



Flotilla 3512 Scuttlebutt

"Twelve Chicago"

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Flotilla members will find several attachments to this distribution: The 2013 Flotilla Audit, a draft of the February meeting minutes, and a flotilla directory (printed from AUXDATA information)

Monthly Meeting Training Topic: Video: "Cold Water Boot Camp"

Next meeting: Tuesday, 18 March at 1900 CDT

We are well through the first quarter of 2014. Please check your activity displayed in AUXINFO. If you have not reported your hours yet, try to get them in before the end of the month. (Remember, you do not need to fill all the lines on the 7029 form. Try to send one in each month.)

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): The flotilla calendar has been updated and January minutes are posted on the web page.

FSO-FN (John Hendele): 2013 Audit is attached. Reports for January and February are still pending.

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): We currently have 3-5 prospective members who have expressed interest in applying to the Auxiliary and received completed applications from three new members: John Collins, Andrea Montague, Cynthia Sopata. Welcome John, Andrea, and Cynthia!

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): 2013 Member letters have been generated for our members and I hope to get those sent out in the coming weeks.

FSO-MA (Nevin Hofing): 2013 Inventory is attached.

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT (Michael Foley): See report at the end.

FSO-NS (Jan Foley): The 2014 Light Lists are now available on the USCG Navigation Center web site. If you subscribe to or read the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) you will always see it listed, as well as any corrections. You should download the beginning pages, which have the information about the markings and light

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.

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characteristics, and the chapter that has the lights for Lake Michigan if you plan to be an Aid Verifier. The way to access it is:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightlists>

Last summer, Division 35 began to do bridge inspections. At the January District Board meeting, CWO Hinken reported that he wants to encourage the District to perform them as we did them, with diagrams and photos of the bridges. This is not in the old AV manual, so it is important to use the new materials when studying for AV qualification.

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://wow.uscgaux.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). This is the address to do that: http://pdept.cgau.org/Documents/Active/NS/Master_NS%20Aid_Verifier_PQS_14July2011.pdf

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

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): I received several handouts from the D9 Public Affairs department during the Social Media webinar and saved a copy of the PPT. I am currently evaluating them for their usefulness to this unit.

Here is the next webinar:

Tuesday, 18 March, 1200 CDT

Documenting Operations with Photos & Video

URL: <https://connectcol.dco.dod.mil/d9online-imagery>

FSO-PB (Michael Scott): Thank you to all who submitted material.

FSO-PE (Jay Samstag): We have received About Boating Safety (ABS) instruction material for 10 students from the USCG Aux store. We have one or two public students for the course beginning March 30 and two members of our flotilla. The manuals need to be distributed to our students. Chris Tamini has agreed to be an assistant instructor.

FSO-PE has sent invitations to friends who have indicated an interest in sailing. We will email class invitations with the brochures attached to boaters who gave us their email addresses at the time of their Vessel Safety Check. We will distribute bulletin board brochures at West Marine and the local yacht clubs. Tell your friends our flotilla is teaching the eight hour ABS course in four hour Sunday afternoon sessions on March 30, April 6 and April 13.

FSO-PV (Vacant): Division training at Mead on 3/15 will be a workshop for Program Visitor. RSVP to SO-MT if you wish to register. The PV training at the District Conference has been cancelled.

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

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): Please bring your calendars to the next meeting as we will set dates for our 3 VE Blitzes for this summer. We will return to the same harbors as last year: Belmont, DuSable, and Burnham.

I have our decal allotment for the year, so begin thinking about how many you may need, and remember that you need to submit you 7038s punctually as decals are being more tightly controlled and will not be issued to us if the 7038s are not put in the system.

You're highly encouraged to attend the Spring Training Meeting (DTRAIN) as our own Gary Markle (DSO-VE) will be putting on a full day of VE training. This is a great place (and at the 3/29 division training at the Coast Guard Station) to complete your required VE course before the June deadline (or lose your qualification)

Change of Watch Committee (Ed Fahrner, Chrm): Report from January 2014 is still in process.

MEMBER TRAINING REPORT 35-12

MARCH 2014

All members should check to see that their email address(es) are correct and current in the E-directory/AUXDATA. Access this from the National website. Your email address will be needed to complete any mandatory training done in AUXLMS.

- The District Board Meeting and Training will be held at the Hilton Lisle on March 21-23. Online registration can be found at www.cgaux9wr.com or you can register the day you attend. Pre-registration is required for New Member Boot Camp, CPR, First Aid, and Coastie.

Division Training Dates to remember:

- 3/29 Vessel Examinations for Workshop, with Vessel Examination on a trailer boat at **Station Calumet Harbor** (This is the MANDATORY workshop for VE)
- 4/5 Navigation Rules Review at Mead Training Center
- 4/12 Information Systems (IS workshop) at Mead Training Center
- 4/19 Operations Workshop at **Station Calumet Harbor**
- 4/26 Towing, AM-Crew PM-Coxn at Mead Training Center
- 5/10 4-hour TCT for Auxiliary at Mead Training Center

The Mead Training Center is located at 1450 E. 98th Street, Chicago, IL. Contact Mike Scott (09535.somt@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend any of the trainings or have questions.

Our March Flotilla training topic will be Cold Water Boot Camp, a film. It is a good reminder as we wait for the lake to warm up.

Remember to fill in your 7029 forms or 7030 form for the hours you have put into doing Auxiliary work in the last month. Bring it to the meeting to hand in.

If you have any ideas for future training at the Flotilla or Division level, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR MEMBER TRAINING STAFF OFFICER

The Auxiliary is a great place to get training. It costs you, the member, nothing but your time. On the other hand, those people who present the training class must spend hours to prepare the material to present at these classes, putting forth a great commitment of time and effort. Their only payback is that feeling of worth that you get when you've made someone a little smarter.

Now think about the time you had that special event at school when you were a kid or maybe that special event at work, where you were going to be the "star" and someone special didn't show up. What a feeling of disappointment you got.

Well, folks, that's what we do in the Auxiliary all too many times to those who are presenting or doing a mission when we just don't show up. Sooner or later there won't be people wanting to offer training or teach us if we don't support their programs and follow through with our commitment to show up. So think about what the training means for you and our organization. If you sign up to attend, make sure you do. Make it your priority for that day, because someone is making it their priority to add to your knowledge.