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FC Report

Welcome to 2014! It's a new year and a great time for new beginnings. Many people make resolutions at the beginning of each year. Are you one of them? I don't make resolutions, but I do set goals for myself each year. Last year, I set 6 goals and achieved 3 of them – I'm pleased with what I did achieve. I had resolved to go sailing twice in 2013 and "golf" (defining that as simply as a trip to a driving range) twice, and I didn't do either at all. They are back on the 2014 list, and I look forward to accomplishing them this year. Last year, two of my goals were for the USCG Auxiliary. One I accomplished (doing more than 60 VSC – I did 67), the other I did not (doing 20 UPVs, I did 0). However, I did make some progress on the one I didn't accomplish by networking with UPV operators and that will help me do more UPVs in 2014.

As we move into 2014, I challenge you to make some goals for yourself related to the USCG Auxiliary. Will you get out of REYR on something? Try a new area of activity, or new qualification? Attend more flotilla meetings? As I said at the Change of Watch, we all joined the Auxiliary for some reason; do you remember why you joined? We have a world of potential before us and I challenge each of you to consider what you want to do with the Auxiliary in 2014. Remember that your VFC, Mike Scott, and I, along with the relevant FSO are here to help to you achieve your goals. What will yours be?

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We will endeavor to send you this newsletter each month by e-mail on the weekend prior to each flotilla meeting. It will serve as a meeting reminder, as well as give you the opportunity to read Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) monthly reports before you come to the meeting. Flotilla minutes and financial reports will be distributed to flotilla members at the same time.

Michael Scott, FSO-PB

Parking Passes: IPFC Rhett Skubis will be in the parking lot prior to the flotilla meeting to distribute parking passes for the year. If you arrive late, you will need to request a temporary pass from the school security officer inside the building.

Monthly Meeting Training Topic: Financial Audit Report and Flotilla Inventory, presented by John Hendele (FSO-FN) and Nevin Hofing (FSO-MA)

Flotilla 35-12 Chicago meets at 1900 on the Third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Sweeting Center of the Moody Bible Institute, 860 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. Use Parking Lot B at the corner of Wells and Locust. Visitors are Welcome! Get temporary parking passes from the building security officer if needed.

Neither the USCG Auxiliary nor Flotilla 35-12 is in any part associated with Moody Bible Institute.

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): The website has been updated with the new FC and VFC. The calendar shows all the upcoming boating expositions. The minutes for November will be posted after they are approved at the next meeting.

The division newsletter is too large a file size to post on the site and the flotilla does not have any current newsletters.

FSO-FN (John Hendele): Report missing

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): January and February are great months to join the Auxiliary. With the latest version of the AUXMAN, prospective members completing their applications during this time should be ready to start performing missions outside once boats start going in the water. If you know of potential recruits, now is the time to introduce them to the organization.

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): All members recording activity in AUXDATA for 2013 should be on the lookout for final **Annual Member Letters** sent from Gary by the end of January. (These letters summarize all recorded activity for the prior year.) Gary will also forward his custom Award/Ribbon report later in the spring, once the annual member awards are tallied and recorded in the system.

Any member wanting to track or research their activity, training, or qualifications in AUXDATA should send Gary an email and he is always happy to provide customized reports and links for members to perform this research.

FSO-MA (Nevin Hofing): No MA report, trying to coordinate audit with John H.

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT (Michael Foley): Flotilla training for January is a review of our Audit and Material Inventory. February we will review how members can claim credit in AUXDATA. Please submit any requests or suggestions for future topics you desire.

Crew training has started at the Division Mead training room Saturdays. *Information is also available about crew training in Divisions 39 and 41 if you desire it.*

FSO-NS (Jan Foley): Begin studying now if you want to participate this summer. (See Division newsletter.) Our flotilla has the reputation with the Coast Guard of fulfilling the responsibilities for Chicago bridges and aids to navigation. Please consider joining this annual project. See *Making Way for 35* (Division 35 Newsletter) for internet sources of study material.

FSO-OP (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): See page 5.

FSO-PB (Michael Scott): Reports for this publication will be due one week prior to each scheduled meeting. Members should also read the Division newsletter monthly.

FSO-PE (Jay Samstag): I have entered an intent to teach in the system for our flotilla's two ABS (About Boating Safety) classes. The classes will be held at the 18th Police District HQ located at the corner of Division and Larabee. The 8 hour class will be held in two four hour Sunday sections beginning on March 30. The second ABS class will begin on April 6. The tuition for the public is \$40.

The course is required for teenagers who wish to drive a boat without adult supervision. Tell your friends. (There is no tuition charge for Auxiliary members. Auxiliary student members who desire a hard copy manual will be charged \$10.)

Qualified auxiliary instructors: Please let me know which two hour sections you would like to teach.

Sunday March 30 Chapters 1 and 2 / Sunday March 30 Chapters 3 and 4
Sunday April 6 Chapters 5 and 6 / Sunday April 6 Chapters 7 and 8
Sunday April 13 Chapters 1 and 2 / Sunday April 13 Chapters 3 and 4

FSO-PV (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Minutes from the November flotilla meeting are attached for approval.

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): We will begin planning for 3 VSC blitzes for this summer, so start looking at your calendars for dates.

There are new policies regarding VSC decals, and the supply more tightly controlled at ANSC. I have our allotment for the year, and we will only receive new decals based on our reporting of completed inspections, so it's critically important that you report your VSC activity as quickly as possible. Please email me any requests for decals in preparation for the upcoming season, and I will supply them in accordance with the supply we've received.

Please let me know if you need any assistance with certification, getting out of REYR, or have questions on any matters.

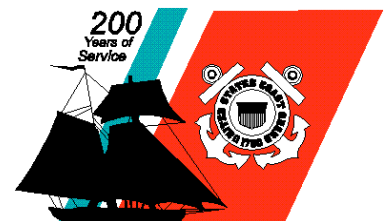
There are 2 VE training sessions coming up. One for new Vessel Examiners on 22 February at Mead Training, and one for experienced Vessel Examiners on 29 March at the Coast Guard Station. Both will begin at 1000. You are all highly encouraged to attend one of them, and please RSVP to our VFC if you will be attending.



Ruth Aurigemma receives her RBS Award.



Michael Scott receives his second Auxiliary Achievement Medal.



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****BOAT SHOW SIGN UP PAGE LINK:**

<http://www.cgau9wr.com/events/>

SIGN UP PAGES OPEN NOW!! UOD: Tropical Blue

Chicago Boat & RV Show: Tens of thousands of boating enthusiasts start their season at the [Chicago Boat Show](#), recognized as THE place to see the latest and greatest in boating. Let's have a significant Auxiliary presence at this show! **We are looking for 5 members per shift on the weekdays and 8 members per shift on the weekend days.**

McCormick Place, North Building
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60616

Strictly Sail Information: Thousands of sailing enthusiasts start their season at the Strictly Sail Show. Let's have a significant Auxiliary presence at this show! **We are looking for 3 members per shift on the weekdays and 4 members per shift on the weekend days.**

Navy Pier, Festival Hall A&B
Chicago, Illinois 60616

A note from Michael Hudec (mhudec@comcast.net), who is the new DSO-PA. "I'll need to fill the ADSO Boat Show position. I'm also looking for folks interested in leadership positions for other facets of PA. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing more of an active role in PA, drop me an email. The bridge has expressed an interest in a greater PA presence & there is plenty of room for growth."

Coastie Training – contact SO-PA Aurigemma if you are interested in becoming a Coastie (animatronic boat-shaped teaching tool) operator.

Events:

Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show	January 16-20, 2014	McCormick Place, Chicago
Chicago Outdoor Sports Show	January 22-26, 2014	Rosemont Convention Center
Strictly Sail	January 23-26, 2014	Navy Pier, Chicago
Tinley Park Fishing Show	February 8-9, 2014	6111 175th Street, Tinley Park, IL
Our World Underwater	February 14-16, 2014	Donald E Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont
Chicago Maritime Festival	February 22, 2014	Chicago History Museum, Clark St at North Avenue
Armed Forces Day	May 17, 2014	Navy Pier
Station Calumet Open House	May ??, 2014	1000-1400
National Safe Boating Week	May 17-23, 2014	http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/
Chicago Memorial Day Parade	May 26, 2014	State St & Wacker Dr @ 1000
National Marina Day	June 14, 2014	http://www.nationalmarinaday.org/
Chicago In-Water Boat Show	June 5-8, 2014	31st Street Marina
Operation Dry Water	June 27-29, 2014	http://www.operationdrywater.org/

Respectfully submitted: Ruth A Aurigemma FSO-PA