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## Boat Camp 2014 -- A Photographic Report

In spite of losing the participation of two facilities in the last 48 hours due to mechanical problems, over 25% of the division had fun and learned skills at Boat Camp!

### Visual Distress Signals



Alex Dolezal, Flotilla 3509 activates a hand-held flare.



Facility NU-SAR demonstrates a hand-held orange smoke flare. All of the orange powder drifted downwind and stayed off the boat.

## Fire Extinguishers



Tom Mullally, Flotilla 3507 and Jason Bogue, Flotilla 3509 provide a safety briefing to Paul Malave, FC 3506 before he attacks a fire.

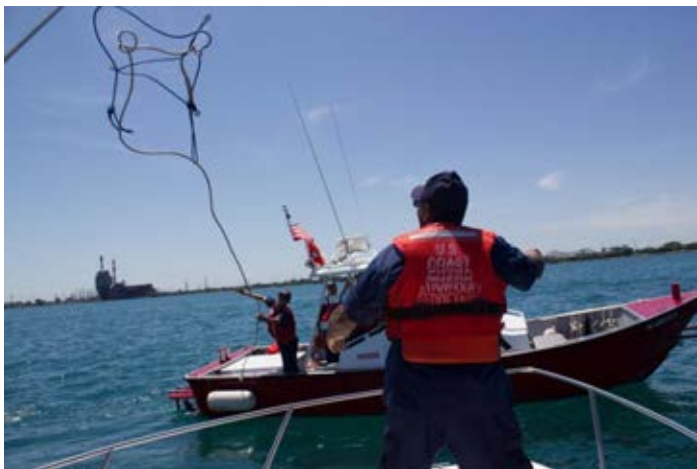


Paul Malave, FC 3506 extinguishes a pan of burning diesel fuel.

**Underway Exercises**



Facilities SAFETY CHAIN, NU-SAR, and PI-SAR moored prepared to begin exercises. Facility TYRANT is moored across the pen.



Facility PI-SAR (Jim Bell's crew) practices passing a double-legged bridle to Michael Jones, Flotilla 3511 on Facility SAFETY CHAIN.

**Damage Control Trailer**

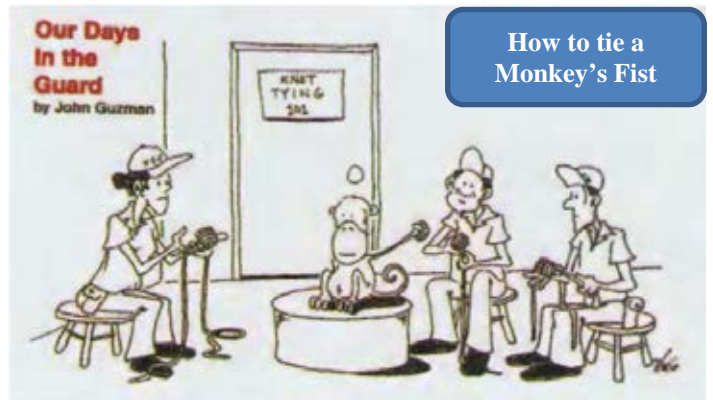


Thanks to the Engineering Department of Station Calumet Harbor, MK2 John Palmer demonstrated various casualty damage control techniques to Michael Foley, Flotilla 3512, Phil Aszling, Flotilla 3506, and others.

**Marlinespike Seamanship**



John Hopkins, VCDR 35 and Tom Mullally, DSO-MT share marlinespike techniques.



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**Fellowship**



FS2 Erica Gray (right) and Sharon Higginson, Flotilla 3509 AuxFS take a well-earned break as the crews dine.



**More Fellowship**



AuxFS Frank Lizik keeps a watchful eye on the grill.



A well-earned break for lunch and fellowship!

**Surprise for the CO**



Because our Division leadership will have to miss the Change of Command in August, Maryellen Begley, DCDR 35 took the opportunity of Boat Camp to express our appreciation to CWO4 Stevens for his support through his tour of duty.



Model of a Coast Guard RB-M presented to CWO4 Stevens from Team Coast Guard (active duty, reserves, and Auxiliary).

For a more complete photo essay of the day, go to <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/59168673/2014%20Boat%20Camp-SD%20%28480p%29.m4v>

Photos provided by Rhonda Rush, Flotilla 3506; Jim Bell, Flotilla 3509, Mike Scott, Flotilla 3512, and Brian Hinton, Flotilla 3725.



Recent C-School for Academy Introduction training; Enoch Clarke-Bey, Flotilla 3516, third from the left.

**Operations**

On two June weekends, Station Calumet Harbor conducted SAR cases where boaters died. When the Coast Guard recognized their crews would exceed fatigue limits, Division 35 was asked in the early Saturday morning hours to provide facilities to conduct search operations and SAR standby. In each case, vessels from Flotillas 3509 and 3512 responded to support Search and Rescue, with crew from Flotilla 3511 also.

Following Boat Camp, the Coast Guard asked the Division to assume all patrol responsibility for the Dragon Boat Races at Ping Tom Park on the Chicago River to release active duty and reserve boat crews for Operation Dry Water.

The four facilities from Boat Camp responded in two shifts: TYRANT and SAFETY CHAIN took the patrol from 0700-1200 (underway at 0530!), and PI-SAR and NU-SAR took the patrol from 1200-1700.



Mike Haley, Flotilla 3708 watches for debris in the river on patrol on TYRANT.



PI-SAR on patrol at the north end of the event.



Mike Jones, Flotilla 3511; John Hopkins, Flotilla 3509; and Maryellen Begley, Flotilla 3512 transit the Chicago Lock on SAFETY CHAIN.



A dragon boat prepares to line up for the next race.



NU-SAR transits the Chicago River for Dragon Boat Races.

Photos provided by Brian Hinton, Flotilla 3725 and Mike Scott, Flotilla 3512.

**Coming in JULY:**  
No patrols have been requested for July Fourth fireworks.

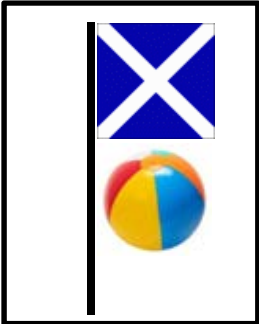


Saturday, 19 July is the start of the Mackinac Race. No information is yet available about a visiting cutter.



**Nautical Communications**

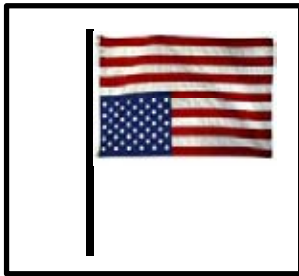
During the Signals Challenge at Boat Camp, two of the most missed signals were International Distress Signals.



Annex IV – Distress Signals includes:

A signal consisting of a square flag having above or below it a ball or anything resembling a ball

How many of our lookouts (or coxswains) would recognize this signal if they saw it?



Flying the U.S. flag upside down may be a distress signal in the National Flag Code --- but if you consider how many countries have national flags that are identical when right-side up and upside-down, it

becomes obvious why inverting a national flag cannot be an International distress signal.



France



Italy



Israel



Japan



United Kingdom



Denmark

Did you notice the United Kingdom flag above is flying upside down? (For that matter, all the other flags *could* be upside down.)

**Member Training – Boat Crew Training**



Jason Bogue, Flotilla 3509 passes a towline to Gail Raith, Flotilla 3906.



Jason Bogue masters the position of Tow Watch as the crew of PI-SAR prepares to transition Facility NU-SAR to a side tow.



Jim Bell, FC 3509 demonstrates to Jason Bogue, the importance of keeping hands clear when securing a line to a bitt.

Photos submitted by Mike Scott, SO-MT 35.

**Public Education**

OK Guys

Here is the story on this “Boating Fun” PE Program!! Last week I went in and gave the program to roughly 45 children at a Daycare/School. I had a captive audience which always helps and prefer!! The Teachers of the school were engaged and helpful and happy to have someone else come in and tell them about Boating/Water safety!! Ran 3 classes of various age groups and had a ball doing the Hypothermia, hand on (or in this case hands down ) ice cube bath, as well as Life Jacket test, and finished off with the fishing pond with a pole Q&A time where a correct answer got you a trip to the pond (Located just behind the instructor ( the Nemo looking blue trifold cardboard) where we had one of the teachers putting chochke things on the cloths pin hook and retrieved!!

About 45 minutes per class and if it saves a life it’s well worth the time invested!! I am hoping this program takes off in a big way as there are lots of eager students out there who like to have fun learning life saving skills!!

**John Hoppy Hopkins**

Division 35 Vice Commander



July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4 July Fourth	5
6	7	8 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	9	10 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	11	12
13	14	15 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	16	17 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	18	19 Mackinac Race Start
20	21	22 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 COAST GUARD	5	6	7 Division Mtg 1900 @	8	9
10	11	12 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	13	14 Chicago Air Show Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	15	16 Flo 3501 ABS @
17 Chicago Air Show	18	19 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	20	21 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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