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December, 2014

A Flash from the Past – S.O.S.

The pictures below are four slides from the Auxiliary’s “SOS” (Skippers Outboard Special) boating class that I discovered when I moved to Michigan.



Note the Blue Ensign and orange patrol signs were required for facilities under patrol orders. (Patrol signs would have a white background for non-reimbursable patrols.)



Coast Guard Boating Safety Detachments (BOSDETs) enforced recreational boating regulations. Note the “Donald Duck” hat worn with the dress whites.



The fiberglass 30’ UTM was the “greyhound” of the small boat fleet. Wilmette had CG 30513. Calumet had a steel 30’ and 40’.



One case involved an all-night search for a boat overdue returning from Michigan City. When they got back to Chicago, they were too tired to find their slip – so they pulled into another harbor and slept overnight. (Harbor checks never found them, because they weren’t registered with the harbor.) When the Coast Guard called the reporting source (a babysitter) for more information around 0900 the next morning, the missing boaters answered the phone! (Nobody called the CG to say they got safely home, either.)

Member Training

Jim Bell has agreed to accept the duties of **Division Member Training Staff Officer (SO-MT 35)** for 2015. He will be coordinating future training calendars; don't hesitate to encourage your Flotilla MT Staff Officer to share your desires with Jim.

Navigation class has been postponed to start following the holidays. The first class will be held January 3, 2015. (No training will be conducted at Mead on 12/20 or 12/27.) If you have not contacted Jim Bell to express your intent to attend training, please contact him to be sure you have the necessary materials for the class.

Boat crew training will also be conducted Saturday afternoons, beginning 1/3/2015. Contact Jim Bell to register if you intend to participate in Crew training. It will help if your mentor is also available to attend class with you.

As I leave office at SO-MT 35, I want to extend my **heartfelt thanks** to those members who have contributed to the most outstanding training program that I have experienced in my years in the Auxiliary! Jim Bell provided the access to a wonderful training facility, and he has dedicated his summers to train and qualify boat crew and coxswains. Rudy Lyles and Maryellen Begley have regularly contributed their expertise. John Hopkins established the fellowship we experience with meals at training. Ruth Aurigemma has most recently performed the challenging duties of AUXFS. Over the years, assistance has been provided by Rick Tamraz, Jennifer Hampton, and Jim Bell. Then, we have had the instructors – staff officers providing workshops, specialists such as Amy Seeley currently teaching Weather, and boat crew mentors who have regularly attended to support training. Finally, thank you to the members of Division 35 (and neighboring units) who have taken advantage of the opportunities!

It is my job as an old firefighter to teach young firefighters how to become old firefighters.
 An insightful line from a recent TV episode of "Chicago Fire", after an experienced FFT pushed a *candidate* through a tough training exercise. (Replace "firefighter" with "seaman" for our situations.) Stay safe!

Operational Training

Crew Training Classes will start Jan. 3rd and run for 9 weeks. Classes will start at 1:00 PM and end at 3:00 PM.

Mead Training Center 1450 98th street (Building 8). If you would like to sign up please contact Jim Bell jlbl13@comcast.net

It looks like boats will be full of trainees in 2015. People attending classes may receive preference for limited space available.

Submitted by Jim Bell, SO-OP 35

Change of Watch Door Prizes

This year, flotillas are supporting the attendance of active duty members instead of purchasing door prizes.
 Any member who would like to donate a door prize (suggested value around \$25) is encouraged to contact the Change of Watch Committee (Ruth Aurigemma, Maryellen Begley, and David Mosca) with their contribution.

Division Services Roster

Thank you to the nine (9) members who have identified the expertise they are willing to share with the active duty. [Begley, Hopkins, Katula, Higginson, Douglas, Hildago, Bickel, Arthur, Scott]
 It's not too late to be included in the Services roster compiled for Station Calumet Harbor. Send your information to (09535.makingway@gmail.com)f to SO-PB 35.



USCGC ARUNDEL stationed in Chicago in the early '70s

Happy Holidays to those Who Stand the Watch for us over the Holiday Season!

Marine Science Report

Cold Water Boot Camp USA - (Entire video 28.36 min)

Cold Water Boot Camp USA takes eight hardy volunteers from across America and puts them in cold water to learn what really happens.

The volunteers personally experience the three effects of Cold Water Immersion - shock, incapacitation and hypothermia.

Produced in 2008 under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1qbnToHhuE>

Cold Water Boot Camp - 1-10-1 Principle (video 8:01 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtAM5ZTn4k>

Cold Water Boot Camp - NASBLA Safe Boating (video 10:04 min)

Volunteers experience the 3 effects of cold water immersion - cold shock, cold incapacitation & hypothermia. Learn how to survive a fall into cold water.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1xohI3B4Uc>

Please find attached a copy of the Good Mate Manual and hyperlink.

Good Mate and MS Courses

The Marine Safety courses are designed to provide a baseline level of training for those interested in the Marine Safety program. These courses include:

The Good Mate

This course was developed by the Ocean Conservancy and is designed to encourage ocean and waterway conservation by boaters. The course material is available on this website by clicking on the link above. The exam is available on the National Testing Center.

Good Mate Manual

<http://pdept.cgau.org/Documents/Active/Prevention/Training/GoodMateManual.pdf>

<http://www.uscgau.org/content.php?unit=P-DEPT&category=ms-courses>

Link to take the open book Good Mate test.

<http://ntc.cgau.org/TrainingCourses.php>

For FUN:

Coast Guard/Auxiliary Training

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8oeJTpxczU>

JOIN THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGakBEygukM&index=6&list=PL6jSmRn_1c26wfGmMopXbikaUc_aoX-j_Q

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RECRUITMENT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L5NvvtLsEg>

U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary TV Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5Xsn6dhbo8>

The Coast Guard at War in Viet Nam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8Z2UdR5hBc>

Submitted by Reuben Barrett, SO-MS 35

Information Systems

Congratulations to those members who have submitted their activity reports by the end of November. To be eligible for 2014 awards, your activity needs to be *in the computer* by the middle of December. Don't forget that your Flotilla Information Systems Staff Officer will need some time to process any reports you send, so don't be surprised if you wait until the last moment and your reports don't get processed in time. Get them done NOW!

Important Dates from SO-IS

12DEC14 - [IS officers] data entry deadline for Division awards

19DEC14 - [FCs - IS officers] deadline for inputting the Annual Unit Officers Report

20DEC14 - [ALL] Division COW registration deadline

01JAN15 - [IS officers] run all Annual Member Letters and the Unit Summary Data Report for your flotilla (as information contained within the reports is only accurate for a short time).

11JAN15 - [ALL] Division Change of Watch and January business meeting

“Fox Hunting” – Nautical Style

It is getting harder to find economically priced radio direction equipment for marine VHF frequencies. Two styles have been sold over the years: omni-directional Doppler or rotating antennas that would provide a line of position to the transmitter, and “homers” that would indicate when your vessel is pointed toward the transmitter. Both required special receiving antennas.

Before specialized equipment became available, early techniques were developed using basic equipment. When the signal is transmitted for long periods, distance can be used to create lines of position.

Turn the squelch up so that the signal is just breaking squelch continuously. Proceed on a course until the signal disappears, and record the position. Then return on the reciprocal course until the signal disappears again, and record the position again. Plot the segment between these two points on a chart, and return to the midpoint of this segment. When you arrive at the midpoint, turn 90°. If the signal gets stronger, you should be on a course to the source. If the signal gets weaker, reverse course. Obviously, this is method takes a lot of time.

Another method used a hand-held transceiver or receiver and body-shielding. Begin by minimizing the signal (either increasing the squelch or collapsing a telescoping antenna) until the signal is just audible. Then hold the radio close to your body. This will block one direction of reception. By spinning in a circle slowly, you should be able to determine a general direction of transmission. Proceed in that direction as long as the signal is increasing, then repeat the procedure as needed until the source is determined.

This method of body shielding was used in Kenosha harbor by (then) SO-CM V to find an active EPIRB when high-tech equipment (on a Coast Guard 41’ and provided by Civil Air Patrol) was confused by signals reflected from sailboat masts. (The transmitter had been placed on its side by the owner’s family when they borrowed the boat – activating a false alarm!)



New Qualifications

Congratulations to the members of Division 35 who have advanced their training in 2014!

New Instructors	1
New Vessel Examiners.....	3
New BQ Members.....	3
New Boat Crew Quals.....	3
New APC Completions	2
New AUXOP.....	0
<u>Specialty Courses Completed:</u>	
Communications.....	3
Patrols.....	7
Navigation	1
SAR	1
Seamanship.....	2
Weather.....	0
(WX course is still in session)	

Fishing Humor

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the pub just outside the Air Force Base.

A ragged old Coast Guard Aviator, wearing his Winged ball cap, was standing near the edge with a fishing rod, his line in the puddle.

A curious young Air Force fighter pilot stopped and asked what he was doing.

'Fishing,' the old guy simply said.

'Poor old fool,' the Air Force officer thought and he invited the ragged old Coastie Aviator into the pub for a drink. As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked, "And how many have you caught?"

'You're the eighth,' the old Coast Guard Aviator answered.'



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Ninth Western Region

Division 35, Calumet Harbor

Change of Watch & Awards Banquet

January 11, 2015

1400 – 1800 Hours

DINNER with Cash Bar

Cocktails at 1400 (2:00 pm) and Dinner at 1500 (3:00 pm)

Whiting Elks Lodge #1273, 1521 119th St., Whiting, IN 46394

Please attend and help thank the past Division elected and appointed officers from 2014 and swear-in the new officers for 2015.

Celebrate with Division 35 - Awards, Door Prizes and, of course, FELLOWSHIP.

Uniform of the Day: Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire
(Men – collared shirt, slacks)

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Please detach and mail with payment.

Respond with your payment postmarked no later than December 20, 2014

CHECKS ONLY

No sales at the door.

Reservation form

Name- First Last		Make Check Payable To: Division 35 9WR USCG AUX Mail To: Division 35 COW 836A S. Arlington Hts Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Home Address		
City, State zip		
Division/Flotilla #		
Number Attending: _____ X \$28.00 = \$		
Questions? Please contact Ruth Aurigemma, 630-886-7243 Auxgirl33@gmail.com		

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4 Division Mtg 1900 @	5	6 MT: Weather @
7	8	9 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	10	11 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	12	13 MT: Weather @
14	15	16 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	17	18 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	19	20 MT • No Class @
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 MT • No class @
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 Happy birthday! New Year's Day	2	3 MT: Navigation @ BCM starts

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Div Mtg moved to CoFW 1/11	2	3 1300 MT BCM Crew MT: Navigation @
4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	9	10 1300 MT BCM Crew MT: Navigation @
11 Div 35 Change of	12	13 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	14	15 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	16	17 1300 MT BCM Crew MT: Navigation @
18	19 Martin Luther King	20 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	21	22	23	24 1300 MT BCM Crew MT: Navigation @
25	26	27 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	28	29	30	31 1300 MT BCM Crew MT: Navigation @