

Flotilla 3512 Scuttlebutt "Twelve Chicago"

Shelley Markle, FC

Michael Scott, VFC

November, 2014

Next meeting: Tuesday, 18 November at 1900 CDT

Agenda topics: Resolving Change of Watch scheduling conflicts, annual elections

Annual elections will be conducted at the November meeting. There are no candidates who have submitted Letters of Intent to the Screening Committee, which means all candidates will be nominated from the floor. For a member to be nominated from the floor, they must have adequate documentation that they are eligible to hold the office (which may be the appropriate AUXDATA printout) and agree to accept the nomination. Please come prepared if you would like to run for Flotilla Commander or Flotilla Vice Commander.

2015 Dues: see the FSO-FN report and spreadsheet.

If you have not submitted any talents, skills, or services that you can offer to the Coast Guard to SO-PB 35 (Mike Scott) to include for the Coast Guard at Calumet, please consider forwarding an offer for the active duty.

Coast Guard Festivities: Chili Cook-off: Sunday, 24 NOV /

Christmas Party: Friday, 19 DEC

District has distributed a spreadsheet showing how members are doing at completing the mandatory training. In Flotilla3512, we have two (2) members (Maryellen Begley and Michael Parages) completed all seven courses, and another two (Ruth Aurigemma and Mike Scott) who have completed at least one mandatory course. Nobody else is shown on the spread sheet. If you have completed courses and they are not showing, please send a copy of your course completion documentation to Mike Foley (FSO-MT) to forward up the chain to ensure credit. (A delay of more than two weeks has been identified in getting the printouts, so completions may have passed in the night.) If you have not started yet, please try to set aside one hour per month to get these courses completed.

Staff Officer Reports:

FSO-CM (Vacant): Nothing to report

FSO-CS (Michael Parages): Nothing new to report for CS. i will be on vacation next week so i intend to update the web site. if anyone has any ideas or wants something posted please let me know..

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.

FSO-FN (Michael Parages): Checking account spreadsheet is attached and balanced with the latest statement. Dues for 2015 have been deposited. 5 members who were current last year still need to pay dues this year. All have been sent reminder emails and several replied and will be sending checks in the mail. There were a few members who paid this year but were listed as not paid last year. All have been contacted and all but one showed proof that payment was made last year. There were 3 members who paid \$40 for this year's dues because of the email that was sent in error with that amount listed as the dues price if paid after 01 october. They have been contacted and 2 of the 3 are going to pay the difference at the next meeting. The FC has been handling contacting those members who have not paid dues for the last 2 years and deciding whom to dis-enroll.

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): See general notes earlier regarding mandated training.

FSO-NS (Jan Foley) No activity to report

FSO-OP (Vacant): Nothing to report.

FSO-PA (Ruth Aurigemma):

USCGC Mackinaw Christmas Ship - Navy Pier - Saturday, December 6, 2014
"I have received word from the US Coast Guard that tours will occur on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2014. Volunteers must be there by 12:30 for a briefing by the Coast Guard. The tours will end at 1500. Uniform of the day: ODU. Only members with a foul weather parka will be working outside. There is no parking information, yet.

If you are interested in volunteering as a tour guide, please contact Colleen Monahan cgauxcm@gmail.com with your availability."

Boat Show 2015

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail (combined) Show - January 14-18, 2015 - McCormick Place, South Hall http://www.chicagoboatshow.com/

Watch the Events section of the District web site for more information about the District participation.

FSO-PB (Michael Scott): Thank you to the staff officers who routinely completed monthly reports in time for the newsletter. Please help your next publication officer with regular submissions, to keep our flotilla members can stay informed through the year.

FSO-PE (Jay Samstag): Instructors have been contacted to identify weekends they will be available to present an ABS course. Please respond to Jay Samstag quickly.

FSO-PV (Vacant): Nothing to report.

FSO-SR (Michael Spohr): Out of town.

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