



BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9TH WR
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OUR NEXT MEETING: 19 FEBRUARY, 18:30 (6:30 PM)

EARLY FOR MEMBER TRAINING!

DES PLAINES PARKS LEISURE CENTER

2222 Birch St., Des Plaines, Illinois (North of Touhy)

AGENDA:
UNIFORMITY



Change of Watch – Swearing in staff officers

HEADS UP!

Be advised: We will be back at the Leisure Center, 2222 Birch for our February–March meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The oath we take says “Wear the uniform correctly.” Tim Darrey is an expert in uniform wear. Come and learn how to look sharp. 1830.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 Feb–01 Mar. Our World Underwater. This show has been **CANCELLED**.

Cabela's The next 3 weekends in Hoffman Estates from 0900 to 1600. Uniform of the Day is ODU all 6 days.

There are also 3 more weekends in March at Cabela's. Barry will have those dates at the Flotilla meeting.

CHANGE OF WATCH

The yearly Change of Watch event was held Saturday, 18 January at Club Casa. Quite a few members of our Flotilla, with family, spouses and friends, were in attendance. Guests included Chief Bure from Station Wilmette Harbor and LCDR Puffer, Executive Officer of the Marine Safety Unit. Also attending were COMO Tom Mullally and COS Harvey Randall with his wife Adonica.

Our Flotilla did pretty well with awards, getting 3rd for Vessel Exams, Program Visits, and Public Education, then getting 2nd for Operations hours and Member training, and First! For Public Affairs (way to go, Barry!). We were the 3rd most active Flotilla. Individual Flotilla members did well, too.

1st: Timothy Darrey, 91.8 Instructor hrs
2nd: Bridget Darrey 85.5 hrs
3rd: Barry Jacobson 57 Vessel Examinations
3rd: Barry Jacobson 100 hrs Public Affairs
3rd: Robert Reczek, 126 Program Visits

Recruiting Assistance

1st: Carol Johnson 959 hrs
2nd: John Johnson 719 hrs
3rd: Chas. Hague, 32 Public Education hrs
1st: Bridget Darrey 62 Operations hrs
2nd: Robert Reczek 40 hrs
2nd: Chas. Hague 26 hrs Radio Watch
1st: Tim Darrey, 81 Member Training Instructor hrs

ROCKFORD SHOW

By Barry Jacobson. FSO-PE

I assisted people with boating class searches, gave 2 people Bill Russell's contact information about captains licenses, and talked to some about enlisting in the Coast Guard.

Renewed our association with the Rockford Power Squadron and was requested by them to assist in requalifying some VE's.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Our Flotilla is going to be running a goodly number of classes in the next few months. We will be doing About Boating Safely on 22 February, 25 April, 9 May, and 13 June.

We currently have a class scheduled for 28 March, but that is the same day as Division 37's training day (see below) so we may cancel/move that one.

We are also doing a Seminar Series on Monday evenings. These are short sessions dealing with a specific aspect of boating, taken from Boating Safety and Seamanship curriculum. 16 March will cover Inland Boating; 23 March, Your Boat's Radio; 30 March, Boating Safety; and 6 April Weather and Boating. Classes will run from 1830 to 2030, and cost \$15 each.

Then we will be doing GPS for Mariners on 14 March, and Paddling class on 11 April. All of these classes will be held at Generations/Oakton Arms. For more schedules, prices, and information, go to cgaux.org and look at “Boating Classes.”

INVITATION FROM DIVISION 37

Division 37 invites you to attend a day of Auxiliary Training, so please save the date and make plans to attend. Saturday 28 March 2020 at Naperville North High School, 899 N Mill St, Naperville IL from 0900 - 1700.

There will be no cost to you, or your unit, for the event. Lunch will be on your own at any one of scores of local restaurants, or you can bring your own food and eat in the school cafeteria.

Details about course offerings will be forthcoming shortly.

Please respond to Jeff if you might attend. And please forward suggestions for courses you'd like to see and/or potential instructors. We are working on pulling together a relevant lineup.

I sincerely hope to see you in March.

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