

Flotilla 3512 Scuttlebutt "Twelve Chicago"

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Parking Passes: FC Shelley Markle has the remaining parking passes. Contact her if you need to pick one up.

Monthly Meeting Training Topic: Recording Your Hours on the ANSC 7029 and 7030 forms.

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): The January newsletter and November meeting minutes have been added to the website. Flotilla calendar has been updated. Information on PayPal and the flotilla gmail account has been sent to FC.

FSO-FN (John Hendele): John is out of town but intends to attend the meeting FEB 18. Reports for JAN and FEB are missing, Audit for 2013 is missing, Change of Watch Report is missing.

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): We have received interest from two potential new members (Cynthia Sopata and Andrea Montague) who are in the process of submitting new member applications.

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): Annual Member Letter Reports have been generated for AUXDATA for each member posting activity in 2013 and these will be forwarded to flotilla members shortly.

FSO-MA (Nevin Hofing): No report received

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT First of all, the District Board Meeting and Training will be held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville on March21-23. You should have recently received an email informing you of this. Remember that there is a cutoff date for reservations of February 28. A flyer with more information should be in the mail. Please note that many of the training sessions overlap in time. The District web site has all the information.

Bob Allen will be teaching an AUXSEA class at Diversey Harbor on March 6.

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.

Contact Bob for more information. His email is uphiqh63@aol.com.

Division Training Dates to remember:

- 2/22 Vessel Examinations for Beginners
- 3/8 New Member Training
- 3/15 Program Visitor Workshop
- 3/29 Vessel Examiner Workshop (at Coast Guard Station)

The Mead Training Center is located at 1450 E. 98th Street, Chicago, IL. Contact Mike Scott if you are planning to attend any of the trainings or have questions.

We have many <u>MANDATORY</u> trainings required of us as members by the Coast Guard. All of the training is available online through the AUXLMS. There are eight topics:

- 1. Influenza Training
- 2. Personal Gift (Ethics)
- 3. Civil Rights Awareness
- 4. Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide
- 5. Sexual Harassment Prevention
- 6. Privacy at DHS—Protecting Personal Information
- 7. Security Fundamentals (Formerly SETA)
- 8. Sexual Assault Prevention/Response

The link for these trainings is https://auxlearning.uscq.mil

Our February Flotilla training topic will be Recording Your Hours on the ANSC 7029 and 7030 forms. (Michael Foley):

Members who are not yet BQ should plan to attend the flotilla's ABS class 3/30 and 4/6 (or 4/6 and 4/13). If these dates are not available, check the Public Education offerings to find a class soon.

FSO-NS (Jan Foley): For those interested in becoming Aids to Navigation Verifiers, the following sites are recommended. On the National website, access this address on your computer: http://www.uscqaux.info/content.php?unit=PDEPT&category=ns-forms-andmanuals

This is the newly completed USCGAUX National ATON Training Guide. This site also has the revised form for Chart Updating NOAA Form 77-5a. Reading the training guide will be a good place to start for the AV (PQS).

The other site to access is the task book for Aid Verifier (PQS). http://pdept.cgaux.org/Documents/Active/NS/Master_NS%20Aid_Verifier_PQS_14July2011.pdf
Three members (Jan Foley, Mike Foley, Ruth Aurigemma) have expressed interest in completing the Aid Verifier PQS.

See news about the ice coverage on Lake Michigan at

http://www.mlive.com/weather/index.ssf/2014/02/see_lake_michigan_ice_growth_i.html
http://www.weather.com/news/weather-winter/great-lakes-ice-cover-largest-century-20140207
http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/glcfs/glcfs-ice.php?lake=m&type=N&hr=00
http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/02/08/the-great-lakes-may-hit-record-ice-cover-this-year/

FSO-OP (Vacant): Operations Workshop at Station Calumet Harbor is scheduled for April 19.

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): Nothing to report

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): No report received

FSO-PV (Vacant): Division training at Mead on 3/15 will be a workshop for Program Visitor. There is also a session on PV at the coming District Conference (1000).

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Draft minutes for January are distributed attached.

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): There is a mandatory workshop for 2014 for Vessel Examiners. It may be completed on line at AUXLMS or by attending an approved workshop prior to JUN 30. Division 35 will present the workshop on 3/29 at the Coast Guard Station (in lieu of Mead due to space).

Change of Watch Committee (Ed Fahrner, Chrm): John Hendele should have the final revenue and cost data from the COW. I do not have the cash/checks collected at the COW nor the dollars paid to Colletti's Restaurant for our meals. John has the checks I collected prior to the COW.

