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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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## Staff Roster

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

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

**Chief of Prevention** ..... Daniel Smith  
 Marine Safety (SO-MS) .....Randy Evans  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... Alan Dykens  
 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 SPRING 2023



Shipmates,

At the time of this writing, we are rapidly approaching the half-way point of 2023. The weather has gotten spring-like, and the trees and flowers are refreshing as the drab looks of winter are fading away. We too should think about the things we do in the Auxiliary as the boating season gets underway. It makes no difference as to your favorite activity; the difference is how you apply yourself and keep your passion alive. This means keeping up with the requirements that keep you current so you may enjoy participating in the activity. Vessel Examiner, Boat Crew, Instructor, or any of the many things we, as an Auxiliarist, may engage in to assist the Coast Guard. Make it your passion to do it well and take pride in a job well done!

April 29<sup>th</sup> was the Division 33 annual Awards Dinner which was held at Casio's in Omaha. These awards are our paycheck, and many were presented over the course of the evening. The fellowship was spectacular and if you weren't in attendance, you were missed! As they say, the more the merrier!

As we look forward to the calendar, the Division Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Auxiliary Station Omaha and the invites will be forthcoming in the next month or so with the particulars. The Fall D-Train is scheduled for August 24-27 in St. Louis with the Division Election meeting scheduled for September 30. Mark these dates and if possible, attend, participate, and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Auxiliarists.

We all joined the Auxiliary for a reason and we all need to fly that flag for ourselves and for the Auxiliary. The Coast Guard notices, and most of all, the public notices.

Semper Paratus

Doug Eubanks, DCDR



## **2022 Awards Presentation Order**

### ***Coast Guard Awards***

#### **Auxiliary Achievement Medal**

James O. Wolfe, 33-1  
Douglas W. Eubanks, 33-3  
Brandon T. Butters, 33-4

#### **Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation**

Vern A. Jansky, 33-2

#### **Coast Guard Special Operation Ribbon**

Douglas W. Eubanks, 33-3

### ***8WR District Awards***

#### **Apple Award (Certificate)**

Douglas W. Eubanks, 33-3

#### **Travelers Award (Certificate)**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

#### **Sparky Award (Certificate)**

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

#### **Marine Environmental Protection (Certificates)**

Douglas G. Ives, 33-1

#### **Outreach Award (Certificates)**

Douglas W. Eubanks, 33-3  
Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

#### **Publicist Award (Certificates)**

Cannon Kinchelow, 33-1  
Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1  
James E. Westcott, 33-1  
Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-1  
James O. Wolfe, 33-1  
Vern A. Jansky, 33-2  
Daniel L. Smith, 33-3  
Brandon T. Butters, 33-4

**Aid Verifier of the Year**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Paddlecraft Examiner of the Year**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Certificate of Appreciation**

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-01

**Certificate of Congratulations (BQ)**

Samanga Amarasinghe

Amy Dykens

**Flotilla Navigator's Cup**

Flotilla 33-3

**Division Navigator's Cup**

Division 33

**Commodore's Award**

Flotilla 33-2

***Division 33 Awards***

**Vessel Examinations Top Performer (Plaque)**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Merle and Edith Ann Johnston Award for Most VSC's (Certificate and Trophy)**

Flotilla 33-3, Daniel L. Smith, FC

**Paddlecraft Examinations Top Performer (Plaque)**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Paddlecraft Examinations, Top Flotilla (Plaque)**

Flotilla 33-3, Daniel L. Smith, FC

**Recreational Program Visits – 10 but <20 Visits (Certificate)**

Marie B. Carsey, 33-3

**Recreational Program Visits – Top Performer (Plaque)**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Recreational Program Visits – Top Flotilla (Plaque)**

Flotilla 33-3, Daniel L. Smith, FC

**Glen Fletcher Award – Most Operations Hours by a member (Certificate & Trophy)**

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

**Best Flotilla Operations Plaque (Certificate & Traveling Trophy)**

Flotilla 33-1, James O. Wolfe, FC

**Members Performing 5 but <15 Hours as LEAD Instructor PE/MT (Certificate)**

George W. McNary, 33-1

James O. Wolfe, 33-1

Barclay A. Stebbins, 33-1

James E. Westcott, 33-1

Marie B. Carsey, 33-3

Randal L. Evans, 33-3

Douglas W. Eubanks, 33-3

**Members Performing 15 but <50 Hours as Instructor Aide PE/MT (Certificates)**

Marie B. Carsey, 33-3

Randal L. Evans, 33-3

Annette M. Rasmussen, 33-3

Karl H. Rasmussen IV, 33-3

**Public Education and Member Training – Top Performer (Plaque)**

Marie B. Carsey, 33-3

**Public Education/Member Training - Top Flotilla (Certificate & Plaque)**

Flotilla 33-3, Daniel L. Smith, FC

**Performing 10 but <25 Hours of Public Affairs (Certificate)**

Patrick J. Rezac, 33-1

Randal L. Evans, 33-3

Michael A. Butcher, 33-3

**Public Affairs Program – Top Performer (Plaque)**

Barbara L. Westcott, 33-1

**Harry H. Hartley Recruiting Award (Certificate and Traveling Trophy)**

Flotilla 33-2, Constance J. Walters, FC



**Members Performing 50 but <100 Auxiliary Program hours (Certificate)**

James O. Wolfe, 33-1  
James E. Westcott, 33-1  
Vern A. Jansky, 33-2  
Randal L. Evans, 33-3

**Most Auxiliary Program Hours - Top Performer (Plaque)**

Daniel L. Smith, 33-3

**Flotilla Administrative Support Performance Award – Top Performer (Certificate)**

George W. McNary, 33-1

**Best Flotilla of the Year Award (Certificate and Traveling Plaque)**

Flotilla 33-3, Daniel L. Smith, FC



Doug Eubanks, DCDR, and Jim Wolfe receiving the Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal  
Steve Riddell, DCAPT-W

Photo by Barb Westcott



Pictured left to right, receiving the Publicist Award :  
Doug Eubanks, DCDR; Barb Westcott, IPDCDR; Alan Dykens, FC-33-4; Dan Smith, FC-33-3, Connie Walters, FC-33-2; Jim Wolfe, IPFC 33-1; Barclay Stebbins, FC-33-1, Bob Arisman, DCOS; Jim Westcott, VCDR.

Photo by George McNary



Alan Dykens, FC 33-4, pictured with Doug Eubanks, DCDR and Bob Arisman DCOS, receiving a Certificate of Congratulations for Amy Dykens achieving BQ status.

Photo by Barb Westcott



Doug Eubanks, DCDR and Bob Arisman, DCOS, presenting Connie Walters FC-33-2, with the **Harry H. Hartley, Recruiting Award**

Photo by Barb Westcott



# Diversity and Inclusion

## USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment

May 2023

Respect Is Its Own Reward

“You either believe that people respond to authority, or that they respond to kindness and inclusion. I’m obviously in the latter camp. I think that people respond better to reward than punishment.”

—Brian Eno

It is said that in the Auxiliary we are all recruiters. However, we are also all leaders. We are all leaders, whether or not we want to admit it. Simply being a member of something bigger than yourself puts us in that position. Remember when you first started, you saw all the shipmates who previously joined your unit as those who probably knew way more than you did, and you looked to them for guidance and assistance. You may have thought that you might not be accepted by your peers. Almost by default, the new member sees all of us as leaders, not just elected or appointed ones.

What do we do with that responsibility? First, to our shipmates, we need to quickly assess their background, interests, and abilities. That’s where we can shine--by demonstrating our commitment to the Coast Guard Motto: Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. In Devotion to Duty, we show that we value our newest member’s untapped diversity by making that assessment, appointing a mentor, and get them involved right away. Respect is the basis of showing regard and consideration for others and their rights and ideas. Respecting others encompasses diversity. It really covers everything. Everyone is obviously unique and brings their own skills and abilities to the Auxiliary. It is our job as leaders to support that diversity and by doing so, maximize what is set forth in the mission-set of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. By doing all this and aligning ourselves with that mission-set, we exemplify our dedication to high standards of behavior, and therefore edify Honor.

Shipmates, all these things help in rewarding our people. Rewards motivate people to work towards desired outcomes, whereas punishments can cause people to drop out or act out of fear rather than out of a desire to achieve a goal. Rewards, big or small, foster a positive atmosphere overall in any unit. Rewards provide people with recognition and appreciation for their work and can bring on increased productivity and satisfaction—leading to accomplishments. Our discussion here was more focused on intangible rewards, but the tangible—public praise, an informal letter or certificate of appreciation, formal recognitions, and medals are necessary as well. Use them all to continue to make all of us successful.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)



# WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

[Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning on Your Boat | Carbon Monoxide Poisoning | CDC](#)

## Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning on Your Boat

Gasoline-powered engines on boats, including onboard generators, produce carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless and odorless gas that can poison or kill someone who breathes too much of it.

### How CO Can Build Up In a Boat



Back drafting can occur when a boat is operated at a high bow angle.

Larger boats, such as houseboats, sometimes have generators that vent toward the rear of the boat. This venting poses a danger of CO poisoning to people on the rear swim deck or water platform. On larger boats CO builds up above the water near the water platform. CO that builds up in the air space beneath the stern deck or on and near the swim deck can kill someone in seconds.

Traveling at slow speeds or idling in the water can cause CO to build up in a boat's cabin, cockpit, bridge, and aft deck, or in an open area. Wind from the aft section of the boat can increase this buildup of CO.

Back drafting can cause CO to build up inside the cabin, cockpit, and bridge when a boat is operated at a high bow angle, is improperly or heavily loaded, or has an opening that draws in exhaust.

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## Symptoms of CO Poisoning

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause death. CO poisoning can also cause you to pass out and fall into the water and drown. A person who is sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms.

## How to Prevent CO Poisoning on Boats



Exhaust from nearby vessels can send CO into your boat's cabin or cockpit.

Install and maintain a working CO detector listed by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) as appropriate for marine use inside the boat.

- Properly install and maintain all fuel-burning engines and appliances.
- Educate all passengers about the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning.
- Swim and play away from areas where engines vent their exhaust.
- Watch children closely when they play on rear swim decks or water platforms.
- Never block exhaust outlets. Blocking outlets can cause CO to build up in the cabin and cockpit areas—even when hatches, windows, portholes, and doors are closed.
- Dock, beach, or anchor at least 20 feet away from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine. Exhaust from a nearby vessel can send CO into the cabin and cockpit of a boat.

***If you think a person on your boat has CO poisoning move him or her to fresh air right away and contact the nearest emergency services.***

