

# “THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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## **SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS**

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

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## 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) ..... George McNary  
 Public Affairs (SO-PA) ..... Randal Evans  
 Publications (SO-PB) ..... Barbara Westcott  
 Diversity (SO-DV) ..... James Westcott  
 Auxiliary Scout (SO-AX)..... James Wolfe

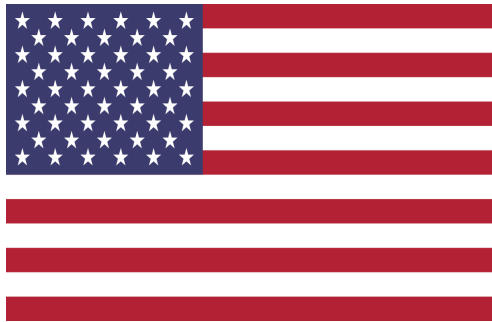
**Chief of Prevention** ..... OPEN  
 Member Services (SO-MS) ..... Roland Newton  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... Daniel Smith  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... Daniel Smith  
 Public Education (SO-PE) ..... OPEN  
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... OPEN  
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... OPEN

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

### Other Appointments

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 SUMMER 2020**



It is hard to believe it is the end of 2020 already and yet harder to believe we are entering only the ninth month of pandemic at the same time!

This is the final time I will write to you as your Division Commander. This year has given us all one challenge after another. Our flotillas continue to have virtual meetings. While they are not the most conducive for face-to-face interaction, I have attended many of your meetings and I must say that I am impressed with what I have seen.

We have guidance from District that no qualifications will be placed in REYR for lack of annual currency maintenance requirements. What is not waived is any Team Coordination Training (TCT) and Crew Resource Management (CRM) which are available through webinars if they are due in CY 2020. These MUST be taken by the end of the year, otherwise you DO risk jeopardizing your qualifications. This information was sent in an ALAUX 032/20 by CHDIRAUX on 29 OCT 2020. See your FSO in charge of the operational area for more information.

I hope that we can get back to a normal operating season and put both the pandemic behind us as well as have Mother Nature be kind and keep the waters within their banks! I am proud of how well each of you has dealt with challenge after challenge. I look forward to supporting your next Division Bridge, DCDR Barb Westcott and VCDR Doug Eubanks. Division 33 has some of the finest members in the Auxiliary. I have been extremely proud to have represented you over the past two years.

Thank you,  
Brandon Butters, DCDR



## INTRODUCING THE 2021 GREAT PLAINS DIVISION BRIDGE

Picture by  
Jim Westcott,  
FC-085-33-01



Let me begin by stating that both Doug Eubanks and I thank you for the honor of leading this great Division for the next year. We appreciate this opportunity.

After the election, I stated that the Change of Watch Dinner would be held on Friday, January 22, 2021 and the in-person meeting the morning of the 23rd. Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in both Nebraska and Iowa, we have opted to cancel the COW Dinner and have a virtual meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2021. This means that any first time visitors to our COW will miss the beautiful “Passing of the Lantern” Ceremony. Needless to say; all officers will be installed either in person or via the virtual platform.

We all hope that the upcoming year will bring us opportunities to have in-person Boating Safety Classes, public affairs events, MOM patrols and many other activities in which we have the chance to interact with the public. Remember that if you need/want to take any of the many courses provided to us, they are on line and can easily be accomplished.

Again, thank you for this opportunity!

Semper Paratus

Barb Westcott, DCDR –elect



## **INTRODUCING THE 2021 GREAT PLAINS DIVISION FLOTILLA'S BRIDGES**

### **OMAHA NE 085-33-01**

FC	JAMES WOLFE
VFC	BARCLAY STEBBINS

### **LINCOLN 085-33-02**

FC	MARY POE
VFC	CONSTANCE WALTERS

### **NP DODGE 085-33-03**

FC	RANDAL EVANS
VFC	DANIEL SMITH

### **DES MOINES IA 085-33-04**

FC	SAMUEL MITCHEL
VFC	NORMA NEWTON

The members listed above have graciously agreed and were elected to their respective offices during this trying time. Please give them all the assistance that you can when they call. We do not know what Mother Nature, by way of COVID-19, will bring in 2021 but we must be prepared to act as the conditions necessitate. If you are a member of one of the above mentioned flotillas and become ill, or otherwise unable to participate in an activity/patrol/event, contact your respective FC and let them know of your circumstance and what, if any, assistance you may need. Your assistance will most certainly be needed in the coming year. Make plans to have the needed equipment available and ready to go.



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV  
and  
Barb Westcott, VCDR

The information for the article below can be found at:

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**Diversity embraces the understanding that each individual is unique by recognizing our individual differences formed by the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies.”**

Diversity sparks innovation in new leadership approaches to problem solving which is vital to mission readiness and performance excellence. The strategic goal of diversity acceptance and Team Coast Guard cohesiveness is enhanced by creating a climate of equity where all USCG and Auxiliary individuals have the opportunity for career advancement and are unencumbered to contribute to their USCG Auxiliary missions.

“Our Duty to People requires Coast Guard men and women to adhere to the highest standard of personal and professional conduct on and off duty. As stewards of public trust, our collective actions must always uphold our Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

We expect everyone in our service active duty, reserve, civilian, and Auxiliary to build and maintain a culture of respect. This starts with living our Core Values in word and deed and having the courage to call out any behavior that is unacceptable in our Coast Guard. If you witness disrespect to a shipmate in person or online don't condone or join in it. Our duty to people demands that we act when we see our shipmates demeaned. Don't be a bystander. We are a service of "by-doers" with a storied reputation for seizing on-scene initiative.

This very same character trait that has become instinctive applies whether rescuing a mariner in distress or seizing the on-scene initiative when a shipmate has been demeaned and betrayed. We do the right thing. We advance a culture of respect. We report behavior that targets a shipmate, including bullying, hazing or harassment. Violations of our trust in one another have no place in our service.

I am proud of you the world's best Coast Guard - and your commitment to upholding our service's proud 230 years history of service before self.”

Ref: Statement issued 2016 by Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, USCG (ret)



## **U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY'S 81st ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE**

**This article may be found in the THIRD QUARTER 2020 NAVIGATOR EXPRESS at:  
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To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary: Please accept my sincere congratulations on another year well done, and thank you for all that you do for our Coast Guard and Nation. Your spirit of volunteerism, concerted teamwork, and commitment to service are truly inspirational to all Americans. Continue to serve with pride in the years ahead, enjoy the well-deserved testament below, and the happiest of birthdays to all of you!

Respectfully, Captain Scott L. Johnson Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

1. Congratulations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on its 81st birthday. Since inception in 1939, the men and women of the Auxiliary have been steadfast shipmates and invaluable assets to our Service.

2. Our 23,000 uniformed volunteers are profound examples of selfless devotion to duty who have not only embraced and exemplified my watchwords of "Ready, Relevant, and Responsive," but have proudly added "Resilient" to that list. The Coast Guard has always upheld a solemn promise to serve our Nation, conducting operations under the umbrella of eleven statutory missions, including responding to disasters, rescuing boaters in distress, and educating America's boating public. These missions were performed in exemplary fashion this past year, enabled by superlative Auxiliary involvement. Examples include two Auxiliarists with emergency management expertise providing expert support to the Coast Guard's Hurricane Dorian response center and briefing the White House; an Auxiliary boat crew in the Fifth District (Northern Region) saving the lives of six passengers on a small boat that capsized in the Delaware River; and Auxiliary flotillas across the Nation establishing specialized training and partnerships with Sea Scout youth under provisions of the new AUX-SCOUT program. Even more impressively, against the unprecedented constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Auxiliary supported myriad Coast Guard missions throughout the year while remaining the vanguard for Recreational Boating Safety (RBS). Auxiliarists delivered over 2.4 million hours of support, performed more than 121,500 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, and taught over 6,800 boating safety classes, significantly enhancing safety on America's waterways.

3. The aforementioned accomplishments and characteristics reflect a highly dynamic, diverse and dedicated organization of servant leaders, experienced counselors, and true patriots. It is our privilege to include them on our Coast Guard Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill, and have them serve alongside for every mile we steam. On June 23, 2020, I strongly encourage all Coast Guard units to hoist the Auxiliary colors in recognition of the exceptional Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty that are consistently displayed by our Coast Guard Auxiliarists. On the 81st anniversary, we thank them for their exemplary service.

32 Admiral Karl. L. Schultz, Commandant, USCG



## Thanksgiving and the 12 Days of Christmas

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