



BILGEWATER

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OUR NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019 – 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)

Des Plaines Park District Prairie Lakes

515 East Wolf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

AGENDA:

CORE TRAINING – SEXUAL HARASSMENT



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Rolf H Larson, long-time member of Flotilla 39-02, crossed the bar early in March. Rolf was Flotilla Commander, instructor, and vessel examiner during his auxiliary career. He had a wonderful collection of sea stories, which he loved to tell to one and all. Despite having more and more health problems, he continued to come to our Flotilla meetings. Our deep sympathy goes out to Linda.

Make them give you command of a *Lang ship*, Rolf.



2011: Rolf and Linda Larson, George Schmidt, Jeanette and Bob Reczek, Chas. And Barbara Hague.

Another loss to our community was Col. Jill Morgenthaler, USA Reserve. She served in many different theatres, including Iraq, where she confronted Saddam Hussein face-to-face. She wrote *The Courage to Take Command* about her experiences in leadership. She was a fixture at Memorial Day events.

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/ Register early to assure you get the choices you want as some events have a maximum capacity or multiple times.

18 – 25 May: NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK The Spring Fun Fair and Canoe Marathon are already being lined up. Station Open House, parades, the Memorial Day observance are in the works. Keep it in mind, and be ready to help out!

ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

By Ginny

Our Flotilla conducted our third ABS class on 9 March. This session had five students, including a family of three and a new Auxiliarist from 39-04. Everyone passed. Tim Darrey helped Ginny Haase conduct the class, while Bridget Darrey and Mike Valente sat in to observe as training for becoming instructor qualified themselves.

GPS FOR MARINERS

We had to change the date for our March GPS for Mariners class. Now it will be Saturday, 27 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.

COSTA RICA COAST GUARD

By Chas, Editor

Barbara and I spent the first week of March in Costa Rica, which is why this *Bilgewater* is so late. One of the unique things about Costa Rica is that they have no standing military. As is appropriate for a country with “Coast” in the name, they do have a Coast Guard. From the Naval News:

The U.S. Coast Guard formally transferred two 110 foot patrol boats—the former cutters Long Island and Roanoke Island—to Costa Rica through the Excess Defense Articles Program in October 2017. The ships have been outfitted with new radar, communications equipment, and paint; US Coast Guard crews are working with their Costa Rican counterparts. The two former cutters were commissioned as Libertador-class vessels *Juan Rafael Mora Porras* and *Gen. Jose M. Canas Escamilla* in the country’s port of Caldera in April 2018. One more 110 footer was transferred in 2018.



(Note that the “Racing Stripe” is the Costa Rican flag (signal flag “C”))