



Shelley Markle, FC

Michael Scott, VFC

May, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, 20 May at 1900 CDT

Note from 9WR: NACO Tom Mallison will be on the Today Show on Monday (5/19), doing a presentation to Al Roker.

Attached please find drafts for three proposed changes to our flotilla standing rules. One is a correction for our meeting time, which currently states we meet on Thursdays. A second formalizes a dues deadline and discount procedure. The third is an authorization for electronic meetings. Please review all three proposals prior to the meeting.

Received from Ninth Coast Guard District:
Coast Guard Headquarters has released the 2013 Recreational Boating Statistics.

Due to its size I have provided a hyperlink
<http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/AssetManager/2013RecBoatingStats.pdf> if the link doesn't work let me know and I can try and Email the report to you but it is a large file.

Numbers are down again across the board and in looking quickly at the report all States in D9 are at or below the national fatality rate. It is through the hard work of all involved that the numbers continue to drop. However we mustn't get complacent as one death is too many and we must continue to focus our efforts in keeping D9 a safe and enjoyable place to boat.

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): The Paypal account is linked to the current flotilla checking account and the remainder of the funds that were in the Paypal account were transferred into the checking account (about \$30). We can use it to collect dues this year if we want to.

FSO-FN (John Hendele): Our flotilla Certificate of Deposit was renewed for another year in April. No flotilla financial reports for March or April have been submitted.

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): The processing backlog for background checks is now around 2 years. The same backlog exists for the some on Gold side and this issue is currently being escalated. This delay should not impact our members operationally; however if

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.

you have any specific concerns around this issue, please reach out to Gary Markle so your individual situation can be addressed.

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): Now that we are past the first quarter of the year, please make sure you are filling out and sending in your 7029 forms. If you have any questions on how to fill out this form, please see Gary Markle.

FSO-MA (Nevin Hofing): Materials that were delivered to the April meeting have not yet reached FSO-MA.

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT (Michael Foley): Weekly divisional training at the Mead Center has been computed for the spring. We have been asked for our suggestions and desires for training in the fall. Please share your ideas with FSO-MT to compile for the flotilla.

FSO-NS (Jan Foley): Flotilla 3512 has been asked to complete a Small Craft Survey for 31st Street Marina for corrections to the Coast Pilot.

FSO-OP (Vacant): Checks for \$10 to register for the Division 35 Boat Camp on 6/14 are due to Ruth Aurigemma before the end of this month.

Boat Crew training patrols are tentatively scheduled Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat afternoons-evenings, beginning around Memorial Day.

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): Members are encouraged to bring PFDs to the Coast Guard Open House for a "ReadySetWearIt" public affairs event photo even at 1300.

2014 Chicago Memorial Day Parade - This may be one of only a few sanctioned large-scale PA events. We'll be marching with the Chicago active duty and reserves. **UOD is Bravo uniform with the combination cover ONLY.** The parade starts at noon and we'll be lining up roughly at 10. Firmer details will follow. We're looking for preliminary numbers. If you are interested in participating, please email **Maryellen Begley** with a simple "I'm in" and she will add you to the email reflector when details become available.

Flotilla 35-07 and Division 35 will be promoting Boating Safety in Evergreen Park, IL on 21May14: **Please join us at the Kid's Safety Day at the Evergreen Park Fire Department on May 21, 2014 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Auxiliarists, please contact me via e-mail (JeffB.CGAux@gmail.com), or by phone 708-878-8795 if you would like to help out.**

Pierogi Fest - David Mosca (davidmosca43@yahoo.com 219-659-5345) is in need of PA booth watchstanders for Whiting, IN, Pierogi Fest (<http://pierogifest.net/>). Check the Division website for more information. <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=095-35>

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



Photo taken from the Internet

Armed Forces Day	May 17, 2014	Navy Pier
Station Calumet Open House	May 17, 2014	1000-1400
National Safe Boating Week	May 17-23, 2014	http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/
Marina Shores VE/PA event	May 18, 2014	Portage, IN
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/
Pierogi Fest, Whiting IN	July 25-27, 2014	http://pierogifest.net/

FSO-PB (Michael Scott): May Scuttlebutt is attached.

FSO-PE (Jay Samstag): On Sunday April 13, two ABS students successfully completed the 8 hour course by receiving a passing grade on the multiple choice test.

FSO-PV (Vacant): Nothing to report.

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Draft minutes from the April meeting are attached.

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): We have a VE Blitz at Belmont Harbor on 31 May, meet at 0915. Free parking will be provided. Please RSVP Attendance in advance to Shelley Markle. Blitz will go until 2pm, however some of us will probably stay all day.

We can really use the support of a non-VE to handle dispatch and staff a PA table.

Cynthia Sopata tries on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when she checks it out in preparation for training patrols.

