

# “THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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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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Please remember to check out the website at:  
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)**

## Staff Roster

Division Commander ..... Barbara Westcott  
 Division Vice Commander ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Immediate Past Commander ..... Brandon Butters  
 Flotilla Commander 33-1, District 8WR..... James Wolfe  
 Flotilla Commander 33-2, District 8WR..... Constance Walters  
 Flotilla Commander 33-3, District 8WR ..... Daniel Smith  
 Flotilla Commander 33-4, District 8WR..... Samuel Mitchel  
 Finance (SO-FN) ..... George McNary  
 Secretary of Records (SO-SR) ..... Barclay Stebbins

**Chief of Logistics** ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Auxiliary Scout (SO-AS)..... Patrick Rezac  
 Communication Services (SO-CS) ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Diversity (SO-DV) ..... Ben Zimmerman  
 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

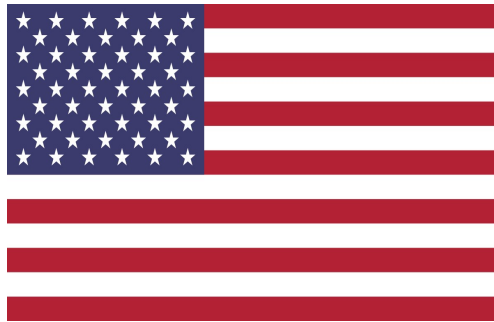
**Chief of Prevention** ..... Daniel Smith  
 Marine Safety (SO-MS) ..... Randy Evans  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... John Hawkinson  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... Daniel Smith  
 Public Education (SO-PE) ..... Cannon Kinchelow  
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... Daniel Smith  
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... Daniel Smith

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

### Other Appointments

Liaison to Iowa ..... Brandon Butters  
 Liaison to Nebraska ..... Constance Walters  
 Liaison to Coast Guard..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Liaison to Corps of Engineers..... James Westcott  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff..... OPEN  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines ..... OPEN  
 Liaison to Cabela's ..... James Westcott

## DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE WINTER 2022



Shipmates,

Shipmates,

Another year is coming to an end, operations are winding down, and cooler weather is on the way. We had a wonderful turn out for our Division Election Meeting and Dinner. I wish to thank our guests COMMO Geddes, Bob Arisman, DCOS Elect and Diane Arisman, DCapt-E Elect for joining us for the meeting, training, and the dinner at the LaMesa in Bellevue.

I want to congratulate Doug Eubanks who was elected as the DCDR and Jim Westcott who was elected as the VCDR for the next year. Please give these gentlemen your attention and assistance. Division 33 is one of, if not the, best Division in the District because of our wonderful members.

At the Fall D-Train in Kansas City, MO, Brock Stephens was elected as Commodore for 2023 & 2024. Bob Arisman was elected as DCOS, and Steven Riddell was reelected as the DCapt-West. Please try to attend the Spring D-Train that will be held in St. Louis, MO, March 29 to April 2, 2023, it is a wonderful experience and the training sessions are very valuable.

Remember that the Division Holiday Party is December 3rd at the Pizza Ranch in Omaha, NE. The pizza Ranch is located at 3010 South 84th Street. The time is 1300 to 1500 hrs.

Semper Paratus

Barb Westcott, DCDR





U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Marine Safety & Marine Environmental Protection  
Douglas G Ives, FSO/MS&MEP  
Flotilla 85-33-1

Four members of USCGAUX Flotilla 085-33-01 were able to conduct our fourth and final cleanup operation at Lake Manawa on October 29, 2022. We were able to cleanup approximately 1400 yards of shoreline and adjacent wooded area on the North point of the lake.

This was our most successful cleanup performed in 2022. I had underestimated just how much we were going to be able to collect. The number of beer cans in the heavy brush was overwhelming. Almost all of them were forty-ounce cans. There were a great many of them along with a lot of Corona glass bottles and so much other plastics.

This was also a learning experience for me personally because I had no idea what "Fireball" was. In just one small area, about six feet in length, we picked up seventeen plastic Fireball bottles. Somebody likes their Cinnamon liqueur.

Our goal with this type of operation is to help eliminate plastics and other forms of litter from having a harmful impact on our wildlife, inland waters, and oceans.



Barb Westcott and Barclay Stebbins



From left to Right:  
Barb Westcott, Barclay Stebbins  
and Doug Ives

Photos taken by & Safety vehicle driven by  
James Westcott



# Diversity and Inclusion

By Barb Westcott,



**It turns out that  
GRANDMA WAS RIGHT!!**

Be kind

Treat others as you would like to be treated

Help your neighbor

Help lift other's spirits

Treat everyone the same



# WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

This article can be found at the following website:  
[Winter Storm Preparedness & Blizzard Safety | Red Cross](#)

## WINTER STORM SAFETY

### Learn how to stay safe in a blizzard and how to prevent or thaw frozen pipes

Each year, hundreds of Americans are injured or killed by exposure to cold, vehicle accidents on wintry roads, and fires caused by the improper use of heaters. Prepare now so you can stay safe during blizzards and other winter storms!

Take immediate precautions if you hear these words on the news:



**Winter Storm WARNING:** Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours.



**Blizzard WARNING:** Sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 miles per hour or greater, plus considerable falling or blowing snow reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile, expected to prevail for three hours or longer.

Other winter storm words to listen for:

**WIND CHILL Temperature:** How cold people and animals feel when outside. As wind increases, heat is carried away from your body at a faster rate, driving down your body temperature and making you feel much colder. The wind chill temperature is not the actual temperature but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin.

**Winter Storm OUTLOOK:** Winter storm conditions possible in the next two to five days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

**Winter Storm WATCH:** Winter storm conditions possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. Review your winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

**Winter Weather ADVISORY:** Winter weather conditions expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous but not life-threatening if you are cautious.

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## **What Should You Do Before a Winter Storm?**



### **Protect Your Family**

- Talk with your family about what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued.
- Have your vehicle winterized before the winter storm season to decrease your chance of being stranded.
- Have a mechanic check your battery, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, and oil.
- Install good winter tires with adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate, but some jurisdictions require vehicles to be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

#### **Keep in your vehicle:**

- A windshield scraper and small broom
- A small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels and a set of tire chains or traction mats
- Matches in a waterproof container
- A brightly colored (preferably red) cloth to tie to the antenna
- An emergency supply kit, including warm clothing
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full so you can leave right away in an emergency and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Keep a supply of non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery.
- Service snow removal equipment before the winter storm season and maintain it in good working order.
- Keep handy a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, water-resistant boots, and extra blankets and warm clothing for everyone in your household.

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### If You Do Nothing Else, Do This

- Listen to local area radio, [NOAA radio](#) or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- [Be prepared to evacuate](#) if you lose power or heat and know your routes and destinations. Find a local [emergency shelter](#).
- Check [emergency kit](#) and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications and medical supplies. Keep it nearby.
- If you have alternative heating sources, such as fireplaces, wood- or coal-burning stoves, or space heaters, be sure they are clean and in working order.
- Bring your companion animals inside and ensure that your horses and livestock have blankets if appropriate and unimpeded access to shelter, food, and non-frozen water.

### Download Winter Storm Checklists and Fact Sheets

[Power Outage Checklist](#)

[Frostbite and Hypothermia](#)

[Winter Storm Safety Checklist – English](#)



Editor's Note

This is the only blizzard we wish to see this year!



**SAVE THE DATE - January 14, 2023**

**The 2023 Division 33 Change of Watch and Lantern Ceremony  
Will be held at the Cascio's Restaurant located at 1620 S 10th St.  
Omaha Nebraska**

**The Festivities will begin 1800 hrs with a Social Hour  
with Dinner to be served at 1900 hrs.**

**This will follow a Business Meeting  
At the Auxiliary Station located at  
9800 John J Pershing Dr. Omaha**

**The meeting will start at 1000 hrs and  
Will be followed by a short training session.**

**More information will be forwarded to each member.**

**Please RSVP to Barb Westcott, DCDR.  
At 402-510-0308 or [kc0hlb@cox.net](mailto:kc0hlb@cox.net)**

**Uniform of the day will be Tropical Blues or AWU.**