



# Making Way For 35

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August, 2013

## NO AUGUST DIVISION MEETING

The regular meeting of Division 35 scheduled Thursday, 01 AUG 2013 has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

## E-Mail from the Sector Commander

From: Sibley, Matthew W CAPT  
To: Stevens, Mark L BOSN3  
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2013 05:02 PM  
Subj: Great Job

Mark,

Great job by you and your team at the (Mackinac) race start today ... you guys did great keeping the rec boats out of the zone. ALDER also greatly appreciated you escorting them in and out ... made it much easier for them to moor/unmoor.

It was a beautiful day out on the water, but I was just a passenger watching the festivities while you worked ... thanks for Station Cal Harbor's efforts!

Best regards,  
Matt Sibley  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Sector Lake Michigan

## Plan Ahead for the Change of Watch!

When? Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Where? Whiting Elks Lodge #1273  
1521 119<sup>th</sup> Street  
Whiting, IN 46394

Cost? \$25.<sup>00</sup> per person

Uniform of the Day? Service Dress Blue or  
Appropriate Civilian (suit and tie for men)

What? Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Awards

## Division Calendar – Where do We Find it?

The newest and most-current Division 35 web site is <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=095-35>

On the left side of the home page (above), there is a box to open the Division Calendar. An advantage to the electronic calendar is that any member can click on a posting to get additional details that are not available on the printed calendar in the newsletter.

Flotilla officers should notify SO-PB 35 with additions and/or corrections to the Division calendar.

## Enjoy Coast Guard Day, August 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Flotilla Training Topics for August

Flotilla	Meeting Date	Training Topic Scheduled
3501	8/13	TBA
3507	8/13	Overview of AUXPAT and Special Event Considerations
3509	8/14	TBA
3511	8/15	TBA
3512	8/20	TBA
3516	8/20	Color Guard Training
3506		No August meeting

### *In Memoriam*

*Remembering those who have crossed the bar*

Everette R. Smith, Flotilla 3715

**VE Corner:**

Each month, we will pick one or more areas to highlight and discuss. FSOs-VE and VEs are encouraged to share their practical experiences with the SO-VE to include in future articles.

**VE: Do you know about WUS?**

Effective 01 JUL 2013, the new Illinois Water Usage Stamp (WUS) is available to operators of non-powered vessels in Illinois. The new WUS program is a replacement



for the registration of non-powered watercraft, which is no longer required, in Illinois.

Vessel Examiners should have received instructions through the “chain” from their FSO-VE how to incorporate this new regulation when they perform VSCs on vessels that no longer require state registrations.

If you are a Vessel Examiner and have not received this information, contact your Flotilla Vessel Examiner Staff Officer (FSO-VE).

**“If Found” Stickers Available**

Through their Safe Boating Campaign resource page, the National Safe Boating Council has made paddle craft “If Found” stickers available to Auxiliary Flotillas and members in packs of 100, free of charge. These weatherproof stickers have proven to be invaluable to emergency responders when paddle craft are found adrift without an operator. Each sticker has room for the vessel owner’s name and two phone numbers.

The stickers were originally distributed by Vessel Examiners, but now they can be provided by any members who have contact with organizations that involve boats/watercraft that have no other identification (such as registration numbers).

While at the NSBC website you might want to check out the other free safe boating materials that are available and request some at the same time.



Reprinted from <http://bdept.cgaux.org/wp/?p=1304>

*Submitted by Gary Markle, DSO-VE*

**PWC Operators Requested**

CWO Mark Stevens, Commanding Officer of Station Calumet Harbor has extended an invitation to support members who wish to qualify as Personal Watercraft Operators (PWOs). Rick Tamraz, AUC(R) reports there are missions in planning that will benefit from PWC support, if we can develop a team of PWOs. Contact Jim Bell, SO-OP 35 or Mike Scott, SO-MT 35 for help in completing qualifications.

**Bud Billiken Parade**

From the parade web site: The Bud Billiken® Parade and Picnic is an annual parade and picnic in Chicago, Illinois, and is the oldest and largest African-American parade in the United States. Since 1929, it has always been held the second Saturday in August. The idea for the parade came from Mr. Robert S. Abbott, the founder of the Chicago Defender. The focus of the parade is education and sounds the clarion call for "Back to School" to our children. It is currently the second largest parade in the United States.

The Bud Billiken Parade is Saturday, August 10 (during the Tall Ships Festival). Enoch Clarke-Bey, FC 3516 is the Point of Contact for Auxiliary participation.

**Pierogi Fest in Whiting, IN**

As this newsletter is put to bed, David Mosca of Flotilla 3509 has announced they have acquired display space at the World Famous Peirogi Fest in the heart of Whiting, IN. The festival is the weekend of 26-28 July. We look forward to including photos in next month’s issue.

**TALL SHIPS Public Affairs**



Michael Hudec, ADSO-PA has set up a web page to sign up for dockside Public Affairs on the 9WR web site at

<http://www.cgaux9wr.com/events/TallShips/>

The Auxiliary will have a small PA booth on the North side of Navy pier which can accommodate about 4 people per shift and will have need for many dock-walkers. Coast Guard has asked ADSO to try to put as many boots on the ground as possible interacting with the crowd and showing a strong presence. This event has been pre-approved and should not be subject to cancellation due to sequestration issues.

PFDF Panda will make an appearance. If anyone has interest in working him, please note in comments section. Coastie will not be there due to tight quarters and the expected crowds.

At this time, MSU does not need volunteers for an Incident Command Post.

TBOMK we will not be providing "tour-guiding" services aboard any of the vessels.

Parking should be available at the Army Corps of Engineers (free) and ADSO has a couple of parking passes which I'd like to reserve for those that need them due to physical limitations. **The uniform of the day is Tropical Blue with Combination Cover (as per the last set of PA regs.)** Dock Walkers will wear ODU's with appropriate boots. Please limit yourself to one of these two uniforms & make sure whichever it is you are presentable. We will be set up outdoors, so covers are necessary.

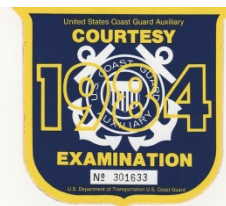
*Dock-Walkers: We are supposed to have PPE gear, as we are walking on a pier. If you have an inflatable or crew life jacket, please plan to bring it.*

***There will be many opportunities to get involved with operations as well. A NO WAKE ZONE is being established around Navy Pier, and many Safety Patrols will be needed to educate the boating public throughout the show. Please direct those questions to your SO-OP or local coxswains.***

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK GOALS**

How many VSCs should be your goal? *That may be a poor question – a goal needs to be determined by the individual seeking it, to have any meaning.* A number imposed from *above* does not motivate many people – but a *personal goal* can spur a member to increased action.

Back in *the old days*, when we performed 10 CMEs (Courtesy Marine Examinations) annually to maintain qualification – a savvy FSO-VE told new VEs that



they should plan to perform at least 25 CMEs annually. *“If you don’t do 25, can you honestly say you are maintaining your skills as a good examiner?”* he would ask. Is 25 a reasonable goal for you?

VSCs are shorter than CMEs, but an examiner can easily spend an equal amount of time answering individual questions and providing safety information! If you are an examiner, can you find five days to perform 5 VSCs each? Maybe a few more? In 2012, Vessel Examiners in Division 35 averaged 12.6 VSCs each. (24 of our examiners completed less than 10 VSCs in 2012.) Think of the increased impact we can have on Recreational Boating Safety with just a little more effort!

A thought for our leaders, don’t forget the benefits of ***fellowship!*** Over the Independence Day holiday, Flotilla 3509 had a blitz at Lakes of the Four Seasons. Knowing that John Hopkins and Jim Bell were there, you know everybody had fun! On the following Saturday, Flotilla 3512 was out in force in Burnham Harbor. A safety patrol stopped by to visit, and several pairs of examiners (including some new members who were benefiting from the experienced examiners) all enjoyed the activity!



We encourage each flotilla to post their VSC activities on the Division calendar, so any interested examiner will have the opportunity to join in the fun!

*Submitted by Michael Scott, SO-MT 35*

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION – Changes are Coming**

Major changes in the design and content of the Auxiliary's public-education courses could be underway.

The Auxiliary Education Directorate Staff has submitted a detailed report to the National Executive Committee (NEXCOM) titled "The Way Forward for PE Courses." The report analyzes each currently offered course in terms of its "age" (time since introduction or revision), market share (e.g., "About Boating Safely," 73 percent of sales), popularity with students and instructors, ANSC inventory of course materials, and prognosis for future success.

Among the recommendations of the directorate staff:

*About Boating Safely* is effective for the foreseeable future, but might be reduced in scope to cover only specific NASBLA requirements. (NOTE: Division 35 instructors have weighed in to oppose this shrinking of course coverage.)

*Paddlesports America* (3.4 percent of sales) suffers from "cultural and age differences between many of our instructors and the paddlesports community." In other words, if a Flotilla doesn't have a dedicated paddler, it won't teach the course. Thus the report suggests teaming with an activist organization such as the American Canoe Association to continue this increasingly critical program.

*Boating Skills & Seamanship* (19.5 percent of sales) has recently been revised (14<sup>th</sup> Edition). It has solid NASBLA standing. The report recommends "Speed Grams to update course material as needed," and adapting "chapters in the book" for "future on-line courses."

*Weekend Navigator* (1 percent of sales) has been burdened by a high CGAuxAssn price for the text, which has alienated instructors. The staff endorses the course, recommends a new instructor guide and Power Point presentation, and charging substantially less for the text.

If you would like to review a copy of "The Way Forward for PE," please contact Phil Aszling at [paszling@aol.com](mailto:paszling@aol.com).

## **Y-Not Designate A Driver?**

This was the slogan for the event when Governor Quinn signed the Boat Safety Bill on Sunday, 16 JUL at 31<sup>st</sup> Street Marina. (Note: "Y-not" is "Tony" backwards, in memory of an accident victim on the Fox Chain-O'-Lakes last summer.) Six members of Division 35 joined the Governor for the signing, as well as CDR Neubauer from MSU Chicago and CWO Stevens and a boat crew from Station Calumet Harbor. The bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to require breathalyzer tests following serious boating accidents, which can lead to suspension of the operator's driver's license.



Photo by Shelley Markle

## **Prepare for Fall Elections**

Elections for the 2014 leadership will be upon us soon. Prerequisites to run for elected office are listed in Appendix C of the Auxiliary Manual. Other recommendation is to complete the Flotilla Leaders Course (see the accompanying article on the next page in this newsletter).

## **Reminder: White Sox Tailgate Party**



Janice Jones, Flotilla 3516, has again arranged for a tailgating party with the active duty from Calumet Harbor Station prior to the White Sox game at U.S. Cellular Field on Wednesday, September

11 (9/11) against the Detroit Tigers.

Flyers have been distributed to Flotilla Commanders to share with their members. Tickets are available at \$12.00 per person. Parking will cost \$20.00 per car. Contact Janice Jones <[janice.j@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janice.j@sbcglobal.net)> for tickets or more information.

## **Program Information from DSO-MT**

The following information is a report from a National Webinar Member Training discussion this month:

**Civil rights** – Is being presented at NACON. It will also be broadcasted via webinar and is capable of handling 1000 attendees. The current gold side Civil Rights is 3.5 hours long. The Auxiliary's should be 1 hour long (alot of material doesn't apply to us). If Civil Rights is presented at NACON, the goal is to have it available online shortly thereafter. New members need to complete Civil rights by Dec 31, 2015. All members should have it completed by Dec 31, 2016. I have no information as to how to watch this online at NACON as of yet.

NACON is August 21-25 in San Diego. Check the National web site and click the NACON link. Classes are listed in the Workshop Matrix.

**AUXOP Courses.** AUXSAR is now becoming AUXRESCUE. AUXSEA will be partially copied into AUX BOAT OPS Handling. National is re-writing AUXPAT, AUXWEA. A new AUXNAV should be available by April 2014. AUXWEA should be available by July 2014. No release date has been set for AUXRESCUE. As for proctoring the new AUXOP classes, that decision is still being addressed.

**APC.** The questions have been re-written to more closely align with the AUXMAN. Target date for release is August 21, 2013. The Flotilla Leadership course is being re-worked. Target release date is sometime in the 1st qtr of 2014.

**The New Member Boot Camp** is being re-worked. Target release date is sometime December 2013. The course will be offered on the online portal LMS.

**A New Member Mentor** guide is being looked into by the National HR Division.

**No AUXOP written tests** are being given out by ANSC. Only Charts for AUXCSE and AUXNAV.

**Ethics of Proctors.** All proctors are reminded of the Coast Guard Motto: Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty. As of yet, there are no Proctor guidelines for the National Testing Center.

The ability to offer AUXLAMs in 2014 being looked into. This may become an online course. Still being evaluated.

*I can tell you that the National Member Training Division has been EXTREMELY BUSY with updating obsolete material and courses.*

*Hope this information will prepare you for changes coming down the pipe. Please remember, this was a meeting of goals.*

*Submitted by Tom Mullally, DSO-MT 095*

## **Flotilla Leadership Course**

Any member considering an elected office is encouraged to complete the FLC available from the Online Classroom. <http://classroom.cgaux.org/>

The National Training Department is pleased to offer the Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC). This course provides Flotilla Commanders (FC) and Vice Flotilla Commanders (VFC) the organizational framework and resources to successfully manage their Flotillas. Completion of this course qualifies members to run for the positions of FC and VFC.

The FLC presents leadership and management concepts and provides tools and other online resources that support the requirements of these positions throughout their tenure. You'll work your way through this information to achieve the following goals:

- Exercise leadership and supervision of the flotilla and assure that the overall flotilla program conforms to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary policies and procedures.
- Supervise administration and coordination between the Vice Flotilla Commander and staff members.
- Become familiar with the Auxiliary Manual (AUXMAN) and the Flotilla Procedures Manual (FPM).
- Prepare to effectively support the policy, requirements, and procedures related to flotilla administration, administration principles courtesy, protocol, and ceremonies the auxiliary's technology world the flotilla staff flotilla correspondence.

It is not too soon to begin preparing for the coming elections!

## **AMLOC offered in Lisle this Fall**

The Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course (AMLOC) class will be offered at this fall's 9th District Training Seminar on Friday October 11th through Sunday October 13th located at the Hilton Lisle / Naperville in Lisle Illinois.

The scheduled times for this class are as follows (subject to change):

Friday, October 11th: 18:00 - 22:00  
 Saturday, October 12th: 10:00 - 18:00  
 Sunday, October 13th: 0800 - 15:00 (may run shorter).

**ALL ATTENDEES MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS FOR THE TIME FRAMES LISTED ABOVE.**

All members eligible to run for the office of Division Commander or those who are Division Commanders and will likely have a year to go, should sign up for this class if they have not received this instruction before.

Students should have completed AUXLAMs (Auxiliary Leadership & Management Training) before attending AMLOC.

A STTR must be filled out and submitted to your Flotilla Commander. After endorsement by the Flotilla Commander, the STTR needs to be emailed to the sitting Division Commander. After receiving an endorsement by the sitting Division Commander, the STTR needs to be forwarded to the Commodore for final approval. The Commodore has final say so as to whom may attend this class.

**THERE IS A DEADLINE!** After all 9<sup>th</sup> Western members have signed up for this class, it will be opened up to other districts. All Short Term Training Requests (STTRs) must have been received by the Commodore by August 15<sup>th</sup>!!! The Commodore will e-mail the attendee directly if approved to attend this class.

All finalized attendees will receive orders to attend this class (the 50 mile rule applies).

After August 15th, we cannot guarantee seating for any 9th Western members.

## **Mandatory AUXLMS Training Summary**

From the Chief Director's Web site:

<http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/training/auxlms.asp>

**AUXLMS Impact on Auxiliary Mandated Training (MT) Requirements:** The purpose of MT is to build awareness and enhance the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes of the Coast Guard's workforce. All other elements of the Coast Guard workforce have MT requirements, generally more extensive than those for Auxiliarists. MT cannot be taken lightly, and it is not unreasonable to expect in the future that Coast Guard Order Issuing Authorities will expect Auxiliarists to be current in MT requirements before making assignments to duty. With the advent of the AUXLMS, the bridge that allows automatic recording of successful MT course completion into AUXDATA has been built. The Auxiliary MT requirements established in section 8.E. of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1 series) are now in effect. Notably:

**a. Auxiliarists must successfully complete the following MT during their first year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:**

- (1) DHS Together - Resilience Training - course code 502379
- (2) Security Education and Training Awareness (SETA) - course code 810030
- (3) Privacy at DHS / Protecting Personal Information - course code 810015
- (4) Sexual Harassment Prevention - course code 810000
- (5) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response - course code 810045
- (6) Civil Rights Awareness - course code 502319

**b. Auxiliarists must successfully complete the following MT only once (new members shall complete them during their first year of enrollment):**

- (1) Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts - course code 502306
- (2) Influenza Training - course code 502290

**c. Enrolled Auxiliarists now (JAN 2013) have until 31 December 2016 to complete all eight of the MT courses listed above.** As each of the first six courses listed above is completed, its own five-year cycle will start. Each cycle will extend to 31 December of the fifth year regardless of the date the course was completed during the year, and so on. For example, if an Auxiliarist completes the Civil Rights Awareness course on 15 November 2013, then he/she will have to complete it again by 31 December 2018.

*Provided by Tom Mullally, DSO-MT*

**AUX DIVISION 35, DIV MEMBER TRAINING, Division Holidays, FLOTILLA ACTIVITY, PUBLIC ED, VE/BOOTHS Aug 2013 (Central Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		BCM Training @		BCM Training @ NO Division Mtg @		BCM Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
COAST GUARD	Tall Ships					
		BCM Training @		BCM Training @		Bud Billiken Parade
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Tall Ships		BCM Training @ Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	BCM Training @ Flo 3511 Mtg 1930		Chgo Air Show
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Chgo Air Show		BCM Training @ Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930 Flo 3516 Trng-		BCM Training @		BCM Training
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		BCM Training @		BCM Training @		BCM Training

**AUX DIVISION 35, DIV MEMBER TRAINING, Division Holidays, FLOTILLA ACTIVITY, PUBLIC ED, VE/BOOTHS Sep 2013 (Central Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 BCM Training @	4	5 BCM Training @ Division Mtg 1900 @	6	7 BCM Training
8	9	10 BCM Training @ Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	11 Div 35 Sox Game @ Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	12 BCM Training @	13	14 BCM Training
15	16	17 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930 Flo 3516 Trng-TBA	18	19 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	20	21
22	23 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4	5