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DIVISION COMMANDER
Melvyn Marcus

DIVISION VICE COMMANDER
Jen Hampton

December 2016

Division 35 Leadership Election

The Division 35 leadership election was held at the November meeting. Congratulations to Jennifer Hampton, Division Commander, and Jim Bell, Division Vice Commander. They look forward to a successful 2017.

Awards

Letter of Appreciation to members that did the Honor roll for the two Commodores that we lost this year: Tryonne Treatt, Enoch Clarke-Bay, Sylvia Gonzalez, Louis Gonzalez, Robert Higginson, Joshua Zajac, Jason Bogue, Rick Tamraz, Shelley Markle, Gary Markle, Rudy Lyles, Keith Destree, Ruth Aurigemma, Maryellen Begley, and Tom Mullally.

The following awards were distributed at the November meeting for presentation to members with distinguished service records. **Aux Vessel and Public Visitation:** John Hopkins. **Public Education:** Gary Markle, **Member Service Award:** Phyllis Gray, Matthew Braun, Stephanie Kosinski, Mathew Kosinski, Paul Malave. **Certificate of Achievement:** Antonio Carrico. **Congratulations to Jim Bell for 393 operational hours!**

Division 35 Change of Watch

From the COW Committee: John Hopkins Chair: Jim Kaspar, Gary Markle, and David Bickle.

The COW will be Sunday, **January 22, 2017** 1300-1700.

Menu (Family Style):

Soup, 3 meats, (chicken, pork, and Italian sausage), mostaciolli, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

Beverages: Ice tea, coffee, and sodas.

Cash Bar will be available.

Location: Glenwood Oaks Chop and Steak House, 106 N Main St. Glenwood, IL. Price \$25
This is quite a bargain - great food!!!
Please mark your calendars for this important event. A flyer with mail-in registration form is provided with this newsletter issue.



NEW AUXWEA SPECIALTY COURSE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The new AUXWEA (Weather) Specialty Course is here! As of November 2016, the new AUXWEA student study guide and power point slides will be posted on the AUXOP web portal at this link:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=TDEPT&category=auxwea>

For this new course only study guides and slides from the AUXOP portal are to be used. Existing hard copy material, including AUXWEA exams, will be obsolete once the new material is posted. New AUXWEA exams are to be taken on the National Testing Center (NTC) website at this link: <http://ntc.cgaux.org/>

MANDATED TRAINING: NEW AUX CLASSROOM COURSE HAS BEEN ADDED

A new AUXCLASSROOM Course is now available for your Mandated Training (AUXMT). This site provides an intuitive interface and guide to the 10 courses including the two FEMA courses.

The basic course material has not been changed but introductory material for each course has been added. It can be reached at the link below. You will need to login with your member ID and your password.

<http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=87>

UPDATE: WIDESPREAD ENTHUSIASM FOR THE BASIC QUALIFICATION COURSE (BQC II)

The BQC II course is finding rapid acceptance and has received rave reviews. As many current BQ/AX members have taken the course as AP/IQ members because everybody can learn something from this course.

A current District Commodore comments on the course: "I have now completed the BCQII

Course. Great course and I learned new things as well."

A DSOHR and VFC says: "I took the BQC II classes yesterday, actually I took all 7 yesterday, and those are some good classes. I think this will be a great way to get a new member into the loop of learning about the history and current activities of the Aux."

You can find the BQC II Course in AUXCLASSROOM at this link:

<http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=92>

You will need to login with your member ID and your password.

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AUXCOM - the Auxiliary Operations Specialty Course in Communications

An AUXCOM classroom course is currently underway on Saturdays in December at the West Rock CG Auxiliary Training Center beginning on 26 November. This course is taught by Mike Vannier and Mel Marcus.

AUXCOM is an operational specialty course required for members working to attain AUXOP status.

Please RSVP to Jim Bell, SO-MT for Division 35 (jimlbell113@gmail.com) by Thursday prior to any training session so we can develop a head count for seating & food.

Telecommunications Operator (TCO) Course

On Saturday, 19 November more than a dozen auxiliaries were able to complete the Telecommunications Operators (TCO) qualification process at the West Rock CG Auxiliary training facility. All operators of CG Auxiliary fixed land and land mobile radios must be certified as TCO, except for those members who completed AUXCOM prior to 1 August 2008.



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NATIONAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS QUALIFICATION (TCO)**



Mike Wiedel (left) and George Bores (right) teaching the TCO course at the WestRock training center.

This course was taught by guest experts George Bores ADSO-CM from Flotilla 43-01 and Mike Wiedel from Flotilla 41-05 DSO-CM. Both are from Milwaukee.

We are very grateful to our Milwaukee colleagues for presenting an interesting and successful course in telecommunications.

SKYWARN – Weather Spotter Training

SKYWARN, a program of the National Weather Service, includes thousands of volunteer storm spotters who serve as a first line of defense against severe weather. Auxiliaries can bring great resources to storm spotting, including an established communications system that can function in an emergency, a pool of volunteers willing to be trained, a history of public service, and expertise beyond many other groups.

Storm Spotting is a valuable skill for the Auxiliary who volunteers as a trained storm spotter. This lecture includes information on resources, training, equipment, safety, storm spotter activation procedures, reportable weather criteria, participating a local storm spotter team, and the experiences of storm spotters from around the country. It also provides some meteorological information about severe weather such as hurricanes, tornadoes, thunderstorms, winter weather, floods, dust storms, and nor'easters.

Dave Bukowski, N9KPD, from the College of DuPage NeXt Generation Weather Lab (<http://weather.cod.edu/>) is a certified SKYWARN instructor. Dave will present the SKYWARN

system with numerous examples of severe weather in our area. This information is of great interest to Auxiliaries.

This presentation will be held on Saturday 3 December at the West Rock CG Auxiliary Training Center in Chicago.

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New International Distress Signals

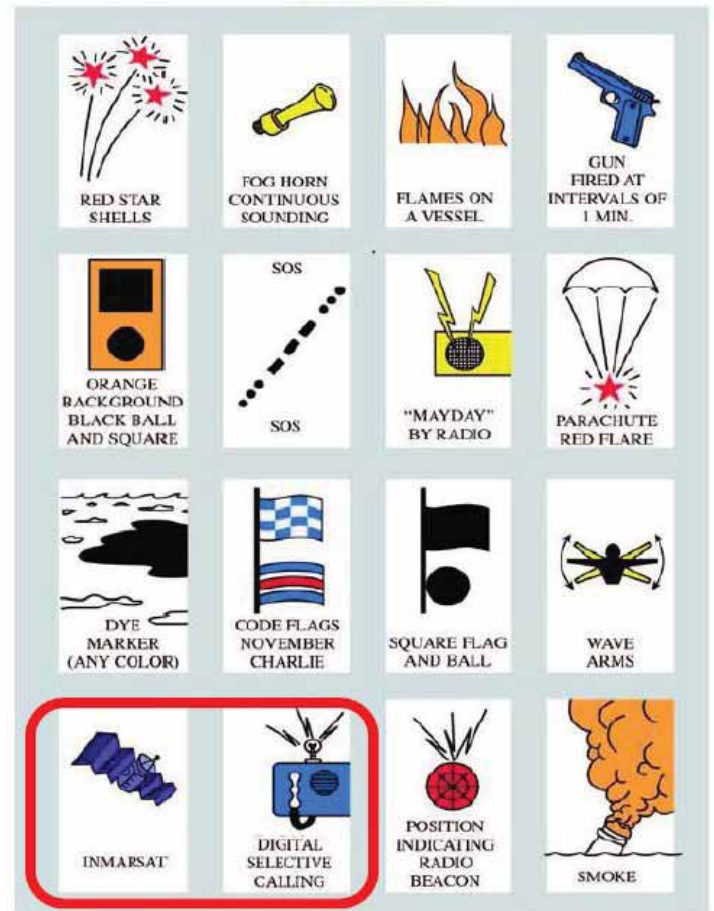
A recent change to the Navigation Rules removed the Radio Telegraph Alarm and Radio Telephone Alarm from international distress signals.

In their place, two new distress signals are recognized:

- A distress alert by means of digital selective calling (DSC) transmitted on: (i) VHF channel 70, or (ii) MF/HF on the frequencies 2187.5 kHz, 8414.5 kHz, 4207.5 kHz, 6312 kHz, 12577 kHz or 16804.5 kHz; and
- A ship-to-shore distress alert transmitted by the ship's Inmarsat or other mobile satellite service provider ship earth station.

Inmarsat is the leader in global mobile satellite communications. Thousands of vessels rely on our unrivalled end-to-end service availability and coverage for operational communications and safety services.

<http://www.inmarsat.com/maritime/>



W9C – Special Event Station commemorating the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary’s 77th anniversary

We operated “Whiskey Niner Charlie”, W9C a special event amateur radio station on Saturday October 22, 2016 at USCG Station Calumet Harbor. We operated on amateur H.F. frequencies to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This annual event, involving 20 CG Aux stations nationwide, gave us the opportunity to exercise our capabilities while demonstrating our skills to a wide and diverse audience.



John “Hoppy” Hopkins from the USCG Auxiliary welcomes Don Pointer (KC9EQQ), President of Hamfesters, to the USCG Station Calumet Harbor on the 77th anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary special event.



Hamfesters (W9AA) communications trailer

This station used a communications trailer and was staffed with guest operators from the Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club in Crestwood, IL (W9AA). The event was a great success with fine weather and warm hospitality from the uniformed Coast Guard personnel. A certificate of appreciation from the USCG Auxiliary Division 35 for support of this event was presented to the Hamfesters club at their November monthly meeting..



Ham Radio License in a Day



Brian Davis, W9HLQ lecturing on ham radio to a classroom filled with Coast Guard Auxiliary members. The only light available was from the window in the classroom, since the power was out for an hour while Brian was presenting. Nothing stops him!

Amateur radio is increasingly popular in the U.S. since the Morse code requirement was eliminated. Many first responders, mariners, and Coast Guard Auxiliary members have ham radio licenses. In cooperation with the Hamfesters W9AA amateur radio club, a one day course on the essential information needed to pass the initial (e.g., Technician Class) ham radio license test was presented on 12 November 2016.

This course was held at the West Rock USCG Auxiliary Training Center in Chicago. A syllabus and links to online audio and video presentations were provided beforehand. The all-day class taught by senior ham radio operators, led by Brian Davis W9HLQ from Hamfesters.

About 1 hour into the course, we heard that the electrical power would be turned off for about an hour. This didn't stop Brian who continued his presentation without PowerPoint slides or electricity. We were all amazed by his poise and stamina. At the end of the class, a testing session was provided by a group of volunteer examiners, led by Al Bukowski, N9ZD. All six students that took the 35 question multiple choice Technician license test passed and have been issued new

licenses. Several other students in the class are continuing their studies and plan to take the exam later.

Brian W9HLQ was assisted by other Hamfesters members, including Mel Marcus K9ZAV, Pete Peterson K9OWQ, and Mike Vannier N9NNL.

A ham radio license can be a useful complement to the USCG Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator qualification standard, Watchstander requirements, and for the AUXCOM program (a separate course on Auxiliary Communications).

Despite the temporary loss of power and the long day, the event was a great success. We welcome our six new colleagues to amateur radio:

Jeff Bailey, KD9HKQ

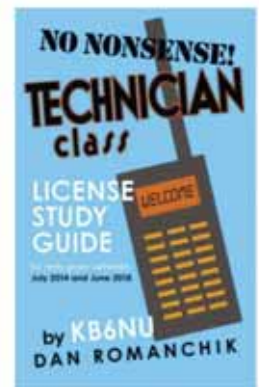
Jen Hampton, KD9HKR

Sally Stelnicki, KD9HKP

Dean Christy, KD9HKT

Nick Christy, KD9HKS

Jim Bell, KD9HLA



2016/17 Training Schedule Division 35

Date	Training Topics	Location		
			Location: West Rock Warehouse Training Room Building 8, 1450 East 98th Street, Chicago, Illinois.	
3-Dec	Skywarn Weather	9 AM -2 PM		West Rock
10-Dec	Aux Comm	10 am-2 PM		West Rock
17-Dec	Aux Comm	10 am-2 PM		West Rock
			Times: Refreshments available 0930 Training Begins 1000 Buffet lunch available (requested donation \$6)	

[Please visit the Division 35 Member Training Page for further information...](#)

Division 35 Calendar

AUX DIVISION 35

Today ◀ ▶ December 2016 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Division Mtg ↓	2	3 SKYWARN training West Rock Training Center
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Aux Comm West Rock Training Center
11	12	13 Flo 35-1 Mtg Flo 35-7 Mtg	14 Flo 35-9 Mtg	15 Flo 3511 Mtg	16	17 Aux Comm West Rock Training Center
18	19 6pm Detachme	20 Flo 3512 Mtg Flo 3516 Mtg	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Day 6:30pm 35-06 n	27 7pm Flo 35-6 M	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Events shown in time zone: Central Time
 Google Calendar



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Ninth Western Region

Division 35, Calumet Harbor

Change of Watch & Awards Banquet

January 22, 2017

1300 – 1700 Hours

DINNER (family style) with Cash Bar

Cocktails at 1300 (1:00 pm) and Dinner at 1430 (2:30 pm)

Glenwood Oaks Rib & Chop House

106 N. Main St Glenwood IL. 60425 // 708-758-4400

Please attend and help thank the past Division elected and appointed officers from 2016 and swear-in the new officers for 2017.

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

Uniform of the Day: Service Dress Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire
(Men – suit and tie)

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Please detach and mail with payment.

Respond with your payment postmarked no later than December 30, 2016

CHECKS ONLY

No sales at the door.

Reservation form

Name- First Last		Make Check Payable To: Division 35 9NR USCG AUX Mail To: Division 35 COMF 836A S. Arlington Hts Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Home Address		
City, State zip		
Division/Flotilla #		
Number Attending: _____ X \$25.00 = \$		
Questions? Please contact John Hoppy Hopkins 219-406-8048 or Auxgirl33@gmail.com		



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Jackson Park, Illinois

Originally- Station Chicago

USLSS Station #11, Eleventh District
Coast Guard Station #279

Location:	In Jackson Park, Chicago, on west side of Yacht Harbor, 7 7/8 miles south by east of Chicago Harbor Light, and 2 3/8 miles west by south of Hyde Park Crib Light.
Date of Conveyance	1892
Station Built:	1892
Fate:	Turned over to GSA in 1963.

Station Chicago / Jackson Park:

Station was originally named Chicago and located on south side entrance to Chicago River, at north end of main inner breakwater, about 7 miles south by east of Chicago River Light, Lake Michigan. A new location was acquired in 1904.

Coast Guard Lifeboat Station Jackson Park in Chicago, Illinois was established in 1890. On January 20, 1904 and ordinance was passed by the South Park Commissioners to erect a new station at a different site. That new station was operational in 1905. The station was disestablished on July 1, 1963. The property was disposed of in March 1964 by a Quitclaim Deed to the Chicago Park District.

Keepers:

John Taylor was appointed keeper on 28 JUL 1876 and left in 1878(?)

Telesford St. Peter was appointed keeper on 17 JUL 1878 and transferred to Station Ludington on 15 MAR 1893.

Charles Tufts was appointed keeper on 25 FEB 1893 and transferred to Station Ludington on 16 NOV 1893.

Telesford St. Peter was reappointed keeper on 16 NOV 1893 and transferred to Station North Manitou on 6 DEC 1899.

William L. Andres was appointed keeper on 6 DEC 1899 and resigned on 15 APR 1902.

Henry Sinnigen was appointed keeper on 14 MAY 1902 and was still serving in 1915.

Sources:

Station History File, CG Historian's Office

Dennis L. Noble & Michael S. Raynes. "Register of the Stations and Keepers of the U.S. Life-Saving Service." Unpublished manuscript, compiled circa 1977, CG Historian's Office collection.

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U.S. Treasury Department: Coast Guard. *Register of the Commissioned and Warrant Officers and Cadets and Ships and Stations of the United States Coast Guard, July 1, 1941*. Washington, DC: USGPO, 1941.





U.S. Coast Guard Station, Jackson Park, Chicago in 1914.

Description from the back of postcard: Jackson Park is located on the south side, extending 1 1/8 miles along Lake Michigan from 56th to 67th Streets. It has a total area of 543 acres. It contains nearly 8 miles of drives, numerous walks and bridle paths, 107 acres of artificial lakes, and 15,315 square yards of out-door gymnasiums. It is the site of the World's Columbian Exposition and contains a number of its landmarks, among them the Old Field Museum of Natural History.

This station was closed in 1963 and the site transferred to the Chicago Park District.

Coast Guard Station Will Be Closed

Park District to Reclaim Property

The wrecker's iron ball is striking down south side landmarks almost daily. Residents may have feared that another well-known sight would vanish when they read the announcement that the coast guard's Jackson park lifeboat station—established in 1902—would be closed as of tomorrow.

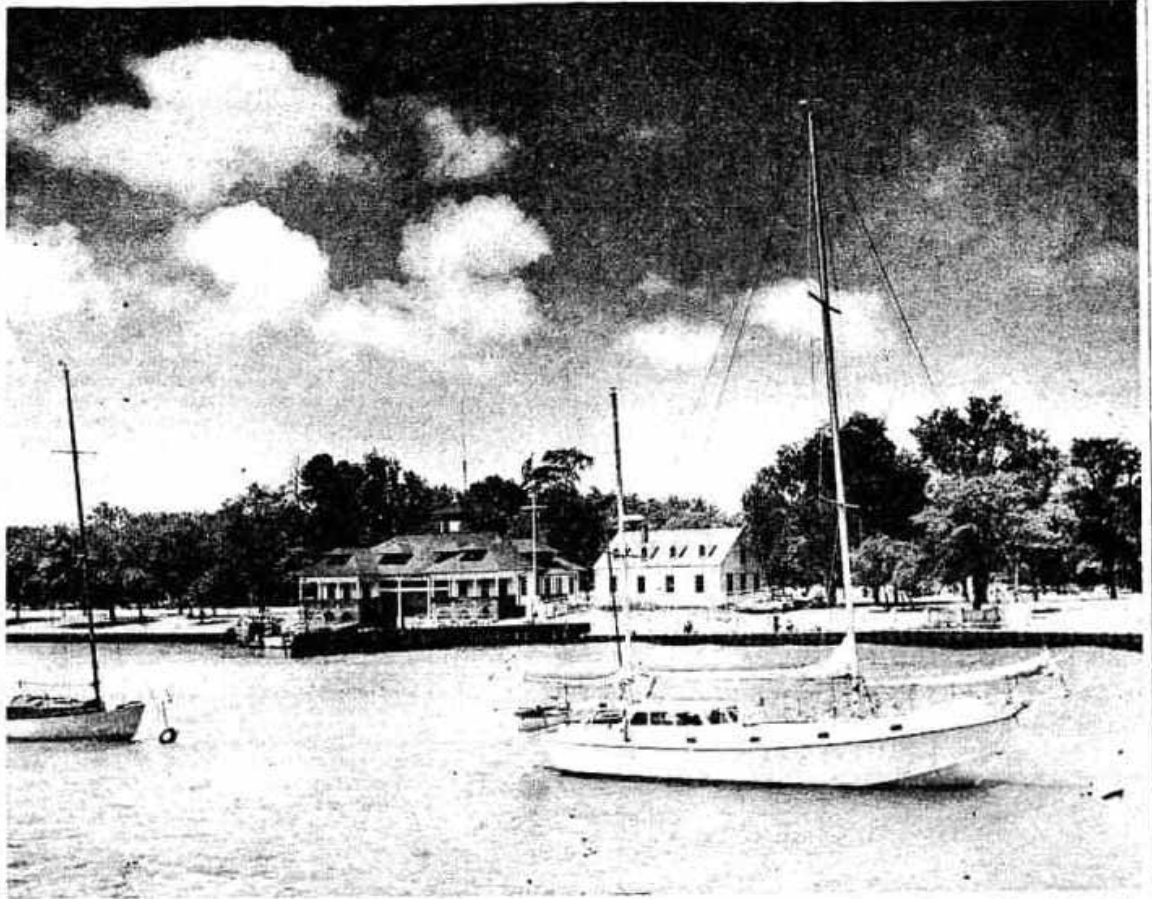
The familiar building will not be torn down, however. It will simply change hands. The land, which the coast guard has been leasing from the park district, will be reclaimed by the district. The building will fit into the park district's scheme of operations.

Cites "Real Need"

"Back in the early days, there was a real need for the station," said Chief Warrant Officer Robert Ashton, executive officer of the coast guard's Group Chicago, which controls stations from South Haven, Mich., to Waukegan.

"In 1902, you had to walk the beaches to spot an accident," he said. "Now, accidents on the lake often are spotted by planes. We also get 'help'—the kind we don't need or want—from the high rise apartment dwellers. Some of them call every time they look out the window. When there is an accident, however, we know about it before they do."

The Jackson park crew came closest to fame in 1915 when it assisted in picking up bodies from the Chicago river after the steamer Eastland capsized. The Jackson park group picked up 15 bodies.



Jackson park lifeboat station of U. S. coast guard, a landmark near entrance to Jackson park harbor for 61 years, will be closed tomorrow. Building, erected in 1902, and land will be turned over to Chicago Park district.

