



# BILGEWATER

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OUR NEXT MEETING: 18 MARCH,

***CANCELLED!***



AUXILIARY RECRUITING

## NEXT MEETING

Due to public health concerns, our March meeting has been cancelled by both the Park District and the Coast Guard. Maybe in a month?

## UPCOMING EVENTS—GOING VIRAL

**Cabela's and Classes:** As of this writing (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) our ABS and GPS classes have been postponed due to Oakton Arms being closed to non-resident visitors. Additionally, Cabela's and Bass Pro are not allowing Public Education tables at their stores. Keep your eyes peeled for when we can get back to educating.

I am including the list of long-time-in-the-future events:

- 16 April – Wilmette Station Ops Workshop
- 16 – 22 May – National Safe Boating Week
- 16 May – Wilmette Station Open House
- 18 July – Race to Mackinac
- 20 – 26 July – EAA Airventure/Oshkosh
- 14 – 16 August – Chicago Air and Water Show

## SAFE BOATING WEEK:

At the last Flotilla meeting, our National Safe Boating Week committee was set up. Committee members are: Co-Chairs Jeff Silberg and Bridget Darrey along with Tim Darrey.

Bob Reczek is already preparing this year's Proclamation request for a number of suburbs. Other anticipated activities are the Station Open House, Des Plaines spring fair, and VSC Blitzes.

## UPCOMING CLASSES

Our Flotilla is going to be running a goodly number of classes in the next few months, depending (see above) on the current anti-epidemic actions. We will be doing About Boating Safely on 25 April, 9 May, and 13 June.

We were planning on doing a Seminar Series on Thursday evenings. These are short sessions dealing with a specific aspect of boating, taken from the Boating Safety and Seamanship curriculum: Inland Boating; Your Boat's Radio; Boating Safety; and Weather and Boating. We are still hoping to run these classes.

Paddling class has been scheduled for 11 April, and has not been cancelled—yet (we haven't had any responses to it, either) For new schedules, prices, and information, go to [cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org) and look at "Boating Classes."

## DIVISION 37 TRAINING

The Division 37 day of Auxiliary Training, set for Saturday 28 March 2020, has also been cancelled.

## NOTABLE QUOTES

With the cancellations and other goings on, things have been kinda depressing lately. Also I ran out of time and materials. So here are some thoughts to help you feel better:

First, from the beginning of the COW Year in Review slide show:

*"That person who helps others simply because it should or must be done, and because it is the right thing to do, is indeed without a doubt, a REAL Superhero." --Stan Lee*

*"We do this job because every once in a while someone is out there without hope, desperately praying for their life, and we get to be the answer."*

– **Coast Guard (U.S.)**

*"My Grandad is a Coast Guard. What superpowers does yours have?" --T-shirt slogan*

*"To date, there has been no Homer, Herman Melville, or Charles Dana to record their deeds so that Americans recognize that they have always had maritime heroes living among them. Until that time, if you wish to see ordinary men and women who perform heroic deeds, visit a U.S. Coast Guard small boat rescue station"*

**Dennis L. Noble, Ph.D.**

*"The U.S. Navy has more ships, bigger ships, more powerful ships. Coast Guard ships are prettier."*

–**Editor, Bilgewater.**

