

Flotilla 3512 Scuttlebutt "Twelve Chicago"

Shelley Markle, FC Michael Scott, VFC July, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, 15 July at 1900 CDT

Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor has announced a picnic for family & friends, including members of Division 35 on 26 JUL 2014. Please RSVP to BM1 Borges if you plan to attend.

REYR: When a member fails to complete requirements for annual currency, they are placed in a category called "REYR". While in REYR, they function as a Trainee in that category.

Members have five (5) years to complete missing tasks to restore currency, or they lose the qualification completely. If a member does not intend to restore currency, they should notify FC and FSO-MT so their name can be removed from the REYR list.

Similarly, contact the appropriate Flotilla Staff Officer for help to complete missing tasks if you are in REYR and would like to become active in that program again!

The Markles will be moving to their new "castle" at the end of the month. Please make note of their new mailing address: 1307 W. 16th Street, Chicago, IL 60608

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): Web page has been updated

FSO-FN (John Hendele): John Hendele has asked to step down as Flotilla Finance Officer, pending completion of outstanding financial reports and the required audit for change of finance staff officers.

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): Nothing to report

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): Nothing to report

FSO-MA (Nevin Hofing): No report received.

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT (Michael Foley): Boat Camp was held on 14 June at Station Calumet Harbor. It was a good day for training and many positive experiences were had by all who attended. Hopefully you have read the wonderful article about it in the Division

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.

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This is a reminder to all that the season is quickly moving along. All tasks that need to be done, such as underway hours, check rides, or vessel exams should be completed before it gets too late. This boating season's weather has everyone a bit fooled, because it is later than you think.

Please let me know of any training topics you would like to see presented at the flotilla or division level.

FSO-NS (Jan Foley): All private Aids to Navigation verifications assigned to FL 3512 were completed before the Coast guard deadline of 15 June 2014. Many thanks go out to Mike Scott and Phil Aszling, his assistant from FL 3506. The weather was <u>most</u> uncooperative this season and our usual team couldn't do the work before the due date.

Bridge inspections are now the focus for the rest of the season. This is useful to Cleveland, and it is more of a paperwork intense project. It is a daylight activity that needs 3 or 4 people to complete, some doing the observing/checking and others doing the note-taking or photography. Please let Mike Scott or myself know if you are interested in learning more about the task.

Chart Updating for the 31st Street Harbor still has to be done.

FSO-OP (Vacant): Patrols for the Mackinac Race Start are scheduled for 7/19. CGC Mobile Bay will be On Scene Coordinator.

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): Nothing to report.

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

FSO-PE (Jay Samstag): Nothing to report.

FSO-PV (Vacant): Nothing to report.

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Draft notes from the June meeting are attached.

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): VE blitz scheduled for June was cancelled due to lack of response.

SAFETY CHAIN on one of her last patrols before the Auxiliary markings were removed.

