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DIVISION COMMANDER

Maryellen Begley

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER

John Hopkins

November, 2014

Report from the Division Meeting

Congratulations to Maryellen Begley and John Hopkins who were reelected (unopposed) as Division Commander and Vice Commander, respectively.



CWO Phillip Robinson attended the meeting and requested that we develop a binder of Auxiliary resources that are available to his crew. This will focus of occupational services and hobbies

that can be available at no cost to personnel, or available for references. Some of the typical services he had available at his previous unit included: attorneys/legal services, home repairs, doctors/medical professionals, insurance, real estate, money/finances/investments/bankers, photographers, landscapers, teachers, etc. There is no limit to the services that might be appreciated by our servicemen.

Please consider what you might be able to offer to our active duty friends and send your information (name, member number, and occupation/services available) to Michael Scott at 09535.makingway@gmail.com. I will begin compiling the information into binder or file for use at the station. Thank you!

Chicago River Emphasis Plans

At the District conference in Lisle, we repeatedly heard the importance of reaching out to *paddlecraft* with our safety efforts. CWO Robinson had challenged Division 35 to participate with the efforts on the rivers, where we see a growing presence of kayaks and canoes. The City of Chicago is encouraging developers to rent paddlecraft, electric

boats, and small pontoon boats. The renters do not always have the knowledge needed to stay out of trouble.

This project is going to require “all-hands” to accomplish it successfully. Phil Aszling, SO-PE 35 will be looking for locations and instructors to present a regular rotation of ABS classes throughout the spring and summer months.

Jennifer Hampton, SO-VE 35 will be working with Nevin Hofing (Flo 3512) who has completed over 250 paddlecraft VSCs each of the past two years, to increase the number of vessels we reach.

Jim Bell, SO-OP 35 will coordinate patrol activities to increase our presence on the Chicago River.

Program visitors will be encouraged to distribute literature specifically for paddlecraft operators in locations that may reach our target group.

We have a lot of work to organize and coordinate over the winter months. Share your ideas with your Flotilla leadership, so they can take them to Division.

Information Systems

As always, awards will be based on information that is recorded in the computer before a deadline. This year, the cut-off is 12DEC14 – so your Flotilla IS Staff Officer will want any of your outstanding reports by the end of November. Please remember – your IS officers have a life outside the Auxiliary, too!

If you are late getting reports into your staff, you will eventually get credit for your work ... but you may miss out on recognition that you have earned. Don't cheat yourself our leaders are anxious to thank you for your service!!!

PE at D-TRAIN: Questions and Challenges

By Phil Aszling SO-PE

The Public Education session at last month's D-TRAIN in Lisle updated attendees on several continuing trends and projects. The main message: challenges have emerged; questions remain. To summarize:

- The new mandatory boater-education law in Illinois will expand the market for Auxiliary courses, but no one can put a number on that. This "progressive" law affects a new and theoretically larger age group each year: anyone under 18 on 1JAN2016; under 19 the next year later ... etc. How many in this group will tend toward taking our ABS course? Much depends on the anticipated proliferation of online safety courses.
- In competing with online products what "unique selling proposition" can we offer for our classroom ABS? If we charge \$30, we can compete with IL DNR on price, because they charge online students that much for taking the final exam and getting the state card. But can we sell "live" interactive instruction from experienced boaters against the convenience of "learning at home"?
- The Auxiliary continues to develop its own online basic course, but it's not clear how close to launch that product might be. The developers are looking at a course that combines online learning with classroom reinforcement. Great idea! How much of the former; how much of the latter? How would course charges be assessed and distributed?
- Few Flotillas conduct Paddlesports America. Two problems: not many paddlers in our Flotillas, and we can't instruct on the water (for insurance reasons). National is exploring co-teaching with groups such as the American Canoe Association. Again, how to apportion fees? Also, our own canoeist Dave Bickel of 35-06 simulates on-the-water realities very effectively in class using inflated tire inner tubes and dollies with casters.

- The planned expansion of boat-rental facilities on the Chicago River challenges the Auxiliary to offer boating-safety training to potentially large markets on a continuing basis. Currently the division of responsibility between rental-boat owners and the renting public is not clear. Will renters be required to show boater-education cards? If not, what responsibility do owners bear? And can we tailor training to *their* needs?

Many questions, seeking answers!

"Fox Hunting" – Nautical Style

Members of the Amateur Radio community (aka "HAMS" have long enjoyed searching for radio stations (stationary or mobile) in a sport referred to *fox hunting*. Just as members of the Auxiliary enjoy developing specialized equipment and techniques for our endeavors, these radio enthusiasts have developed specialized equipment and procedures to find elusive transmitters.

This can be useful in the marine environment. Have you ever heard a microphone accidentally keyed on the Distress channel? Other people yell at the offender, not realizing their comments will not be heard as long as the offending radio is transmitting. How do we identify the transmitting radio to clear Channel 16? Or, what about the *joker* who likes to abuse the Calling Frequency by conducting a prolonged conversation with his buddies? Worst of all is the malicious hoax that likes to see boats race by with blue lights and sirens, when there is no distress.

Sophisticated and expensive equipment can be used to find these stations, but a hand-held radio can often have the same results. Check back in future issues for details.



Member Training – Patrols Class again Offered by Division 39

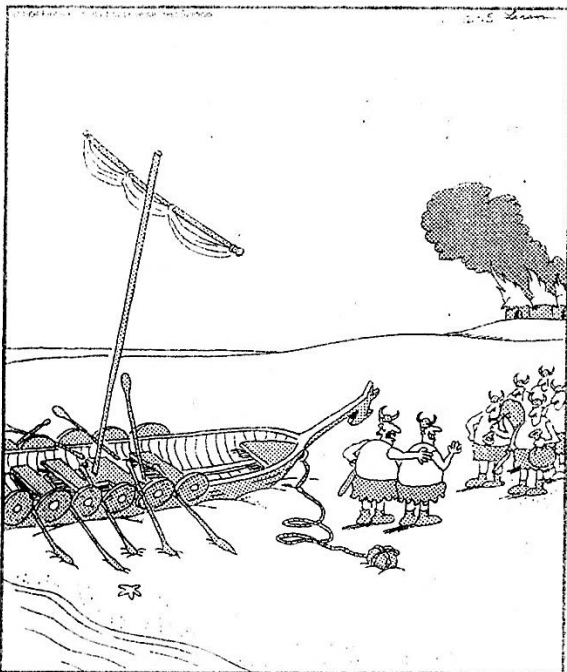
Division 39 will present the Patrols Class on two consecutive Thursday evenings Nov. 6 and 13, at Niles West High School in Skokie. The Thursday evening course will be held from 1630-2130 (6:30 pm until 9:30 pm)

Members can still register for this course. To sign up for the WEBEX, have them e-mail me at uphigh63@aol.com Any Auxiliary member who has high speed internet can sign up for this class.

Regards, Bob Allen

Weather class is in progress each Saturday at Mead. Advanced Coastal Navigation begins DEC 20. Don't end up like "Sven" in the 1994 cartoon below! Order your study materials and charting tools early.

THE FAR SIDE



"Everyone can just put down their loot and plunder, and Sven here — yes, old Sven, who was in charge of reading the tide chart — has something to say to us all."

It is my job as an old firefighter to teach young firefighters how to become old firefighters.

An insightful line from a recent TV episode of "Chicago Fire", after an experienced FFT pushed a candidate through a tough training exercise. (Replace "firefighter" with "seaman" for our situations.) Stay safe!

Information from VE Staff and DIRAUX

Please see the note below from our DIRAUX regarding a reminder to stress Hunting Safety, as appropriate, when engaging boaters. This is a season where there are many hunting fatalities and we are uniquely positioned to have a positive impact on this trend.

If you are not versed on these issues, please take a look at this excellent reference from the US Army Corps of Engineers, which is very informative on the issues and will enable you to educate boaters on the topic:

http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/PressKit_HuntersAnglers.pdf

I also highly recommend working with your Materials and Vessel Exams staff officers to order and carry the ANSC # 3031 "SAFE BOATING TIPS FOR ANGLERS, HUNTERS & CAMPERS" brochure. It is a great high level resource for this segment of our boating community and even one for the general boating community:

<http://www.usbi.org/AnglersMaster2009.pdf>

In a message dated 10/21/2014 2:14:01 P.M. Central Standard Time, Nathan.A.Podoll wrote:

Good Day, Commodores;

This happened outside D9, but there are many duck hunters on the Great Lakes too. A tragic loss of life, young and old - in two separate cases on Lake Parley which could have been prevented by wearing life jackets.

Please pass this on to those doing outreach right now as a timely story to share.

2 dead in boating accidents on Parley Lake

http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2014/10/18/child-duck-hunting-with-father-drowns/17505037/?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=kare/home

10-17-14 - Laketown Township, MN

It was a dangerous 24 hours on a lake west of the metro. A 6-year-old boy drowned in Lake Parley on Friday, and a 60-year-old man drowned in the same lake on Saturday. Authorities say preliminary

information indicates Hunter Andrew Heyrman, 6, of St. Bonifacious, was duck hunting with his father Friday morning when the boat he was in by himself drifted away from the dock. Hunter's father, Chad Heyrman, told investigators that he tried to swim after the boat and retrieve it, but was unsuccessful. The boat was located a short time later, and Hunter was no longer in it. Authorities found the boy in the water and rescuers began CPR. He was taken to Ridgeview Hospital in Waconia where he was pronounced dead. Police say the boy was not wearing a life jacket, and Carver County Chief Deputy Jason Kamerud said this is an unfortunate reminder to use caution. "This time of year the cold water can be dangerous. Wear a life jacket and be safe while enjoying the outdoors," he said. Less than 24-hours after the child drowned, officials with the Carver County Sheriff's Office say a 60-year-old man who was duck hunting on the same lake fell into the water. Authorities say Dean William Buetow was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center where he later died. Officials don't believe he was wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident.

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Some things never seem to change:

Many years ago, a Director of Auxiliary speaking at a District Conference related a air flight he took. While he was seated in the aircraft, he commonly would take the opportunity to discuss boating safety with passengers near him.

When he would ask his neighbors if they were boaters, the most frequent response was "No" ... but they would often go on to acknowledge that they were hunters, or fishermen, SCUBA divers, or water skiers. These people all used boats in their pursuits, but they did not consider themselves *boaters*.

The morale of the story was that many *boaters* don't recognize themselves. Our challenge includes helping these people identify the importance of staying safe to and from their primary endeavors.

Public Affairs

Over 9-10 OCT, David Bickel (Flo 3506) and David Mosca (Flo 3509) assisted ME2 Tony Emanuele from the Chicago Recruiters Office at 37th Annual Chemical Industry Council of Illinois (CICI) Career Conference in Chicago.

Questions from the students ranged from requirements to enlist in the Coast Guard, to nautical protocol, requirements to qualify as an officer, and how Coast Guard activities relate to oil spills and the marine environment.



Support Our Military At Holidays

As a young Auxiliarist, my first flotilla (22-18, Des Plaines) would collect home-baked Christmas goodies at our December meeting and distribute them to the local Coast Guard units (Station Wilmette, Air Station Chicago, and Station Calumet Harbor). Later, the “left-overs” from the flotilla party would be distributed. (Those of us with no cooking skills would find the best bakery in town to supplement the home cooking.)

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, many Auxiliarists have extended invitations to Coast Guard personnel who did not have family in the vicinity to join a family to watch football and eat “turkey”. (Note: The FS staff at Calumet look after their crew extremely well – this can be more valuable where units do not have cooks attached.) The U.S. Navy Recruit Command at Great Lakes has a similar program – one year my family hosted the son of a retired USCG BMC for Thanksgiving.

If you want to offer something special to Station Calumet, please coordinate with our division elected officers (Maryellen Begley and John Hopkins) to best identify the needs and opportunities.

Don’t forget to honor the other branches of the military that are serving our country, too.



Some More Generic Opportunities to Consider

Local American Legion Posts and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts frequently will sponsor local projects to support deployed members from their communities, especially when a National Guard or Reserve unit has been based in their area.

The U.S. Red Cross is sponsoring a Mail for Heroes project to deliver holiday cards to injured military back in the States.

<http://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes>

The USO supports military in many ways: entertainment, deployed servicemen, family support, recovery support, holiday packages, and support for families of fallen servicemen.

<http://www.uso.org/uso-holiday-boxes/>

Kim Komando is a talk show host who is promoting a project to send packages to military. She pointed out that mail would no longer be accepted addressed “To Any Serviceman”, so her broadcast through the Armed Forces Broadcast Network collects addresses to support. <http://www.komando.com/operation-komando/send-a-package>

Amazon is selling prepackaged boxes of “goodies” to send to deployed individuals and units that you may identify.

Fantastic bargains are available at “warehouse clubs” like Costco and Sam’s Club when you buy in quantity. A box of 30 pouches of cookies, crackers, or candy costs about \$10. If each member of a flotilla donated a box, a healthy variety of goodies could be assembled for a number of military families.

Change of Watch Door Prizes

This year, flotillas are supporting the attendance of active duty members instead of purchasing door prizes.

Any member who would like to donate a door prize (suggested value around \$25) is encouraged to contact the Change of Watch Committee (Ruth Aurigemma, Maryellen Begley, and David Mosca) with their contribution.

USCG Station Calumet Harbor 4th Annual Chili Cook Off



Time: 1200-1600
SET UP BY: 1145

Date: 11/23/2014

JOIN THE STATION CREW AND GUESTS AT STATION CALUMET HARBOR
FOR THE 4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF .

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd 2014.

UNIQUE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED & AWARDED TO THE TOP 4 CHILI'S.

* CONDIMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED *

** RULES: **

1. ALL ENTRIES MUST OF COURSE CONTAIN CHILI POWDER OR ITS PRIMAL COMPONENTS.
- 2.. ALL SUBMITTED CHILIS MUST ARRIVE READY TO SERVE AND KEPT AT PROPER HEATING TEMPERATURES . (THEY WILL BE CHECKED)
3. ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE SERVING UTENSILS.

* POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT: FS2 MELISSA WETENKAMP

Melissa.m.wetenkamp@uscg.mil (920) 242-8630



**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY**

Ninth Western Region

Division 35, Calumet Harbor

Change of Watch & Awards Banquet

January 11, 2015

1400 – 1800 Hours

DINNER with Cash Bar

Cocktails at 1400 (2:00 pm) and Dinner at 1500 (3:00 pm)

Whiting Elks Lodge #1273, 1521 119th St., Whiting, IN 46394

Please attend and help thank the past Division elected and appointed officers from 2014 and swear-in the new officers for 2015.

Celebrate with Division 35 - Awards, Door Prizes and, of course, FELLOWSHIP.

Uniform of the Day: Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire
(Men – collared shirt, slacks)

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Please detach and mail with payment.

Respond with your payment postmarked no later than December 20, 2014

CHECKS ONLY

No sales at the door.

Reservation form

Name- First Last		Make Check Payable To: Division 35 9WR USCG AUX Mail To: Division 35 COW 836A S. Arlington Hts Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Home Address		
City, State zip		
Division/Flotilla #		
Number Attending: _____ X \$28.00 = \$		
Questions? Please contact Ruth Aurigemma, 630-886-7243 Auxgirl33@gmail.com		

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1 MT: Weather @
2 Daylight Saving	3	4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 MT: Weather @
9	10	11 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @ Veterans Day	12	13 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	14	15 MT: Weather @
16	17	18 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	19	20 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	21	22 MT: Weather @
23 USCG Chili Cook-Off	24	25 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 MT: Weather @
30	1	2	3	4 Division Mtg 1900 @	5	6 MT: Weather @

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4 Division Mtg 1900 @	5	6 MT: Weather @
7	8	9 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	10	11 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	12	13 MT: Weather @
14	15 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	16	17 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	18	19	20 MT: Navigation @
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 MT: Navigation @
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 Division Mtg 1900 @ New Year's Day	2	3 MT: Navigation @