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September, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, 16 September at 1900 CDT Agenda topics include:

2015 Dues collections

Begin election process for 2015

Discuss conducting a Webinar meeting

Commodore Peter Pallis has been released from the hospital and is now in Maryhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1700 E. Lake Street, Glenview, IL 60025.

Visiting hours are 0800-2000. Cards and letters are encouraged!

This month begins the process for electing officers for 2015. Attached please find a list of members who currently are shown in AUXDATA as eligible to run for office. If you would like to run for office, it is not too late to complete the prerequisites (ICS 100, ICS 700, APC, and activity). Elections will be conducted at the November meeting. Letters of Intent should be submitted to the Screening Committee this month.

2015 Dues are due in September. Dues are \$30.00 if paid before the end of September. As of October 1, 2015 dues increase to \$50.00. Pay dues by check to Michael Parages, FSO-FN or by Paypal on the flotilla web page.

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): No report received.

FSO-FN (Michael Parages): No report received.

FSO-HR (Gary Markle): No report received.

FSO-IS (Gary Markle): No report received.

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

FSO-MS (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-MT (Michael Foley): Congratulations to our division's newest Coxswain: Maryellen Begley!

Now that Operations season is ending for the year, it is time to think about

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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continued training. The fall schedule for operations will focus on the AUXOP courses and will be offered at the Mead Training Facility. PATROLS has already started on September 6, WEATHER will start on October 18, NAVIGATION will start on December 20, and one is planned for March 7, 2015, with the course to be determined later. Contact Jim Bell for more information on these trainings. Training starts at 1000. To review requirements for AUXOP refer to the Auxiliary Manual (Chapter 8, Section C) or the web page at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=auxop-courses>. If you need study materials, contact our Flotilla Materials Officer, Nevin Hofing. You can download and print your own materials from the web page at this address <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=training> materials.

Boating season is coming to an end. Please check that you have adequate activity to maintain your currency. It's getting late if you need a check ride! Are all your underway hours showing up in AUXDATA? That's what counts. Be sure to check it out.

Have you checked your emergency contact information in the AUX Directory? Is it up to date? You never know when you'll need it, or better put, when someone else will need it to help you in an emergency. The Auxiliary is part of our extended family that we don't even think about. For example, we had a member who had a problem that incapacitated him. The person who found him knew he had a boat in one of the Chicago harbors, so she contacted the Harbor Master. The Harbor Master knew he was a member of the Auxiliary and passed on an email address for someone in the AUX that was a contact for Vessel Exams. Within hours Station Calumet Harbor was called and they were able to access Emergency Contact information through contact with the Auxiliary. After all of that effort, the person had no information on file. So friends were contacted who might have any information. This was a near death emergency that fortunately had a good ending. But will YOU be so lucky? Update it now!

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

FSO-NS (Jan Foley) The most recently requested verifications of Navy Pier have been completed. It is not too early to begin studying to participate in the Navigations System program for next summer.

FSO-OP (Vacant): See the division newsletter for the recent requests from the new Commanding Officer at Station Calumet Harbor.

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma): Still shopping for new table drape.

FSO-PB (Michael Scott): Attached to this file will be a list of members qualified (according to AUXDATA) to run for flotilla elected office. It is not too late to complete missing requirements to be considered for the November election.

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

FSO-PV (Vacant): Nothing to report.

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Draft minutes from August are attached.

FSO-VE (Shelley Markle): No report received.