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Chicago Memorial Day Parade

25 MAY 2013, 1000-1400 Hours

Does your Service Dress Blue uniform and combination cap still fit?

Are you looking for something purposeful to do on Saturday, 25MAY13 between 10 am and 2 pm?

Have I got a deal for you!!

Come on down to Chicago and join the Coast Guard Active Duty and Reserves marching in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade!

If you are interested in participating in this very worthwhile event, please contact **Michael Hudec** (auxboatshows@gmail.com) **right now** so he can put you on the list of participants. He will send you all the details as soon as they become available from MSU.

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**2013 Chicago In Water Boat Show** (31<sup>st</sup> Street Marina) – The District has submitted the paper work to participate in this show. We will have to wait to hear if they will again give us space. It was a huge success for us last year! Please consider participating in this show (13JUN-16JUN13, Father’s Day weekend).

## Coastie is coming to Station Calumet Harbor’s Open House on 18MAY13!!

**Are you?!**

**We need members from 10 am to 2 pm for the following tasks:**

- Human companion for Officer Snook
- Human companion for PFD Panda
- Crowd control
- Vessel exams (talk about the process, arrange for an exam)
- Public education (talk about classes, make contacts for future classes)
- Staffing the Public Affairs/Recruiting table (hand our pamphlets and answer general questions)

**Contact SO-PA Ruth Aurigemma** ([auxgirl33@gmail.com](mailto:auxgirl33@gmail.com)) **for more information or to participate.**

## Auxiliary Facilities/Drivers needed for the Coastie program

**Shipmates:**

The Coastie program has come to a critical stage in its expansion. We have trained a new group of operator who are willing to travel to most events in the Chicago area. Unfortunately, there are very few of the operators who have a vehicle with the ability to pull a light trailer (2” ball hitch). That means Coastie cannot get to events! If you want to help keep this important RBS program moving forward and have the time and a privately owned (non-corporate) vehicle with a tow package, contact **Ruth Aurigemma** ([auxgirl33@gmail.com](mailto:auxgirl33@gmail.com)) for further information on how to make your vehicle an Auxiliary Facility. For more information on the Coastie program, please go to the 9WR Coastie web page at: <http://www.cgau9wr.com/programs/coastie/index.php>

**Member Training  
Mike Scott SO-MT**

## **BOAT CAMP 2013**

Division 35 has been planning for the Boat Camp since the beginning of the year. The date is Saturday, 15 JUN (rain date one week later).

Underway training sessions are scheduled for morning and afternoon. Crews will be assigned to one of these sessions based on their experience and training. Drills will range from basic qualification skills to advanced situations.

Shore activities include training on the Coast Guard drop pump, marlinespike (knot tying), heaving lines and throw bags accuracy, navigation skills (GPS & RADAR), communications hands-on, and firefighting practice.

Participants will need to register by e-mail at [boatcamp2013@gmail.com](mailto:boatcamp2013@gmail.com). Registrants will be notified where to send \$10.00 (to cover breakfast and lunch). Payments must be received by June 1. A flyer will be distributed with more details. All participants will be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the day.

## **MORE MEMBER TRAINING**

**TRAINING RESOURCES:** Jim Bell has acquired storage at Mead Training Room to store and protect training resources. Marlinespike materials, boat models for towing arrangements, charting tools, and navigational publications are available for members to use in the training room or to check out for limited time.

**CREW TRAINING:** Flotillas are beginning to schedule Training Patrols. Patrols should be scheduled several weeks in advance, and FSO-MT will keep SO-MT posted when training patrols are scheduled. This schedule will be available to any members who desires to contact coxswains to join their patrols.

**Member Training  
(Continued)  
Mike Scott SO-MT**

**MENTOR:** Most training in the Auxiliary today is coordinated through a "mentor". A mentor is

- a member who is qualified to the level of activity desired,
- who is able and willing to guide the trainee through the necessary steps to complete qualification,
- who accepts the responsibility to help the trainee to complete the desired qualification.

A mentor must be available to the trainee when the trainee has questions and be available to provide instruction when the trainee requires it.

Mentors are assigned to trainees in most qualification processes: Boat Crew and Coxswain, Instructor, Program Visitor, and Vessel Examiner are the major programs. Because the mentor is so important to the success of training in a flotilla, mentors are assigned by Flotilla Commanders (or they may delegate this responsibility to certain staff officers).

The mentor does not need to be a member of the same flotilla, when a member in another flotilla may be more suited or more available for the trainee. When a trainee finds the mentor is not fulfilling the expectations, the trainee can ask the FC (or delegate) to assign a replacement. The trainee can always suggest who they would like for their mentor. The process is usually more productive when the trainee has identified a mentor with whom they would like to train and learn.

**FALL TRAINING:** There are two ways your help is requested:

First, the District has asked for suggestions for the training they are scheduling for the fall conference. Second, the Division has been offering weekly training opportunities in the months that we have not been busy conducting boat operations. Fall and winter months are ideal for longer, more intense training opportunities. The fellowship and hospitality provided by the members of Flotilla 35-09 continues to be unmatched anywhere the Auxiliary!

Some of the past offerings have been courses required for AUXOP (Operational Auxiliarist) member status. Other programs could include Marine Sciences, Advanced Navigation, Chart Corrections or Search Coordination and Execution training.

We need to identify desired topics now, so that instructors can be located, materials can be ordered, and classes can be scheduled. Please give some thought to the training that you would like to see offered locally and at the Fall Training Opportunity. Pass this information to your FSO-MT (Flotilla Member Training Staff Officer) who will forward it to SO-MT (Division Member Training Staff Officer).

**Navigation Systems  
Mike Scott SO-NS**

At the Ninth District Symposium (in Dearborn, MI) we learned that the Navigations Systems program is feeling the pinch of the Sequester. DSO-NS and OTO both emphasized the importance of maximizing results while minimizing expenses. Patrols have been assigned to the most economical facilities. In addition, some aids to navigation can be verified from the shore.

While three Flotillas have been assigned Aid Verifications for 2013, every Auxiliarist is encouraged to report any aids to navigation that are not operating as described in the Light List and/or Chart and Coast Pilot. Besides helping the Coast Guard maintain a safe maritime environment, you will also be earning credit (if you remember to submit the appropriate AUXDATA reports for your work.)

If you find a Discrepancy, and do not know how to report the information, contact your Flotilla Navigation Services Staff Officer (FSO-NS) or the Flotilla Operations Staff Officer (FSO-OP) for their help.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

## **What's Your PE Best Practice?**

By: Phil Aszling

What special things make your Flotilla's PE boating-safety courses extra-successful?

Perhaps you have a uniquely engaging way to conduct a pre-exam review. Or an innovative set of demonstration tools and teaching aids. Or a can't-miss strategy for publicizing your courses.

Whatever you've got, we'd like you to "take it public." For the remainder of 2013, Division 35 will be compiling a resource bank of best practices in Auxiliary public education. These resources will be posted and publicized in Division communications (like this newsletter) and available to anyone who would benefit from them.

Just how a resource will be delivered depends on its nature. A plan for a handheld model boat with working navigation lights might be disseminated as a pdf blueprint. A course review that simulates a TV game show could be available as an interactive program, over the Internet or on a CD. An addition to course content could be described in a white paper.

If you wish to contribute a resource to this bank of best practices, (and we hope you will!), please describe it to SO-PE Phil Aszling at [paszling@aol.com](mailto:paszling@aol.com). Phil will get your resource into the bank and get it out to the PE folks who'll like it and use it.

## AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING

06 June 2013

### Meeting Begins at 1900

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests
- Member Training
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- FC Reports
- Staff Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Honors & Awards Presentations
- Comments - Members and Guests
- Adjournment
- Fourth Cornerstone

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**18 May – Open House, Station Calumet Harbor  
4001 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM -- Tours, Boating Safety,  
Rescue Equipment and Coastie Demonstrations**

**18 May – 24 May National Safe Boating Week**

**06 June – Division 35 Meeting**

Division 35 meets at **1900** on the First Thursday of every month, except December, at USCG Calumet Harbor Station. Use parking across the street from the Station

**Visitors are Welcome!**

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