



# BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary    Flotilla 39-02,    Des Plaines, IL    9<sup>TH</sup> WR  
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WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2019 – 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)

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

AGENDA:  
CORE TRAINING -- ETHICS



New Member Jeff Silberg with FC Chas. Hague and VFC  
Bridget Darrey

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Quick – if you win a prize at an event you are attending as an Auxiliarist, can you accept? We will continue with our policy of conducting the repeating Core Training classes before our meeting. Plan on coming at 18:30 (6:30 pm) to get this class taken care of.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**22-24 March: D-Train.** Doubletree (Former Hilton) hotel, Downers Grove, IL. There will be a New Members Workshop all day Saturday, lots of good training classes, the new Risk Management seminar (needed in order to hold almost any position in the Auxiliary) Fellowship with members of other Flotillas and Divisions, and more! Registration for events, meals and hotel rooms is now open at [http://cgaux9wr.com/events/district\\_Spring2019/](http://cgaux9wr.com/events/district_Spring2019/) Register early to assure you get the choices you want as some events have a maximum capacity or multiple times. Early Bird registration ends February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 18 – 25 May: NATIONAL SAFE BOATING

**WEEK** This is always a busy time for our Flotilla. Open House at Station Wilmette, Spring Fun Fair, gathering Proclamations from our communities, parades, the Memorial Day observance. Keep it in mind, and be ready to help out!

## CHANGE OF WATCH



The Change of Watch took place at Club Casa on 19 January. The change to a Saturday night, rather than the previous Sunday brunch, was because of scheduling conflicts at our favorite venue, Club Casa in Des Plaines.

Guests included STA Wilmette HBR BM1 Jeffrey Catanzarite and COMO Tom Mullally, COS Harvey Randall, DCAP Sonny Thatch, and John Pluta, the Director of Emergency Management for the Des Plaines Police.

Our Flotilla did pretty well in the Awards department. We took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Program visits, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Operations hours, First in Public Affairs, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Marine Safety, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Member Training, and second most active Flotilla. Tim Darrey was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Instructor hours, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Active Member.

## ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

We got our act together and scheduled About Boating safely classes for every month in the first half of 2019. Our first class on 26 January had 7 students. We had high hopes for the second class, 9 February, but only one student –new member Ricky Gonzalez – attended. The 9 March class ought to have more people, though (several potential students I thought were coming in February may come next month)

If you know any boater who needs to learn the basics of safe boating, have them get in touch with Chas or Ginny.

## GPS FOR MARINERS

After three sessions of ABS (one more in June) our Flotilla is going to run the GPS for Mariners class This will be Saturday, 13 April, at Generations/Oakton Arms in Des Plaines. Time is 0830. This is a really excellent class that goes into charting and piloting, then talks about the Global Positioning Satellite system, how it is used for navigation and (most important) how it can lie to you. All boaters with more than two electrons to rub together should take this.

## ROCKFORD BOAT, VACATION AND

**FISHING SHOW** Finally! We got to work a boat show. Between 9 and 12 February, we did the Rockford show. But it was a bit of a cluster. Barry set it up and worked Friday and part of Saturday, then he had to go to Milwaukee for a District meeting. Tim and Bridget drove out to Rockford while Ginny and Chas taught ABS. Barry came back out Saturday night and worked Sunday. We coordinated with the Power Squadron and Auxiliary Division 45. Still got to talk to boaters and outdoor people about Boat safety.

**FINALLY, ASK YOURSELF:** Why did you join the Auxiliary? Are you pursuing that ideal? If not, don't just do something, sit there! Or get a qualification, or Staff job. Volunteer!

