanks
 Flotilla Commander 04 Roland Newton
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DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SPRING 2020



Wow! This will be a spring that will go down in history. It has been a roller coaster of emotions the past few weeks. I firmly believe that this exasperated feeling comes from feeling like you've overreacted while questioning if you reacted enough to be prepared. Our spring has been a bust in terms of activities. Our D-Train was postponed and several RBS courses had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The District is planning on holding many of the training courses that were to be offered at D-Train at the fall business meeting. Our own division meeting was changed to be online only. We hope to be on the recovery by the time of our division meeting, however with the uncertainty we felt it best to cancel the in-person meeting.

There are a lot of online training opportunities to keep you busy. Visit the National website at www.uscgaux.info and click on the Training Directorate to open the gateway to online courses. Now is a great time to work towards your AUXOP or take some of the Leadership Development courses or even the BQII courses. Remember we have the online District Meeting scheduled on Saturday April 18th beginning at 09:00 CT. Information about accessing the stream will be provided. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Division 33 will have our business meeting on Saturday May 2 beginning at 10:00 CT. Invitation for the meeting will be sent later. Again, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Finally, please take every measure to take care of yourself and your loved ones during this outbreak. Practice good hygiene (physical AND mental) and social distancing and look out for one another (even if from a safe distance). Make sure that friends, neighbors, relatives, and shipmates are weathering these times as best they can. Now more than ever before, we need to be careful...and kind. We need to support one another and remember we will get through this, together.

Sincerely,
Brandon Butters
085-33 Division Commander



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

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The information for this article is from the USCG AUXILIARY WOW Website at:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=D-DEPT&category=diversity-resources>

The Diversity Directorate works with the entire Coast Guard community to support the mission and vision of the National Commodore, and to ensure that diversity, in its many forms, is understood, respected and valued. The Diversity Directorate leads efforts to conceptualize, assess, and cultivate diversity as an organizational resource.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue to meet America's ever-changing needs through increased attention to recreational boating safety, security of America's waterways and improved methods of educating the boating public.

[National Commodore's Diversity Policy Statement](#)

[National Commodore's Strategic Plan](#)

Resources

[12 Handouts for Diversity Toolkit](#)

[Auxiliary Strategic Plan for Managing Diversity](#)

[Next Practices in Achieving Diversity](#)

News

[U.S. Coast Guard Office of Diversity \(CG-12B\) Diversity Highlights](#)

[Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute \(DEOMI\) Observances](#)

Outreach Programs

COMPASS program deploys Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian, and Auxiliarists into their communities to increase America's Understanding and Awareness of the Coast Guard.

Partnership in Education (PIE) program enhances educational opportunities and career awareness for the nation's youth through direct participation in education related programs. PIE is an excellent way to access young audiences of all backgrounds, show the Coast Guard colors, and contribute to the community in your area.

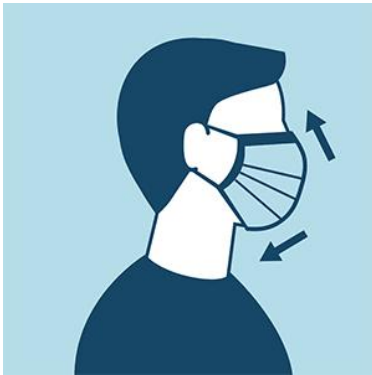
First Book is a unique partnership between the US Coast Guard and First Book - a national, private, non-profit organization whose mission is to give disadvantaged children the opportunity to read and own their first books. Their primary goal is to work with existing literacy and mentoring programs to distribute new books to children, who for economic or other reasons have little access to books.

**The following information is from the CDC
Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

This information may be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering



Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

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Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

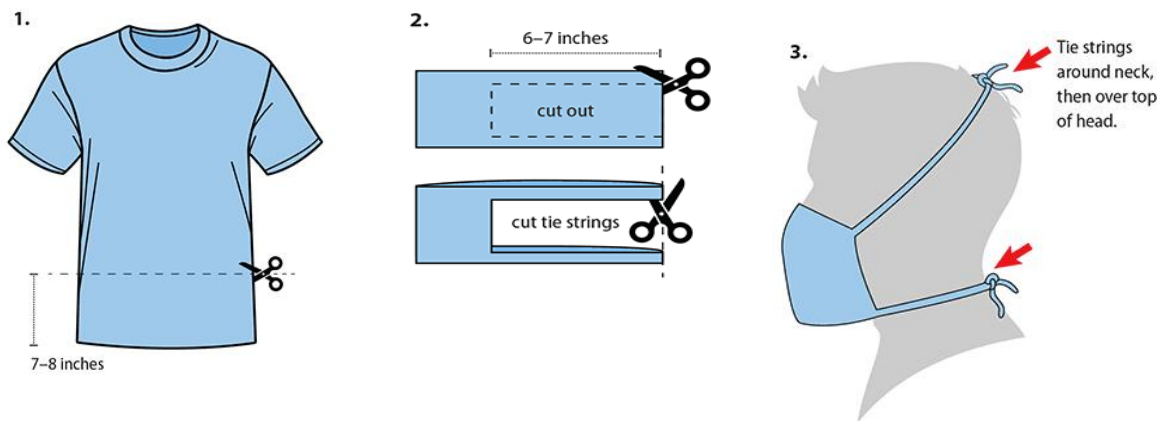
Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

Quick Cut T-shirt Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

Tutorial



To make either a Sewn Cloth Face Covering or the Bandanna Face Covering (no sew method), please check the website or this article.

Every one please **Stay safe, Stay healthy and stay home** (if you can)!