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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9TH WR
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WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2018 – 19:00 (7:00 pm CST)

Des Plaines Park District Prairie Lakes
515 East Wolf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

AGENDA:
END-OF-YEAR FELLOWSHIP



Arrr! A Pyrate Feast!
(From Bob Bitchin's Cruising Outpost website)

OUR NEXT MEETING

There's no business like no business. After the briefest possible meeting, we will enjoy a potluck dinner and fellowship. Bring two things: A dish to share with your fellow 39-02 members, and something for Station Wilmette.

OUR LAST MEETING

After a presentation on maintaining privacy in on-line interactions (part of Core Training), elections were held. Chas. Hague was reelected Flotilla Commander, and Bridget Darrey was again chosen as Vice Commander.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9-13 JANUARY 2019: CHICAGO BOAT, RV AND SAILBOAT SHOW

Possibly the highest-profile event we work at. A big booth, meeting Real Boaters, and pitching our classes and boating safety. Plan on working a shift and sneaking out to see all the pretty toys.

19 JANUARY: Change of Watch

New and different! The upcoming COW will be a Saturday evening party. Same fellowship, same location (Club Casa), same great food, with maybe some dancing thrown in. Details being hammered out. See Flyer attached to E-Mail.

8-10 FEBRUARY: ROCKFORD BOAT, VACATION AND FISHING SHOW Loves Park Indoor Sports Center, Loves Park, Illinois (northeast of Rockford) A small show, but fun. We plan on coordinating with the Power Squadron and Auxiliary Division 45.

CHRISTMAS TREE SHIP



Flotilla members Tim Darrey and Chas. Hague had the pleasure of assisting at the annual visit of USCGC *Mackinaw* Christmas tree Ship event. 1200

trees were brought down from the Upper Peninsula (eh?) for distribution to needy families in Chicago, and as far as Madison, WI.

Mac came in Thursday. Friday, we assisted with tours from four local schools. The kids were shown Jay Katzman's environmental diorama, listened to Amy Seeley talk about severe weather, and toured the ship. A special treat was having Beef Wellington on the mess deck, leftover from the luncheon in honor of 9th District Admiral Nunan and Commander Merchant of MSU.

Saturday, our friends the Raiths assisted in unloading the trees despite heavy rain. Auxiliarists then conducted public tours. At this time the weather was sleety rain, with strong east winds that caused *Mackinaw* to roll pretty good even at dockside. This was two long days, one of which had nasty weather, but one of the most fun things we get to do all year.

FLOTILLA FELLOWSHIP DINNER

This year was so busy we never did our Fellowship summer party. Club Casa makes an acceptable substitute, however, so our members got together for the Friday Fish Fry and fellowship. Division 39 members there were Jay and Jan Katzman, Ginny and Michael Haase, Barry and Helene Jacobson, Tim and Bridget Darrey, and Bob and Jeanette Reczek.

OUR CLASSY FLOTILLA

One of the things our Flotilla is known for is teaching anyone who will hold still. We are already doing an Advanced Navigation class for Auxiliarists on Monday evenings for the next 6 weeks or so. This is part of the AUXOPS certification, "the PhD of the Auxiliary" as Tim describes it.

And we have scheduled About Boating Safely classes for every month in the first part of 2019! Classes will be held the second Saturday of the month—26 January, 9 February, 9 March, and 11 May, again at Generations/Oakton Arms. And 13 April we plan to hold the GPS for Mariners navigation class. Then, tentatively 8 June we will hold Sailing and Seamanship, a one-day concentrated class for more advanced boaters.

