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SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS

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

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

Staff Roster

Division Commander Barbara Westcott
 Vice Division Commander Douglas Eubanks
 Immediate Past Commander Brandon Butters
 Flotilla Commander 01 James Wolfe
 Flotilla Commander 02 Mary Poe
 Flotilla Commander 03 Randal Evans
 Flotilla Commander 04 Samuel Mitchel
 Finance (SO-FN) George McNary
 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) Brandon Butters
 Auxiliary Scout (SO-AS) Brandon Butters

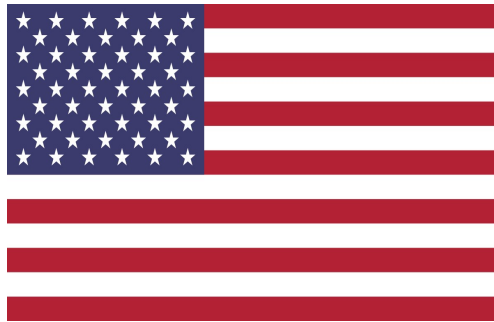
Chief of Prevention Daniel Smith
 Member Services (SO-MS) Douglas Ives
 Member Training (SO-MT) John Hawkinson
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) Daniel Smith
 Public Education (SO-PE) James Westcott
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) Daniel Smith
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) Daniel Smith

Chief of Response George McNary
 Communications (SO-CM) James Westcott
 Operations (SO-OP) George McNary

Other Appointments

Liaison to Iowa Douglas Ives
 Liaison to Nebraska Constance Walters
 Liaison to Gasconade Barclay Stebbins
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff Douglas Ives
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines OPEN
 Liaison to Cabela's James Westcott

DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FALL 2021



Shipmates,

Fall is almost over and winter is around the corner. It appears that all members that need hours were able to accomplish that task, even with our restrictions due to COVID-19 and it's variants.

It is wonderful that we can again have in person meetings. However, I do believe that the ZOOM meeting format is something that we will continue to have available for several years to come. With this being said, I want to let you know that each Flotilla in our Division has been given a conference type microphone and extension cable for use at in-person meetings that are also presented via the ZOOM format. This was made possible due to a request to the District and the granting of monies to purchase the microphones.

Doug Eubanks and I wish to thank all of you that were at our Division meeting on October 9th, or were able to join us via ZOOM. Our next meeting will be the Division Change of Watch on January 8, 2022. We will have a meeting in the morning and training in the afternoon, followed by a dinner with our Division's Lantern Ceremony. If you have never seen this, please join us for a beautiful event. The invitation to the meeting and dinner is in this publication, plus I am forwarding the invitation to the Flotilla Commanders and asking them to let the members of their individual flotillas know of the meeting and inviting them to attend. All are welcome and invited to attend any and all of our divisions meetings and events.

Doug and I also wish to thank you for allowing us to serve Division 33 again next year. We also wish to thank everyone that has agreed to have a Staff Office in 2022.



Barb Westcott, DCDR





CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER AND CEREMONY

The elected members of the 8th Western Rivers Region, Division 33, wish to invite you to the January 8, 2022, meeting to be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, located at 202 South 20th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

The meeting will start promptly at 1000 hours followed by a pizza lunch (cost of \$5.00 per person), after lunch we will have training.

The uniform of the day will be Tropical Blues or civilian equivalent.

The Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony will start promptly at 1900 hours. Dinner will be a buffet. Cost yet to be determined.

Families are welcome at the Change of Watch.

The uniform for the evening will be Dress Blues or the civilian equivalent.

R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN
DECEMBER 15, 2021.



Please congratulate the members listed below for the awards that they received at the District Business Meeting in September. This shows how our Division's hard work is helping both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard.

Remember that when you fill out your hours in AUXDATA II you will help the District, the Division, your Flotilla and most importantly yourself to achieve these awards.

AWARD	NAME	FLOTILLA
Division Navigator's Cup		33
Publicist Award	Westcott, Barbara	33-01
Publicist Award	Wofle, James	33-01
2020 Admiral's Award		33-02
2020 Commodore's Award		33-02
2020 Instructor of the Year Runner up	Jansky, Vern	33-02
2020 Publicist of the Year	Jansky, Vern	33-02
500 Club	Jansky, Vern	33-02
2500 Club	Eubanks, Douglas	33-03
Aid Verifier of the Year	Smith, Daniel	33-03
Flotilla Navigator's Cup		33-03
Apple Award	Butters, Brandon	33-04



Diversity and Inclusion

By Brandon Butters, SO-DV

November brings fall colors that signal the changing of the seasons. We prepare to spend time with our friends and family over the next few months during the many holidays that we will celebrate. National Native American Heritage Month is officially recognized in November. For Native people, this is more accurately recognized as Indigenous Peoples Heritage month. Take a moment this month, or during your family's Thanksgiving gathering to learn more about the 573 federally recognized tribes and several state recognized tribes. November is also time to recognize Veterans in our country. Armistice Day, as Veteran's Day use to be known, was originally meant to mark the ending of the fighting from WWI—11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed to Veteran's Day to remember those service members who have previously served their country.

As we move into December, religious and seasonal celebrations abound: Chanukah, a Jewish holiday, begins at sundown on December 10; Shared by Christians and many Pagans is the Yule Winter Solstice on 21st of December; Christmas, celebrated by Christians on December 25th; the African holiday Kwanzaa begins on December 26th, and New Year's Eve, the Christians observance of Watch Night on December 31st; many Christians, especially in Spain and Latin America observe Three Kings' Day on January 6th.

Take a moment to learn about another religion's traditions. During the days of Chanukah, you can say, "Chag Sameach" (happy holiday). During Kwanzaa, you might use the Swahili phrase, "Habari Gani", which means "What is the news?" which is a greeting during Kwanzaa. For the Solstice, you might say, "Merry Yuletide". Of course, throughout the Christmas season we use the greeting "Merry Christmas". The beauty of the United States is that our diversity allows us to acknowledge and embrace our many unique and rich cultural and religious differences.





WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

[Cheat Sheet on How to Winterize Your Boat | Boating Magazine](#)

Cheat Sheet on How to Winterize Your Boat

Follow our tips for winterizing, and your boat will be ready and eager to go in the spring.

By Randy Vance / Updated: January 21, 2021

Too many boats die silently in their winter beds. But follow these easy tips, and your boat will be ready and eager to go in the spring.

Fuel Treatment

Treat your boat's fuel with a stabilizer. Pennzoil Fuel Stabilizer, PRI-G and Stabil are ideal products for this job. After adding it to the fuel, run the engine for 10 minutes or so to be sure stabilized fuel circulates throughout the engine. If you don't stabilize the fuel, carburetors and fuel injectors can be clogged with varnish deposits that ruin fuel systems. *Cost if you do: \$5 to \$10. Cost if you don't: \$250 to \$1,200.*

Fog the Engine Cylinders

Aerosol fogging solutions coat the inside of the engine to protect it until spring. Each engine manufacturer makes proprietary products they promote as ideal for their engines. Hook "ear muffs" and a garden hose to the engine, start it, and then spray the fogging-solution lubricant directly into the air intake until it's gone. If you don't fog the engine cylinders, corrosion can form inside the engine, covering the cylinders, pistons and rings with a patina of abrasive crud. *Cost if you do: \$5 to \$15. Cost if you don't: \$2,500 to \$15,000 (or more).*

Drain the Engine (for inboards and stern-drives)

Locate and open the petcocks (some engines have bronze plugs similar to bilge plugs) underneath the manifolds and on the sides of the engine block. Remove the water-pump hose from the bottom of the water pump to let it drain completely. If you don't drain the engine, water in the cooling chambers can freeze, expand and crack the engine block and manifolds. Tip: Newer MerCruiser stern-drives have handy drainage systems with one drain plug near the front of the engine. Outboards self-drain and never require this step. *Cost if you do: \$0. Cost if you don't: \$5,000 to \$20,000.*

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Change the Oil

Change engine oil to eliminate moisture and prevent corrosion. If you don't, moisture can cause excessive wear, which can lead to loss of power, poor fuel economy and possible engine failure. Tip: Some mechanics change the oil both in the fall and at spring breakout on the theory that the engine oil needs to be changed at the end of the summer and after suffering the ravages of winter because moisture may again accumulate in the oil. *Cost if you do: \$30 to \$75. Cost if you don't: \$500 (in extra fuel) to \$20,000 (engine failure).*

Drain the Gear-Case Lubricant (and recycle it)

Clear, amber-colored lubricant means your gear-case seals are in good shape. Milky and sometimes lumpy oil means the seals need to be replaced. Tip: The time to do this is in the fall when marine mechanics are less busy and sometimes willing to offer special prices for winter work. *Cost if you do: \$10. Cost if you don't: \$2,000 to \$6,000.*

